



HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH



Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, September 8th - 7:45pm

Virtual Musical Evening

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HAMAKOM YINACHEM

Joanne Etke on the passing of her mother, Deborah Wasserman.

Cecile Roth on the passing of her husband and former PJC president, Walter Roth.

Dvorah Lumerman on the passing of her father, David Crystal.

Ilene Brooks on the passing of her husband, Michael Brooks.

Marian Hershkowitz on the passing of her brother, Martin Fishbein.

The family of longtime congregant, Moses Nelson.

**Eileen, Fiona and Hannah Kerin on the passing of their husband and father,
Allan Kerin.**

MAZEL TOV

**Louise and Seth Pollack on the birth of their grandson, Jake Axel,
son of Torie and Ben Pollack.**

**Louis and Seth Pollack on the engagement of their daughter, Susan to
Evan Lurie, son of Nancy and Michael Lurie.**

**Chana and Sol Jacobs on the marriage of their son Asaf to Elana Cohn,
daughter of Debbie and Barry Cohn.**

**Lora and David Zemsky on the marriage of their son Joshua to
Madison Foley.**

**Lora and David Zemsky on the birth of their grandson, Noah Graham,
son on Miriam and Jason Zemsky.**

**Roni and Steven Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Carter
Rose, daughter of Joey and John Delleratta.**

**Mara and Andy Bader on the marriage of their son Jason to Kimmie
Hemar, daughter of Lynn and Richard (z"l) Hemar.**

**Cantor Judith Berkson and Frankie Vogl on the birth of their son,
Saul Oskar Vogl.**

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FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

Rosh HaShannah is less than a month away. Normally, the High Holidays are the highlight of the Jewish year for most of us, and certainly for our synagogue. The holidays are the one time a year when we are all together as a congregation. We see people we may not have seen all year. We marvel at how each other's families have grown. We sing familiar songs and are moved by the ancient sound of the shofar. We celebrate our connection to each other, to our synagogue and to Jewish tradition. Even people who do not find much in the traditional liturgy to inspire them often say that they take great comfort in the familiar experience of attending services every year.



As we move into the final phase of planning this year's High Holiday services, however, the experience will be anything but familiar. The continued threat from the COVID-19 virus has made celebrating the High Holidays in the usual way impossible. We are being forced to abandon so much of what makes the High Holidays special in our synagogue. We will not be gathering together with the entire congregation for services in our building. Some people, probably the majority, will attend via livestream from their homes instead. We will see far fewer familiar faces, and the faces we do see will be hidden behind masks. We will have shorter services—for the first time ever someone may actually complain that services were not long enough. We will not go up to the ark for honors. We will not sound the shofar 100 times on Rosh HaShannah. And there will be no congregating in the lobby or out on the patio during services. Those of us who do come to services will enter the building, sit in our seats, and leave soon after services are over.

As I have been working on refining our plans for the holidays, I have asked myself more than once, "How can we do this? Will it even feel like holidays? How much can we change, how much can we do without, before we lose the essence of the holidays themselves?" I think that many of us are asking questions like this about our holiday celebrations. Without our families and friends, with such a limited experience of services, will it feel like the holidays at all if almost everything is different than what we are used to.

Judaism is a religion based on traditions and continuity. We value keeping things the same, whether it is making sure our Torah scroll looks just like the scrolls that Jews used two thousand years ago or reciting the same set of prayers every day that Jews have recited since the middle ages. This emphasis on continuity was part of the plan from the very beginning. During his farewell addresses in the Book of Deuteronomy, which we are reading this month, Moses clearly sets forth the principle that the Torah should not change.

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“Be careful to observe only that which I enjoin upon you: neither add to it nor take away from it.” (Deut. 13:1)

“You shall act in accordance with the instructions (Torah) given you and the ruling handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce to you either to the right or to the left.” (Deut. 17:10)

The literally meaning of the these verses would seem to be that we should never change anything commanded to us by the Torah. Once we establish a practice, whether it is sounding the shofar or fixing an order of prayers for Rosh HaShannah, it can never be altered. We cannot make our practice more lenient or more stringent. We have to continue to do things the way we have always done them, turning neither left nor right.

As obvious as this understanding would seem to be, Maimonides, among others, interprets these verses differently.. In his code of law Mishneh Torah, Maimonides observes, “We make a blessing thanking God for commanding us to light Hanukkah candles or read the Megilah on Purim?” Yet neither of these practices are commanded in the Torah. They were added by the sages later on. This shows us that rabbis and judges in every age are given the responsibility of interpreting the Torah and establishing the practices appropriate for their times. These new practices are just as sacred as the words of the written Torah, because the Torah established a process through which rabbis and judges would continue to add new practices when the circumstances of the Jewish people changed.” In short, Maimonides believed that our verses gave rabbis and judges license to change Jewish practices if and when the need arose in the interest of keeping Judaism relevant to the people of that time. The Torah is not just the words got gave us at Mount Sinai.. The rulings handed down by the authorities of each generation become a part of the Torah as well.

