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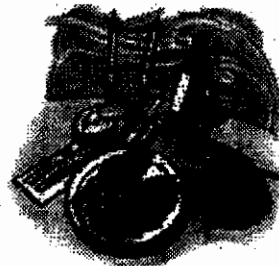
Meet the candidates for:

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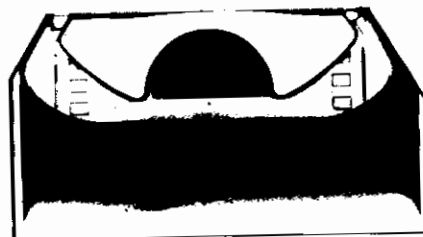
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Cocktails at 7:30PM Dinner to Follow
Includes Entertainment!!!

If you are not a member of Men's Club or you have not yet paid your dues, you
may pay at the door. Only paid up members may attend the dinner.

(Remember, bring your appetite and a can of Tuna or a dollar for our Hatzitu Donation Drive).





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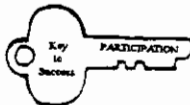
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Dear Friends,

Our Annual **"Meet the Candidates Night"** will take place on Tuesday, October 13th, 2009 at 8:15 PM. As usual, you will get a chance meet the candidates hear what they have to say about their platform and ask them questions. A hearty *Yasher Koach* goes to **Fred Skolnik**, the chair of this meeting, for his continued successful efforts over the past 18 years and being selected PJC **"Congregant of the Year"**.

A great deal of time and effort is devoted to planning, our monthly programs. Stu Haimes is the person responsible for creating the yearly schedule. His mission has been geared to providing an event each month filled with camaraderie, education and enjoyment. Stu and the Men's Club Board are always looking for **new** meeting topics and fund-raising events. Don't be bashful - let the Board members know about your ideas so we can improve Men's Club activities and make them relevant to PJCMC and the community.

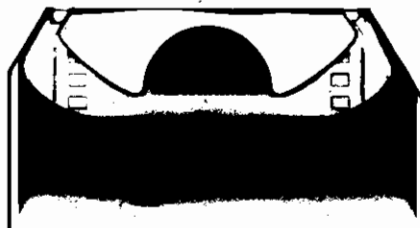
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Sincerely yours,
Morty Gruber

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From the Desk of Robert A. Cohen President PJC Men's Club...

October 2009

Shalom,

Happy New Year to all and especially to those who I missed greeting during the holiday services. I hope your coming year is good, sweet and will bring you all that you want. I must say we had a wonderful time at Rabbi Conn's Journal Dinner. Kudos to our President Barbara Greenberg and to all those involved in the planning of the events around the Rabbi's impressive and well planned Installation Ceremony. Have you seen those beautiful new Torah doors we now have in the main sanctuary? Thank you to our Sisterhood and Dr. Elliot & Diana Rosensweet for a job well done.



In September Men's Club had our annual "Welcoming Back BBQ" with a fantastic turn out. Thanks to all the Men's Club Guys planning the program and setting up the function. Thanks to Rich Landauer, Jeff Miller, Steve Glasser and Mark Klayman for their BBQ skills. Check out the photo collage on page 11 in this issue.

Now as Sukkot approaches we are moving on. As I write this article, I can only hope that the Sukkah will be constructed successfully by Men's Club under the time restriction in which we had to complete it. If so on Monday October 5th in Honor of Rabbi Conn, the Men's Club will be having our first "Annual Steak and Single Malt Scotch Night in the Sukkah". We have had the honor to build our Sukkah each and every year. Now we will use it, for a great evening out with the guys. There will be another option to steak and scotch if that is not your preference. Other beverages will be available. Reservations will be needed so call the event Chair, Alan Hodes. Hopefully, there should still be room left in our big Karo Sukkah. It is sure to be fun, delicious and a great part of the holiday celebration. Join us, it will be a great evening and you will be sorry if you miss it.

