



***HAPPY PASSOVER!!***

***Sisterhood Meeting***

***Sunday April 14th at 10:00am***

***Women's Seder***

***Led by Cantor Judy Merrick***

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**HAMAKOMYINACHEM**

**Barbara Novick on the passing of her husband, Martin Novick.**

***PJC MISSION STATEMENT***

***Plainview Jewish Center is a forward-looking, family-friendly, Conservative synagogue, which respects and incorporates traditional Jewish values. We are completely egalitarian and inclusive in all aspects of synagogue life.***

***We strive to provide a distinct, positive Jewish identity through worship, life-long education, enrichment, and community involvement. These practices ensure a congregation in which every member matters.***

**KEEP US INFORMED!!** Got good news? Engagements, marriages, births? Send your information by mail, fax (516-938-2737) or email (pjcli@optonline.net) so that we may share your simchas with the congregation.

**PLEASE LET OUR CLERGY KNOW!** Current laws prevent hospitals from releasing names of patients. Please call the Temple Office when you, a family member, or friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit. Contact the Temple office at 516-938-8610 ext.0.

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## APRIL CALENDAR

Rabbi Steven Conn will officiate at services

The Officers and Board of Trustees Extend a Hearty Mazel Tov to the Families of the Following Simchas

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:30PM

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan .....9:00AM

Aleph/Bet Workshop.....10:30AM

Grown Up and Me.....11:40AM

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Sisterhood Board Meeting.....7:30PM

Men's Club Program.....8:00PM

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Lunch and Learn.....11:00AM

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Board of Trustees Meeting.....8:30PM

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

Family Friendly Daled Class Service.....7:00PM

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:45PM

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

Sisterhood Women's Seder.....10:00AM

### Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Teen Social Action.....7:00PM

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Sisterhood Board Meeting.....7:30PM

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

Ritual Committee Meeting.....8:30PM

### Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....7:45PM

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

### Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Pesach Evening Service.....6:30PM

Pesach Community Seder.....7:00PM

### Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pesach Evening Service.....6:30PM

Pesach Community Seder.....7:00PM

### Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Erev Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah.....8:00PM

### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

Men's Club Irving Weingarten

Morning Minyan.....9:00AM

Pesach Service – Day 7.....7:30PM

### Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Pesach Morning Service – Day 7.....9:00AM

Pesach Service – Day 8.....7:30PM

### Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Yizkor Only .....7:30AM

Pesach Service & Yizkor – Day 8.....9:00AM

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PJC OFFICE IS OPEN:**

**MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9AM - 4PM;**

**FRIDAY: 9AM - NOON**

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE PJC FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON**

**AT PJC AT 8PM MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**MORNING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON AT PJC**

**AND LIVESTREAM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30AM.**

**WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL BE**

**LIVESTREAM ONLY AT 7:30AM.**

**Happy Passover!**



# PLAINVIEW

## Jewish Center

### **FRONT DOOR SECURITY**

To my fellow congregants:

As a part of maintaining a secure building at all times, especially when security personnel are not present (evening meetings and evening services), the front doors will no longer be open just prior to the start of a meeting or services. We will institute the policy below:

Commencing immediately, in order to gain access to the synagogue using the front entrance doors (again when there is no security personnel on site), everyone will be required to ring the video intercom button to the left of the doors. The doors will be unlocked by the remote control and you will be able to gain access to the building. For those requiring handicap access, an automatic door opener has been installed and the button is clearly marked. The right hand door will open by an automatic arm and close behind you.

Any questions or suggestions, email me: [bhcpa@optonline.net](mailto:bhcpa@optonline.net).

**Bruce Hymowitz**

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**In case inclement weather causes PJC to cancel in-person services, we will notify you at least one half hour before those services in the following ways:**

- 1. An email will be sent;**
- 2. A message will be posted on the PJC Facebook page;**
- 3. A voice message will be on the PJC phone (516-938-8610 )**

**In the event that the in-person services are canceled, we will still offer livestream services.**

**Power or Internet outages may affect our ability to notify you. In that case use your discretion.**

**FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**

*Dear Friends,*

*I shared the following thoughts with the congregation on Shabbat morning March 9<sup>th</sup>. I realize that by the time you read this column, events may have rendered my message out of date. In this case, I will take that chance. In my mind, it's a win-win proposition. Either my message will be as timely as ever or the Gaza War will be over and Israel will finally be at peace and the hostages will be free. Frankly, I would much prefer the latter outcome.*



We Jews are not the only ones who use the new moon to determine when the month begins. The Moslems also base their calendar on the new moon. Each month, when we celebrate Rosh Chodesh, our Moslem neighbors also mark the beginning of a new month. A few minutes ago, we announced that the new month of Adar Sheni will begin tonight, tomorrow and Monday. The new month of Ramadan will begin for Moslems tomorrow night.

Ramadan, of course, is the holiest month on the Islamic calendar; a month of fasting, feasting, prayer and charity. Up until a few days ago, there was hope that Ramadan would also bring at least some of the Israeli hostages home. Negotiations were serious and ongoing. President Biden had publicly expressed his optimism that an agreement could be reached. But as of last night, the negotiations had stalled out again, just as they had several times before. After Israel had agreed to a plan brokered by Egypt, Qatar and the United States for a six week pause and the release of all female hostages as well as a large number of Palestinian prisoners, Hamas imposed new conditions. These conditions included a permanent ceasefire, a complete withdrawal of Israel troops from Gaza and the release of hundreds of Hamas terrorists who had killed or wounded Israelis. Of course, Hamas would also remain in control of Gaza.

