



CHANUKAH BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST



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*SISTERHOOD MEETING
CHANUKAH AUCTION!
DECEMBER 7TH - 8:15PM*

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MAZEL TOV

Judy & Harvey Altman on the birth of grandson Noah Ronen Stein,
son of Melissa & Jason Stein
Richard & Rhona Liptzin on the marriage of their son, Scott, to Stefanie Doynow
Gary Littman, on the babynaming of his granddaughter, Jenna Ashley Smith,
daughter of Sherri & Brad Smith

HAMAKOM YINACHEM

Eileen Fonfa, on the passing of her Husband, Gil Fonfa
Richard Weiner, on the passing of his Mother, Ida Weiner
Joel Bates, on the passing of his Father, Morris L. Bates
Laurie Bates, on the passing of her Mother, Mary Bialow
Deborah Zaglin, on the passing of her Father, Herman Klein
Lydia Wieselthier, on the passing of her Father, Ralph Lessman
Fonda Leibowitz, on the passing of her Father, Arthur Berg

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DECEMBER 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

Wednesday, December 1st

First Chanukah Candle Lighting.....4:07PM
Chanukah (Dedication Days) celebrates the rededication of the Temple by the victorious Maccabees (161 B.C.E.) in their struggle against the Greeks whose King Antiochus had attempted to suppress the religion of the Jews. Every evening another light is kindled in commemoration of the event.

PJC Menorah Lighting.....5:30PM
 Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, December 2nd

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM

Friday, December 3rd

Light Candles.....4:08PM
 Early Shabbat Service.....4:15PM
 Bet Class Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, December 4th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: *Hope Pickus*

Daughter of Arlene & Ronnie Pickus

Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:15PM

Sunday, December 5th

Services followed by T/T Breakfast.....9:00AM
 Zahavah.....10:15-11:45AM
 Men's Club Chanukah Party.....12:00-2:00PM
 Patio Players Rehearsal.....2:00-5:00PM

Monday, December 6th

Teens-Jewish Lens.....6:00-7:45PM
 Adult Institute.....7:45-8:45PM
 Speaker: Rabbi David Kalb.....9:00PM
“Reinventing Judaism after the Temple’s Destruction”
 School Committee.....8:15PM

Tuesday, December 7th

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, December 8th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM
 Ritual Committee.....8:15PM

Thursday, December 9th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM

Friday, December 10th

Light Candles.....4:07PM
 Early Shabbat Service.....4:15PM
 Family Friendly Friday Night Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, December 11th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM
 Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:15PM

Sunday, December 12th

Services followed by T/T Breakfast.....9:00AM
 Mechina Workshop.....11:15AM-1:00PM
 Patio Players Rehearsal.....1:00-5:00PM

Tironim.....5:30-7:00PM
 USY.....7:00-8:30PM

Monday, December 13th

Adult Institute.....7:45-8:45PM
 Speaker: Joel Chasnoff
“The Comedy of Joel Chasnoff”.....9:00PM

Wednesday, December 15th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM
 Focus Meeting.....8:15PM

Thursday, December 16th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM
 Hadassah Meeting.....7:00PM
 Family Ed Committee.....8:15PM

Friday, December 17th

Light Candles.....4:09PM
 Early Shabbat Service.....4:15PM
 Pre-School Shabbat.....6:00PM
 Gimel Class Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, December 18th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM
 Shabbat B' Yachad-Sabbath as One.....10:30AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:15PM

Sunday, December 19th

Services followed by T/T Breakfast.....9:00AM
 Class Breakfasts - see classes & times on page 13
 Patio Players Rehearsal.....1:00-5:00PM
 Kadimah.....5:30-7:00PM
 USY.....7:00-8:30PM

Wednesday, December 22nd

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM
 Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, December 23rd

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM

Friday, December 24th

Light Candles.....4:12PM
 Sabbath Eve Service (One Service Only).....4:15PM

Saturday, December 25th

Shacharith Service.....9:00AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:15PM

Sunday, December 26th

Services.....9:00AM
 Patio Players Rehearsal.....1:00-5:00PM
 Family Ed Campfire & BBQ.....4:30-6:00PM

Wednesday, December 29th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM

Thursday, December 30th

Patio Players Rehearsal.....7:00PM

Friday, December 31st

Light Candles.....4:17PM
 Sabbath Eve Service (One Service Only).....4:15PM

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn



As we move into the month of December, the days become shorter and shorter. We experience less light and more darkness—even on sunny days. Most of us, I am sure, notice the difference. The darkness puts us in a more serious mood. For some, longer nights can even bring on a kind of sadness that seems to engulf us in its shadow; a sadness we struggle to overcome in these early days of winter.

