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*Happy
New
Year!*



***THERE IS NO SISTERHOOD MEETING
IN SEPTEMBER
DUE TO ALL THE HOLIDAYS!
WE WISH YOU A HAPPY & HEALTHY
NEW YEAR***

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Rabbi Steven Conn & Cantor Morris Wolk will officiate at services
 The Officers and Board of Trustees Extend a Hearty Mazal Tov to the Families of the Following Simchas

Friday, September 3rd

Light Candles.....7:03 PM
 One Service Only.....6:00 PM
 No Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, September 4th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM
 Kiddush in Kirschner Room
 Mincha.....1:00 PM
 Maariv/Havdalah.....8:30 PM
 Selichot Service.....9:30 PM

Sunday, September 5th

Services followed by Men's Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Services.....8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 8th

Light Candles.....6:55 PM
 Erev Rosh Hashanah Services.....6:45 PM

Thursday & Friday, September 9th & 10th

ROSH HASHANAH 1st & 2nd DAYS

Services.....9:00 AM/6:45 PM
 Family Services (2 Sessions).....10:00 AM-11:15 AM
 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
 Light Candles – Thursday.....8:07 PM
 Friday.....6:52 PM

Saturday, September 11th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM
 Kiddush in Patio Room
Ezersky's sponsoring in honor of 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Mincha Maariv.....6:45 PM

Sunday, September 12th

School Starts
 Services followed by Men's Club
 Tallis/Tefillin Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Lulav/Etrog Orders Due
 Services.....8:00 PM

Monday, September 13th

School Committee.....8:15 PM

Tuesday, September 14th

Men's Club BBQ (Opening Meeting).....7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 15th

Tashlich.....5:30 PM
 Ritual Committee.....8:15 PM

Thursday, September 16th

Board of Trustees.....8:15 PM

Friday, September 17th - KOL NIDRE

Light Candles.....6:40 PM
 Services.....6:45 PM
 Family Service.....6:45 PM

Saturday, September 18th - YOM KIPPUR

Services Including Yizkor.....9:00 AM

Family Service (2 Sessions).....10:00 AM-11:15 AM
 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
 Community Yizkor Service.....2:00 PM
 Mincha/Neelah/Maariv.....5:15 PM

Sunday, September 19th

Erecting Sukkah
 Services followed by Men's Club Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Tallis/Tefillin Workshop.....9:00 AM
 Bet Breakfast.....9:15 AM
 Tironim.....4:00 PM-5:00 PM
 Kadima.....5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Monday, September 20th

Lulav/Etrog Pickup.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 22nd

Erev Sukkot Services.....6:30 PM
 Light Candles.....6:31 PM

Thursday & Friday, September 23rd & 24th

SUKKOT 1ST & 2ND DAYS

Services.....9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
 Kiddush in Sukkah
 Light Candles – Thursday.....7:43 PM
 Friday.....6:28 PM

Saturday, September 25th

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM
 Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM
 Sukkah Hop Following Services
 Kiddush in Sukkah
 Mincha Maariv.....6:30 PM

Sunday, September 26th

Services followed by Men's Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Zahavah (1st Meeting).....9:00 AM-11:00 AM
 Pizza Café in Sukkah.....12:00 Noon
 USY.....7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Monday, September 27th

Chinese Dinner in Sukkah.....6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 28th

Men's Club Steak/Scotch.....7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 29th

Erev Shemini Atzeret Services.....6:15 PM
 Light Candles.....6:19 PM

Thursday, September 30th

SHEMINIATZERET

Services Including Yizkor.....9:00 AM
 Kiddush in Sukkah
 Light Candles.....7:32 PM
 Services.....6:15 PM
 Erev Simchat Torah Services.....7:30 PM

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

Each week, Cantor Wolk introduces the Kiddush prayer on Saturday morning with the words “*savri ma’ra’nan v’rab’a’nan v’rabotai*” (with your permission, Ladies and Gentleman). And each week, we respond to his invitation by raising our glasses and singing “*l’chayim*” (to life). Of all the highlights of my Shabbat experience, our weekly “l’chayim moment” is probably my favorite. “L’chayim” brings us together as a community in a powerful affirmation of a shared moment of joy. We may have sat far away from each other in the sanctuary, may have participated very differently in the service; but in that moment, we are all one, all connected by our common experience. We are grateful for the gift of life. We are happy to have the opportunity to enjoy this gift. And we hope to share moments like these together for a long, long time. With one simple word “l’chayim” and the simple gesture of raising the glass that accompanies the word, we express our deepest feelings, our greatest hopes, and our most heartfelt prayer. In that one moment, though no books are open, we are truly all on the same page.

Although we do not recite Kiddush in the synagogue on Rosh HaShanah, and certainly not on Yom Kippur, I like to think of the High Holidays as our ultimate “l’chayim” moment. More than any other time of the year, we are all together for the holidays. Packed tightly in the sanctuary, we are acutely aware of sharing our space together. And those of us who return year after year experience moments of connection everywhere we turn, with friends, neighbors and people from our past who return to us at this time of year. Our sense of community, of a shared space and shared lives, is stronger on the High Holidays than any other time of year.

For each of us in this community, the High Holidays offer many opportunities, and many ways to say “l’chayim”. We may call the High Holidays the “Days of Awe” but the true theme of our gathering is life. Together, we recite the She-he-chiyanu blessing multiple times during the High Holidays; thanking God for the blessing of life we have enjoyed during the past year. Individually, the spirit of she-he-chiyanu is reflected in the way our eyes light up when we look at the seats next to us and notice how our kids or grandkids have grown during the past year, how happy we are that mom and dad can be with us for the holidays, how amazed we are that we have been married so many years. On the High Holidays, we take the time to enjoy so many of life’s gifts—good food, family, friends, even nice clothes and the freedom to take time off from work and errands—because we appreciate how precious these gifts are. In so many ways, the High Holidays invite us to acknowledge that, no matter how we might feel on any given day, life is a blessing. And, in reconnecting with that sense of blessing, we joyfully affirm life.