Understandably, Israel could not agree to these new demands. Leaving Hamas in control of Gaza would allow Hamas to rebuild its terrorist infrastructure and re-group and reinforce its fighters with released prisoners and new recruits. Israel would soon find itself facing the threat of renewed rocket attacks or another October 7th style invasion. Cease fire talks have stalled out, as they have so many times before. All the optimism of the last few weeks is gone. Even President Biden is now admitting that the possibility of a cease fire agreement before Ramadan is “remote”.

Israel went into the Gaza War with two goals: the free the hostages and to drive Hamas from power. At this point, neither goal seems achievable. The IDF has acquitted itself well in Gaza, for the most part. Israel has operational control of most of the area. Thousand of Hamas fighters have been killed or captured, countless tunnels, rocket launchers and weapons manufacturing sites have been destroyed. Isra-

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el's causalities, though painful, have been less than might have been expected. But the IDF has only been able to rescue three of the hostages. Three other hostages were killed accidentally by Israel soldiers. At this point, there is little chance of a dramatic hostage rescue operation. The only clear path to freeing the hostages is through negotiations and negotiations have broken down, again. The hostages remain Hamas's main source of leverage, its best chance of ensuring it will stay in power. Hamas will not let the hostages go without extracting major concessions from Israel, including a guarantee of its survival.

Removing Hamas from power by using military force seems even less likely. The remaining Hamas forces are mostly concentrated in the city of Rafah. So are 1.5 million Palestinian refugees. Israel has hesitated to extend the war to Rafah for weeks. The Israeli military knows that a large scale assault on Rafah could unleash a diplomatic and humanitarian crisis far worse than anything we have seen so far. Israeli government officials have floated vague plans to evacuate women and children from Rafah, but it far from clear if they are workable—or that the United States would allow it. Meanwhile Egypt has sent its army to make sure no Palestinian refugees cross into the Sinai. Even if Israel overcame these obstacles, Hamas leaders might still be able to evade capture. Meanwhile, anger toward Israel serves as a highly effective tool for Hamas to use in recruiting new fighters. It is entirely possible that, for all of Israel's military prowess, unseating Hamas may be beyond its capabilities,

Right now, Israel finds itself facing what looks like a lose-lose proposition. Israel cannot free the remaining hostages without capitulating to Hamas and endangering millions of Israelis. Israel cannot attempt to win the war through military force without setting off a major humanitarian crisis and rallying more Palestinians to Hamas's side. Neither of Israel's goals looks achievable. What seems more likely is a long, bloody war of attrition that leaves the hostages in Gaza, thousands of Israelis displaced from their homes and an ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

There has to be another way. In this morning's special maftir reading for Parshat Shekalim, God instructs Moses: When you take a census of the Israelite men according to their army enrollment, each shall pay Adonai a ransom for himself on being enrolled. . . This is what everyone who is entered in the records shall pay: a half-shekel by the sanctuary weight.

Generations of commentators have asked the question "why does the Torah mandate half a shekel contribution for each person? Why not a whole coin instead?"

Like many other commentators, Rabbi Moshe Alshchih believed the half shekel was meant to serve as a reminder to the Israelites, "to show them that are indeed, connected to to each other, so that it would not occur to anyone to that he is separate or distinct from his fellow man. Because everyone is just a half, and when they join

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with another, they become a whole.” Another commentator connects the half shekel with the famous teaching of Hillel “If I am not for myself, who will be for me. But if I am only for myself, what am I?” There are things we have to do on our own, times when we have to rely on only ourselves. But that is only half the story. We also have to be willing to turn to others, to join with them, to help them and be helped by them if we want to achieve our shared goals and live in harmony in a healthy society.

Israel’s leaders have often felt that they had to go it alone; that they could not rely on the understanding or support of other nations to ensure Israel’s security. They have often been right. After the October 7th terror attacks, there was a moment when it seemed like Israel might not have to go it alone this time. But within weeks, ten countries had already cut or downgraded their ties to Israel. South Africa brought Israel before the World Court of Justice on charges of genocide not long after. A torrent of hate was unleashed in the streets of many of the world’s major cities. The UN put up resolution after resolution condemning Israel, with only the United States preventing their adoption.

Israel has had to assert its right to self-defense in the face of a hostile world. Israel has had to press the world to recognize the sexual and physical violence unleashed against Israeli women by Hamas terrorists. Israel has had to be for itself, because it could not count on anyone else being for it. But there is a limit to what even Israel can do by itself. And I am afraid we have reached that limit. Israel has to begin to work with other nations to bring about a fair and long lasting solution to the crisis in Gaza. The United States, Germany, France, Great Britain the Gulf States, Egypt and Saudi Arabia very much want to join with Israel to change the status quo in Gaza. They are asking from Israel one thing in return—one thing to create the best chance for a lasting peace, one thing in order to formalize a strong alliance between Israel and its Sunni Moslem neighbors. Commit to a process of ramping up humanitarian aid, returning the governance of Gaza to a responsible body of Palestinians and taking real steps toward the creation of a Palestinian State. Israel has resisted taking these steps for many years, claiming it had no partners for peace, worried that a Palestinian State would devolve into a terrorist threat on Israel’s doorstep. The lack of a Palestinian state has not prevented thousands of terror attacks and missile barrages. The partners for peace are now knocking at Israel’s doors, seeking to create an alliance to counter the malevolence of Iran. It is time for Israel to at least explore the path not taken. It is time for Israel to try something besides going it alone. It does not seem likely that Israel will secure the release of the hostages on its own. It does not seem likely Israel can win a decisive victory in Gaza alone. But maybe, just maybe, Israel can join with other nations who also want peace to break this cycle of endless war and finally achieve some real security.