It is still true that the first rule of Judaism is “Don’t Change Stuff.” Our traditions are our lifeblood. But, as we learn from Maimonides, the second rule of Judaism is “change stuff.” Not arbitrarily of course. There is always a need for knowledge, care and a reverence for what has always been. But sometimes, things need to change. Sometimes there is a momentous event that we need to remember, like the miracles of Hanukkah or Purim. And when there is, we add observances to enrich Judaism. Sometimes, there is a catastrophe that threatens our very existence, like the destruction of the Second Temple. In that case, we may need to subtract some traditions, like animal sacrifices, because they are no longer feasible.

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Rather than giving up worship altogether, we shift our emphasis to prayer, something I am sure Moses never imagined.

This year, in these extraordinary times, we are going to need to change things. We will do so carefully, with reverence for our tradition. But we will change. We will change things so that we can experience the High Holidays as much as possible given our circumstances. We will change things so that we can experience the power of being a part of a community, even if that experience is delivered in a form that is different from what we are used to. We will change things so that we can make sure that no one in our community has to celebrate the holidays alone, even if they are in isolation.

In order to accomplish these goals, though, we have to make an even bigger change. We have to let go of the expectations we have built up over the years. For some of us, this letting go will be very painful. We love our holiday traditions and will experience a deep sense of loss when we are unable to observe them. We may need to give ourselves some time to mourn our loss and to acknowledge that it is okay to be sad that things will be different. But we cannot let ourselves dwell too long in our grief. For if we do, we will miss the opportunity to find fulfillment in High Holiday traditions, old and new, that we have available to us.

Ultimately, we have to embrace the idea that there are other ways to have an inspiring and memorable experience of the High Holidays. We have to open ourselves up to new traditions and new ways of carrying out old traditions. We have to allow ourselves to find community and connection in whatever form is available, not just in a packed sanctuary or a crowded dining table, but also socially distanced, outdoors and virtually. We need to go forward into this holiday season with a determination to make our experience meaningful and memorable. I can promise that Plainview Jewish Center will provide a wide variety of resources to support us as we navigate this challenge. If, together with our PJC Family, we can succeed in embracing the opportunities this unprecedented High Holiday season offers, we may be able to make these High Holidays into an opportunity for a unique and fulfilling experience that we will never forget.

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.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by MICHAEL PORTNOY

I would have preferred that my article started with, “*welcome back to PJC from a relaxing summer.*” Instead, I must say, “*welcome back to PJC from what has been quite the challenge for all of us.*” As I start my second year as President, the last five months have been treacherous to say the least. In the midst of this awful pandemic, our congregation lost the lives of some very special people to Covid-19. They were a very special part of our PJC family and will be missed. No one mourned the way Jews are supposed to. I, personally, lost my very dear friend and past President at PJC, Walter Roth. I am thankful that technology allowed me to at least feel a presence at his funeral and to be able to virtually try to make sense of Shiva for his wife, Cecile Roth. May our loved ones who perished from this virus, bless us from above and as mentioned in my June article, please join us in also paying our respects to the families of Joel Hauptman and Joe Elowsky, both of blessed memory. We will have a meaningful memorial service for these fine gentlemen who left their mark at PJC. The date will be announced during Rosh Hashanah services.



I would like to welcome the new Executive Board member and financial secretary, Robin Kaufman. I'd also like to welcome to our Board of Directors Jeremy Rice and Sheryl Saltiel. Thank you for extending yourselves for the benefit of PJC.

Many decisions have been made that have created some stress which required “extra-strength” (not the aspirin kind). However, I am confident that even though we are unable to accommodate and please everyone, I can firmly state that any and all decisions have been made with the best interest of Plainview Jewish Center. On that note, it is my custom to always connect a negative event in my personal or business life to a positive outcome, that otherwise would not have occurred. In the life of PJC, the fact that our services have been live streamed, not only allowed our congregation to take part in daily minyans, regular services, congregation meetings and so many events that didn't require the physical presence in order to see our friends and participate in events! Everyone put their thinking caps on and it started out with Sunday coffee talks. As time went on we enjoyed virtual chocolate making, Bingo, a virtual fun run, a poker tournament, an ice cream social night and many other events. A large group of volunteers continues to support by food shopping for those unable to get out of their homes.