At the same time, we remember just how tenuous life can be. Again and again, throughout the High Holidays, we ask God to inscribe us in the Book of Life. Doing so reminds us that there are no guarantees; for it is God who determines “who shall live and who shall die”. So we ask God to grant us once again the blessing of life for the coming year; so that we can enjoy more moments like these together. Not only that, because we know that life itself is not enough, we ask God for a life of “blessings, peace, goodness and prosperity”. We ask not just once, but again and again throughout the holidays. We ask not because we are worthy, but because we know that God loves us in spite of our shortcomings. It is as if we raise our glass, filled with the bounty of blessings God has given us, and invite God to respond by saying “l’chayim”—to life, for another year.

Raising that glass and inviting God to respond with “l’chayim”; that is our challenge on the High Holidays and throughout the year. God may decide “who will live and who will die”, but the choices we

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The Cantor's Note:**Some Thoughts for an "Early" New Year**

As much as we jest that the holidays are either early or late, they always arrive precisely on time in the Jewish calendar. Nevertheless, those who, like me, enjoy a hint of autumn at the New Year are likely to be disappointed. Though temperatures may indeed vary from one Rosh Hashanah to the next, some things are never out of season at this time – penitence, returning to God, reconciliation with our fellow human beings and a resolve to be better people. All of these fall under the rubric of the Hebrew word *teshuvah*.

During these days, we implore God for forgiveness and seek atonement. We recite the confessionals, *Ashamnu* and *Al Chet*. They are enumerations of sins set out in alphabetical order. To denote that we may be guilty of more transgressions than those listed, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *tof*, is repeated in *Ashamnu*, and the entire alphabet is repeated in *Al Chet*. It is noteworthy that in these confessionals we do not find desecration of rituals per se, but, rather, sins against society – deception, slander, gossip, envy, hatred, scoffing and intemperate speech. The Rabbis taught that Yom Kippur holds out the hope of forgiveness for sins against God, but not for those committed against other people unless we purposefully and contritely seek their favor. It is not enough merely to placate, which is required, but to mend the relationship in a way which leads to mutual acceptance. This is not an easy task. The plea, "I'm sorry. Please forgive me," and the response "I forgive you, let's move on" can be the most difficult words to utter.

Generations ago, there was a beautiful custom widely observed in the communities of Eastern Europe at this time of year. On Erev Yom Kippur, every person in the synagogue was expected to ask forgiveness of fellow worshippers. "*Zeit mir mochel*" - please forgive me - they would whisper to each other. The reply would be, "*Ich bin dir mochel*" - I forgive you. Even bitter antagonists were expected to approach one another, and, if there was too much hostility between the parties, a mutual acquaintance would intervene to coerce one or the other to take the initiative. Perhaps not all hurts were healed nor all slights forgiven, but much antagonism and anger was assuaged by this exchange.

As we consider the spiritual journey of *teshuvah* and reconciliation upon which we will soon embark in the coming New Year, 5771, let this be a time of strengthening relationships within our families, within our circle of friends and associates and with the Almighty. May we be deserving to hear God proclaim, "Salachti", I forgive, and may God grant us a year of life, good health, contentment, achievement and abundance.

Gerri, Michael and Ethan join me in wishing you all a *Shanah Tovah Umetukah*, a good and sweet New Year.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

It is often stated, that organizations come of age, when leadership is assumed by one born into and brought up in the very same environment. Having come of age, forty years in the making, as not only the youngest President in PJC history, but the first born into this congregation, it is an honor to walk in my Father's footsteps. This makes us the first Father/Son leadership lineage in PJC ranks. Truly, L'dor V'dor.



In this manner, I compare myself to Yizhak Rabin, Israel's first native born Prime Minister, who often had to redirect the focus of the country, from its European immigrant dominated elite, to one encompassing a much younger Sabra influenced generation. I in no way put myself in the same caliber as PM Rabin. Nor do I want to end up as he did at the hands of a so called fellow "Jew". I say this not to sound glib or inappropriate, but to make the comparison that today's generation faces a much different challenges than the one's that came before.

Our Shul is in good shape. For the first time in fourteen years, we can stick our necks out with pride and feel confident about the direction we are heading. **The feelings of doom and gloom were never warranted, nor should be advocated!** Under the leadership of our new Rabbi, Steven Conn who never ceases to amaze me on a daily basis, and our esteemed Cantor, Morris Wolk and a Board of Trustees that is invigorated and empowered, there is nothing holding us back from reaching higher than ever before. I owe a debt of gratitude for the Presidents that came before me, in particular, Barbara Greenberg and Michael Stromberg, who as a team effort, prepared me for the tasks that lie ahead.

It is now time to change the manner in which we approach tasks. **We must move past the standard "why we cannot do" to asking, "How can we achieve this"?** My goal as President is to **find ways to achieve, not find excuses to avoid!**

We must start from within. We must be willing to expect from this Center, that which we expect of ourselves. I am in awe, that the Strategic Plan we implemented seven years ago, accomplished every one of its recommendations. It is due to this success, that I appoint Barbara Greenberg, Chair of the New Strategic Planning Committee, with a directive to reach even higher than we have accomplished previously. If you are interested in serving, please contact me to discuss your participation.

The buzz around town is out. People are interested in us because of our clergy, because of our services, because of our programs, because of our Religious School, because of our Men's Club and Sisterhood and most importantly, because of you and our warm and fuzzy disposition. The foundation has been laid and invested in for our future. We must now pay attention to our appearance, stuck in the past.