Best wishes for a joyous Passover, **Rabbi Steve Conn**

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT *by* STACY MEYERSON



Dear Congregants,

The year seems to be flying by as we are already looking towards celebrating Pesach. While this holiday requires a lot of planning, work and preparation, I think it is one of my favorites. The foods are different (some of which we only eat once a year), the story of the Jews' exodus from Egypt never gets old (although it is thousands of years old), and I love cooking and preparing with my family. Everyone has their own secret to making fluffy and flavorful matzo balls and we all have our preference for what we like to eat on matzo (I love butter and salt). The smell of a holiday meal cooking and the beauty of the holiday table set with the seder plate, candle sticks, kiddush cup, Miriam's cup, matzo cover and afikomen bag helps to contribute to the wonderful feeling of belonging I associate with Pesach.

In the space given to me, I have chosen to share a simple recipe that Molly and I cook together and that she has already mastered. I love knowing that our tradition of cooking together will be passed on in this recipe. Another fun tradition that our family does is to sing song parodies with the Pesach theme during dessert. I will now share with you a favorite recipe and song parody with love and peace in my mind.

### **Matzo Toffee (sometimes referred to as "Matzo Crack")**

*½ lb matzo*

*1c butter or margarine*

*1c packed brown sugar*

*12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips*

*1c toppings (ie. shredded coconut, chopped nuts, sprinkles, mini marshmallows)*

*Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a 15x10 cookie sheet (w/ sides) put 1 layer of matzo on the bottom of the pan. Heat butter & brown sugar in pot on stove top until it melts. Continue heating (stirring continuously) until it coats the spoon evenly. Pour mixture over matzo, spread evenly and bake for 4 minutes. Remove from oven, spread chocolate chips evenly over mixture and bake for 1 minute. Remove from oven, spread (shmear) chocolate evenly with a baking spatula, sprinkle with topping of choice. Refrigerate until chocolate is hard. Break into pieces and serve.*

### **These Are a Few of our Passover Things**

*(sung to the tune of "My Favorite Things" from The Sound of Music)*

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**President's Message** ( continued from Page 8 )

*Cleaning and cooking and so many dishes.  
Out with the hametz, no pasta, no knishes.  
Fish that's gefilted, horse raddish that stings,  
These are a few of our Passover things.*

*When the plagues strike, when the lice bite, when we're feeling sad  
We simply remember our Passover things and then we don't feel so bad.*

*Matzo and karpas and chopped up charoses,  
Shank bones and kiddish and Yiddish neuroses.  
Tante who kvetches and uncle who sings,  
These are a few of our Passover things.*

*When the plagues strike, when the lice bite, when we're feeling sad  
We simply remember our Passover things and then we don't feel so bad.*

*Motzi and maror and trouble with Pharohs,  
Famines and locusts and slaves with wheelbarrows,  
Matzo balls floating and eggshell that clings,  
These are a few of our Passover things.*

*When the plagues strike, when the lice bite, when we're feeling sad  
We simply remember our Passover things and then we don't feel so bad.*

With regard to those thousands of years since the Exodus from Egypt and that feeling of belonging mentioned earlier, Pesach is another reminder of how we, the Jewish people, have been persecuted throughout the centuries. This year at our seder tables, "Next year in Jerusalem" takes on a whole new meaning. I would like to propose that we all take a moment at our respective seders to remember the current situation in Israel and the fact that there are still more than 130 hostages who will not be celebrating the holiday. While I truly believe in Israel's strength and that she will prevail in this war, I would like to suggest that instead of just saying, "Next year in Jerusalem," we say, "This year FOR Jerusalem" and do something extra to recommit ourselves to the ongoing battle for the Jewish people and for Israel.

A zissen Pesach to all. Am Yisroel Chai!!

**Stacy**

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

**PJC  
COMMUNITY  
SEDERS**

**MONDAY APRIL 22ND**

**TUESDAY APRIL 23RD**

**AT 7:00 PM**

Songs, Prayers and Lively Discussion lead by

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**Come  
CELEBRATE with us!**



*Sisterhood presents*

*A Women's Seder!!*

*April 14th - 10am*

*Led by our own  
Cantor Merrick*

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## ***Family Friendly Friday Night Services***

Hello everyone! Our last service was on Friday, March 8th. The theme was Purim. We celebrated our January and March B'nai Mitzvot: Lila Pahl, Abigail Greenberg, and Aidan and Miller Weinberg. Mazel tov to them and their families! The service was sponsored by Rhonnie Diener, Gail Kriss, Diane Miller, the Greenberg family, and Sisterhood. Thank you for your support!