Not everything is perfect and I am referring to the fact that our usage of live streaming breaks a rule in conservative Judaism. It might feel awkward and even sacrilegious to rely on your electronic equipment on the Sabbath. However, when the time came to make that decision, I discussed with Rabbi Conn, the fact that our health is the most important thing and as good Jews, we are allowed certain exceptions. Yes, we have been using the internet on the Sabbath to transmit our services to our congregation and I leave any questions you may have for our

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Rabbi. However, I trust that our congregants who have loved this Shul for so many years can find peace with the new way of electronic usage. Please keep in mind that we still honor the rule “NO CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS IN OUR BUILDINGS ON THE SABBATH”

A survey was recently sent to everyone asking whether you would feel comfortable attending services during Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. We have agreed to have live services and we will also transmit through Zoom/Social Media, as we know that some won't feel comfortable coming to a crowded Shul. I must stress that we will have all the necessary signs and items in place to make sure we have enough to keep the safety and required distance while in the sanctuary and the rest of our buildings.

We will reschedule the congregants' 30 years plus membership celebration. This is something we were all looking forward to. Our Hebrew school will be having in person and virtual ability of instruction for those who feel safer at home.

On another note, our Shul lost revenue from the annual Journal Dinner Dance that is our main annual fundraiser. We also rely on our upcoming Kol Nidre pledges and thankfully, while our finances are under control, the upcoming sale of the cantor's house will be a positive. More than ever, we need your thoughts and assistance on how to raise funds for our Shul. You must know that dues alone will not carry us through as the demographics have dramatically changed. Where are the conservative Jews? Invite a friend or two to share our information and take them on a virtual tour through our website. Help us beautify PJC so that when you walk in, you can say, ***“I am in My home away from home.”*** Buy a brick with your name on it, a plaque in memory of a loved one or a leaf on the Tree of Life. It makes a difference and there is a feeling of connection with our history when we help without expecting something in return. One of my favorite quotes: **“IF YOU WANT THE RAINBOW, YOU HAVE TO PUT UP WITH RAIN.”**

Lastly, last September, my vision and goals for PJC were:

“Our goal as a group, for the next two years is to beautify our synagogue, our hearts, community representation and hopefully show our friends that they want to be HERE”

I still have the same vision and goals but “some virus thing” got in the way. As we recover, we look forward to normalcy amongst all. I would like to send everyone best wishes for a new beginning, love, understanding. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know. It sounds like I am always asking for help and so many have stepped up to help in more ways than one. Without mentioning individuals for now, I must say that there are quite a large number of congregants who have helped in numerous ways, youngsters included. Thank you and I look forward to mentioning those names from the Bimah.

On behalf of myself, my wife Olga, my children, Roseanne, Mike, Heather, Charlie, Lianna, Rachel and Michelle and my grandchildren, Giuliana, Antonia & Charlie Jr., our best wishes for you and your families Have a Good, Sweet New Year and may all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Michael S. Portnoy, President

SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Morning Services

Sunday, Aug. 30th through Friday, Sept. 4th at 9:00 AM

Livestream Morning Minyan with Rabbi Conn and Kym Newborn

Evening Services

Sunday, Aug. 30th through Thursday Sept. 3rd at 8:00 PM

Please Note: Wednesday, Sept. 2nd ONLY - evening minyan will be held outdoors at PJC at 8:00PM

All services will be livestreamed through Facebook, including those held at PJC.

IMPORTANT: At all services held at PJC, masks must be worn and social distancing is a must at all times.

THE PJC OFFICE IS OPEN ON MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00AM to 5:00PM

AND FRIDAY 9:00AM to 3:00PM

**THE OFFICERS & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO WISH ALL OUR CONGREGANTS
A HEALTHY, HAPPY AND SWEET NEW YEAR!
L'SHANAH TOVAH**

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.



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High Holiday Information

How will services be different this year?

Morning Services for Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur will be abbreviated so that the total time will be 2-2 1/2 hours per service.

Honors will only be given out for Torah aliyahs. These aliyahs will be taken from the honorees seats.

The sanctuary and ballroom will be thoroughly cleaned after each service. MERV-13 filters have been installed in our HVAC system. The system has received a thorough maintenance check.

Rabbi Conn will deliver only brief sermons at in-person services. Full sermons will be livestreamed.

What about virtual services?

All services will be livestreamed.

Livestream broadcasts of the Rosh HaShannah morning services, Kol Nidre Service and Yom Kippur Morning service will be made available **only to members who have pre-approved registration.**

Member families will be able to “sign out” High Holidays Mahzors (prayerbooks) to use with our livestream services.

There will be outdoor community shofar soundings on the Second Day of Rosh HaShannah at selected locations in Plainview Old-Bethpage.

We wish you a safe and healthy New Year!

