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The Voice of Men's Club



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PJC Men's Club

Annual Chanukah Party!



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by Rabbi Conn

U Chanukah songs
performed by
Cantor Berkson

U Performance by
Vinny the Magician

U Toy Raffle

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Message from the President



In a blink of an eye the leaves changed their colors, fell to the ground and winter unfortunately is right around our corner. Thanksgiving, no matter how different it was for each of us this year is now in our rearview mirror. But before I go any further I must apologize for not wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving in last month's issue of Hakol. In all my haste of getting last month's issue published earlier than usual, I totally forgot to wish you and your families a happy, safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Please consider it done now and know it was not because I was being rude.

As many of you who know me by now know, there isn't a Men's Club event or activity that isn't near and dear to my heart. There isn't any event for which I don't take great pride in being actively involved with to put forth our best efforts and presentation possible to our synagogue and community. But if I was held over an open flamed pit and had to choose one event above all others that I'm most proud of, hands down I would have to choose "The Walk for a Cause". This year's joint event with the Sisterhood took place on a very mild November 1st Sunday (the ending of Daylight Savings time, so no complaints of it starting too early) morning to the overwhelming enthusiasm of 50+ participants. We were very happy to be accompanied by several Hebrew School students and their families, both Men's Club and Sisterhood members, temple board members and most importantly temple members and one puppy dog. The good news is everyone made it back "alive", even the few rebels who attempted and succeed in taking the wooded path back to civilization and from what I was told had to fight off several bears and alligators along the way. Everyone was treated to a Swag Bag healthy breakfast including a cup of piping hot chocolate to take home. What a wonderful and enjoyable morning. If that wasn't amazing enough, the great news is that we raised double the amount from the previous year! \$2,000.00 will be set aside for the sole use to offset the cost of the temple's once a month sandwiching make effort for Long Island Connections spearheaded by Jeff Kammerman. I want to thank everyone who walked with us, everyone who donated to the cause, Bruce, the owner of Dunkin' Donuts on Manetto Hill Road and Jeff and Gale Kaden for all their efforts organizing the morning.

As you all sit back and enjoy reading this wonderfully written article, I'm sure by now you know the temple has been closed for an extended period of time. That time frame included Sunday, December 6th, the day of the Men's Club Hanukkah party. As you know, the Men's Club give a "goodie bag" to all the children who attend the party. Your Executive Board went in to scramble mode (no small task mind you) and got every goodie bag to every child in Hebrew school and then to the many grandchildren of our board members prior to the start of Hanukkah! Thank you gentleman for making this possible. In addition, we have upgraded our goodie bags to include a menorah and a box of candles for each family's use. This wonderful thought was the idea of Blayne Peltzman who donated enough menorahs not only for this year but for next year's goodie bags well. Thank you Blayne. A special thank you to Al Karo, Shea Lerner and Stephen Taub who all went above and beyond in securing/donating toys and gifts for our "goodie bags" and raffle prizes.

In addition, we moved forth a bit differently this year for our Hanukkah Party which could not take place in person, but could take place virtually! A special thanks to our Rabbi and Cantor for all their help and

support, the musicians who worked with the Cantor and of course Vinny the Magician. Thank you to everyone who participated in our virtual raffle prize drawing, and congratulations to all the winners.

To close out this article, I guess I'd be closing out this year 2020. We looked a lot different than in any years past. We changed the way we look at our events. We changed the way we do things but most importantly we continued to move forward. We moved forward because in my mind that is the only thing we can do, stopping is not an option. I feel very lucky to serve with an Executive Board and a Board of Directors who feel the same way. I thank each one of you for your help, support and ideas. We may not know what the next (6) months may bring us, but rest assured we will be moving forward and doing everything we always do until we are told we can't and then will we find a new way so we can.

To everyone who may read this article, from me and my family to of all you and our families and friends, please stay safe and enjoy your holiday season. A very Happy New Year, we really need it more than ever before.

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“Do You Believe in Miracles? Yes!”

The word “miracle” brings to mind Biblical stories, spiritual epiphanies, theological fervor, and religious symbols and icons. Hardly anyone would associate the term “miracle” with ice hockey. But on February 22, 1980, the word was used by the celebrated sportscaster Al Michaels, to describe the unlikely victory of the U.S. hockey team against the Soviet Hockey team, recognized as the best team in the world, in the 1980 Winter Olympics, held in Lake Placid, NY. The win placed the U.S. team into the finals, which they won and earned the coveted gold medal. “Do you believe in miracles? Yes!” was the spontaneous and now-iconic extemporaneous reaction by Michaels as the clock ticked down to the end of the game. The 2004 movie about the scrappy group of amateur ice hockey players who beat the Soviet behemoth was entitled, “Miracle.”