The only consistent critic we hear is that of our aesthetics. Our competition is either immaculate or in the process of re-decorating. We must follow suit. Our Sanctuary is exemplary, everything else is potential. As we search for a new, first class caterer, who will partner with us in

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**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.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets can be picked up at the Temple office as follows:

Monday-Thursday – August 30th-September 2nd

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM; 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Friday – September 3rd

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sunday – September 5th

10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Monday (Labor Day) – September 6th – NO PICKUP

Tuesday – September 7th

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM; 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

HIGH HOLIDAY BABY-SITTING FACILITIES

Baby-sitting facilities, under mature and qualified supervision, will be available for children 3-5. Infants will NOT be admitted to the baby-sitting facilities or to the Family Service.

Our guards have been instructed to allow only adults to enter the classroom area in order to pick up their children. NO teenagers will be permitted in the classroom wing at any time.

ROSH HASHANAH

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH

10 AM to 1:30 PM

YOM KIPPUR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

10:00 AM to 2:15 PM

HOLIDAYS

SELICHOT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

(Penitential Prayers) signals us to prepare for the approaching High Holiday season.

ROSH HASHANAH - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH

The beginning of the Jewish New Year, is also the beginning of the Ten Days of Penitence, which end with Yom Kippur. Sincere prayer and meditation help us to experience the reality of God and to dedicate ourselves anew to the establishment of His Kingdom on earth – the reign of freedom, justice and peace.

SHABBAT SHUVAH - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Derives its name from the Haftarah of that day, which begins with the word “Shuvah” – “Return” – i.e. Repent.

FAST OF GEDALIAH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Commemorates the climax of the disasters of the first Jewish commonwealth in 586 BCE.

YOM KIPPUR - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

The Day of Atonement is a day of repentance, fasting and prayer when we strive to reawaken the latent spiritual power in our souls so that it may become an effective and directing force in our daily conduct.

SUKKOT - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH

The Feast of Tabernacles is the Jewish festival of thanksgiving on the occasion of the final ingathering of the harvest. The Sukkah symbolizes God’s protection of our ancestors in the wilderness of Sinai.

HOSHANA RABBAH - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

The seventh day of Sukkot, was the climax of the festival in Temple times, when seven processions were made around the altar, and verses of Hoshana (O Save) were sung to the waving of the palm branches.

SHEMINI ATZERET - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

ATZERET L’HAYIM – “Gathering for Life”, to sensitize congregations and congregants to the Jewish response to the threat of universal destruction from nuclear weaponry.

SHEMINI ATZERET, the 8th day of assembly, is celebrated after the 7th day of Sukkot as the concluding festival of the season.

SIMCHAT TORAH - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

The *Rejoicing in the Torah* is the second day of Shemini Atzeret. Then the reading of the Pentateuch is completed and begun anew for the coming year.

Family Education News by *Judy Alper*

There is a saying that as a people we are one big family and that when a Jew cries, every Jew cries as well. We feel each other's pain as well as joy.

During this past summer I was fortunate to visit my daughter in Zichron Yaakov, a small town in Israel overlooking the Mediterranean. It's people are as warm and kind as the town is beautiful. I enjoy doing the mundane while I am there; walking into town, shopping the local markets, etc. One day I went into town to get keys at the hardware store. The shopkeeper, hearing my English, began to sorrowfully tell me about the loss of three Israeli children and their American grandfather in a plane crash in Detroit. On Shabbat, the sadness continued with people recounting the tragedy. Later I opened my emails to find out that two of the girls were the nieces of the principal of Plainview HANC. Across the world, from Detroit to Zichron Yaakov to Plainview and Jerusalem—we all felt the loss and the sorrow.

With the arrival of the new year of 5771, I hope that we will continue to feel and share in the many joys and hopefully few sorrows of our people and of all the nations of the world. This year our Family Education Committee events begin with Sukkot. ***Enhance your Sukkot by purchasing a lulav and etrog.*** The lulav combines the palm, willow and myrtle branches and the etrog is a fragrant member of the citrus family. Excluding Shabbat, they are used daily and you can be part of the Hoshanas Parade with them. Check our flyer for costs and dates of order and pick up.

Save Saturday, **September 25th for our annual Sukkah Hop** when we visit the sukkahs of PJC families who have graciously agreed to host us. We will meet at the PJC Sukkah following services and congregational Kiddush. It's a great opportunity for a wonderful walk through the neighborhood with your friends and family.

NEW THIS YEAR!!! Reserve **Sunday, September 26th for the Pizza Café** in our own PJC Sukkah. We will be offering a limited menu from Hunki's Pizza. You will be able to preorder and prepay via a Family Education flyer and the food will be waiting for you to enjoy. Invite your friends to share a pizza (or other delicious choice) with you. We will be providing drinks, cookies and paper goods. Don't forget to preorder your choices.

What would Sukkot be without our annual **Chinese Buffet Dinner Under the Stars?** Mark **Monday evening, September 27th** — it is always a fun and delicious evening, it's a great way to wind down after a busy day. Make your plans now to join us for that evening.

A special thank you to Al Karo and his family for donating the beautiful and roomy PJC Sukkah in memory of his mother and to the Men's Club for making it available for our use. Tov! Tov! Tov!

The Family Friendly Friday Night Service and Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! program will begin in October. Please check this web site for flyers for upcoming Family Education activities. For info and reservations for Family Ed events, please email pjcfamilyed@gmail.com for a quicker response or leave a message at 516-936-8610, ext. 112. (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS).

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



Plainview Jewish Center - Family Education Committee
95 Floral Drive, Plainview, New York 11803
516-938-8610, ext. 112

Sukkah Hop

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Following Services and Congregational Kiddush

Join us this year when we continue the tradition of our synagogue by visiting the Sukkahs of several of our congregants.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

For fun, food, learning, singing, socializing and the enjoyment of this beautiful and joyous holiday

For further information call:

Judy Alper at 516-938-8610, ext. 112

or email: pjcfamilyed@gmail.com



PJC FAMILY ED LULUV & ETROG SALE!