Our next service is scheduled for April 12th in conjunction with the Gimel and Daled class services! We will have a special oneg with a pizza and salad dinner. **The service will start at 6:30 PM.** All are welcome! Please come and join us!!

We are always looking for sponsors – \$20 for birthday, anniversary, any other simcha, or for any reason. Sponsors help us put together wonderful onegs after services. If interested, please contact Gail Kriss at (516) 932-5778 or [krisses@aol.com](mailto:krisses@aol.com) if you'd like to sponsor the service.

Any questions, please contact the committee as follows:

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# BOLI REGION CONFERENCE

## Building Bridges, Sisters Connecting

FEATURING THE HELEN CYTRYN STUDY SESSION  
LED BY RABBI MARGIE CELLA

TOPIC: BAL TASHCHIT - CARING FOR THE LAND AND OURSELVES IN A TIME OF WAR

Registration Opens February 23rd

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April 4, 2024 ~ Thursday ~ 25 Adar II  
Plainview Jewish Center  
9:15 a.m. ~ 3:45 p.m.

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### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Coffee and Nosh Reception  
Sisterhood Presidents' Plenary...Bridge to Success  
(With WLCJ Conference Consultant, Sandy Berenbaum)  
Connecting the Generations in Sisterhood Membership  
Simcha Chair Yoga: Strong Bodies, Strong Bridges with Joni Brenner  
Sisterhood Milestone Awards Candlelighting Ceremony  
A Bridge to Jewels in the Crown  
Hiddur Mitzvah Craft Project: Wine Glass Charms  
Tzedakah Project: WLCJ Special Needs Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program in Israel  
Delicious Catered Luncheon  
and so much more...

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Early Bird Price \$45 thru March 14th  
\$55 March 15th - March 28



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*Religious School*  
*Michal Fruchter, Principal*

Dear Friends,

As the month of March flew by with lots of Purim shpils, music and fun projects, now it is time for families to start making preparations for the Passover seders. I want to wish you a very joyous Passover, in good health and spirits!

In the Haggadah (book that is read at the Passover seder), it is stated that every type of child is present at the Passover seder meal: the wise son, the wicked/rebellious son, the simple son, and the son who doesn't even know how to ask questions. We are instructed to teach each of these four 'sons' about the story of Passover in a way that is geared towards his personality.

On Passover we recognize that no two people are alike and we must be there for everyone according to their own level. This is a fundamental basis for education, as King Solomon said in Proverbs: "Educate a child according to his way; even when he grows old, he will not turn away from it."

The goal of education is not merely to transmit information, but to mold the student's character, and to set their feet on a path which they can follow throughout their lives.

This is the driving force that our educators follow on a daily basis at Plainview Jewish Center Hebrew School. It is important that we not just teach children academics, rather we must convey to them important moral values as well.

As you sit with your family and friends during this Passover holiday, take a moment and enjoy your meal and your children. Be proud of what you are accomplishing by teaching them about Judaism. Chag Sameach,

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**REMEMBER TO PURCHASE CANDY BAGS  
FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH  
THROUGH OUR YOUTH GROUP  
CONTACT THE TEMPLE OFFICE: 938-8610**

# Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Generation to Generation. From Parent to Child. We light remembrance candles on Yom HaShoah to honor the memory of Holocaust victims.

Each family that belongs to the Plainview Jewish Center will receive a box in the mail containing a Yom HaShoah yellow candle. The package your family will receive will contain a letter with the name of a child who died during the Holocaust and who likely has no surviving relatives to light a candle in his/her memory.

**Your Yom HaShoah yellow candle is to be lit on Sunday night, May 5, 2024.**

This program is brought to you and your family courtesy of The Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Project was established in 1981 by The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Donations in support of the Men's Club Yom HaShoah candle program are welcomed.

Make checks payable to PJC Men's Club and write Yom HaShoah in the memo section.

Drop off donations at PJC or send by mail to: PJC, Attn: Men's Club, 95 Floral Dr. W., Plainview, NY 11803.





**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JUNE 2ND, 2024**

**Am Echad, Lev Echad:  
One People, One Heart**

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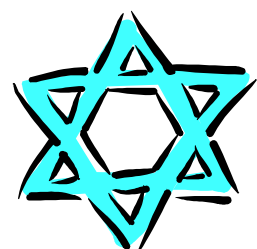
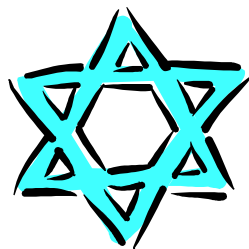
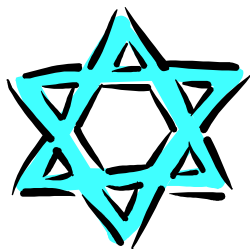
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### Synagogue

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Torah  
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Torah Crown  
Torah Rimonim  
Torah Breastplate  
Megilah  
Pulpit Chairs  
Kiddush Cup  
Havdalah Service Items  
Pew Seats  
Torah Reader's Yad  
Bimah Wall Candelabra  
Flags on Bimah  
Memorial Boards  
Challah Cover  
Mezuzahs

### Lobby/Main Corridor

Presidents Plaque  
Tree of Life Leaf (leaves)  
Trophy Display Case  
Tallit and Prayer Book Cabinet  
Bulletin Board  
Art Work

### Religious School

Classroom  
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Display Case

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## PJC BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

Please help us in raising money to upgrade, beautify and maintain our building and grounds. Our Walkway of Memories provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, a business or special occasion.