The Hebrew word for miracle is “nes.” Yet the very same word also means “pole” in Hebrew. What can we learn about the Jewish concept of miracles from a pole?

The first appearance of the word “nes” in the Torah appears not in the context of miracle, but regarding its cognate, pole. God had just said to Moses, “Make a venomous serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live.” After the Children of Israel fought a successful battle against the Canaanites, the nation became embittered, complaining that there was no bread or water, and how they were becoming tired of the manna which sustained them. God sent venomous snakes to the Israelite camp, who bit many people who died from the injuries. The nation approached Moses, admitted that they had sinned and asked Moses to pray to God to remove the snakes. It is here where God instructed Moses to make this pole.

Regarding this cryptic response of constructing a pole, the Mishnah (Rosh Hashana 3:8) asks, “Does a snake give life, or cause death? Rather, what the text means is that when the Israelites looked up, they subjugated their hearts to God in heaven and were instantly healed.”

Jewish wisdom is telling us that a miracle is like a pole, on which is flown a banner or flag. We rally around a banner, and the banner is often a means to inject pride and faith. So too with miracles. Supernatural Divine events are not themselves the source for inspired faith; they are occurrences that we can rally around, helping us grow in our trust in the Almighty.

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TOY Drive



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- **New games**

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- **New clothing such as hats, gloves and underwear**

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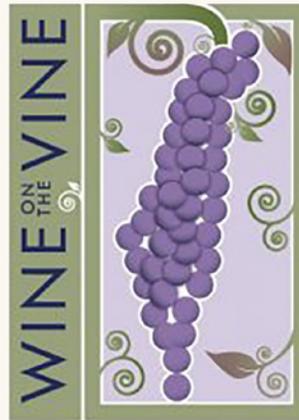


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PJC Men's Club

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From Midnight to Noon

Frank Sinatra famously sang that New York is a “city that never sleeps.” However, of all the sleepless nights, New Year’s Eve is Gotham’s most awake night, as tens of thousands often stand in frigid temperatures waiting for the ball atop a building in Times Square to descend. At the stroke of midnight, those in Times Square and everyone beyond, ring in the new year with embraces, songs, drinks and best wishes.

Midnight is the official demarcation point, as the day of the week, date of the month, and year change at that moment.

Midnight, also has various Jewish legal ramifications. There is also Jewish wisdom about Midday, or noon - midnight’s polar opposite, which is also the time of day many New Year’s eve revelers wake up. The famed super-commentary Rashi, notes three places where the phrase “the midst of the day” is employed in the Bible and how they are connected. First, Noah and his family entered the ark “in the middle of the day” (Genesis 7:13), in broad daylight. The people living at the time of Noah had sworn to physically block Noah and his family from entering the ark. God purposely resolved to instruct Noah and his family to enter the ark in the presence of everyone, to highlight the people’s inability to stop what God decreed.

Second, God liberated the Jews from Egyptian slavery in the “middle of the day” (Exodus 12:51). The Egyptians vowed to stop the Jews from leaving Egypt, even with axes and other weapons. God took the Israelites out in the middle of the day and dared anyone to try to stop Him. Finally, when describing Moses’ death (Deuteronomy 32:48), the term “in the middle of the day” is once again used. The Jewish people claimed that they would not allow Moses, the man who delivered them from Egypt, split the sea for them, provided the Manna and quail from heaven, hydrated the nation with water found in the desert, and gave the Torah to the Children of Israel, to die. Nevertheless, God summarily took back Moses’ soul in the middle of the day.

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Men's Club 2020 Coat Drive

The leaves are starting to fall, the nights are getting longer, the temperature is getting colder, it must be time for the annual Men's Club Coat Drive.

Even though we are in the midst of the pandemic, people still need to keep warm. Please check your closets and bring any clean coats that you no longer use to the Temple. Instead of just hanging on a hanger in your closet, the coat will be of more use to someone who needs it.

Each year we have provided more coats than the year before, hopefully this year will be our best year yet!