THIS SUKKOT, JOIN IN FULFILLING THE COMMANDMENT/MITZVAH OF SHAKING A LULAV & ETROG AND BE PART OF A TRADITION THAT IS THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD AND ONE OF THE 613 COMMANDMENTS. NOW, HOW AWESOME IS THAT?!?!?

FIRST CLASS SET: \$55 SUPPLIED THROUGH
STANDARD SET: \$45 USY!

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
PICKUP: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 6:30-8:30PM - LOBBY**

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE:

- ___ **FIRST CLASS SET @ \$55**
___ **STANDARD SET @ \$45**

PLEASE SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PJC; FAMILY ED COMMITTEE;
95 FLORAL DR. PLAINVIEW, NY 11803; ATTN: JUDY ALPER

FOR FURTHER INFO, CONTACT JUDY APLER @ 516-938-8610 EXT.112 OR
EMAIL: PJCFAMILYED@GMAIL.COM

PJC FAMILY ED PIZZA CAFE! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH - 12NOON - 1PM IN THE PJC SUKKAH!

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE AN EASY
LUNCH OF YOUR CHOICE AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE
MITZVAH OF EATING IN THE SUKKAH. ALL FOOD WILL BE ORDERED FROM
HUNKI'S AND WE WILL BE PROVIDING DRINKS, PAPER GOODS AND COOKIES.
WHAT AN EASY SUNDAY LUNCH AND A GREAT START FOR YOUR AFTERNOON!

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST
FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL JUDY ALPER @ 516-938-8610 EXT.112
OR EMAIL: PJCFAMILYED@GMAIL.COM

PIZZA CAFE: PLEASE CHECK OFF THE ITEMS & QUANTITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER AND SEND THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO: PJC, FAMILY ED; 95 FLORAL DR. PLAINVIEW, NY 11803.

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| ___ SLICE(S) OF PIZZA @ \$2.50 | ___ WHOLE FALAFEL @ \$5.00 |
| ___ PIZZA PIES (8 SLICES) @ \$16 | ___ EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA @ \$10 |
| ___ FISH & CHIPS, SALAD @ \$10 | ___ BAKED ZITI @ \$10 |
| ___ COMBO PLATTER: | ___ 3 GARLIC KNOTS @ \$1 |
| (BABAGANOUSH, CHUMUS, ISRAELI SALAD, FALAFEL BALLS) @ \$10 | |

PJC FAMILY ED

Dinner Under The Stars



Chinese Dinner

Monday, September 27, 2010

6:30 PM -8:00 PM

A delicious selection of Chinese foods that everyone will enjoy, including egg rolls, rice, noodles, fruit dessert and of course...Fortune Cookies! Sushi and/or soup may be special ordered for an additional fee. Join us with your family and friends for a wonderful evening of food, great conversation and good company.

Adults: \$12 per person

Children: \$6 per child



Chinese Dinner.

For info, call Judy @ 516-938-8610 ext. 112 or email pjcfamilyed@gmail.com

Yes, yes, yes! I can't wait to attend the sukkah dinner.

Enclosed is my check, reservation and this form.

Please send it to:

PJC, Family Education Committee, 95 Floral Dr., Plainview, NY 11803

RSVP by Monday, September 20th.

_____ adults @ 12=\$
_____ children @ 6=\$
TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone # _____

SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

There is a popular statement “that Rosh Hashanah is never on time.” Either it is too early or too late. This year, the first night of Rosh Hashanah falls on Wednesday, September 8th. Why is it so early? The Jewish calendar is based on the moon, not the sun. Therefore, we have months with 29 or 30 days, which gives us 354 days per year and not 365 which follows the solar calendar. To make sure that we will celebrate our Passover in the spring and Sukkot in the fall, we must add an extra month to the calendar seven times in every nineteen-year cycle. This year is when we add another month. So we have Adar I and Adar II. This is the reason why Rosh Hashanah is so early.

We will start school after Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 12th. Although we missed the chance to teach about Rosh Hashanah, we will still have time to discuss the Ten Days of Awe, “*Aseret Yeme Teshuvah*”, and the sounds of the shofar. There is a shofar blowing at the end of Yom Kippur. The Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is very special. It is called “*Shabbat Shuvah*”, the Shabbat of Return. The Haftorah is from Hosea and it starts with the words “Return O Israel...” and this is how the Shabbat got its name. We all have a second chance to return closer to God by increasing our performance of his mitzvot.

I hope that all of us will be inscribed in the book of life for a healthy, happy year. I would like to remind you that the Tashlich service will take place on Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30 PM at the Cold Spring Harbor pier. Please check your children’s school bags for all the Sukkot flyers. There are many wonderful programs to participate in.

