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SISTERHOOD MEETING

*TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AT 8:15PM
"DONT WORRY....BE HAPPY"*

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HAMAKOM YINACHEM

**Janice Hurowitz, upon the passing of her father, Robert Mitchell
David Dender, upon the passing of his father, Marvin Dender
Ellen Sternstein, upon the passing of her father, Joseph Dashefsky**

WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR DONATION TO PJC:

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WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Mon. thru Fri..... 6:30AM
Mon. thru Thurs.....8:00PM
Sun. and Holidays..... 9:00AM
Sun. and Holidays..... 8:00PM
Friday Evening Services -
Check Calendar for Times**

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OCTOBER 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, October 1st

Simchat Torah Service.....9:00AM
Simchat Torah(Rejoicing in the Torah) is the second day of Shemini Atzeret. Then the reading of the Torah is completed and begun anew for the coming year
 Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Sabbath Eve Services.....6:00 PM
 Light Candles.....6:21 PM
 Oneg Shabbat In Kirschner Room

Saturday, October 2nd

Shacharith Service.....9:00 AM
 Bar Mitzvah: Sam Lumerman
 Son of Dvorah & David Lumerman
 Extended Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room
 Mincha/Maariv.....6:15 PM

Sunday, October 3rd

Services followed by Men’s Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Breakfast with Men’s Club International
 president, Mark Berlin ... 10:00AM
 Tironim.....5:30-7:00PM
 Rosh Chodesh: It’s A Girl’s Thing5:30-7:30PM
 USY.....7:00-8:30PM

Monday, October 4th

SAT classes.....7:00-9:00PM
 School Committee.....8:15PM

Tuesday, October 5th

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, October 6th

SAT classes.....7:00-9:00PM

Friday, October 8th

Light Candles.....6:10PM
 Early Service.....6:00PM
 Family Friendly Friday Night Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, October 9th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM
 Bar Mitzvah: Austin Hafkin
 Son of Melissa & Allan Hafkin
 Mincha/Maariv.....6:15PM

Sunday, October 10th

Services followed by Men’s Club T/T Breakfast.... 9:00 AM

Monday, October 11th

SAT classes7:00-9:00PM
 Adult Institute Registration.....7:30-8:45PM
 Speaker: Dr. Leonard Cole: Terror - *How Israel Has Coped and What America Can Learn*.....9:00PM

Tuesday, October 12th

Men’s Club MEET THE CANDIDATES.....8:15PM

Wednesday, October 13th

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn.....11:00AM
 Ritual Committee.....8:15PM

Friday, October 15th

Light Shabbat Candles.....5:59PM
 Early Service.....6:00PM
 Sabbath Eve Service.....7:00PM
 Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, October 16th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM
 Bar Mitzvah: Jonathan Kalman
 Son of Rachel & Brian Kalman
 Aufruf: Troy Fingold & Sami Balot
 Son of Wendy & Dennis Fingold
 Extended Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room
 Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....6:00PM

Sunday, October 17th

Services followed by Men’s Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 OPEN HOUSE-MEET THE TEACHER.....9:15AM
 Kadimah.....5:30-7:00PM
 USY.....7:00-8:30PM

Monday, October 18th

(Noar Yotzer) “Jewish Lens” Teen Program.....6:15-8:00PM
 Adult Institute.....7:45-8:45PM
 Speaker –To Be Announced.....9:00PM

Wednesday, October 19th

CONGREGATION MEETING.....8:15PM

Friday, October 22th

Early Service.....5:45PM
 Light Candles.....5:48 PM
 Shabbath Eve Services.....7:00PM
 Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, October 23rd

Shacharith Services.....9:00 AM
 Bat Mitzvah: Kimberly Schwartz
 Daughter of Lauri & David Schwartz
 Babynaming: Rivkah Mwila Ginsburg
 Daughter of Andrew & Chandra Ginsburg
 Granddaughter of Carol Ginsburg
 Extended Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room

Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha Maariv.....5:45 PM

Sunday, October 24th

Services followed by Men’s Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 Bet Class Workshop.....11:15AM-1:00PM
 USY Kick-off Dance.....5:00-8:00PM
 “It’s A Girl Thing” Program.....5:30-7:30PM

Monday, October 25th

Adult Institute.....7:45-8:45PM
 Speaker: Rabbi Jonathan Lasson:
 “Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community”.....9:00PM

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FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

This year, our synagogue is taking a new approach to volunteering. Thanks to a grant from UJA Federation's Synergy program, we are working with consultant Pat Ward to help identify and encourage new volunteers, and to match our new volunteers with appropriate and fulfilling volunteer opportunities at PJC. In the process, we have done a lot of thinking about the Jewish value of volunteering. Beryl Kwitkin and I prepared the following reflection on volunteering in Jewish tradition. We hope you will find our piece informative and inspiring.

The Jewish people introduced the idea of the One God to the world. Yet, our tradition teaches us that there is something even more important than our relationship with God. Nearly two thousand years ago, Rabbi Akiva, the great scholar and community leader, taught "Love your neighbor as yourself"—this is the fundamental principle of the Torah. Opening our hearts to other people is even more important than opening our hearts to God.