**For further information please call:  
Larry Speiller at (516) 938-8610.**

# Musical Tot Shabbat

Ages 0 – 8 (Older siblings welcome)

Friday

April 12th at 5:30pm



***Led by Michal Fruchter with  
Shana Fruchter on keyboard***

*Join us for this exciting program with  
music, games, songs, stories, prayers and more!*

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## Shiva Set Up

A very special service that Sisterhood extends to our congregation is a shiva set-up for those who have, unfortunately, had a loss.

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A donation to Sisterhood to defray the cost of the set-up would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in helping with the shiva set-ups, please call the office and leave your name and number.

Thank you, Bunny Finkelstein

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*To our PJC members: if you would like to have a family member included in this section, please notify the temple office at:  
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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE : *Barbara Berse - Celebrating Our 70th Anniversary!*

I would like to thank the entire Shalach Manot committee for all their hard work in purchasing all the food, assembling the bags and distributing them to the congregation. I also wish to thank all the volunteers who came down to help set up and pack all the bags. Additionally, I am grateful for everyone that purchased Shalach Manot bags for their friends and family. If it weren't for everyone who participated, this fundraiser couldn't have been as successful as it was. Now that Purim is over, it's time to begin preparing for Passover and the seders. Please join us on Sunday morning, April 14th, for our Women's Seder led by Cantor Judy Merrick. Chag Pesach Sameach

## PROGRAM *Rose Weiner - Program Vice President*

Spring is here now and our thoughts turn to Passover. Everyone will be preparing for the holiday. Cleaning, shopping and planning our Seder menu.

**Mark your calendar: Sunday April 14th at 10:00 AM** and join Sisterhood for our Women\*s Seder. It will be led by our Cantor Judy Merrick. Promises to be informative and festive. A light brunch will be served. Everyone is welcome. Bring your daughters and granddaughters.

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## Tuesday, April 9 @ 8pm Mark Schleisner, Facilitator of Holocaust restitution to speak at PJC

Mark Schleisner is the son of German Holocaust refugees. His father, Joseph, escaped Germany in 1941, and his mother, Lori, spent WWII as a hidden child in Belgium. They both lost multiple family members in the German death camps.

In 2000, Mark obtained restitution for Lori from the French government for having deported her father to Auschwitz in 1943. Since then, Mark helped over a dozen other people obtain similar restitution from both the French government and France's national railroad (which transported Jews to the camps).

In his presentation, Mark will describe his family's Holocaust history, his experience growing up in as a child of Holocaust survivors, and how he found his path as a facilitator of Holocaust restitution.