Le Shana Tova.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept 7 (Tue) Teachers Orientation – 4:00–6:00 PM (for all teachers)
- 12 (Sun) First day of school for Kindergarten/Sunday School through Gimel
- 13 (Mon) School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in the Library
First day of school for Daled & Hey
- 15 (Wed) Tashlich Service – 5:30-6:00 PM at Cold Spring Harbor Pier
- 17-18 (Fri-Sat) Yom Kippur – No School or Junior Congregation
- 19 (Sun) First day Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 1 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
Breakfast for Parents of Bet Class Students – 9:15 AM
- 22 (Wed) Eve of Sukkot – No School
- 25 (Sat) Jr. Congregation 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Followed by Sukkah Hop
- 26 (Sun) Chol Hamoed – School in Session
School Resumes for Kind/Sun School through Gimel
Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 1 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
Buy Pizza Lunch at the Sukkah – 12:00 PM
- 27 (Mon) Chol Hamoed – School in Session for Daled & Hey
Chinese Dinner at the Sukkah – 6:30 PM
- 28 (Tue) Chol Hamoed – School in Session for Mechina & Alef
- 29 (Wed) Eve of Shemini Atzeret – No School
- 30 (Thu) Eve of Simchat Torah – Category A Main Sanctuary Service

***Hey students must bring Tefillin & Tallit to the
Tallit & Tefillah Program***

PJC YOUTH CORNER

Hello, my name is Lois Dori Lange and I am pleased to be the Youth Director for Plainview Jewish Center for my third year. I bring with me many years of successful Youth Programming and look forward to sharing my experiences with you. Please welcome our new advisor, Oren. He is a teacher and has attended many USY events. Come and join us one Sunday and see what PJC youth is all about.

Here is the schedule for Tironim, Kadima and USY. Tironim, grades 3 & 4, will meet monthly Kadima, grades 5, 6, & 7, will meet two times a month and USY, grades 8,9,10, 11 & 12, will meet every week. Each week we will have a different program. Please join us for our open house on Sunday September 19th.

September 19th: Tironim 4-5pm ; Kadima 5- 6pm; USY from 6-7:30pm.

September 26th: USY 7:30-9pm

I look forward to meeting everyone. There will be many fun and exciting changes for the upcoming year. So, why not give Youth Group a try? We have a lot to offer. I can be reached at lois_lange@yahoo.com. Have a Happy and healthy New Year.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 19TH - 9:15 am

Incoming Fourth Grade Parents Breakfast

For more information contact:

Charlie Wasserman: drdispo@aol.com

Aliza Greenberg: navleez@hotmail.com

Hatzilu Means Rescue

Hatzilu is reaching out to our community for help. This worthy organization has been assisting impoverished and needy Jews throughout Nassau County for many years. Volunteer social workers help elderly Jews obtain the government benefits to which they are entitled and food is provided to the hungry. Hatzilu maintains the largest kosher food warehouse in Nassau County and volunteers deliver food to people who need it desperately. The warehouse is in dire need of canned goods and nonperishable foods. Donations of these products would help restock the shelves that are almost bare. Hatzilu appreciates all money donations as well. A food collection box will be placed by the main entrance of the synagogue.

Thanks for helping those in need. For further information about Hatzilu, please go to www.hatzilurescue.org or call 931-2884. Arlyne Skolnik

Time to ReJEWvenate?



Are you the right age to become a Chai Mitzvah?

**If you are 26-31, 47-51, 65-69, or 80 and up,
take the time to ReJEWvenate!**

Becoming a Chai Mitzvah means that you:

Study a Jewish topic;

Take on or deepen a Jewish ritual;

Engage in a social action project;

**Participate in the once-a-month Community Learning Group:
And Celebrate!**

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***CHAI MITZVAH PARTICIPANTS MAY BE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE AGE CATEGORIES**

Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

Despite all her problems Israel is a wonderful place to visit and I really want that to be the focus of this article and probably a few more this year. Many PJC members have visited Israel multiple times and Israel's progress never ceases to amaze. For a country that is smaller than NJ there is an incredible amount to see and do. Several of our young people have visited Israel for prolonged periods, to study, work or just visit. I know that Morgan Haimen will be spending the year with a Young Judea program in Israel. Aliza Sternstern attended a young Judea program two years ago and loved it. Carly Rubinfeld spent 3 weeks in Israel early in the summer with her graduating class from Solomon Schechter. I suspect several of our congregants have children who have taken advantage of the Birthright program. It would be nice to get personal recollections from all of them, which might encourage more travel. So far I have commitments from some young people but I have not been in touch with anyone from PJC who attended Birthright. I would be happy to have more stories and information from any of the programs. If you don't want to bug your kids, give me their names and contacts and I will. Ask Aliza Sternstein. Here are some of her reminiscences:

As I prepare myself for another year at school, entering my sophomore year at Brandeis, I am filled with memories of two year ago, preparing to go to Israel. I spent nine months in Israel volunteering on Year course, the longest I had ever been away from my family. Though I was far from the ones I loved, I felt like I was finally home. Just a few weeks after I arrived in Israel, the entire country was getting ready for the High Holidays. Unlike here, where it seems like the whole country is oblivious, in Israel, its all that's on anyone's mind. The malls are filled with baskets, and greeting for a sweet Year, the billboards on buses carry messages for the New Year.

It wasn't until I came home and got on with my life that I began to realize what a huge impact my year in Israel had on me. When college started, I noticed a difference between me and my cousin Shira, who hadn't taken a year off. We both reacted very differently to our similar situation of having a roommate we did not get along with. She immediately wanted to switch rooms, or leave dorming all together. I dealt with the situation much differently, acknowledging that we were only living together and would just have to co-exist. With help from my father, I realized that this was a maturity that I had gained as a result of Year Course.

While I was interviewing for a job next year at a local Hebrew School in Lexington, Massachusetts, I described my experiences volunteering at an afterschool "club" in Petach Tikvah. I worked with young, mostly Ethiopian children from first grade to eighth grade. We did homework together, played games, listened to music and served them lunch and a small dinner, which was for most the only food they got. I even took one boy to his weekly therapy sessions

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with his two younger sisters. He was visiting a social worker because his father was in jail for killing his mother. When they asked me if I had experience in discipline, or unruly children I remembered the kids at the mo'adonit. They were dealing with things that I had only experienced through fictional movies. I noticed in them extreme violence, boys would throw chairs at each other, punch each other, destroy things, with complete disregard for authority. I felt as though I always had to be on my toes, because I was always being tricked into giving them candy that wasn't allowed or into calling them by the wrong names. Of course, I thought to myself I'd be able to handle a few misfits from Lexington.