Please mark on your calendar Tuesday, October 13th at 8:15 PM, for our "Meet the Candidates Night". It was planned and organized by the moderator, our own "Congregant of the Year", **Fred Skolnik**. A few years ago, I attended this function and I had the pleasure to sit next to and speak with a young female candidate for District Attorney, Kathleen Rice. So don't miss this great opportunity to meet many of the candidates in the up and coming November '09 election. They all listen now. Ask your questions in the small personal format that this event offers.

Some of you may have heard the lecturer last month scheduled just prior to the Men's Club Board meeting. We had a speaker on the subject of 'Retirement Investment Strategies in Light of Market Turbulence'. That is a very timely subject. In the following months Men's Club will bring to our temple different lecturers who will enlighten us on subjects that may be of interest to many. This month on October 27 and promptly at 7:30 PM there will be a speaker on the subject of 'Tax-Free College Planning for Your Children and Grandchildren.' It is important for you to get your seat before 7:30 because each lecturer will speak for only thirty minutes. Come down and you may meet someone or get some information you will find useful.

Thespians who would like to audition for our spring Patio Players Theatrical Production should watch the Hakol and/or the Men's Club link on the PJC Website. Olga Portnoy has done a remarkable job on that website and you can tune in there for the latest Men's Club functions. Take advantage of what PJC and Men's Club have to offer. We are getting bigger and better. Thanks to all my Executive Board for making this job easier. I am still very young in my Presidential term and as I begin my third month in office, I wish you all a Happy Sukkot!

Robert

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Leter: A Letter to the Plainview Community

Friday, 18 September 2009 07:51

I visited Plainview Jewish Center for the first time last February. I was so impressed with the warmth of the people I met that I brought my wife and family back in April. Not only were we welcomed enthusiastically by everyone we met, but we also experienced firsthand the strong commitment of Plainview Jewish Center's membership to the synagogue and the Jewish people. We came away convinced that Plainview Jewish Center was the perfect choice for our family.

I hope that many people will have the same experience that I did in the coming months and years. Of course, being the rabbi of a synagogue is different in many ways than being a member. But rabbis—and their families—are people too. We want to be warmly welcomed when we come to synagogue. We want to be part of a synagogue that addresses our needs as a family. We want to be part of a synagogue that inspires us and brings joy to our lives. Plainview Jewish Centers offers all these things for us as a family— and that's why we're here.

I hope to help Plainview Jewish Center build on its successful past and continue to inspire, educate and serve our community across the generations. Plainview Jewish Center is large enough to offer a full array of high quality services, programs and classes. At the same time, our synagogue still offers the opportunity for me to take a very personal approach to our members. It is my goal to get to know each and every one of our members by name. I have set this goal not because I am competing for the title of World's Greatest Rabbinic Memory, but because the relationships I have with members of our congregation is the most meaningful part of my rabbinate. I have the privilege of getting to know lots of different people and helping them at key times in their lives. For me, knowing that I can make a difference by providing a sympathetic presence, a listening ear or just a smile and kind word to someone in need, is enough to make me cherish the work that I do.

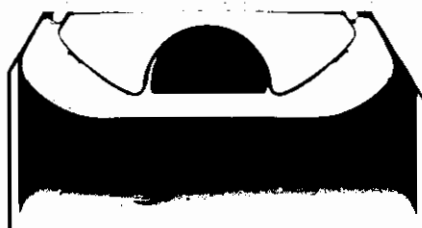
I am looking forward to a wonderful future for Plainview Jewish Center. I plan to be deeply involved in all aspects of synagogue life; including education for children and adults. I am hoping that we can continue to expand our offerings to include services that will engage and inspire people wherever they are on their Jewish journey. Our congregation is already infused with the spirit of joy and inclusiveness; and I would like to find many ways to share that spirit with the community at large.

Come join us at Plainview Jewish Center for a service, a class or social program. Our doors are open to all. I know you will experience the same warm welcome that I did when I first walked through the doors. I hope you will find, as my family and I did, that Plainview Jewish Center will be the perfect spiritual home for you.

Rabbi Steven Conn

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Section 529 College Savings Plans

By: R. Mark Hochberg, Esq.