Department of Homeland Security Grant Update

As most of you are aware, Plainview Jewish Center was awarded a \$100,000 DHS grant for 2019 and another \$100,000 DHS grant for 2020. We want to thank Rabbi Conn for all of his invaluable assistance in the writing of these grants. While we have three years to use the monies from each grant, we formed a committee to use the monies effectively and implement security measures much sooner than that through a structured evaluation of vendors and solutions. I am the chairperson of this committee, and the members of our team are Rabbi Conn, Bruce Hymowitz, Alan Miller, Gene Brickman, Marc Richter, and Norman Kaufman. We meet regularly in an effort to implement the grants in accordance with DHS processes. The funds from the grants are going to be used to update the physical security of PJC. In addition, through the help of the JCRC, we will be developing policies and procedures, and implementing training for the staff, congregants and children of the temple. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Linda Klayman

PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER

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Becoming a Friend of PJC is really about standing up for our community, about making your stamp on our organization, about ensuring our community is infused with the spirit and strength that has made this a wonderful place for so many incredible years and thousands of fortunate Jewish families.

Friend of PJC incorporates the following:

Family Membership - \$5780

- Maintenance and Security Fee
- Four additional High Holiday Tickets for family or guests
- Gold Century Kol Nidre pledge and a Torah to hold at Kol Nidre Services
- Two tickets to the annual Journal Dinner Gala
- Admission for two to any PJC event that requires an admission fee, excluding Men's Club and Sisterhood events.
- Special recognition in Kol Nidre and Journal Gala publications
- A reserved parking spot for year round use

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- Maintenance and security fee
- Two additional High Holiday Tickets for family or guests
- Gold Century Kol Nidre pledge and a Torah to hold at Kol Nidre services
- One ticket to the annual Journal Dinner Gala
- Admission for one to any PJC event that requires an admission fee, excluding Men's Club and Sisterhood events.
- Special recognition in Kol Nidre and Journal Gala publications
- A reserved parking spot for use year round

Please note, this category does not include Religious School tuition, Bar and Bat Mitzvah fees, any obligations still owed to the Building Fund and/or any other prior year obligations due to PJC.

***Plainview Jewish Center
will be participating in a
Community Outdoor
Shofar Sounding
Sunday, September 20th
after services***



***Volunteers will be sent to public places
in different sections
of Plainview and Old Bethpage to sound their shofars
in observance of Rosh Hashanah.***

***If you are able to sound a shofar and would like to
participate in this event please contact the main office
at pjcli@optonline.net***

Religious School - Mrs. Shira Ornstein, Education Director
Open Minds Open Doors

It's September, and the new school year has begun. Wow, are things different this year. We are all trying to find ways to take control of our lives, for the benefit of our families and ourselves, and yet things seem so out of control. We are all proactively looking to create new normals, rather than feeling like external forces are thrust upon us outside of our control. Take for example traditional classroom learning, that changed drastically during the past school year. Religious school education, as the education system overall, faced a multitude of challenges and had to adapt quickly to new protocols, procedures and ways of teaching.

Over the summer my staff and I have continued our mission to gain control as much as we possibly can right now. We are proactively creating new ways of teaching that will be used whether we teach in person, remotely, or with a hybrid model. We've taken time over the summer to research online programs and to be trained in their usage. Highlights of these new programs include using movement to enhance learning about Holidays, using technology to implement a values based curriculum that will also supplement learning about Holidays, adding a digital component to learning prayers, and adding online games to promote learning the Hebrew alphabet and vocabulary.

Surely, we will face challenges this school year and we are committed to doing our best. We have and will continue to look beyond immediate changes and ground our teaching in three areas in which we can gain control. The three areas are teaching excellence, commitment to our students, and love of Jewish customs, values and practice. Our staff is comprised of seasoned teachers with proven track records who at the same time are adult learners. This year we will have several team teachers, and we are confident that this will allow teachers to teach what they are best at. While certain things are beyond our control now, we are focusing on what we can master to reclaim control.

On a personnel (and personal) level, our religious school is here for our parents, students and families. Our priority goal is always to meet the needs of our students and providing the best Jewish education possible is inherent in our mission. And we also turn to our parents, our dedicated partners, to excite the children about our curriculum, learning and special programs. Together, we will grow and support one another to ensure that your children receive the best education possible.

MiniMester Art Class

It is with great pleasure that I share with you pictures of two quilts that were created by our students in the Fall 2019 MiniMester Art Class. The children created the squares over a period of several weeks, under the guidance and leadership of our MiniMester Art teacher, Ms. Teri Fields. The squares were assembled into quilts and donated to *We Care Blankets*. The class had 20 students participating in this wonderful endeavor and, as you can see, they all did a terrific job. We are very proud of each and every one.

Ms. Fields is an art teacher who works at several Jewish religious schools on Long Island, including the Mid Island Y JCC. She was ably assisted by our teachers: Ms. Judy Alper and Ms. Lois Welt.