The memory that had the biggest impact on me was on my last day, when I brought in bags of chocolate, enough so that each child would be able to have at least 2 and more, I put aside for another day. As I stood giving the candy out, the kids swarmed me as if there wasn't going to be enough, I felt like a jar of honey being swarmed by bees. They were pushing and shouting and hitting, something I couldn't understand because surely everyone would get. When I handed out all the candy and was getting ready to leave a small boy returned in tears: the bigger boys had stolen his candy from him when he walked outside. "Of course you can have another," I told him as I gave him a hug and two extra chocolates.

Thank you Aliza. The rest of you stay tuned for more interesting insights to Israel from our congregants and their children. One of them may even be you.

Sharon Kunoff

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*



As I sit down to write my first article as Sisterhood President, I am reflecting on my time here at PJC. I have been a member of PJC and Sisterhood for over 15 years. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President and to work with such a diverse group of dedicated women. For those of you who are new to the Sisterhood board, I welcome your ideas and input. For those of you continuing, I appreciate your support.

Our dedicated Sisterhood members have been working steadily over the summer, preparing for another fun, intellectually stimulating and community-minded year. We are ALWAYS looking for new faces to join us for our many varied events. There is something for everyone - and if by chance, we have neglected your area of interest please let us know. We are happy to branch out into new areas. Remember, your Sisterhood is filled with your friends and neighbors; we want you to join us! Try Sisterhood... you might like it.

This summer, we had a very successful BINGO evening with 54 women attending. We had great food and prizes galore! We thank the fundraisers for a wonderful evening.

Sisterhood is here to serve the synagogue as well as the community. Do you know what we do? We support the Hebrew school by making funds available for a music program as well as for teachers. We give funds to beautify the sanctuary and have recently purchased tables to be used by the congregation. We have a community outreach program to provide for families who are less fortunate. We also have a very active book club for the past 12 years. This is to name but a few of the many things your dues support. We also sell JNF trees, Torah Fund cards, and have a lovely array of gifts for all occasions in our Judaica shop. Please support Sisterhood. When you do, you are supporting PJC and the community.

Sunday, September 12th is the first day of Hebrew school. We will have a membership table set up. Come by and check out what Sisterhood has planned for the upcoming year. When you join, we have a lovely gift for each member. We will be having our first program on Tuesday, October 5, titled, "Don't Worry be Happy", a presentation on how to live a stress free life with a sense of humor. Our speaker, Carol Cott Gross, is an acclaimed writer for numerous papers. Don't forget to bring your dues of \$50 to receive your welcome gift!

I am looking forward to welcoming new members as well as returning members. Please let me know what our Sisterhood can offer you. You can contact me at dguzik@optonline.net.

From my family to yours, may the New Year be sweet and filled with joy,

L'Shanah Tova,

The Sisterhood Judaica Shop at the Plainview Jewish Center has many items for all your gift needs. We have a large selection of mezuzahs, jewelry and headcoverings for both men and women.

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MEMBERSHIP Blayne Peltzman - Membership Vice President

PJC really is a great place to be and for women members, Sisterhood just can't be beat! As Membership Vice President, it is my pleasure to welcome you to "Sisterhood 5771... Share the Enthusiasm." PJC Sisterhood is a proud group of women. Although our members span a wide range of interests, ages, and backgrounds, there is UNITY within our diversity. As Sisterhood members, our common goals include:

CONNECTION to Jewish women of all generations
 COMMITMENT to our synagogue and its children
 CONTRIBUTION to the greater Jewish community
 CONTINUITY of Conservative Judaism through education

We sponsor a variety of educational, cultural and social programs to enrich our minds, as well as create a sense of community. We support our synagogue, religious school and youth groups. Our Sisterhood is also affiliated with Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

Now truly is the time to join Sisterhood! Whether you want to actively participate, take on a position or just attend an activity, we want you! I can't wait to personally meet and greet you at our first meeting on October 5th. I am also pleased to inform you that a surprise gift awaits you with your paid dues. Ooh la la!

Mention that you actually read my article when you join and you will receive a free raffle ticket to be used at our Paid-Up Membership Fiesta Brunch! Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy New Year! Remember, YOU NEED SISTERHOOD NEEDS YOU!!

In Sisterhood, Blayne Peltzman

PROGRAM Debbie Zaglin - Program Vice President Lily Elman - Program Chair

Mark your calendar for our first meeting of the year on **Tuesday, October 5th**, at 8:15 p.m. when we will present "**Don't Worry... Be Happy**". **Carol Cott Gross**, our speaker, is a **dynamic** and **humorous** speaker who has been featured in *The NY Times* and has written lifestyle and self-help articles for *Newsday*, *The NY Times*, *National Public Radio* and various Jewish publications. Learn how you can overcome the habit of "worrying" while keeping your sense of humor intact! **Carol Cott Gross** offers tips and techniques to control "*what if*" worrying about classic concerns- health, wealth, happiness, the kids...etc. Do you want to understand why chronic worrying comes naturally to Jewish mothers?

We hope you will join us for the first of many interesting, informative and enjoyable meetings!

EDUCATION Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President

I am excited about the position of Education VP. The focus of my articles will be on different community organizations. This month I will be highlighting the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County. This museum, located in Glen Cove, is an old mansion that just reopened after 18 months of renovation. The exhibits bring the Holocaust to life in a non traditional way. As you walk through the Center, you can watch DVDs of survivors telling their stories, and view artifacts and beautiful art work. Outside is a children's memorial garden.

Currently, there is a 20 panel photo documentary comprised of over 100 photographs collected from the family albums of displaced persons who resided in postwar Germany, Austria and Italy. The exhibit celebrates the tenacity of the Jewish people.