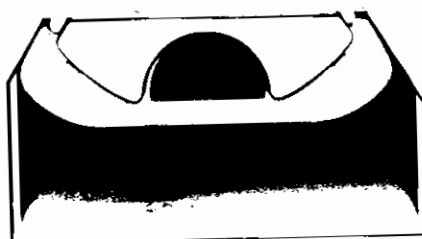
Now that a new school year has begun, the issue as to how to best pay for college expenses in the future is on the minds of many parents and grandparents. There are many ways to pay for the rising costs of a college education, including drawing down on your own savings and taking out loans. From a tax perspective, however, the most efficient way to pay for college expenses is through a Section 529 College Saving Plan.

Section 529 is the provision of the Internal Revenue Code that sanctions these plans. They are administered by mutual fund companies on behalf of the various states, all fifty of which have established their own Section 529 plans. You do not have to be a resident of the state that sponsors the plan in order to participate in it and you are free to research the performance history of the various plans. Some also allow larger contributions than others, although most plans allow for contributions in excess of \$200,000 per student.

Investments in Section 529 plans are not guaranteed by the states and are subject to market risk. In addition, they do not allow for investment in individual stocks or other financial instruments. Instead, you are allowed to choose from broad categories, such as "growth oriented" or "income oriented" investments. You can also change the category of investment as time goes on. For instance, as a child approaches college age, you may want to change from a growth to an income fund. You can also switch funds from one student to another if one does not go to college.

The greatest advantage of Section 529 plans is that the investments in the plan are not subjected to income and capital gains taxes on a yearly basis and if monies are withdrawn to pay for "qualified higher education expenses" including tuition, room and board, books and supplies, the income and capital gains are never taxed. The student thus gets the benefit of whatever appreciation occurred in the investments from the time that the account is funded until the time that the education expenses are paid totally free of taxation.

You do not have to have a stockbroker of your own in order to open a Section 529 College Savings Plan. Applications for all state plans are available for download on the Internet at savingforcollege.com and other websites.



(Continued from page 8 of the September Hakol 2009)

7 Myths About Marriage and Retirement (Part II)

By - Kimberly Palmer
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Provided by - Steven Taub PJC Men's Club Member

Getting as much money as possible, as early as possible, is best. Many people make the mistake of opting for higher payments from pension or other benefits payments during their lifetimes, which means their surviving spouses are left with less later. Mary McGrath, executive vice president at Cozad Asset Management, a financial planning firm in Champaign, Ill., says even couples with other assets should consider selecting an option that allows benefit payments to the surviving spouse after death, because suddenly losing all income adds unnecessary stress to the grieving process. "It's too upsetting to the survivor to have all of the income cease when you die," she says.

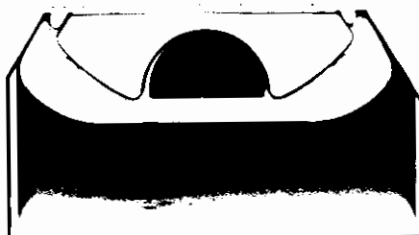
High-earners have less to worry about. While people who earn above-average income during their working lives tend to have acquired more resources than those who earn less, they also need more money in retirement in order to maintain their lifestyle. Hurd adds that another challenge for wealthier individuals is that they pay much heavier taxes, a factor many people forget to take into account.

Retirees should maintain their wealth until age 100. You can't go wrong saving too much, but Hurd says it's reasonable to look at more realistic survival rates. He defines a household as "adequately prepared" for retirement if it has a five percent or less chance of outliving its resources if it reduced its initial spending by 15 percent. By that definition, 83 percent of couples and 70 percent of single people are prepared.

Annuities are too expensive. Hurd says that more people should consider annuities as a way to ensure they maintain their wealth as they age. Annuities, or contracts with insurance companies that allow consumers to purchase a guaranteed income stream, tend to be under-used because people hesitate to pay a large lump sum now for a payout much later. "In my view, individuals are likely distrustful that the annuity will be there in 25 or 30 years when it is needed," says Hurd. But, he adds, "even partial annuitization would reduce the burden of managing the level of spending and the portfolio."