As an antidote to the darkness, Judaism gives us Chanukah, the festival of lights. Each day, for eight days, we add another candle to the menorah. Each day we brighten up the night a little more. In Jewish tradition, the Chanukah lights are not only a symbol of our struggle against the darkness that winter brings. The Chanukah lights also represent our commitment to bring holiness in to our everyday lives.

In the Talmud, the School of Shammai and the School of Hillel (each representing the followers of the two greatest teachers of the first century) disagree about how to light the Chanukah candles.

The School of Shammai says: On the first day one lights eight and from then on one continues to decrease, and School of Hillel says: On the first day one lights one and from then on one continues to increase.” In the end, the House of Hillel prevails. Why? Because, the Talmud teaches, “we increase in holiness and we don’t decrease”. Each new candle adds to the holiness of the menorah, by making the Chanukah lights brighter and more special. Each new candle represents our daily attempt to add holiness to our lives.

Adding holiness to our lives can mean many things. It can mean learning more Torah. It can mean praying more and praying better. It can mean helping to make our community a better place to live for those in need. Adding holiness to our lives is an opportunity we have every day, not just during Chanukah. The more holiness we add, the more light we bring to ourselves and to the world.

One way to look at what is happening in our congregation is to ask, “How are we adding to the holiness of our community and the people in it?” The answer these days is, “we are adding a lot”. Plainview Jewish Center has always been a source of light in our community. This year, that light has gotten just a little bit brighter. We have rolled out a number of new initiatives that have inspired more of us to learn, more of us to pray, and more of us to help those in need.

For the first time in several years, post B’nai Mitzvah students have the opportunity to continue their Jewish education at Plainview Jewish Center. Eleven students are participating in a new monthly program called *The Jewish Lens*. Based on an internationally recognized curriculum, our students are learning about Jewish values through photography. I am teaching this very exciting class, with invaluable help from Beryl Kwitkin. We are blessed with a wonderful group of students who have made each session fun and full of learning for everyone.

For adult learners, Plainview Jewish Center is among the first synagogues on Long Island to offer the Chai Mitzvah program. Chai Mizvah gives adults who are age 13 plus a multiple of Chai (31, 49, 67 and 80+) a chance to continue their Jewish journeys by committing to a year of learning, taking on a new Jewish practice and working on a social action project. Each participant chooses his or her own goals for the year. Adults within two years of the target ages are eligible to take part. Plainview Jewish Center is hosting the monthly Chai Mitzvah Class for the North Shore area. Thanks to the efforts of Nanette Strenger and the enthusiastic response of our congregation, we have nine participants in the Chai Mitzvah program—more than any other congregation by far.

Beginning in January, our new Adult B’nai Mitzvah group will hold its first class. So far more than a dozen women have expressed interest in the program, which will culminate in a group B’nai Mitzvah celebration in 2013. During our two years together, we will learn how to read Hebrew, the

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foundations of Jewish home life, values, history, holidays and lifecycle. Students will also be introduced to the Shabbat morning service and learn to chant Haftorah with Cantor Wolk—and hopefully read from the Torah as well. There is still time for both men and women to sign up for this exciting learning opportunity.

Our children have several new opportunities to take part in Shabbat services at PJC. Our monthly Friday night Preschool Shabbat service (a.k.a Tot Shabbat) continues to grow. In the meantime, we have added a Saturday morning prayer experience for our youngest children as well. Watch for the announcement of future meetings in the winter and spring. When our youngest children are in the main sanctuary, we now invite them to participate in the Torah procession by carrying stuffed Torahs. It's quite an inspiring sight to see a long line of our kids cradling their stuffed Torahs as they march with us around the sanctuary.