How, we might ask, could loving our neighbors be even more important than loving God? Because in Judaism, doing is even more important than believing. Believing in God means being part of a covenant that binds us God and to each other. This covenant spells out our responsibilities to God and to our fellow humans. We call these responsibilities mitzvot. The ultimate purpose of these mitzvot is tikkun olam—perfecting the world. In this effort, we are partners with God and with all other Jews now and in the future. In words of Rabbi Tarfon, who lived almost two thousand years ago, "it is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, nor are you free to desist from it". Through our acts of tikkun olam, each of us does our part.

Because we are partners in the covenant with God, Jewish tradition teaches us that we have an obligation to help each other as well. As the Talmud teaches, "all Jews are responsible for each other". This sense of responsibility leads us not only to give of ourselves to individuals in need, but also to give our time and resources to build and maintain the Jewish communal institutions that serve the physical, educational and spiritual needs of our fellow Jews. Both these types of volunteering serve our larger goal of tikkun olam.

The synagogue offers a wide range of opportunities for volunteering; including working with children, assisting senior citizens, welcoming newcomers, promoting education for people of all ages, helping to publicize programs that benefit the community and providing leadership for the congregation itself. Participating in any of these activities gives us the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our fellow Jews. The greatest benefit, though, may be the one we receive through volunteering. In the words of Great Britain's Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, "Beneath the clamour of self-interest, a quieter voice within us whispers the deeper truth, that the greatest gift is to be able to give."

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah:

Those who are interested in celebrating an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah are invited to an "Interest Meeting" with Rabbi Conn on Sunday, October 31st at 10:30 AM. Rabbi Conn will discuss the process of studying for an Adult Bar/Mitzvah at PJC and answer any question about this exciting program. Join us for coffee and a chance to be part of a life-changing step on your Jewish journey.

The Cantor's Note:

Remembering Seymour Sherman



Now that the *Yamim Noraim* are over, I would like to express my gratitude to Rich Liptzin and our choir for their fine renditions on the High Holy Days. We, as a congregation, are so fortunate to have been able to sustain a volunteer choir for over 40 years. I am very thankful to have Rich, a

gifted and talented professional musician and teacher, as its director, carrying on the tradition.

Recently, a study came to my attention that had been conducted online in May and June on behalf of the Zamir Choral Foundation. It showed that Jewish choral singers are more Jewishly involved than the average American Jew. Responses to this survey from Jewish singers, cantors and music lovers showed that people who take part in Jewish choral singing are more likely to do more Jewish volunteering, give to Jewish causes, and belong to synagogues than the American Jewish community in general. Researchers in charge of the survey stopped short of drawing a causal relationship between Jewish choral singing and Jewish involvement, but they asserted that the study provides strong anecdotal evidence that many people who are not otherwise involved in Jewish life find their way in through their love of Jewish singing. Being involved in a Jewish choir is an entry point into Jewish life. An overwhelming majority of respondents said that singing in Jewish choirs made them feel connected to the Jewish people.

On the day before *erev Yom Kippur* I was saddened to learn of the passing of Seymour Sherman after a long illness. Sy, a choral music teacher in the Plainedge system, was the first choir director of the Plainview Jewish Center. He served for over 25 years, 21 of which were with me. He and his wife, Fronya, were long time members of this congregation until they retired to New Jersey in 1995. Because many of you never knew Seymour or had the privilege of seeing him conduct, I am going to offer an excerpt of the eulogy I delivered at his funeral.

I first came to know Seymour Sherman 37 years ago. I had been selected to become cantor of the Plainview Jewish Center. That my tenure was to begin on September 1st was a circumstance that did not allow sufficient time for me to learn and rehearse an entirely new repertoire before the High Holy Days. So, every Wednesday evening throughout the preceding summer months, I would drive to Plainview from my home in New Jersey to practice with Sy and the choir. In those years there were almost three dozen members, and Sy would preside over them and conduct them with a magisterial and awe-inspiring expertise. I had never experienced anything quite like it. I have to admit that being a lot younger then, and coming from a much smaller congregation which did not have a choir, I felt overwhelmed by the enormity of the task at Plainview that first year. But, inexperienced as I was, Sy nonetheless treated me with respect, understanding, patience and forbearance, kindness, and a lot of *rachmones*, compassion. This is the sort of man he was with everyone. With him at my side, and on my side, I managed to get through those holidays and that first difficult year. This became the basis, not only for our professional relationship, but of my enduring affection and admiration for Sy. We became a team, and with him at the helm I felt blessed. Seymour was a consummate musician with an outstanding background in Jewish liturgical music and synagogue choral traditions as well as general music. He was a gifted composer and arranger who composed new repertoire for our congregation which completely revitalized our musical service. We continue

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

Having just completed the High Holidays, I have been asked and am honored to highlight in this month's columns, excerpts from my address to the congregation. Your continued input and assessment is greatly welcomed and appreciated. For the first time in some 14 years, our Shul is growing once again, the fruition of our Strategic Plan created 7 years ago. I cannot take sole credit, our two previous administrations headed by Barbara Greenberg and Michael Stromberg deserve much of the credit for putting us on the right track.



As of this very day, over 20 new families have joined our Synagogue. Even more promising is the fact that the first 14 of these families have no less than three children each, adding 42 children into our pipeline of Religious School and Bnai Mivvah's. Prior to the beginning of the membership drive, we had already enrolled 12 additional students into the Religious School, over and above what had been very conservatively budgeted for.