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Please Note: This report has been presented as a means to expose our readers to information and strategies that they might wish to explore. The material presented may not reflect the columnist's own personal opinion. - Yours truly, M. Gruber - Hakol Editor.



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SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH, 2009

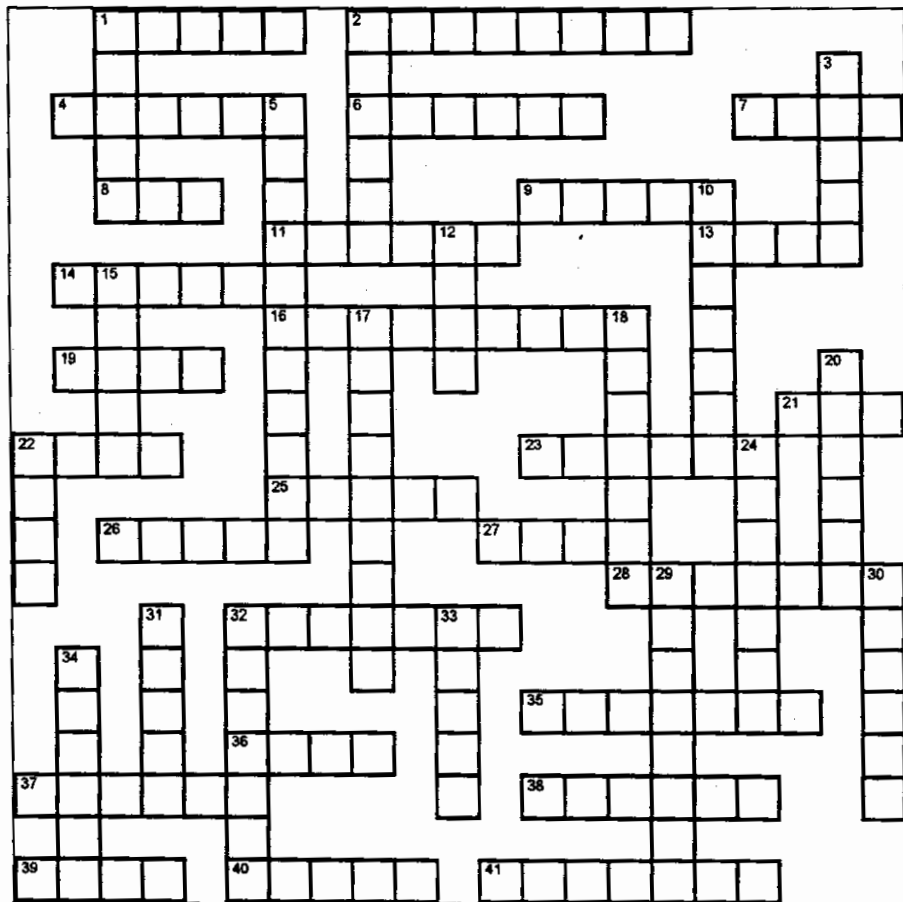
ACROSS:

- 1 Sukka decoration
- 2 Popular Sukkot food
- 4 Days between *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*: *Chol* ___
- 6 Jerome Kern's ___ *River*
- 7 ___ species
- 8 Comedian ___ Caesar
- 9 Synagogue platform
- 11 *Simchat Torah* month
- 13 Tel ___
- 14 Let's ___ the Sabbath lights
- 16 ___ in the Law
- 19 Polio scientist, Jonas
- 21 Israel's Six-Day ___
- 22 Early American cartoonist, Kirby
- 23 *Ushpizim*: spiritual ___
- 25 Five books of ___
- 26 Noah's ark endured ___ days of rain
- 27 *Simchat Torah* occurs on the ___nd day of Tishri (Roman nums)
- 28 They're taken out of ark on *Simchat Torah*
- 32 *Shemini* ___
- 35 *Simchat Torah* activity
- 36 *Pirkei* ___
- 37 Call to the Torah
- 38 He writes torah scrolls
- 39 Esau, Jacob's ___
- 40 They are taken in *sukkah*
- 41 Children's blessing: Ephraim and ___