### Men's Club Dates to Watch For

#### MARCH

Saturday  
**23**

7:00 pm



Sababa Dinner



8:00 pm Family Megillah Reading



Ice Cream Social

8:45 pm

Tuesday  
**26**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

#### APRIL

Tuesday  
**9**

7:30 pm



Holocaust Reparations Presentation

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#### MAY



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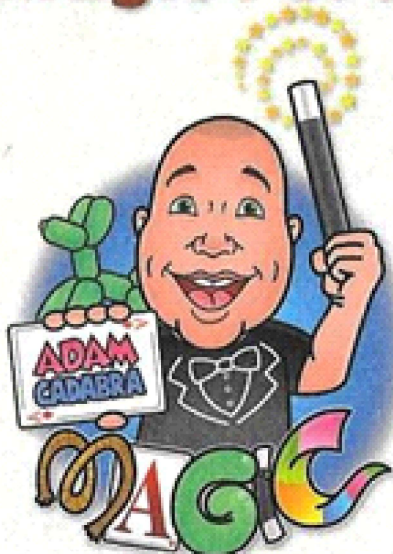
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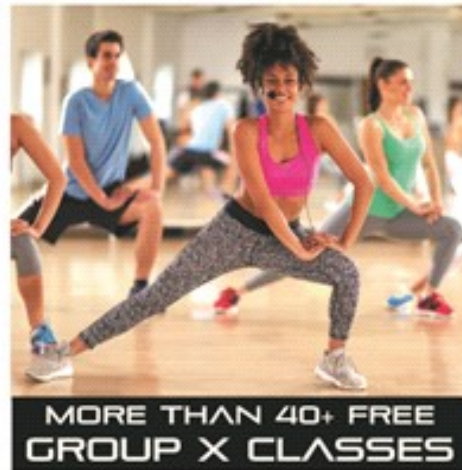