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TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

The students at the Jewish Theological Seminary are highly motivated and truly inspiring. As one Seminary student said, "My challenge is to combine all the academic knowledge that I am gaining and use it to effect change in the world."

These students are our future rabbis, cantors, teachers, and community leaders. You can help support them by continuing to make donations to Sisterhood's Torah Fund and also by purchasing Torah Fund Cards. There are cards for any occasion: Mazel Tov, Get Well, Rejoicing with You, Congratulations on the Birth of a New Baby and, of course, condolence cards.

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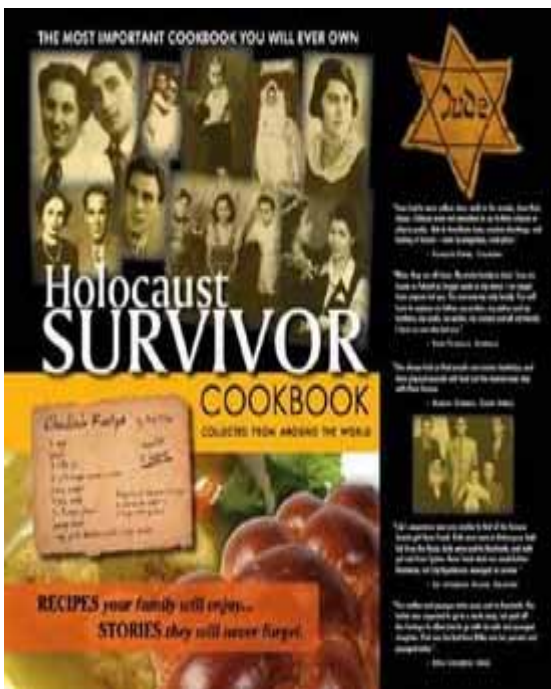
“A Harvest of Books”- Read a Book, Share a Book, Make a Succot Bookmark!

We will discuss books we have read over the summer (you need not have read any to join us!), and create a “harvest bookmark” using fruit, vegetables and inkpads.

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Ellen Hayman

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

It's that time of year again when your kids return to school, you get ready for the High Holidays and the Men's Club hosts its annual Welcome Barbecue. This year it will take place on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, even if you have not yet paid your membership dues. You can bring a check that night to the barbecue. Or, if you are not sure whether PJC's Men's Club is for you, come down anyway, meet everyone and have some dogs, burgers and brews. We'll have the usual feast and open bar. You'll also hear about the upcoming year's exciting program, including the annual staples—October Meet the Candidates, our Chanukah Party and Purim parties and, of course, our recently revitalized Patio Players show, which is already planning its spring event. So, come on down and join us and bring your friends. They don't need to be a Temple member to join Men's Club. Then, come on down Sunday morning, September 19th, and help the Men's Club erect the Sukkah. You don't have to be handy to give a hand. There is also great camaraderie.

Hope to see all of you at the barbecue and the rest of the year.

THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS SEFER HAFTORAH (HAFTORAH SCROLL)

Plainview Jewish Center was proud to participate in the Federation of Jewish Men's Club's (FJMC) Sefer Haftorah Program. FJMC's Sefer Haftorah program is now in its fifth year. The Sefer Haftorah scroll was created in Israel and contains all Haftorot, (weekly readings from the Books of the Prophets) including vowels and trop (cantillation). The scroll was on display at PJC from August 11th-August 17th. The scroll was read from during Shabbat services on Saturday morning August 14th.

Since it was first unveiled during the 2003 FJMC Biennial Convention in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, the FJMC Sefer Haftorah scroll has travelled around North America to Men's Clubs and Brotherhoods, to regional retreats and to FJMC conventions. It has been used in synagogues from West Coast to East Coast, and from Florida to Canada.

The Haftorah has been part of Jewish liturgy since Roman times. They were introduced in order to counter a Roman decree that forbade the reading of the Torah in public assemblies. During the 9th Century CE, the Ben Asher family developed the system of cantillation and punctuation (trop and k'tiv). From that time onward, it became traditional for the haftarot to be chanted. It was common during the Middle Ages to have books of the prophets in the Ark next to the Torah scrolls. When it became time to read from the Haftorah, a scroll was taken out of the Ark and the Haftorah was chanted. Books of haftorot in scroll form have been in use for more than a century but have almost been totally eclipsed by the printing press. The Haftorah, unlike the Torah, does not have to be chanted from a scroll (though many of us feel it would enhance the spirituality of the act if it were read from a scroll instead of a book).

The FJMC's Sefer Haftorah Scroll has the outward appearance of a Torah scroll and contains all the Haftorot chanted during the year. It was written by one of the finest scribal groups in Israel. The differences between the Sefer Haftorah and a Torah are readily apparent, however, as soon as one opens the scroll. The Haftorah scroll, unlike the Torah, has the vowels and the trop cantillation, which facilitate the chanting of it. Also, the Haftorah scroll lists the various sponsorships of the individual Haftarot. The main purpose behind commissioning the Haftorah scroll was utilitarian in nature. FJMC would now have a scroll that could travel from Men's Club to Men's Club to be used in congregations all across North America. Additionally, FJMC would use the scroll at its various conventions and meetings, while FJMC regions would use it at their retreats. FJMC dedicated its Sefer Haftorah scroll during its 2003 international convention; incoming international President Danny Stern chanted the first Haftorah from it.

Rabbi Steven Conn; Rob Cohen, PJC Men's Club President

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may every day lay the groundwork for that decision. During this holiday season and beyond, God offers us the opportunity to raise our glass to life; to take actions every day that affirm life and reflect our awareness of how precious life really is. Raising our glass to life means caring for our bodies; affirming life enough to eat healthy food, exercise, see our doctors regularly and take our medicine. Raising our glass to life means engaging in healthy relationships that are loving, respectful and mutually supportive. Raising our glass to life means finding ways, through our work or our activities to not only make a living and enjoy our time, but also to fill our days with meaning and make our world a better place. Raising our glass to life means being open to new experiences and waking up every day ready to learn from others. In all these ways, and so many more, we can invite God to share the blessing of life with by showing how much we value that blessing. Of course, it is up to God to respond to our invitation.