DOWN:

- 1 They're waved on *Simchat Torah*
- 2 *Sukkot*: Festival of ___
- 3 Carried with an *etrog*

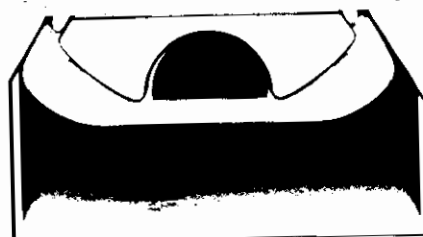
- 5 Last Torah book
- 10 *Sukkot*: one of the ___ festivals
- 12 *Tefilat geshem*: prayer for ___
- 15 A patriarch
- 17 Site of first and second Temples
- 18 *Bereishit*
- 20 *Sukkot* prayer
- 22 Author: Erica ___
- 24 He dedicated first Temple
- 29 *Hakafot*: seven ___
- 30 Temporary festival dwelling
- 31 Anne Frank's is famous
- 32 One of the *ushpizim*
- 33 *Shemoneh* ___
- 34 This tree's branches beaten five times



HIGH HOLIDAYS, SOLUTION - September 2009

ACROSS: 1 Bread; 4 Kites; 7 Israel; 8 Tova; 12 Rabin; 13 Kol Nidre; 14 Tel; 16 Neilah; 18 Isaac; 19 Baroni; 20 Maimonides; 25 Aruch; 27 Brachot; 28 Ark; 29 Olam; 31 Asher; 35 White; 36 Jonah; 37 Shofar; 38 Knesset; 40 Round; 41 Samuel

DOWN: 2 Diaspora; 3 Meat; 4 Kaddish; 5 Tallit; 6 Lox; 9 Repentance; 10 Fasting; 11 Tishri; 15 Eden; 17 Life; 21 Atonement; 22 Deborah; 23 Sarah; 24 Tefilah; 26 Hanukkah; 30 New Year; 32 Honey; 33 Jacob; 34 Yitzkor; 36 Joseph; 37 Sated; 39 Yam



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- Richard Friedman**
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(Co-Founder of the PJC Temple)
- Bob Sarrel**
(2nd Vice President of the PJC Temple)
- Dr. Julius Wolk**
(Father of Cantor Wolk)

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- Su Doku Puzzle -

This month's puzzle. Good Luck!

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Last month's completed puzzle.

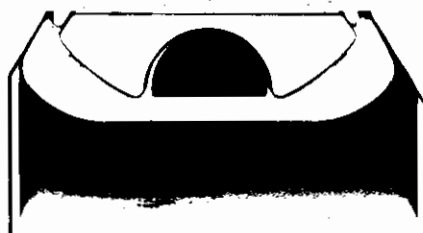
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Dvar Torah: Am Yisroel Chai (Part II)

By Rabbi Baruch Lederman

The baffled men in the shul did not understand what had happened. What was this number? What had become of Kaufman? But in the back of the room, one man understood completely. The number was Menachem's number, tattooed on his arm as a lifetime reminder of the darkest period of Jewish history.

Menachem moved slowly toward the bimah. Finally, as they saw him approaching his long-lost brother, they understood the scene that was unfolding in front of them. Menachem needed no introduction. With tears coursing down his face, he cried out, "Shloimele! Shloimele! Is it really you?"

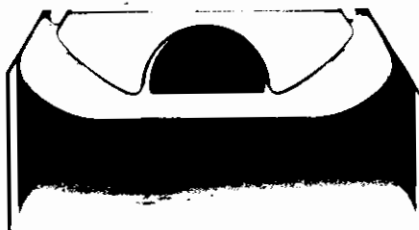
"Yes, Menachem, it's really me!" Kaufman answered, embracing his friend. They wept into each other's shoulders, rocking gently. "Ay, ay, ay, ay, ay," Kaufman breathed. Words were powerless to carry his chaotic emotions.