Thank you, Shira Ornstein



SEPTEMBER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept 2 - Staff Orientation - 5:00pm-7:00pm

**Sunday, Sept 13 - First day of classes for Pre-Aleph-Vav
9:00am-11:30am**

Wednesday, Sept 16 - First day of classes for Zayin - 6:30-8:30pm

Friday-Sunday, Sept 18-20 - Rosh Hashanah - NO CLASSES

**Wednesday, Sept. 23 - Tashlich - 6pm departure from PJC
to Cold Spring Harbor- NO ZAYIN CLASS**

Sunday-Monday - Sept 27-28 - Yom Kippur - NO CLASSES

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- Starting June 1, 2019, purchase gift cards at the Synagogue Office.
- Use cash or check to make purchases and 2% of your purchases will automatically be applied to your 2019/2020 financial obligations (Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Journal, etc).
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PJC YOUTH CORNER

September 13th - kadima - 5pm (Via Zoom); USY - 7pm (Via Zoom)

On Sunday, June 14 PJC USY alumni were invited to the weekly USY virtual meeting for an event. The evening included catching up with friends, fun and laughter. Games included Boggle, hosted by President Molly Meyerson and Apples to Apples hosted by Youth Director, Alison Widawsky. Pictured are the students in attendance. During this unprecedented time when we cannot be together in person, the USY board hosts fun and exciting virtual programs on Zoom. Pictured from left to right; Jessica Hauser (Class of 2016), Alison Widawsky (Youth Director), Yoni Conn (8th Grade) and Rabbi Conn, Noah Lerner (9th Grade), Ruby Engel (8th Grade), Paige Friedman (Class of 2016), Noah Leibowitz (8th Grade), Michelle Portnoy (Class of 2017), Jordan Hoffman (8th Grade), Ellie Tucker (9th Grade), Molly Meyerson (9th Grade), Jason Hymowitz (Class of 2016), Ethan Teper (Class of 2016) and Emily Schwartz (9th Grade).



Virtual Fun Run • July 12



fun



1-Allison Widawsky
2-Josh and Ghoshanit Wayne and Carly and Brian Bank
3-Emily, Chari and David Kubriok and Larry and Liz Dantziger
4-Merry Lewin

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1-Liz and Larry Dantziger
2-Freddy Fraho, Jason Hymowitz, Bruce Hymowitz, Gabriela Hymowitz and Lauren Hymowitz
3-Len, Skyla, Blayne and Cody Peltzman
4-David and Dorit Mass

run



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1-Michelle and Stu Halmes
2-Crista and Joey Geinfeld
3-Steven and Linda Adelman



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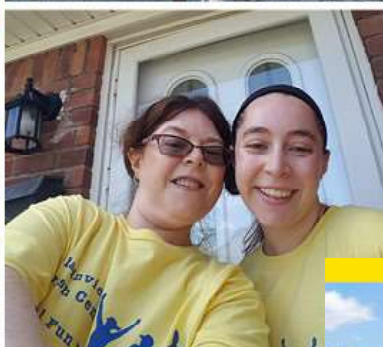


1-Sam Leibowitz and Robin Kauffman
2-Pamela, Ghea, Noah and Kaylie Lerner
3-David, Lauren, Emily and Justin Weinstein

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1-Adam, Steven, Alan, Lindsey and Dorene Greenberg
2-Harvey Hofstatter
3-Jessica and Carol Hauser
4-Eileen Dershowitz and her daughter Bari



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1-Michael Portnoy and Olga Caycedo Portnoy
2-Stuart and Janine Wolff
3-Sheila Hofstatter
4-Jonathan and Charlie Wasserman

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The Lend a Hand Project (formerly M'yad L'yad)

Sisterhood is continuing to sponsor our recipient family for the Lend a Hand Project. She is a single parent for a 19 year old daughter and a 4 1/2 year old son. She would appreciate any clothing for her son (sizes 6 to 7) and boy's toys, games and books that are appropriate for a preschooler. So, if you have any gently used clothing, toys games or books you can donate, please contact Rhonnie Diener at 433-4721 to arrange a time to drop off the items.

Sisterhood usually sends between 3-4 packages per year and one will be sent out soon. She would also appreciate gift cards to movies, Target, Stop and Shop and Walmart.

Thank you *Rhonnie Diener*

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Family Education Corner by *Judy Alper*

We are approaching September 2020 and for the past few months it has been hard to keep up with the calendar. For a while, we had a sign on our wall to let us know what day and date it was, what day and date would follow and the upcoming Shabbat information. Once we came to June, we put away the dates and only left up Shabbat information. But amazingly, Religious School is beginning soon, and the High Holidays will soon be upon us and it is time to pull out that calendar and keep ourselves posted.

What are you doing this year for Rosh Hashanah? Are you going to services? Do you remember Passover and all the difficulties of families getting together (or not)? My husband and I were solo for the seders and entire holiday and missed being with our families. What will we do for Rosh Hashanah? Everyone will have to evaluate for themselves who (and if) they are willing to be with. My husband and I are still solo on Shabbat, however we are contemplating visiting one of our children for Rosh Hashanah so that we are not alone - but it is still undecided.