Why the turnaround you may ask? It's simple. We have purged the demons that plagued us; introspectively, we were forced to take a hard look at ourselves. We now understand that we must ask and expect of our Synagogue, that which we ask and expect of ourselves. **NO MORE STAGNATION, NO MORE STATUS QUO!** If we are to flourish, we must continually strive higher and be willing to make the changes needed to accomplish our goals. Re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic is not a solution, it's a sure fire way to fail.

PJC can only be responsible for its own actions. Competition, apathy, and non-affiliation are beyond our control. We set our own destiny. From this point forward, we take ownership of our enterprise and must be responsible for our decisions and actions. No more do we blame others, not a Rabbi, not a caterer, not the other members; just ourselves. We have been blessed with a unique opportunity to start over. We have been afforded a **SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION!**

Sir Winston Churchill said it best in describing the role of the Royal Air Force during the Battle of Britain; "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." – The vast majority of our members benefit from the hard work of many, but a select few.

PJC is moving by leaps and bounds. Our growth and potential are limited by one key factor: YOU. I urge each and every one of you to take an active part in shaping our future. We need volunteers and we need fresh new critiques and ideas. My officers, my board, and my existing committee chairs have already stepped forward. A congregation is made up of a sum of its parts. PJC has an astonishing history. A President's term is just two years; our successes are judged not by making people happy, but by engaging and empowering others to get involved. I have always felt that if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

With this said, I would like to thank the following people for all of their hard work, over the past few weeks.

- First and foremost, Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk
- Our Chazzan Shani, Gabe Seed
- Our office Staff; Susan, Zelda, Lucy and Rori
- Our maintenance staff extraordinaire Freddy, Bob, Johnny and Johnny Jr.
- Richard Liptzin and our Choir

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**THE FOLLOWING NAMES WERE INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF
THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.
MAY THESE LOVED ONES BE REMEMBERED
WITH HEARTFELT AFFECTION AND UNFORGETTABLE DEVOTION.**

**Andrew Allen
Norman Brennan
Claire Cimineri
Leonard Gross
David Victor Gross
Ann Leskowitz
Lawrence Leskowitz
Sam Leskowitz**

**Benjamin Mosner
Goldie Mosner
Moshe Mosner
Henry Neidich
Benzion Newman
Celia Newman
Elias Newman
Louis Newman**

**Elaine Pazer
Belle Schwartz
Lenny Stromberg
Mary Stromberg
Meyer Stromberg
Gail Toberisky
Clara Wertel**

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Wednesday, October 27th

Chai Mitzvah Organizational Meeting.....7:30PM

Thursday, October 28th

Family Ed Committee.....8:15PM

Friday, October 29th

Sabbath Eve Service.....5:30PM

Tot Shabbat.....6:00PM

Yeladim.....7:00PM

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, October 30th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM

Junior Congregation.....9:45AM

Shabbat B'Yachad-"Shabbat is One".....10:30AM

Mincha/Maariv.....5:30PM

Sunday, October 31st

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

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class.....10:00AM

PJC YOUTH CORNER

Hope all of you enjoyed the holidays. It's a time for friends and family to spend together. It was great meeting all of you at our opening event and hope to see more of you. Tironim meets once a month from 5:30-7pm, Kadima meets once/twice a month from 5:30-7pm and USY meets once a week from 7-8:30pm. Pizza will be served at all Tironim and Kadima events. Here is a calendar for the upcoming events:

- October 3 - Tironim 5:30-7pm Game Night
Rakevet USY Lounge Night for more info, contact Lois
- October 17 - Kadima 5:30-7pm
USY 7-8:30pm
- October 24 - METNY Kickoff Dance 5-8pm at PJC

Any further questions, please contact me at 516-426-6283 or
lois-lange@yahoo.com

CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



SAMUEL LUMERMAN

October 2, 2010

Samuel is the son of Dvora and David Lumerman and has a brother, Henry. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Samuel enjoys participating in Troop 423 Boy Scouts. His favorite holiday is

Chanukah which he celebrates with his family. Samuel filmed a short video documentary of his grandfather and greatuncle's lives when they escaped from Poland during WWII!



AUSTIN HAFKIN

October 9, 2010

Austin is the son of Melissa and Allan Hafkin and has two brothers, Harrison and Samuel, and a sister, Brooke. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Austin enjoys playing guitar and bass, soccer, basketball and

snowboarding. His favorite holidays are Chanukah and Passover and he is interested in learning about Jewish history



JONATHAN KALMAN

October 16, 2010

Jonathan is the son of Rachel and Brian Kalman and has a brother, Justin. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Jonathan enjoys playing basketball, hockey, baseball and fishing. His favorite

holiday is Rosh Hashanah because he loves being with his family and eating the food! For his Mitzvah Project, he is helping with the *Food Allergy Anaphylaxis Network* annual Walk-a-thon.



KIMBERLY SCHWARTZ

October 23, 2010

Kimberly is the daughter of Lauri and David Schwartz and has a brother, Josh. She is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Kimberly enjoys participating in school plays, swimming, roller coasters and being with

her friends. Her favorite holiday is Sukkot because she likes to eat in the Sukkah.