As these two men stood together it seemed that the Heavens had opened up to declare, through them, that Hashem would never forsake His people. Am Yisrael Chai! The Jewish nation is alive, and Torah has been rebuilt in America. The Holocaust survivors who came to America planted the seeds, and it is up to us to reap the fruits of their labor and continue their legacy.

The foregoing is documented in Stories for the Jewish Heart by Binyomin Pruzansky.

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy ... you just hoped nobody found out



My Old Neighborhood

Submitted by – Al Baker

My Old Neighborhood in The Bronx – (Part II)

No-matter What Your Ethnic Background We Have This Common Bond

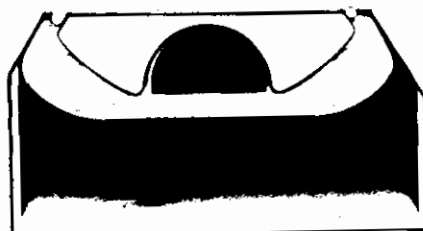
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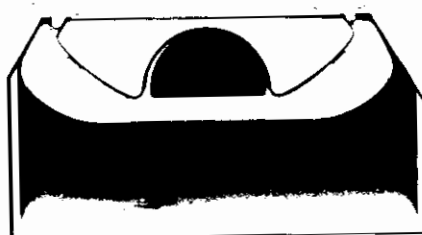
wagon was pulled by a tired looking horse. He didn't have to shout. He'd slowly make his way up the block, while those three cow bells strung across the top of his seat sounded his approach. The kids had fun harassing him. He'd either ignore us or spit at us. Looked like he was a tobacco chewer! Next up the street was that odd looking vehicle for grinding knives and scissors. How about the half-moon and whip rides. This went on all day long. The iceman and seltzer man delivered direct to your door. Can you imagine, with refrigerators so common today that there was a need for an iceman. When everyone had passed, the ultimate visitor to our street was the lone sanitation man with his barrel on wheels and his broad wired broom. He would sweep and manicure the curbs. One other vendor worth mentioning was our very own Sweet Potato man. Now here's a real oddity. How many neighborhoods could boast of an old codger selling sweet potatoes? He was somebody's grandfather, real skinny, hunched over, mid-seventies, wearing tattered clothes with a crumpled fedora. He had the weirdest looking pushcart. It had extra large wheels on a body partly wood and metal. There was a stove built in and a chimney that extended maybe four feet up, with a cone-shaped cover. He sold half a sweet potato for 25 cents. In all the years I bought yams from him, I never heard him utter a word! There was a constant bustle of activity. The Scooter was a popular and inexpensive substitute for a bike. Made from a four foot long, two-by-four plank of wood, a crate would be nailed at one end with iron skate wheels underneath. Wooden handles were attached and the crate was adorned with bottle caps, flags and anything else that gave it distinction. We stored these great works of art in the basements of our apartment buildings. Roller-skating was a pastime enjoyed by younger kids. Remember those adjustable steel roller skates? There was a vice grip on the front to secure your sneaker or shoe. Of course, the key was indispensable. The noise these skates made was deafening, but we'd skate for hours round and round the block. I finally strung the key around my neck so I wouldn't lose.