I have learned a lot over the past few months, and I am going to tell you how we made the meals without others (for Passover and Shabbat) more festive and enjoyable. Just before the holiday we zoomed together at the set tables in each of our houses, sharing in what we did that day. We sang songs and surprisingly we all wore “holiday” clothes even though we had nowhere to go! Each holiday and Shabbat we put several family pictures on the table so that there was a feeling that we were not so alone and lastly, we put a lot of effort into making the meal special. I will admit, we still missed everyone and it may not have been perfect, but we were pleased with our celebration.

Whatever you do, enjoy the New Year and make your celebrations meaningful to you. Let us pray for a quick end to this pandemic, a quick availability of a safe vaccine and a healthy year for all. Just by wearing our masks we are starting this year off better...not only are we praying for ourselves and our families, but we are being considerate of others and protecting them by wearing our face masks.

REMINDER: The Family Friendly Friday Night Service is being held on Friday, September 11, 2020 from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. Please send in your sponsorships to pjcfamilyed@gmail.com

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, happy and healthy New Year.



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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

REFUAH SHELAYMAH

Our Plainview Jewish Center Family wishes a refuah shelaymah to:

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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Rose Weiner & Rhonnie Diener - Co-Presidents*

We wish to welcome you all back to another year of Sisterhood. Since March, we have all been facing challenging times. We hope that you are all healthy and safe. Sisterhood is working very hard preparing programs in order to stay connected with each other. Already we have two "virtual" programs planned- for our September and October meetings. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our meetings will be presented virtually via Zoom where you can log in by computer or call in using a phone number. Further details will be following shortly. Hope you will join us to reconnect with all your "sisters" in our Sisterhood.

Save these dates!

On Tuesday, September 8th, we will be presenting a musical program, our "Cabaret Cafe". Plainview resident, David Rokofsly will present a program of songs from the 50's to the present via Zoom. So get yourself a glass of wine (or coffee) sit back and enjoy the music.

On Tuesday, October 6th, we will have Zachary Bader-a PJC Congregant-discuss his experiences as an IDF lone soldier in Israel. This will also be presented via Zoom.

We are also exploring a variety of different entertaining, informative and educational programs for the future. So keep an eye open for our announcements.

Hope to either hear from you or see you real soon. In the meantime, we wish EVERYONE a happy and healthy New Year! Shana Tovah!

SISTERHOOD CHAT ROOM

Sisterhood Chat Room: Strategies of Dealing with the Corona Virus.

The Covid-19 virus continues to batter cities and overload hospitals across the US, causing residents to experience anxiety over the unknown, the health of their loved ones, the economy and more.

Psychologists say that feeling worried and anxious is normal in a crisis like this, but that it can be managed. Acknowledging your feelings, even if they're scary, can help you cope in a healthy way. You're not the only one who is freaking out. The news is legitimately frightening and fear is a normal, natural response.

The following examples have helped me survive and flourish during these challenging times.

- I practiced Yoga and guided meditation that made me laugh.
- I created my own "Grandma's Country Club" and invited my family to come over for an afternoon of fun

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Sisterhood Chat Room (continued from Page 29)

- . Getting together with a small group of friends outside with social distancing of course.

Sisterhood would like the entire congregation to take part in sharing your ideas and coping strategies that have been developed to cope with the quarantine and social distancing. Or, if you or someone you now has done a mitzvah to help others let us know that too. Please keep your examples “short and sweet.” We are all trying to keep up a positive attitude. E-Mail me your thoughts and strategies to Sisterhood Chat room attention Arlene Seidler-Bertisch at ab2812@aol.com.

Thank you—Arlene.

MEMBERSHIP ***Mara Bader - Membership Vice President***

Shalom! We hope that many of you have been receiving phone calls from members of Sisterhood’s executive committee checking on how you are doing during these stressful Covid Pandemic months. As of this writing, we will continue to be calling our Sisterhood friends and we hope to have reached out to everyone by September. If we haven’t reached you and there is something Sisterhood can help you with, please reach out and let us know. Call the temple office and they will tell you the best way to reach someone who can help you. Even if you just want to hear a friendly voice. Although we haven’t been meeting in person, we are planning for the future, when this virus is hopefully contained. When we do get together, we hope to see you come down to our Sisterhood meetings and functions, safe and healthy. we will be having Zoom meetings for our September and October meetings.

When you get our dues bill we would so appreciate it if you would send in your dues. This year, more than ever, your dues checks are so important and will go a long way towards helping the Temple. Don’t forget our, “In It to Win It” door prizes. Pay your dues by October 6th and you will be eligible to win a great gift card.

Hope to see all of you soon in person. But for now, hope to see you on Zoom. Specific information about the Zoom meetings and the access info will be out soon. Hopefully by now most of you will know how to ZOOM!