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1-Steven Adelman and Michael Portnoy serving Allan Furman, Victor Weinberg and Tom Atlas
2-Alan Hodes, Marty Leibowitz, Allan Furman, Mitch Friedman and Victor Weinberg



Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



1-Don Ingram and Mark Klayman
2-Noah Lerner, Shea Lerner, Steven
Adelman and Michael Portnoy (right
side of photo) serving members.



Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



1-Noah Lerner and Shea Lerner
2-Allan Furman and Marty Liebowitz
3-Alan Hodes, David Weinstein and Mark Klayman



Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



1-David Kubrick,
Jeff Reis and
Andy Bader
2-Joel Moskowitz
and Len Lerner



Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



1-Jeff Kaden, Mark Hochberg, Seth Pollack and Steve Taub
2-Bruce Hymowitz and Freddy Franco
3-Bruce Elowsky and Mike Prospect

Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



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1-Al Karo and Tom Atlas
2-Alan Miller, Sandy Pesner, Scott Paperman and Steve Glasser



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Paid-Up Membership Brunch ■ October 25



1-Victor Weinberg and Bert Moskowitz
2-Jerry Weinstein and Larry Abrams



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Happy Purim

Shalach Manot in the time of the Coronavirus Pandemic!

Purim begins on Thursday Evening,
February 25, 2021

The Book of Esther tells us that the Jews of Shushan celebrated their deliverance from Haman by sending gifts of food, fruit and drink to one another. The mitzvah of sending greetings and giving Shalach Manot to our friends and relatives is a wonderful Jewish tradition to celebrate the Purim holiday.

We are living in a very different time now. We must be safe to remain healthy. Sadly, we have to suspend our Shalach Manot basket project so everyone who shops, packs and receives our gifts is protected."

In lieu of sending Purim baskets this year, the entire congregation has an opportunity to share in the observance of this mitzvah by sending Purim greetings to friends and family near and far.

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Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



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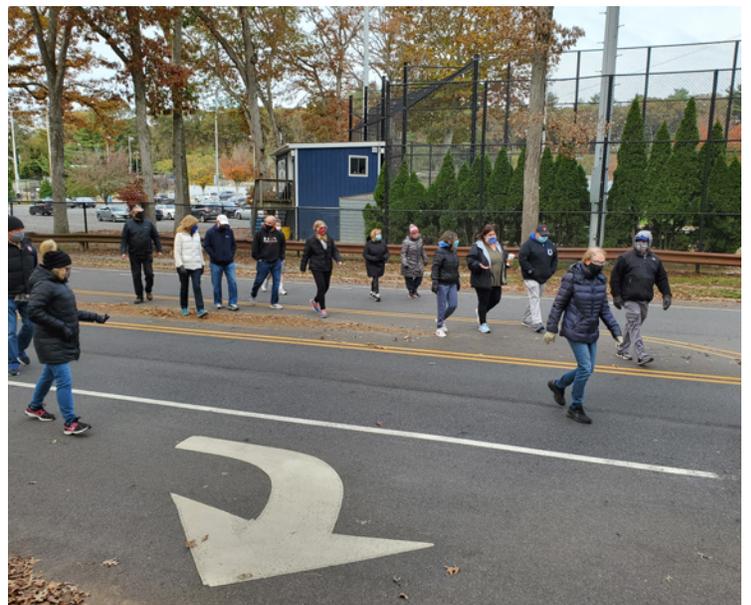
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1-Sharon Hochberg, Mark Hochberg, Stu Haimes, Ricki Bialstock, Michele Haimes, Anita Reis, Jeff Reis, Marcia Kammerman, Jeff Kammerman, Ainsley and Eric Katzman, Arlyne Skolnik and Fred Skolnik

2-Jeff Kaden, Jeff Reis and Steve Taub

3-Michael Prospect, Melanie Prospect, Merry Lewin and Service-Dog-in-Training Obsidian

Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



1-Ronnie Diener, Joel Moskowitz and Beverly Moskowitz
2-Bruce Elowsky and Bruce Hymowitz
3-Grant Stolack, Sean Bank, Matthew Stolack, Eric Stolack and Marshall Bank
4-Sheila Taub, Ricki Bialstock and Anita Reis

Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



1-Andrew Goodman, Jacob Goodman, Allison Goodman and Ben Goodman
2-Ainsley and Eric Katzman
3-Foreground: Gary Stolack, Brian Bank, Adria Stolack and Carly Bank
Background: Lauren and David Weinstein



Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



1-Steven Adelman
 2-Mark Hochberg, Sharon Hochberg
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 3-Foreground l-r: Marcia Kammer-
 man, Stacy Meyerson and Jeff
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 Skolnik, Fred Skolnik and Steve Taub



Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



1-Lauren Weinstein and David Weinstein
2-Larry Danziger and David Kubrik
3-Michele Haimes, Sabrina Hymowitz and Bruce Hymowitz
4-Melanie Prospect and Mike Prospect (foreground)



Walk for a Cause ■ November 1



1-Stu Haimes and Stacy Meyerson serving post-walk refreshments
 2-Gail Kaden and Jeff Kaden
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Sky Room Talk:
 Dark Shadows
 3/9 at 7:30

Sunday Schmooze
 Woman on a Verge of a
 Nervous Breakdown
 3/22 Bagels at 10 AM

Stand-Up Comedy
 Anthony DeVito
 3/27 at 9:30 PM

Cinema for Kids
 Missing Link
 3/28 at 11:00 AM
 Free for Kids under 12

Special Events at the Cinema

Livana

Presented with Hope Children's Fund
March 14th at 12 Noon
 Featuring Q&A with Larry Hohler, President of the Hope Children's Fund & fundraising sale with handmade crafts from the Kenyan women's cooperative and other local craftsmen

A World Within a World: Long Island

Bay Houses: Maritime Film Festival
March 15th at 11 AM -Q&A with filmmakers
 This new documentary explores, the lives, history, and experiences of bay house owners in the Town of Hempstead from both a historical and contemporary perspective.

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It's Mitzvah Time

In order to help our Jewish poor and elderly, please make a donation to **Hatzilu**. A volunteer from Men's Club will send a certificate to honor the name and the occasion you want. This is an ideal way to express a "Simcha" or "Sympathy" and help **Hatzilu** in their mission to help our fellow Jews and others in our community. Please e-mail Steve Glasser at: stevetg@aol.com or call him at: 516.938.3069 to order a certificate.

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Mishaberach Information Form

Date of request: _____

Person's Name (M/F) Hebrew: _____

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Their Mother's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Mishaberach Donation: _____

The Mishaberach will be said for a period of 2 weeks. If you want it to be said longer you need to call the Temple office to update the request form. Follow up your request, by mail or bring this form & your donation to the Temple office: Plainview Jewish Center, 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803-2899. Please make checks payable to: Plainview Jewish Center.

Note: If you make a Mishaberach at a minyan it is customary to put gelt into the Pishka. It's a Mitzvah!

The PJC Men's Club Board & Members wish to extend a Refuah Shelama to:

◆ *Ervie Farkas* ◆ *Andy Meyerson* ◆ *Jeff Miller* ◆

To update this list send information to: hakolpjcmc@aol.com.
For Hatzilu certificates call/e-mail Steve Glasser (details above)

Men's Club Dates to Watch For

DECEMBER

Sunday

6

10:30 am



Chanukah Zoom Party

Tuesday

15

8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday

22

8:30 pm



Board Meeting

JANUARY

Tuesday

19

8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday

26

8:30 pm



Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

Saturday

6

9:00 am



Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat

Sunday

7

9:00 am



FJMC World Wide Wrap

Tuesday

16

8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday

23

8:30 pm



Board Meeting

Sudoku Puzzle

Why Play Sudoku

Preliminary evidence suggest that staying mentally active may be associated with preservation of cognitive function. Science tells us that children and young adults may build up brain "reserves" by reading and undertaking mental challenges, and older adults can continue to build these brain connections through stimulating activities. In fact, building these cognitive reserves is a lifelong process in which some nerve cells (neurons) form, some die, and others interconnect. For more information, please visit brightfocus.org/ADR

1		4		7				
7						8		1
				5	1		7	
	6	7						5
		2				6	8	3
			9	6	3			
			1			4	3	
5			7	4			9	6
	4		6					2

Last Month's Answers

8	6	3	9	4	2	5	1	7
4	2	9	5	1	7	3	8	6
1	7	5	3	8	6	9	4	2
2	8	6	7	3	4	1	9	5
9	4	1	2	5	8	7	6	3
5	3	7	6	9	1	4	2	8
3	5	8	1	6	9	2	7	4
7	1	4	8	2	5	6	3	9
6	9	2	4	7	3	8	5	1

Here's How It Works

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

For tips on how to solve Sudoku puzzles go to: <https://www.howcast.com/videos/202656-how-to-solve-a-sudoku-game>