In October, we also debuted a program called Shabbat B'Yachad—Shabbat Together. On four Saturday mornings this year, our Junior Congregation will begin at 10:30 AM. Just before we return the Torah to the Ark in the Main Sanctuary, the students and parents in Junior Congregation join us in the Main Sanctuary. Students are invited to lead us in some of the prayers, including Ashrei, Ein Kalyoheinu, Aleinu and Adon Olam. After the service, we all share a child friendly Kiddush as a congregation. Not only is Shabbat B'Yachad a great way to introduce our students to the service in the main sanctuary, it is also a great way to celebrate coming together as a congregation. We may represent diverse demographics and interests, but we really are all one family. And it's nice to remind ourselves of that fact whenever we can.

This year has brought a record number of social action opportunities to Plainview Jewish Center. We began the year with a food drive in conjunction with Hazilu. In the acknowledgement letter we received, we learned that our congregation's response, with over 100 bags of food collected, was a record setter. Thanks to our Men's Club and Arlyne Skolnick for providing leadership. We are currently in the midst of a Coat Drive, also sponsored by Men's Club and another food drive as well. As impressive as these efforts have been—and they have been impressive, I am finding the project initiated by our teenagers even more inspiring. This year, our B'nai Mitzvah have all committed to Mitzvah projects. These projects range from promoting Holocaust education to providing shoes for the poor to collecting food and toys for animals living in shelters. We have even had one post Bar Mitzvah project as well. Our teenagers are taking a true leadership role in our social action efforts and making sure that Plainview Jewish Center is constantly engaged in Tikkun Olam, in making our world a better place.

Now, more than ever, Plainview Jewish Center is adding holiness to live of our members, of people in our community and even people in other countries. Through the efforts and commitment of so many of our Plainview Jewish Center members, we are bringing a little more light into the world. As we celebrate Chanukah this season, we can be proud of all that we are doing to bring the true spirit of Chanukah to our community all year round.

On behalf of Illyse and Yoni, I wish all the members of our PJC family a happy and holy Chanukah.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Wednesday, December 8th from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM for stimulating study, good food and even better company at our monthly *Lunch and Learn* with Rabbi Conn. This month our *Lunch and Learn* will center around a Chanukah theme. Please RSVP to the Temple Office by December 6th to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. *Lunch and Learn* is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The Cantor's Note:

A Mitzvah Conference and a Technology Innovation

On a beautiful autumn Sunday last month, Gerri and I attended the Annual Conference on Visiting the Sick (Bikur Cholim), sponsored by the Bikur Cholim Coordinating Council of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, and held in New York City. We were joined by Mrs. Marilyn Leibowitz, the chairperson of our own congregation's Bikur Cholim Committee.



The speaker at the morning plenary session was Rabbi Dr. Tsvi Blanchard, a leader in the Jewish healing movement. He spoke from the heart on the impact of the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim both upon those to whom it is directed and those who observe it. The impulse to perform this mitzvah springs from God's command to love our fellow human beings as ourselves. Our presence and the feeling of kindness which should radiate from us is a counterweight to the sense of vulnerability and isolation which can afflict a person stricken with illness. Rabbi Blanchard reminded us that life, even in its most difficult and trying times is good and that we should remain confident in the world and its possibilities and our own ability to deal with whatever life has in store. Internalizing this lesson in faith is important for the visitor and for the patient alike.

I am reminded of an anecdote attributed to Rabbi Israel Meir Kahan, one of the most famous rabbis of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He is better known as the Chafetz Chayim, (the one who desires life), from the title of one of his works. He once asked a prominent member of the community how things were going with him. "Rabbi," the man replied, "Things are very, very bad." "Never say things are bad, my son" spoke the rabbi. "Say, rather, that they are bitter. Life may be very, very bitter. But, it is never bad."

However earnestly we may desire it, no one can escape the harsher realities of human existence. Illness and loss inevitably strike every family. But, herein lies the consoling wisdom of the Chafetz Chayim. A full life, with its share of both sweetness and bitterness, comes from the Almighty, and is intrinsically precious and good. To believe otherwise for any length of time is to surrender to hopelessness and despair. Had our own people given in to despair we would not have survived the innumerable catastrophes which have overtaken us through history.

On an unrelated subject, I am pleased to inform you of an innovation in the technology of bar/bat mitzvah instruction at the Center. Because cassette players have become so difficult to find and are considered to be outdated, we will no longer be using them. Thanks to the generosity of those individuals who have contributed to our Music Fund, we have been able to purchase a CD recording and music system. This will enable me to record directly onto a disc in much the same manner as a traditional tape recorder. These disks can be converted to mp3 files, which are then sent as attachments to the students' computers. If they wish, the students can download them onto their i-pods. This versatile system has other applications as well, which I will be using in the future to musically enhance our website. Many thanks to our benefactors.