Mara Bader, Membership Vice President; Doris Cooper, Membership Chairman

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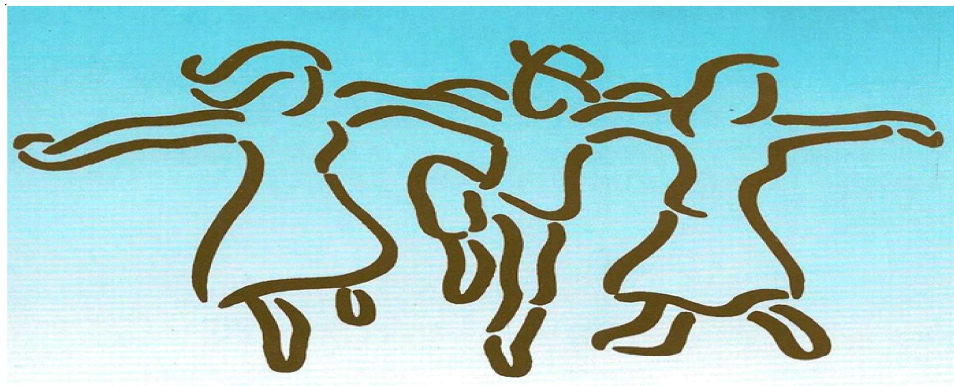
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MEN'S CLUB by Steven Adelman

Welcome back everyone and I hope each of you have had safe, enjoyable and fun summer with your families and loved ones. Your Executive Board has been very busy this summer planning for our upcoming year and we are all very excited to get it started! Here are some of the items we accomplished this summer.

As most of you may know we have been operating for the last several months without a 3rd VP. It became very frustrating having a vacancy within the Executive Board. This is very important for the succession and the future of our Men's Club. Still, with the deficit, we were still able to accomplish all of our goals. It is critical and vital to have every Executive Board position filled. The bad news is we have been searching since the beginning of the year. The good news is we finally filled the 3rd VP position and he was overwhelmingly voted onto the Executive Board at our August Board Meeting. Mitchell Kessler has agreed, without too much arm-twisting or lying through my teeth, to fill the 3rd VP position. We are all grateful and honored and look forward to working with Mitch. Mitch has already joined us at our August Executive Board Meeting and made an impact right away. We really look forward to working with Mitch this year.

This summer we tried to bring some normalcy back to our board in the midst of all the changes we New Yorkers have experienced these past several months. Our July and August Board of Director meetings were live and in person, "under the stars", at our synagogue and were simultaneously being broadcast via Zoom. We had a summer BBQ prior to each meeting and, based on the turnouts, it was well received. It was new, different, enjoyable and through my eyes, it sparked the much needed camaraderie that our Men's Club is known for.

We also launched a new monthly "year-round" fundraiser. Our On-line Texas Hold'Em Tournament will be held the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month. We have had two tournaments so far, both very successful, and hopefully word of mouth and momentum will grow the participation in the coming months. If you are wondering who is running the tournaments, does the name Jeremy Rice sound familiar? It may not, Jeremy, at the moment, is not on our board. He is on the temple board and has joined us for our July BBQ and live meeting. He is a great representative of the Men's Club, a really nice gentleman and I thank him very much for taking on the program. We are in the planning stages of a second "year-round" fundraiser which we will be announcing and rolling out very shortly.

With two summer BBQ's under our belt as practice runs, on September 8th at 7:30pm, we will be having our Welcome Back / Awards Dinner BBQ. I have been so looking forward to this event so I can officially name our "Man of the Year" and "Life Time Achievement" award recipients. I am also looking forward to being able to thank each of you for your hard work throughout the past year. We plan on doing this event live at the temple, "Under the Stars" (weather permitting) and also via Zoom for those who cannot attend. We will need a headcount to place our dinner order so I ask you to please, please, please respond to the e-mail which will be going out shortly. We do not have an unlimited budget and each dinner event will need a firm RSVP.

Lastly, as we all know by now, just days after our July Board Meeting we lost our dear friend, past president, past Man of the Year for both the FJMC and PJC Men's Club as well as our Head Usher, Michael Brooks. Anyone who had the slightest interaction with Michael knows he was "one of a kind" and I mean that in only the kindest sense of the phrase. I have had the pleasure and honor to work alongside Michael for many years as co-producer of our Patio Player productions and know in my heart many will miss this sweet, sweet man. We have lost too many this past several months, each rocking us to our core. May his memory forever and always be for a blessing.