YOUR GENTLY USED FOOTWEAR CAN CHANGE A LIFE!

We are collecting new or gently used footwear, any size, any style. Shoes will be donated to "Soles4Souls," an organization that has distributed over 8 million pairs of shoes to people in over 124 countries.

The collection box is in the hallway outside the PJC office.
Cash donations to be used toward shipping costs
would also be greatly appreciated.

A big Thank you for your support on my Mitzvah project.
Lizzy Roth, PJC Student
For further information, visit www.plainviewjewishcenter.org

Family Education News by *Judy Alper*

Thank you to everyone who helped make Family Education events this past month so successful. Special thanks go to the families who opened their sukkahs and hearts to us: Mina and Beryl Kwitkin, Janice and Len Marks, Michael and Susan Stromberg, Cantor and Geri Wolk, Rhonnie Diener, Diane and Joe Miller, Judy and Abe Alper and Rabbi and Illyse Conn. A big thank you as well to Gail Kriss and Rhonnie Diener who always pitch in at all dining in the sukkah events—year after year their efforts are greatly appreciated. Since this is written prior to the actual events, I am going to thank all anonymous helpers who so generously gave of their time.

The **Family Friendly Friday Night Service** will begin again on Friday evening, October 8th at 7pm. There is a spiritual satisfaction we receive with the high holydays. Keep up that feeling through the year by attending the FFFNS. It is a relaxed service with easy to follow tunes and a special camaraderie amongst all who attend. It is followed by an oneg celebrating the life cycle events of those who wish to sponsor. We look forward to seeing you there!

Attention all girls going into 6th and 7th grades: **Rosh Chodesh: It's A Girl Thing!** will be beginning on Sunday, October 3rd at 5:30 pm celebrating the month of Cheshvan and an additional meeting on Sunday, October 24th at 5:30pm celebrating the beginning of the month of Kislev and Chanukah. How much fun can one group have??? Our meetings are all based on the Jewish calendar and Jewish female role models. The program for each month usually includes a craft or activity, pizza and of course, plenty of fun. Please make sure you RSVP at least 5 days in advance so that we can be assured of plenty of supplies, pizza and snacks.

Are you pleased with the assortment of Family Education activities? Would you like to see some new ones or slight changes in others? The Family Education Committee is having a meeting on Thursday evening, October 28th at 8:30pm and we would love your opinion and help!!!

For information, or to make a reservation at any of the above events, please email Judy Alper at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com or leave a message at 516-938-8610, ext. 112.

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



TASHLICH

**OVER 100 PJC
MEMBERS AND
FRIENDS**



COLD SPRING HARBOR

2010



SELICHOT, SEPTEMBER 2010

What a wonderful evening we had at *The Plainview Jewish Center* on September 4th. No, it wasn't a dance, it wasn't a Bar Mitzvah and it wasn't a wedding. It was *Selichot* and we missed seeing you there.

The evening began with the *Havdalah* service. At the conclusion of the *Havdalah* service we moved to the Kirschner room for dessert and a special discussion led by Rabbi Conn about the prayer "*Aveinu Malkaynu*". We then formed into groups where we had individual discussions, based on questions given to us by Rabbi Conn, and delved into our own thoughts and feelings. Everyone had a great time.

After the program we went into the sanctuary for the changing of our *Torah* mantles. Nine couples were chosen to read special quotes, remove the regular mantles (covers) and put on the special *Rosh Hashanah* mantles. It was a very touching experience.

We then had the *Selichot* service led by Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk along with the voices of the PJC Choir. This was followed by a light supper.

A wonderful time was had by all. We hope you'll join us at *Selichot* services next year.

Doris Cooper and Bunny Finkelstein

Bible Class

Rabbi Conn's Bible Class will resume at 8:15 PM on Wednesday November 3rd in the Youth Corner. Please join us for a thought provoking discussion of the story of David and Saul.

Lunch and Learn

Join us for the first Lunch and Learn of the season on Wednesday, October 13th at 11:00 AM. We will be discussing the topic "What are Obligations of the Wealthy in Jewish Tradition?" Join us for this timely discussion and lunch. Donation: \$5. Please RSVP to the Temple office by October 11th.



**IT'S NOT A BAR/BAT MITZVAH.
IT'S A CHAI MITZVAH.**

Was the last time you celebrated being Jewish when you were thirteen?

Turn your 31st, 49th, 67th or 80+ birthday into a uniquely Jewish lifetime event.

Our community has been selected as a site for the second cycle of this exciting new project. With the help and support of BJE-SAJES, we are happy to offer Chai Mitzvah to the members of Plainview Jewish Center.

The 21st Century tradition of Chai Mitzvah is celebrated every eighteen years after your bar/bat mitzvah, and any time after 80 years of age.* It is your opportunity to grow your Judaism in a way that is meaningful to you. Through Chai Mitzvah you will increase your Judaic knowledge, adopt a new ritual or deepen your existing practices, and/or engage in the social action of your choice.

Chai Mitzvah programs begin on October 27th. Our congregation's Chai Mitzvah Mentor Nanette Strenger and Rabbi Conn will help you design a Chai Mitzvah program that is meaningful to you. This is your opportunity to engage in the many learning, ritual and social action projects that your synagogue and the larger Jewish community have to offer. Chai Mitzvah participants are also encouraged to attend monthly community classes with a unique curriculum designed especially for each age group. Your experience will culminate in a community wide celebration.