Musical wishes for a very Happy Chanukah,

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Shea Z. Lerner

***"If you do what you've always done,
you'll get what you've always gotten."***

Though the author of this quote is anonymous, it no doubt serves as the platform of my Presidency and administration. The pace of progressive change in both programming and attitude at the synagogue, forces each of us to stop and catch our breath in order to move forward in a manageable and efficient manner.



My mantra continues to be, nothing ventured, nothing gained. Our congregation is limited only by the extent of our imaginations. PJC is about to undergo change that will benefit ALL who walk through our doors. To that end, I am happy to report the following;

- PJC is elated to announce that Robert Ian Caterers will be the new exclusive caterer for the synagogue. Anyone who knows their reputation at the Oceanside Jewish Center, would agree that we have attracted a top notch (or nosh) caterer who will partner with us in refurbishing and re-decorating our physical plant to everyone's liking. More information will come forth shortly, as the contract is awaiting signature at the time of this writing. Let me assure you one thing, this addition to the PJC will accomplish much toward the re-branding and aesthetics of our facility. A special debt of gratitude goes to our former President Michael Stromberg, who has chaired this process and been at my side in its entirety. I would be remiss not to mention all of the guidance Sandy Strenger has provided, in his capacity as an attorney with significant experience in the catering and restaurant industry and our synagogue Counsel, Fred Skolnick for his tireless efforts in drafting our contract.
- The Smart Board and Computer Lab planned for our Religious School is on target for an early 2011 introduction. Evy Rothman, her committee and Rachel Ginsburg our Education Director, have provided a thorough, well articulated and effective process by which to implement this new technology into our curriculum.
- I have completed yet another grant for funding to UJA-Federation of NY to enhance our Volunteer Leadership and Engagement program. In conjunction with our amazing consultant Pat Ward, our co-chairs, Aliza Greenberg and Charles Wasserman will be expanding our outreach to our Bet and Gimmel class parents. By the time of my next article, we will have received word on the grant status.
- Our hardworking Vice-presidents, Alan Furman, Michael Portnoy and Bruce Elowsky have been working non-stop with the committees they oversee, to ensure not only cooperation, but better communication and transparency between interdisciplinary projects and programs.
- The rebirth of our Youth programs has begun. With the assistance of Nanette Strenger, our Youth Chair, and our Youth Director Lois Lange, membership has increased, culminating in a regional dance held at PJC for 510 USY ers. Keep up the good work!!
- Mazel tov to Beryl Kwitkin on his recent appointment to the Board of Trustees to fill a vacant seat. For those who know Beryl, he is an integral part of our ritual committee, serves on both the FOCUS Planning group and the Volunteer Leadership and Engagement

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Committee, helped create the Children's High Holiday service as well as the Tot Shabbat. Minyan Makers, also stems from Beryl's active participation.

- Speaking of our children, the new children based services as well as Tot Shabbat have seen significant participation and interest. Diane Miller, Barbara Rosenberg, Beryl Kwitkin and Zelda Polofsky are owed a debt of gratitude.
- I will have a report for you next month on the creation of the Religious School PTA. I am impressed by the work that Diane Miller and Ellen Hayman have done.
- Elizabeth Kessler, Carol Hauser, Evy Rothman, Hannah Dworkin and Shari Roth and their committee have begun our new marketing and communication program as well as the new member outreach. Personally, this group has the most important job in a membership driven organization, and they have risen to the occasion.
- Mazel Tov to both Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk for invigorating and infusing new life in new programs. An upcoming adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, the Chai Mitzvah program that has more participants than the other congregations combined and a wonderful Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Good Shephard Lutheran Church in Plainview brings honor and distinction of our congregation both internally and externally.

For now I shall stop here. I conclude with a quote by Benjamin Disraeli, former Prime Minister of Great Britain: *"Change is inevitable in a progressive society. Change is constant."*
I add Change is good. Keep up the great work, get involved, most of all, Have a wonderful Chanukah and secular New Year!