As Always, In Brotherhood, **Steven**
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SEPTEMBER

Tuesday
8
7:30 pm



Welcome Back/Awards Barbeque

Tuesday
22
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Tuesday
29
6:00 pm



Sukkah Assembly

OCTOBER

Tuesday
6
7:30 pm



Steak & Scotch Dinner

Monday
12
6:00 pm



Sukkah Disassembly

Tuesday
13
7:30 pm



Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday
20
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

NOVEMBER

Sunday
1
8:30 am



MC/SC Walk for a Cause

Tuesday
10
7:30 pm



Paid-Up Membership Dinner

Tuesday
17
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Men's Club Board Meeting & BBQ ■ July 21



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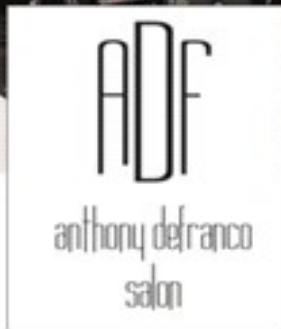


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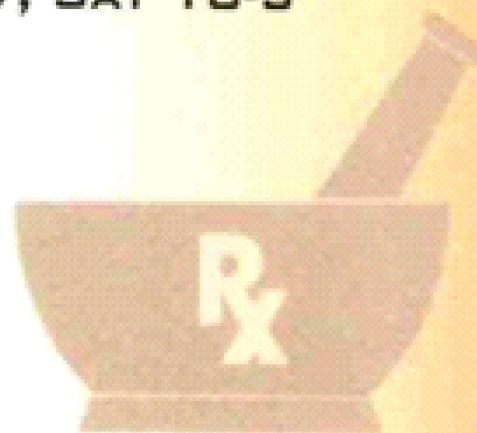
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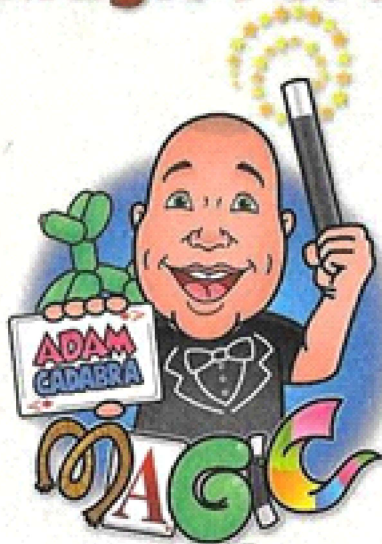
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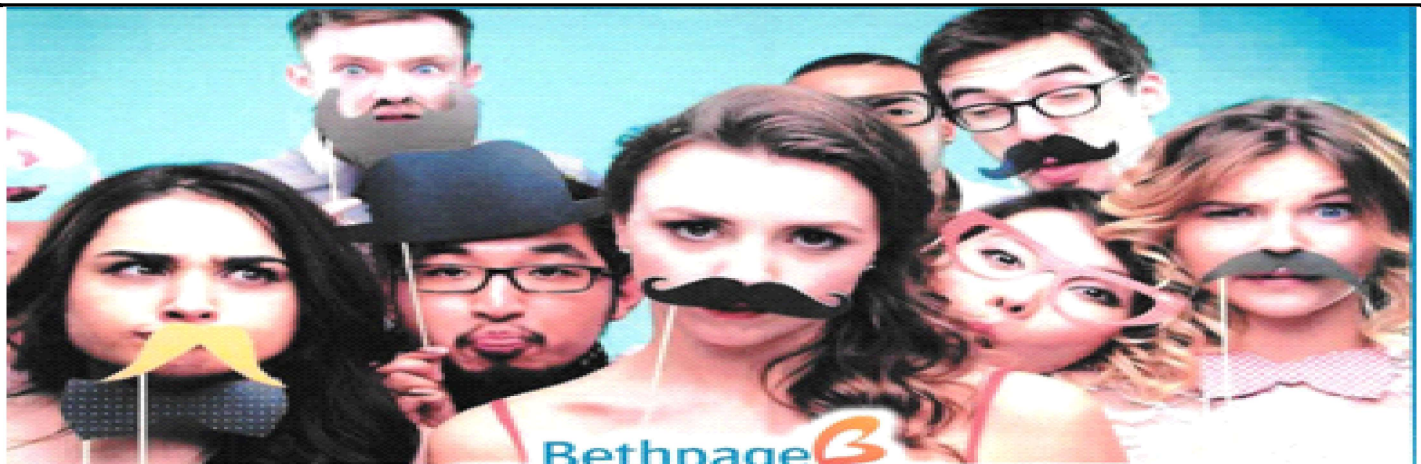
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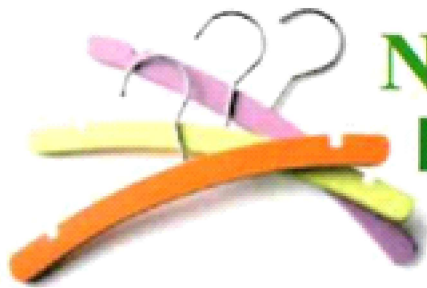
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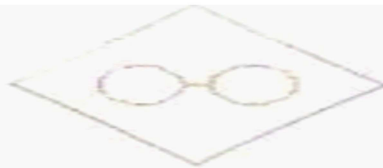
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Please let the Rabbi know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee 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.

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