Grow your Judaism. Become a Chai Mitzvah. **For information about Chai Mitzvah, contact our Chai Mitzvah mentor, Nanette Strenger @ Nette681@aol.com or Rabbi Conn @ 516 938-8610 x106 or rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.com.**

**Chai Mitzvah participants may be within two years of the age categories (i.e. 47-51)*

SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

We just finished celebrating the fall holidays. Of these holidays, most people are unaware of the significance of one, "Shemini Atzeret". "Atzeret" means assembly and "shemini" is the number eight. Therefore, the holiday on the eighth day of Sukkot is called "The Eighth Day of Assembly". In the Torah, Numbers 29, God commanded us to celebrate the holiday by bringing one bull. "On the eighth day you shall hold a solemn gathering. You shall not work at your occupations. You shall present a burnt offering, a gift of pleasing the Lord; one bull."

For the days before and during Sukkot, the Israelites brought many bulls as an offering to God (the first day they brought 13 bulls), and diminished them by one every day – so on the seventh day they brought only 7 bulls. So why only one on the eighth day? The Talmud teaches us that the 70 bulls (the total number during the Sukkot holiday) represents a Thanksgiving offering on behalf of the 70 nations of the world (Sukkah 55.B from the Talmud). But on the eighth day, Israel brought only one on behalf of themselves as a thank you offering for God's goodness.

Still, why after 7 days of celebration do we need another holiday? To understand this, I will offer an analogy. I hope that some of you will like this explanation. When we have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah party, we invite people from all over and some come from far-away states. After the Saturday night party, the caterer will often tell the family of the simcha, "I have so much food that is left over, please take it and make a brunch on Sunday, for these special guests who are still staying with you." I myself have participated in this kind of brunch once or twice.

The same way, God is telling the Jewish people all through the Sukkot holiday, "We celebrated the holidays on behalf of the 70 nations of the world. Now I want you (the Jews) to stay with me one more day to eat the leftovers (from one bull) and have quality time with me." There is a beautiful lesson here. In any simcha (happy occasion), the guests and all the trimmings are not more important than spending quality time with the owner of the simcha.

In Israel, Shemini Atzeret is celebrated with Simchat Torah as one day. In the Diaspora, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are celebrated on separate days.

Parents, I would like to bring to your attention that on Sunday, October 17th we will have an Open House School Orientation. Parents will hear reports from the principal and teachers about their goals for this year. Parents will also be invited to observe the teachers in their classrooms. On the same morning, our new Parent Council Association will have an opening meeting with refreshments.

Towards the end of the month, we will have a new program, "Shabbat As One". On Saturday, October 30th, Junior Congregation will start at 10:30 AM and at approximately 11:30 AM we will take the participants to the main service, to be part of the musaf prayer in the Main Sanctuary. There will be four Shabbatot like this during the year, and each child is required to attend at least two.

Our new teen program, "Jewish Lens" (photography program), will start on Monday, October 18th at 6PM. We still have room. Please call the school office for more information.

Chodus Tov (Good Month)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Oct. 1 (Fri) Jr. Congregation Morning Simchat Torah Service – 2 Category A Credits
 3 (Sun) School Resumes for Kind/Sun School through Gimel
 Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 2 – for both Daled & Hey - 9AM–11AM in Youth Building
 It's A Girl Thing – 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
 8 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 9-11 (Sat-Mon) Columbus Day Weekend – No School or Junior Congregation
 14 (Thu) Focus Meeting – 6:30 PM
 15 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 17 (Sun) School Resumes for Kind/Sun School through Gimel
Open House – Meet the Teacher
 Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 2 – for both Daled & Hey - 9AM–11AM in Youth Building
 18 (Mon) (Noar Yotzer) “Jewish Lens” Teen Program – 6:15 – 8:00 PM
 24 (Sun) School in Session
 Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 3 – for both Daled & Hey - 9AM–11AM in Youth Building
 Bet Workshop – 11:15 AM – 1PM
 It's A Girl Thing – 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 29 (Fri) Tot Shabbat – 6:00 – 6:30 PM
 Yeladim Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 30 (Sat) “Shabbat As One” – Junior Congregation will take place 10:30 AM – 12PM. Children will be taken to the Main Sanctuary from 11:30 – 12PM (parents are welcome to attend) and they will conclude with the Congregation Kiddush.
 31 (Sun) School in Session
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Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

I hope you all had meaningful High Holiday experiences and have really celebrated Sukkot by visiting some of the many Sukkahs to be found in Plainview, perhaps even building your own, and by enjoying a meal in some. The PJC Sukkah hop is always an enjoyable event!!

Last month this column contained the first of what I hope will be several columns this year describing the many things that one can do on a visit to Israel. I am starting with some descriptions by young people. I hope many of you enjoyed reading what Aliza Sternstein had to say about her gap year in Israel. This month, we are highlighting recollections from Carly Rubinfeld of a recent Israeli trip with her peers. I'd still like to find one of our young people who attended Birthright and would like to share their memories. I also have some information from congregants which I will expand on in future columns, but I would like to get more stories. So if anyone out there would like to share drop me a note at skunoff@optonline.net.