I am looking forward to sharing our “*ultimate l’chayim moment*” together again this year. May we continue to find strength and inspiration in this spiritual community we share. May our holiday celebrations be filled with the joy that comes from a heartfelt affirmation of life. And, may God answer all our prayers with a resounding “l’chayim”—and inscribe us for a good, peaceful, blessed and prosperous life.

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Daily News reporters, Barbara Laker and Wendy Ruderman, were named winners of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting for their “Tinted Justice” series. It was a takedown of allegedly corrupt narcotics cops. Their investigation into Officer Jeffrey Cujdik and other members of the Narcotics Field Unit began last February, when an informant told the reporters that the cops sometimes lied on search warrants. Their reporting resulted in an FBI investigation and numerous changes to police policy. The Goldberg family is so proud!

Institute for Adult Jewish Studies by Sharon Kunoff

This marks the 48th year in which *The Institute For Adult Jewish Studies*, a consortium of Synagogues in North East Nassau County, has been educating adults Jewishly. Our classes will be held at PJC for the 2010 Fall Session. If you have never been a member of this group, this is the perfect time to join. I can almost guarantee that once you experience our programs you will be hooked. The cost for Temple members is \$35 for the entire series and includes all classes and lectures and the Winter Series. Students under 25 are welcome at no charge. If you do not join but want to attend an individual lecture, the cost is \$10 per evening for the Fall and \$15 for the January series of 4 lectures or \$5 per evening. It is a perfect year for our members to study with your teen age children.

The title of Rabbi Conn's course is *To Eat as a Jew: The Spirituality and Ethics of Food*. Come and feed your mind and spiritual needs while getting new perspectives on food or try out another excellent teacher. Most of the local Rabbis will offer classes and we will also have our usual Israeli Dance, Beginner Hebrew and Hebrew conversational classes. If you contact me either at registration or before, and want a more advanced Hebrew reading course or if you are quite advanced in conversation, we may be able to offer a second reading course and or a second conversation class. Mention it on your registration form. Our brochure will be available both in the sanctuary and on the Web at High Holiday services. We also have an added bonus this year. Because the calendar gives us an extra week between the end of Sukkot and Hanukah, we will have 10 lectures and class sessions instead of 9. Don't forget that your tuition also includes our 4 week January session which will be held at Temple Or Elohim in Jericho.

Our Committee is always looking for members to help out when needed and to give us ideas for new programs. This year, because we are at PJC, members of our congregation want to make sure everything runs smoothly. One of our functions is to make sure our refreshments are picked up from Shoprite and set out each Monday evening. Previously, our custodians have been most helpful in the setup and I expect them to do so this year too. We do need one or two volunteers to be available to pickup the Entenmann's cake that is donated by our local Shoprite. I may not be available every week and would like a backup. Please contact me if you are willing to help. It is not a big job!

Our tentative Fall lecture schedule is listed below. It is subject to change. On site registration will start at 7:30 pm at PJC. Mail-in registration forms will be on the brochure or at www.iajs.org in early September.

- October 11: Dr. Leonard Cole: *Terror – How Israel Has Coped and What America Can Learn***
- October 18: Rabbi Moshe Edelman: *The Dysfunctional Families of the Book of Genesis***
- October 25: Rabbi Jonathan Lason: *Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community*.**
- November 1: John Scalamonti: *Ordained to be a Jew***
- November 8: Andrée Aelion Brooks: *The Life and Times of Doña Gracia Nasi***
- November 15: Prof. Mark Rosenbloom: *Israel's Elusive Quest for Peace***
- November 22: Robert Spiotto: *A Celebration of Danny Kaye***
- November 29: Prof. Jodi Magness: *Ancient Jewish Tombs and Burial Customs***
- December 6: Rabbi David Kalb: *Reinventing Judaism after the Temple's Destruction***
- December 13: Joel Chasnoff: *The Comedy of Joel Chasnoff***

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re-modeling, we take it upon ourselves to renovate what we can, to spruce up the building. Additionally, we must pay close attention to the manner in which we keep the grounds landscaped and attractive. I am not proposing drastic expensive upgrades, rather routine maintenance we can do ourselves, or with the help of sponsors, I intend to solicit. **No matter how good a product is, if the packaging is lacking, you lose the sale!**

Our greatest asset remains our congregants, without whom, we cease to exist. For almost 60 years, PJC has served the needs from cradle to grave of its members and the community; Israel and world Jewry. **It is time to appreciate the past, embrace our future.** I am happy to say that this vision has been recognized. PJC was awarded two major grants; one for Volunteer Leadership and Engagement from UJAFEDNY, which is a test pilot for all Synagogues in the United States; the other from the BJE/SAJES that is seeking to create a new curriculum for our Religious School and introduce Smart Board Technology in our classrooms. This is just the beginning.

This Synagogue is our home as Jews; if not our second one. Each of you here today, feel the same way, or you would not be in attendance. It is our obligation to ensure another 60 years.

Theodore Herzl said it best, “If you will it, it is no dream”.

Please join me as we enter into the next chapter of PJC. On behalf of my wife Pamela, son Noah, and dog Kaylee, we wish you and yours a L'Shana Tova Tikatevu!

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A big Thank you for your support on my Mitzvah project.
Lizzy Roth, PJC Student

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<http://www.plainviewjewishcenter.org/>

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 and Cantor 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 and Cantor 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 and Cantor Wolk 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.com.

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGANTS:

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