Baseball Card flipping was a preferred activity among the boys. Remember the term 'larry'? It meant you flipped last. One variation was holding the card flat against the apartment building wall and letting it flutter to the ground, usually inside a courtyard so the wind wouldn't affect it. I wish I had all those Ferris Fains, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra cards I used to flip. What mother wasn't guilty of throwing out a couple of boxes of baseball cards? Kids were playing all the time on every corner, in every street. Marbles, Hit-the-Stick, on and on. Skully was a game we played in the middle of the street usually on our bellies, flicking bottle caps around a painted board. We'd wax our bottle caps to give them extra weight. A vital edge was needed to win. Even though the traffic up the street was constant, no one ever got struck by a car. There were many individuals I especially remember. One was our Super, Junior. He was either Irish or Polish. I never knew his real name. He was a strapping 6' 3", built like an ox. His hair was straight and forever dangling on his forehead. Sweat was always pouring off him. He had one missing front tooth. He always wore the same outfit, a white T-shirt with dark trousers. I never forgot the day he came to disconnect a faulty radiator. It was at least a twelve-rib, cast-iron monster. It had to weigh a ton. He actually carried the thing out of the apartment with little effort, almost like he was cradling a baby. He replaced it with another radiator later that day. My mother always gave him a shot of whiskey at the end of every job. I guess she figured it was a good way to tip him. Junior would be everywhere throughout the building and around the grounds, fixing things, cleaning, putting out the garbage, and filling other tin cans with coal residue from the furnace. No heat? Just bang on the pipes and Junior would oblige. Next you'd hear the pings and hisses as the steam heat came through the pipes. On certain days our dumbwaiter bell would ring and I'd run to the kitchen and place our bags of garbage on the open wooden elevator. Junior would sometimes shout up the shaft and we'd ring our bell to let him know he could haul it down. The contraption was hand operated with a rope. Junior was a great guy and a topnotch super. It was strictly a one-man operation. Looking back, I don't know how he handled all the work in such a large apartment house.

Joe Baker owned the local hardware store on 183rd Street and Bassford Avenue. His store was not only dimly lit but cluttered with all sorts of hardware items. It was difficult walking down the aisles, the merchandise was spilling over the counters. There was Joe behind the cash register, a tall man with horn-rimmed glasses and a mustache. He knew where everything was and pulled it off the shelves in a jiffy without the rest of the stuff falling off. He had a bad habit of short-changing unsuspecting customers, especially us kids. I was warned about him early on and recounted my change before I left the store. Barney's was a local soda fountain joint on 183rd just up the block from Joe Baker's. There were several Barney's over the years, but one in particular made the greatest egg creams, not to mention the usual ice cream sodas and milk shakes.

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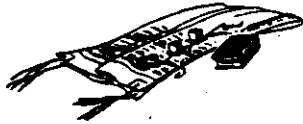


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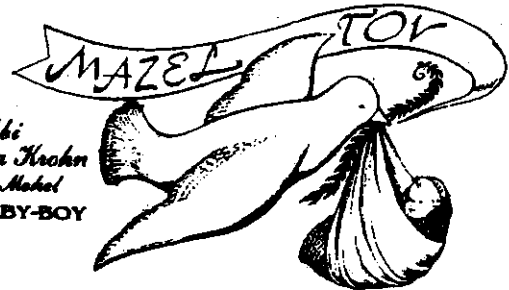
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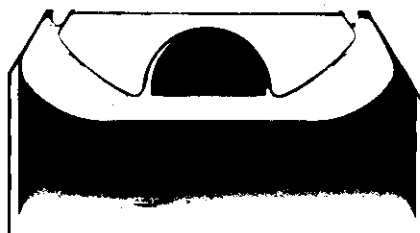
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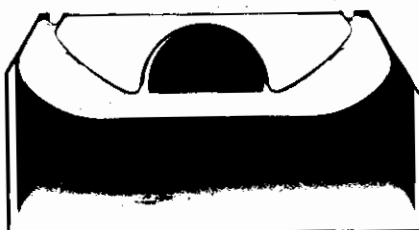
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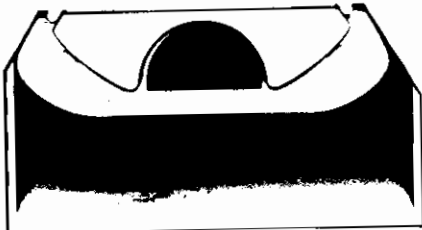
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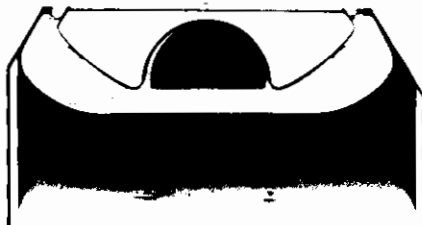
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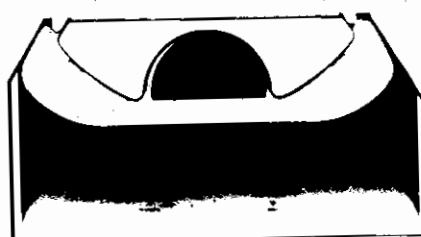