The following was written by Carly Rubinfeld who is now a Freshman at Binghamton University:

“Hat? Check. Sunglasses? Check. Notebook and pen? Check., ‘I think I’m ready to go’, I thought to myself. I was ready for the trip of a lifetime. As a senior at Solomon Schechter High School of Long Island, I culminate my four years of high school with a three week trip to Israel with the rest of my class. I have been to the land of ‘milk and honey’ before, but did not get to see everything I wanted. This time I knew that I was going to see Israel with a more educated and mature perspective. The one thing I did not expect was to find how hard Israel tries to be menchlich.

My senior class and I did a couple of mitzvah projects while we were in Israel. Being in Israel, one thinks it’s important to connect to religion and spirituality. It was important for me to get in touch with my religion, but I wanted to know more about my culture and the problems Israel faces. Through these mitzvah projects I saw that Israel needs everyone’s help.

One of the projects that struck me the most was volunteering at an Ethiopian absorption center. These Absorption centers are all over the country and are for immigrants coming to Israel. This absorption center was specifically for Ethiopian children and their families. The children live at the absorption center and learn how to blend into Israeli society. All of these children come from homes where there was no electricity and where mothers did not understand what a diaper was. The parents know Hebrew but their children at the absorption center learn how to speak it fluently.

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When my classmates and I showed up to the absorption center all the children were peering through the windows with such excitement in their eyes at who their new playmates would be for the day. I organized an art project for the children where we had them print their handprints. It turned out to be a big mess of colors but the kids couldn't be happier. Some of the children went to play soccer or on the play ground with my classmates but I stayed with the kids who wanted to color. Through coloring with the paints the kids let down their guard and spoke to me about their moms' favorite shows and games. They were so animated and vibrant for children who have been through a lot. When I started drawing cartoons for them like Mickey Mouse and Dora they couldn't believe it. They thought I possessed some magical power, it was adorable. One of the young girls asked me to draw Diego for her. One of the boys saw what I was drawing and said in Hebrew, 'I want it', but I quickly said, 'after this one', in Hebrew. To my surprise the girl handed the picture I drew to the boy. I said to the girl, 'But, don't you want it?', and she said, 'it's okay, he really likes it'. Wow a six year old girl is more selfless then most of the people who are my age. I couldn't believe it. Those kids really put things in perspective for me.

It was so amazing for such young children to say so much in such a small frame time. I would trade anything in the world to be with those kids again, to see them smile and know I helped them smile. Israel is filled with history, religion, and beauty, but I think if we all could take a closer look and see the hidden gems, like the Ethiopian children, we would all be surprised at what we would find."

Experiences like Carly's make me nostalgic for our family trips to Israel and also make me aware of how wonderful it is to have a young person's perspective. I was also struck by how Carly understood how a trip with ones peers at this age is very different than a family trip to Israel. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to experience both. I wish you all have such an opportunity for your family and I would love you to share your joy with the PJC in future columns.

Sharon Kunoff

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Hatzilu appreciates all money donations as well. A food collection box will be placed by the main entrance of the synagogue.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*

Now is the time to join Sisterhood! The High Holidays are behind us, yet the whole Sisterhood program year is just beginning. Sisterhood offers many different venues to get involved. We are always looking for new people to come and join us. We love new faces with new ideas.

On September 26th we had a very successful Zahava meeting, and October 5th will be our first general meeting, "How to live a Stress-free life with a sense of humor."



On Sunday November 7th we will have our Paid-Up Membership brunch with a fiesta theme. We hope to see many new members as well as returning members. It's going to be a fabulous day with lots of raffles, wonderful food and friends. Make sure you save the date on your calendar. RSVP's are required. Watch your emails for announcements for future programs.

Don't forget to shop at Sisterhood's Judaica Shop. We offer quality items at discounted prices, whether you need something for your home or for a gift including numerous items for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Call Michele Haimen @516-822-0704 for all your shopping needs. We also sell Torah fund cards for all occasions as well as JNF trees.

We hope to see you at our next program. Please email me if you have any questions at dguzik@optonline.net. *This is **your** Sisterhood- give a little, get a lot!*

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!

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. We have serving pieces, including platters and utensils, for all your entertaining needs.

WHEN YOU THINK GIFTS, THINK SISTERHOOD JUDAICA!

MEMBERSHIP Blayne Peltzman - Membership Vice President

I am so excited to welcome all the new Sisterhood members that have joined since the new year! What an incredible year we are going to have! Our first official event will be kicking off on Tuesday, October 5th at 8:15 PM. This is a great night to come down and join Sisterhood. Remember, a surprise gift is yours with your dues payment!

It is also my pleasure to announce that our Paid-up Membership Fiesta Brunch will be held on Sunday morning, November 7th. The most amazing food, raffles and drinks await you! So get your sombreros and maracas ready and watch your mailbox for the invite! A "fantastico" time will be had by all.

On a personal note, I would like to welcome the newest PJC Sisterhood member, my big sister Dawn Grabois! Dawn, her husband Roy and their gang of five children just moved to Plainview and joined PJC and I couldn't be happier. We have already recruited her for a Sisterhood position so any inquiries about the Book of Life, you can ask Dawn! See, it's that simple- join and get involved! I would also like to give a shout out to Janine and Sheryl, who just happened to be on the same cruise as I was in August! What a warm feeling to find PJC people on the high seas.