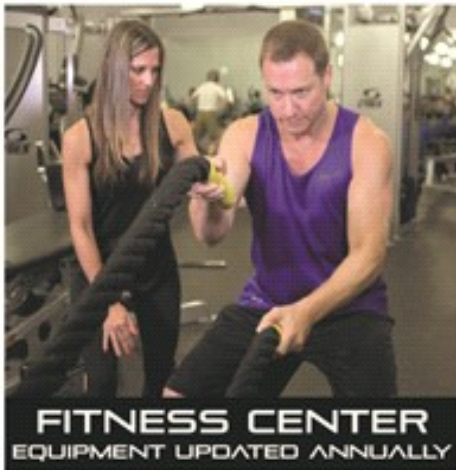
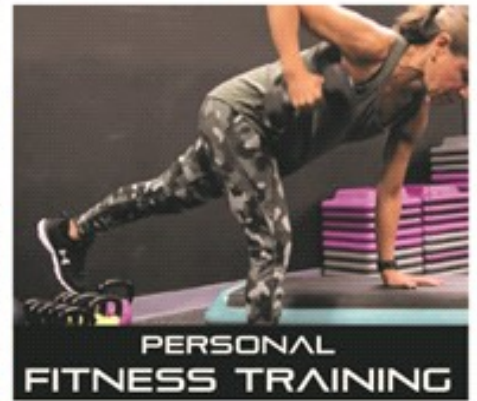
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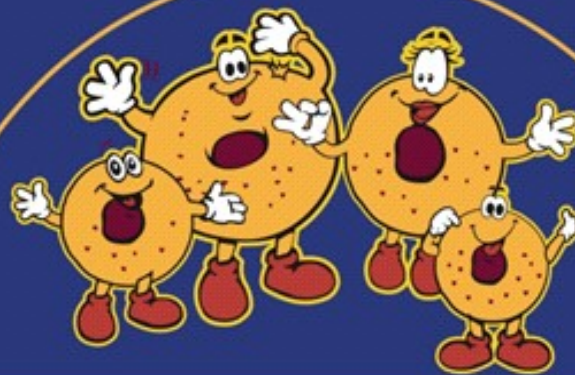
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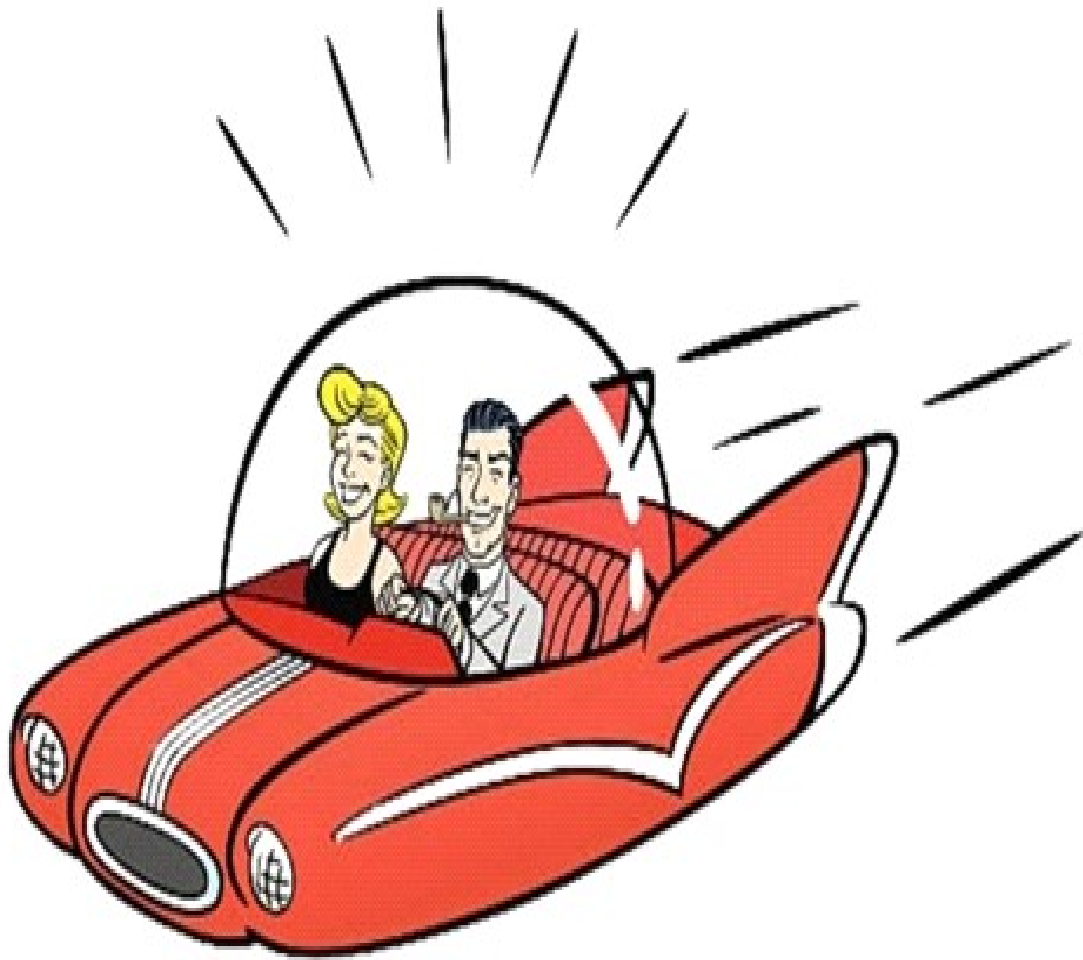
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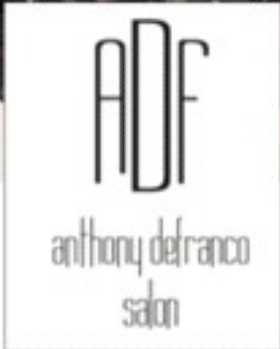
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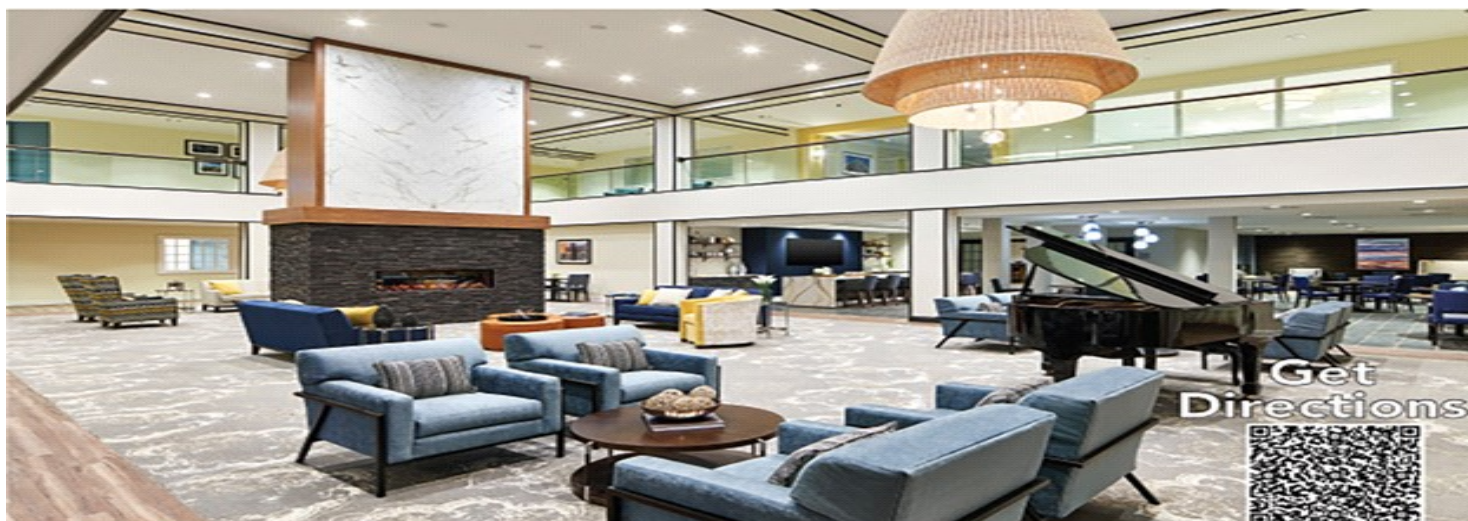
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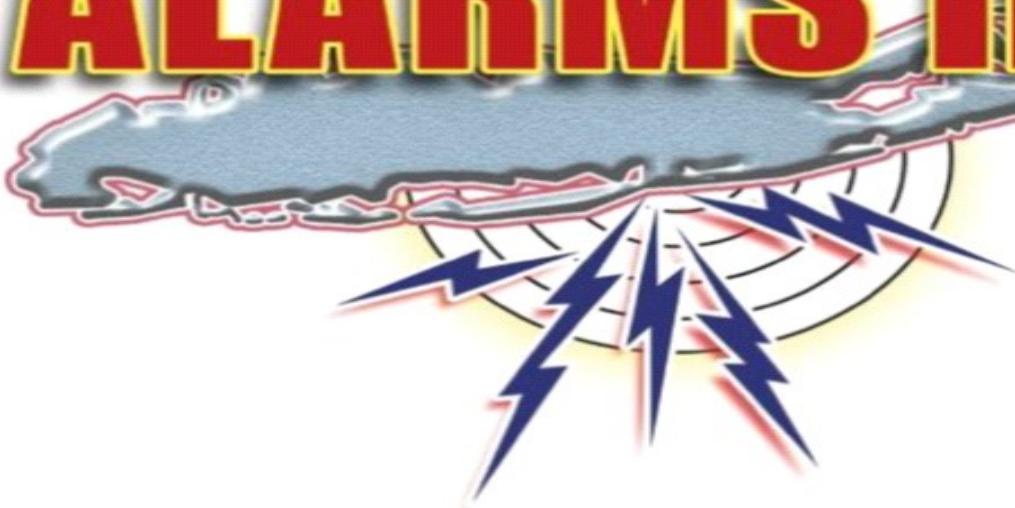