Until next month, with love, **Shea**

THE BIBLE CLASS IS BACK IN BUSINESS

Looking for an hour of action, drama and excitement on Wednesday night? Take in a classic series that has been delivering the thrills for more than 2000 years. Join Rabbi Conn, for all the action on Wednesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 15th at 8:15 PM.

Rabbi Conn will continue to guide our class through one of the Bible's most dramatic books: I Samuel. I Samuel tells the tragic story of the rise of the fatally flawed King Saul, and his rivalry with the charismatic hero David. Join us for a lively and stimulating discussion of this riveting story. The class meets in the PJC Youth Corner the first and third Wednesday of the month. Refreshments will be served.

ADULT BAT MITZVAH

The countdown to 2013 is about to begin. The first session of our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class will take place in January. This two year program will include learning to read Hebrew, mastering the Saturday morning service, an in-depth study of Jewish history, lifecycle, holidays, values and practices, and the chance to celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a group by being called to the Torah and reading from a haftarah.

For more information, contact Rabbi Conn.

PJC YOUTH CORNER

PJC was the proud host for the Metropolitan New York Region (METNY) USY Kick-off Dance. On Sunday, Oct 24th, **FIVE HUNDRED TEN** 9-12th graders descended upon our "home" for a wonderful, fun-filled time. A DJ, pizza, drinks and lots of fun was the backdrop to the event which went off without a hitch. This dance that reunited teens from all over the NY region, reminds us of the days when PJC was the premier host for other USY activities. We look forward to bringing that status back!!!! If your teenager is in 9-12th grade and has not yet joined our USY chapter - it's not too late. Many more fun and exciting activities are planned!

I would like to wish a Happy Chanukah to all our PJC youth group members and their families. I hope to see all of you at our Chanukah celebrations. Tironim and Kadima had a blast tie dying different clothing items. They each brought home the item they tie dyed. Kadima had a great time making their own food creations and eating them. USY had been very busy month. A few of the USYers went to fall kinnus at Dix Hills Jewish Center and enjoyed the Rakevet Turkey Jam.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5: Chanukah party at PJC, no youth group

December 12: Tironim- Chanukah Celebration 5:30-7pm dinner will be served
5th graders invited to celebrate Chanukah
USY 7-8:30pm Tzedakah program

December 19: Rakevet Kadima Lounge Night @ Manetto Hill Jewish Center
(more info. to follow)
Rakevet USY Lounge Night at Manetto Hill Jewish Center

December 26- January 3: Winter Break

For more information and questions, contact:
Lois Dori Lange, Youth Director at lois_lange@yahoo.com or
join our facebook page at Planview Jewish Center Youth Groups.

CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



HOPE PICKUS

December 4, 2010

Hope is the daughter of Arlene and Ronnie Pickus and has a sister, Abby. She is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Hope enjoys swimming, tennis, bicycling, camp, making string bracelets, music, playing the violin and being with her family. Her favorite holidays are Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah. Hope attends Hebrew High School and the "Jewish Lens" class at PJC.

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

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 1 (Wed) Chanukah – We will light the first candle at 5:45 PM outside the main door.
All parents are invited.
- 3 (Fri) Bet Class Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 5 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 5 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
Kindergarten/Sunday School, Mechina and Alef – different class time
10:00-12:00 noon (not 9:00-11:00 AM). Children dismissed at noon at
the Ballroom for the Men's Club Chanukah Party.
Men's Club Chanukah Party – 12:00 noon – 2:00 PM in the Ballroom
- 6 (Mon) (Noar Yotzer) "Jewish Lens" Teen Program – 6:00 – 7:45 PM
School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
- 10 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 12 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 6 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
Mechina Workshop – 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM
- 15 (Wed) Lifnei Lomed Meeting – 7:00–9:00 PM in the Library
- 17 (Fri) Preschool Shabbat Service – 6:00-6:30 PM in the Kirschner Room
Gimel Class Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- 18 (Sat) "Shabbat As One" Junior Congregation – 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon
- 19 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 6 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
- Fri. Dec. 24 – Sun. Jan. 2 Chanukah-Christmas Vacation – No School or Junior Cong

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

SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

During this season we often hear reference to the “December Dilemma”. But what is this dilemma? By way of illustration, I quote some lines from a song entitled “A Lonely Jew at Christmas” that was featured in the Christmas episode of the TV show, “South Park”:

“It’s hard to be a Jew on Christmas. My friends won’t let me join in any games and I can’t sing Christmas songs or decorate a Christmas tree or leave water out for Rudolph, ‘cause there is something wrong with me. My people don’t believe in Jesus Christ’s divinity.”