Lastly, our membership is always growing and we can't wait to see you next!!!

Remember... "PJC Sisterhood...Share the Enthusiasm."

EDUCATION Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President

"The Spiral Notebook" is an exhibit that should not be missed at the Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College. It is an exhibit filled with letters that were written to a 2 year old granddaughter who was lucky enough to escape Vienna with her parents. The grandparents died in the Holocaust. The letters, notes and memorabilia were translated and put together by the granddaughter who lives in Great Neck and is now 73.

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TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

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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.

Torah Fund cars (\$4 each) may be purchased at any Sisterhood meeting or by contacting:

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Sisterhood Special Project: M'Yad L'Yad by Sharon Kunoff

We want to thank you all for your generosity towards our family. This is usually the time we receive a update as to the children's sizes. We should know that information by the November Orbit. Meantime, I will repeat our most recent sizes and suggest that for winter clothes, the next size larger will probably work. Samantha is 7 ½ , and wears size 8 or medium pants, large or extra large tops, large dresses and size 2 shoes. The younger daughter, Jordyn, turned 6 on June 10th. She wears size 6 or small pants, 8 or medium tops, medium dresses and size 13 ½ shoes. She just started first grade in this fall.

We use any cash gifts to give the family gift certificates to their favorite supermarkets or clothing stores. Any donations you can make to help this family will be appreciated. We did send them a clothing package toward the end of the summer and a gift certificate to Stop and Shop for the holidays. We would like to have a package ready before Thanksgiving and Chanukkah.

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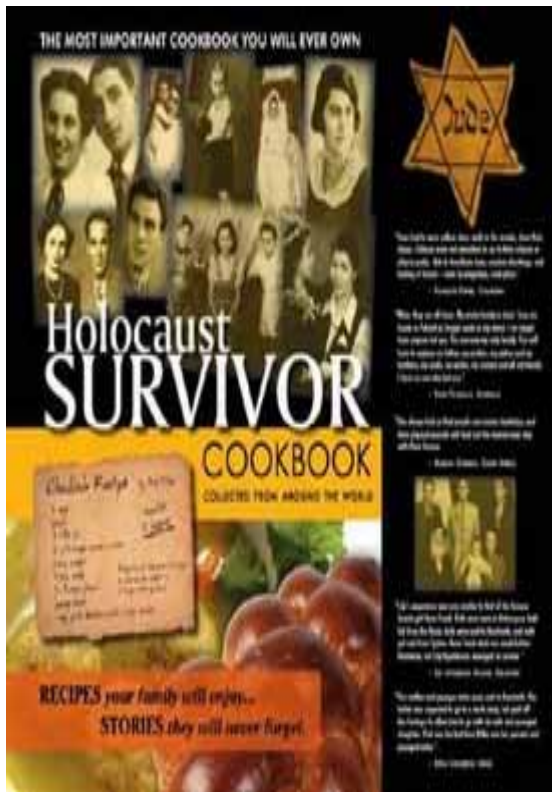
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For more information, call Marilyn or Marty Leibowitz at 822-6965.

Z'havah...

On September 26th, we had our first event entitled, "Bagels, Beverages, and Bookmarks". In keeping with the holiday of Sukkot, bookmarks were decorated using inkpads and cut vegetables such as brussels sprouts and artichokes. It was a nice opportunity to meet new people and socialize. A great time was had by all. My thanks to Liz Danziger for assisting me.

Ellen Hayman



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR COOKBOOK

Our Sisterhood has added a new item to our list of fund raising which has already proven to be a great success for our temple. It is called the "Holocaust Survivor Cookbook". It is a beautifully published book containing 129 amazing and miraculous stories of courage & survival and includes over 250 delicious recipes which were favorites of these great people and their families. You will enjoy their recipes, but their stories will never be forgotten. They are selling for \$36.00 and the profits on every book will be donated strictly to the Plainview Jewish Center. They will be displayed at every Sisterhood meeting. Or, you can call Marilyn Cohen at 822-4553 to order. This is a great book to have for your home or for a gift for your family and friends. This book makes a meaningful gift. And, as a bonus, you will also be supporting our temple.

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

All revved up about the mid-term elections? Well, if you come on down on October 12th, you can ask your own questions to a slew of local candidates at the Men's Club's annual Meet the Candidates night. As always, a large number of local politicians will be on hand to discuss their agenda, debate their opponent and, most importantly, answer your questions in an informal setting. This is the most accessible that political candidates will ever be.

Looking ahead to November, we have two great events taking place. On Tuesday, November 9th is our annual Men's Club paid-up membership dinner. As always, the sit-down dinner will be followed by entertainment, which has not yet been finalized. If you need more information about this fun evening, call and leave a message at the Temple for Men's Club president Rob Cohen and he will call you back. If you have not yet joined Men's Club, you can come down that evening and join so you don't miss this great annual event. The free open bar opens at 7:30pm.

Our Men's Club will be hosting our first ever Hearing Men's Voices program. This is a discussion group centered around one major topic, led by a facilitator. Watch your e-mails for more details. Also, be on the lookout for our cast call for the annual Patio Players show. The shows in each of the three prior years were a huge success and we're hoping to make this year's bigger and better. Don't miss any of these events.