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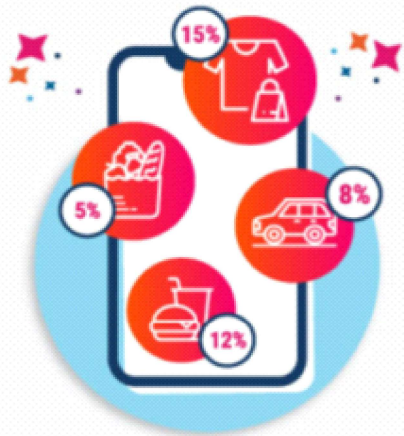
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5. Enter and verify your phone number for 2-step verification (2-step verification protects your account if you forget your password or someone is using your account without your permission)

**Congratulations! You've created your account.**

### Step 3: Set up online payment

There are 3 options to pay that are available to you:

#### 1. Pay online with your bank account

- From your Account page, choose Settings > Payment Options > Add Bank Account
- Follow the steps to automatically link your bank account
- There is a \$0.29 fee on each transaction

*The most popular & secure way to pay for gift cards! Get eGift cards and reloaded funds instantly.*

#### 2. Pay online with your credit card

- Visa, Mastercard, and Discover accepted
- Option to save your credit card at checkout for future purchases
- There is a 2.6% fee on each transaction

*A convenient way to pay, while still having instant access to eGift cards and reloaded funds.*

#### 3. Pay PJC directly

- Pay the office with a check or cash
- Orders using this payment method must be marked as paid by the office before they are fulfilled (Total orders must be \$500 or more before orders are processed)

*Not recommended for purchase of eGift cards and reloaded funds due to delay from payment confirmation.*

### Step 4: Buy gift cards

Select from 750+ popular brands, with options for eGift cards (available immediately), physical gift cards, and reloadable gift cards. No extra money spent. No wasted value.

### Shipping/Delivery Options

**"Ship to Home"** - Shipping fee apply

USPS - \$.50 postage per order + \$.50 per card (total \$1.00 - \$8.50 max)

Max 16 cards per order - Over \$500 or more must use UPS

UPS - \$.50 handling fee per card + \$11.00 postage fee (or \$16.00 based on method selected) (total \$11.50 - \$24.00 max)

**"Ship to Coordinator"** - Shipping fees apply (\$10.50 UPS - will be paid by PJC)

### Additional Benefits

Receive 2% credit towards PJC dues on any gift card purchased with a rebate of 5% or more. This applies to any gift cards purchased online or if "Pay Coordinator" option is paid with cash or check. This also applies to any gift cards purchased directly from the PJC office (i.e. Shoprite cards)

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## **PSSST! IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE**

Respecting others' privacy is an important Jewish value. *Lashon HaRa*—gossip—is uniformly condemned by our tradition. But there is at least one exception. When someone is ill or in need of care and support, it is a mitzvah to tell people who can help.

In our community, the Rabbi provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

**Rabbi Conn can be reached at PJC  
at (516) 938-8610.**

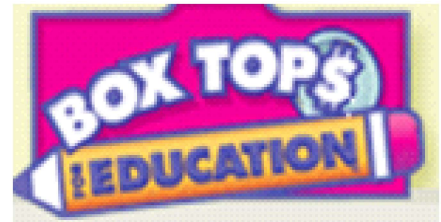
**Rabbi Conn can be reached by cell at (516) 524-7447  
or by email at rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.org.**

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## **FREE MONEY**

**Please help our Religious School earn free money**



**The Box Tops for Education program has changed for the better! No more cutting & saving little pieces! Just shop and take a photo of your grocery receipt!**

- 1. Download Box Tops for Education in the App Store.**
- 2. Create an account and search for PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER as the school you are supporting.**
- 3. Using the app, snap a photo of your grocery receipt and the eligible items will automatically be credited to our PJC account!**

**Thank you for helping us raise money for our school!**

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## HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR PJC DUES AND MORE!

Dear Congregants,

I am pleased to share with you that your Board of Directors has approved the use of Gift Card Purchases to offset your financial obligations to Plainview Jewish Center. Here's how it works:

- Purchase gift cards at the PJC Office.
- Use cash or check to make purchases and 2% of your purchases will automatically be applied to your financial obligations (Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Journal, etc).
- Participating vendors include ShopRite, CVS, Starbucks, Macy's, The Gap, Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, Bed Bath & Beyond and many more.

Purchases by credit cards for this special program cannot be applied. This will not affect the payment of the balance of your dues or other balances for which credit card payments will continue to be accepted.

Gift Cards can still be purchased by credit card. However those credit card purchases will not be applied to reduce your financial obligations.

If you have already fulfilled your financial obligations for the current year, you can still take advantage of this new Voluntary Financial Obligation Offset Gift Card Purchase Program by purchasing the gift cards and having the applicable amount reduce your future obligations. Additionally, I am delighted to announce that there has been no limit placed on this program. Buy as many or as few Gift Cards as you like. For every dollar purchased through this program, two percent will be applied to your financial obligations.

Plainview Jewish Center has Shoprite gift cards for purchase to help with your shopping needs while supporting our synagogue at the same time.



Gift cards may be picked up at the PJC main office. Deliveries of gift cards to your home can be arranged if necessary. Other gift cards are available upon request. Please check with the main office at 515-938-8610 for other gift card availability. Credit cards or checks only.

## HATZILU

**IN ORDER TO HELP OUR JEWISH POOR AND ELDERLY,  
PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO HATZILU.  
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TO HONOR THE NAME OF MEMORY OF WHO YOU CHOOSE.  
THIS IS AN IDEAL WAY TO EXPRESS A "SIMCHA" OR "SYMPATHY"  
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PLEASE EMAIL STEVE GLASSER AT: STEVETG@AOL.COM  
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**WEEKDAY MINYAN IS AT 8PM AND LASTS 15 MINUTES.  
ANY DAY YOU CAN COME DOWN  
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.  
THANK YOU**

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**PJC BUY A BRICK PROGRAM**

**Please help us in raising money to upgrade, beautify and maintain our building and grounds. Our Walkway of Memories provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, a business or special occasion.**

**For further information or additional order forms, please call:  
Larry Speiller at (516) 938-8610.**

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