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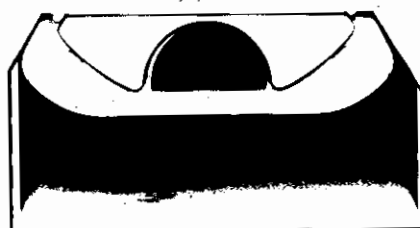
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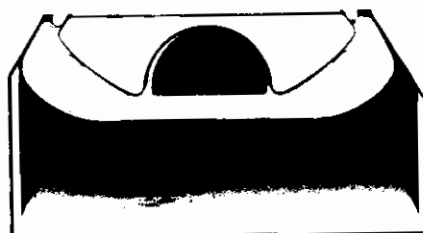
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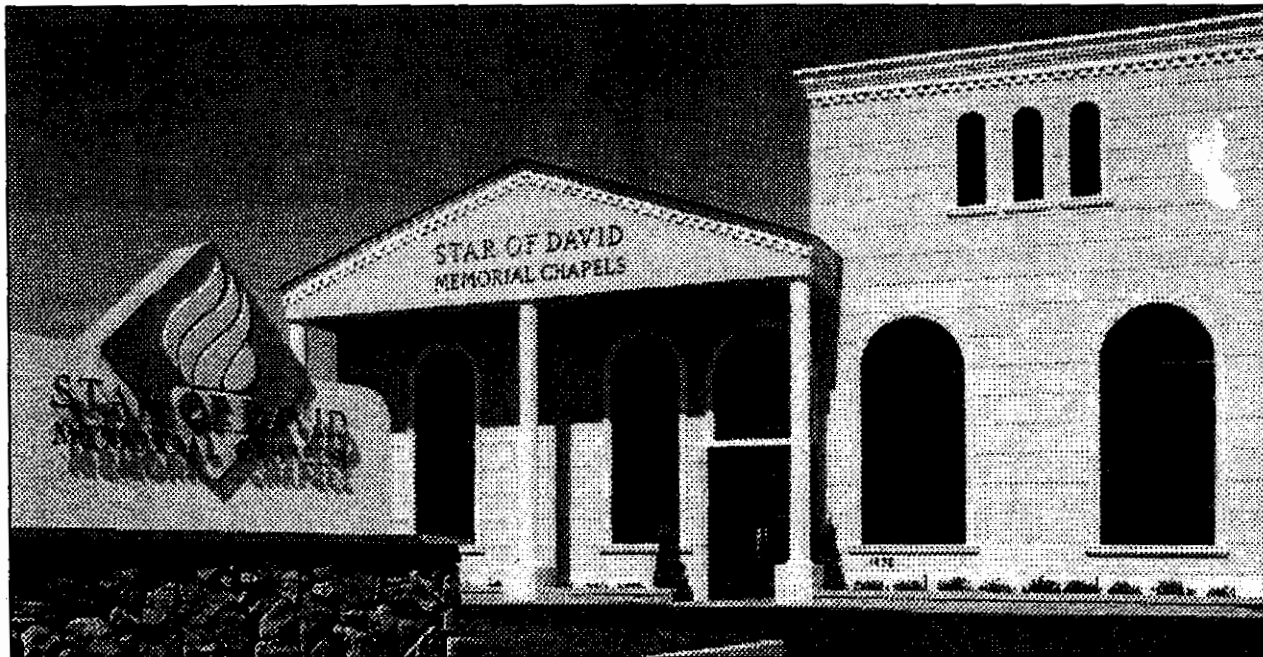
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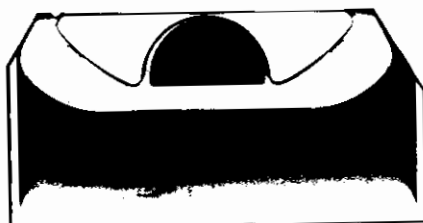
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