In September, we already hosted our annual kick-off barbeque and the Single Malt and Steak dinner in the Sukkah. Hope to see you at Meet the Candidates night and chowing down at the paid up dinner. And, remember, it is not too late to join Men's Club.

Institute for Adult Jewish Studies by Sharon Kunoff

This is just a quick reminder that the 2010-11 series of IAJS will meet at PJC this year on Monday evenings at 7:45 pm. Mail in registration will have ended by the time you are reading this, but you can register in person at PJC on October 11th starting at 7:30pm. Registration will be followed at 9:00pm by a Lecture by Dr. Leonard Cole, an expert on bioterrorism and terror medicine, entitled ***Terror – How Israel Has Coped and What America Can Learn***. Refreshments, donated by *Plainview Shop Rite*, will follow.

Many of you have already picked up our brochure and have noted that our October 18th lecture was listed as TBA. Our original speaker, mentioned in the September Orbit, discovered that he had a conflict. However, we have found an excellent replacement. Dr. Sally Ann Drucker is the program coordinator for Jewish Studies at Nassau Community College. Her topic will be: ***Will the Real Jewish Mother Stand Up***. More information will be available at the first meeting.

We are still looking for volunteers for our committee. Since we are the host Synagogue it would be nice to have a few of our own as committee members.

The remaining lectures for the fall series are as follows:

- 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*

Don't forget that starting October 18th, all lectures will be preceded by a class starting at 7:45. This year we have 9 different classes which means you are sure to find at least one that you will enjoy. Our program is free for students under the age of 26 and your teenagers are welcome. It is a good way for families to bond. The cost for joining is only \$35 per person for the entire program, and also includes a 4 week winter series. Individual lectures are \$10 each for non-members. We hope many of you new PJC members and others who have never taken advantage of this exciting program will join us this year when it is at our home Temple. We are looking forward to seeing you.

FROM THE CANTOR (continued from Page 5)

to sing his music at the Plainview Jewish Center. It has become part of our tradition. It is his legacy. Though the composer's voice has been stilled, the music lives on.

We worked closely together on many special projects and programs. If I came to Seymour with a new musical selection he would teach it to the choir, and if I presented an idea to him, he would take it up enthusiastically and make it a reality. Because of his labor of love we were able, over the years, to present music of an astoundingly broad range and sophistication. He arranged and reworked compositions by composers as diverse as Salomone Rossi, the Renaissance Italian Jewish composer, and Zeidel Rovner, the great early 20th century Eastern European choral conductor.

Watching Sy conduct was poetry in motion. Through a melding of body and soul, of heart and hand, he was able to communicate his intentions exactly and precisely to his singers. The results he achieved were remarkable. In rehearsals and performances he was disciplined and he expected his choristers to be as well. The force of his personality, his talent and creativity, his good nature and wit were the unifying elements which bound them together. He loved the choir, and he loved his work with them. When I broke the news of Sy's passing to the choir on *Kol Nidre* night there was a palpable feeling of grief which weighed on our souls. But if death is the other side of the coin which we call life, then grief is the other side of love. Bereavement is love not wanting to let go. This *Yom Kippur* the choir did not let go, and Seymour would have been proud.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from Page 6)

- Our Men's Club Ushers headed by Michael Brooks: Al Karo, Tom Atlas, Joe and Barbara Elowsky, Steve Glasser, Mark Klayman, Richard Friedman, Alan Miller and Norman Cohen
- Our honors Committee led by Joel Fass, Sy Israel, Michael Stromberg
- Our Ritual Committee chaired by Kym Newborn, and our High Holiday Chairs, Steven Rubinfeld and Mark Cristal
- Our Family Service Chairs, Diane Miller, Joel Stern and Becky Gilman our leaders, Karen Factor and Zelda Polofsky for running the Kol Nidre Family Service
- Debbie Tavel & Jen Ostreiger, who with the help of Rabbi Conn, created and led the Children's service
- Phyllis Sarrel for supervising our babysitting service
- Our House Committee led by Joel Hauptman, Rhonnie Pickus, Stu Haimes and Scott Haimes
- Joe Elowsky for building our new Talit racks and the Door preparations
- Arlyne Skolnick and Robert Cohen for the Hatzilu Food Drive
- Larry Leventhal for Blowing Shofar the entire month of Elul at Morning Minyan
- Kym Newborn for blowing Shofar in the Main Sanctuary
- Sara Miller & Philip Danziger for blowing Shofar in the Family Service

To the Executive Committee members, Alan Furman, Michael Portnoy, Bruce Elowsky, our new Third Vice President, Alan Greenberg, Margie Richter, Nanette Strenger, Rhonnie Diener, Doreen Guzik, Robert Cohen and Barbara Greenberg. Thank you. Your leadership and commitment on our behalf is immeasurable.

To My Board of Trustees, your decision making and leadership has enabled us to move forward with a bright new outlook. Yasher Koach.

Most of all, thank you to each and every one of you, without whom, we would cease to exist!!

On behalf of my wife Pamela, son Noah, and myself,

A happy, healthy, sweet and prosperous New Year!

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.

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