Let’s examine this song line by line. Do Jewish children really miss Christmas games? We have Chanukah parties and Chanukah games of our own. Do our children really miss singing Christmas songs or decorating a tree? We have plenty of Chanukah songs and Chanukah decorations too. I don’t think that those acts are the things that upset our children. What our children do feel is that they are outsiders in a Christian society. They are different, but different is not always bad. We Jews were always different, but that kept us going through the centuries. While the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and other great cultures faded and disappeared, our uniqueness has made us very special.

Look at the two other larger western religions – Islam and Christianity – and you will find that they both took their values from our Bible. Especially at Chanukah time it is appropriate for us to feel proud of our religion and culture. Especially on Chanukah what we celebrate is the victory of religious freedom and expression, the ability to remain independent of the dominant culture and the willingness to stand up for our own unique beliefs.

So, this Chanukah, as a parent, give a little extra time to your children and emphasize how special and unique they are. Show them all the achievements and things that we Jews have given to the world although we are less than 1% of the world’s population. Our aim is not to blend into the dominant culture, but to keep passing on our special heritage and culture to our children.

On a practical level, I encourage you to get more involved in your child’s Jewish education. Take classes to learn more about your Jewishness, attend more services, ask more questions about your Jewishness and volunteer in our School so your children will see that you really care about passing the torch of heritage.

We are planning to offer a Chanukah happening on Tuesday, December 7th and Wednesday, December 8th. The Men’s Club Chanukah party will take place on Sunday, December 5th from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. We will dismiss the children to the Ballroom. Please note that on Sunday, December 5th, school will take place from **10:00 AM – 12:00 noon (instead of 9-11 AM) for Kindergarten/Sunday School, Mechina and Alef**. Bet and Gimel will have regular class from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. All children will be dismissed at 12:00 noon to the Ballroom to attend the Chanukah party.

Our “Shabbat As One” service will take place on Saturday, December 18th from 10:30 AM-12:00 noon. Please check our calendar (page 10) for a list of all of our events.

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TOT SHABBAT

WITH RABBI STEVEN CONN

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FOR CHILDREN AGES 0-5***

SONGS, STORIES, PRAYERS

***FRIDAY, DEC. 17TH
6-6:30PM***

***ADDITIONAL DATES:
JAN. 21ST & FEB. 4TH***

SAVE THE DATE!
**Kindergarten/Sunday School,
Mechina, Alef Parents & Bet Parents**

Sunday, December 19th
PJC Volunteer Engagement Breakfast

**9:15 am: Kindergarten/Sunday School,
Mechina & Alef Parents**

11:15 am: Bet Parents

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Our Children *by Barbara Rosenberg*

The weekend of October 29th was wonderful and exhilarating for all of us. There were 30 people at Tot Shabbat. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed an age appropriate, animated service led by Rabbi Conn. Tot Shabbat will be held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 6 PM. Please look for announcements in case there are any changes.

Our 1st Junior Congregation Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary was a huge success. 75 parents and children met in the Youth Corner for a brief service and then we all went into the Main Sanctuary. The children participated in the service and were led from the Bema by Cantor Wolk, all singing Adon Olam. It was beautiful to see. Please look for announcements on the next scheduled date.

On November 6th, we held our first Shabbat morning Tot Shabbat, conducted by Mrs. Gittler, of our Hebrew School. It was geared toward preschool and kindergarten aged children. The service consisted of hands on, interactive experiences for the children, including singing, dancing and a story about the portion of the week. All the children in attendance were engaged and had a good time celebrating Shabbat with family and friends. Please watch for the announcements!

Junior Congregation is a very important part of your child's Jewish Education. Mrs. Polofsky and I try to include the children in much of the service. The children who have started Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons are invited to say the blessings before and after the Torah selection with us and your child is welcome to recite their Haftorah the week before their Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a rehearsal in front of their peers. Many parents chose to stay with their children at Junior Congregation. It is a great time to see what your children have learned and experience Shabbat morning together. You are always welcome.

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Family Education News by Judy Alper

Chag Sameach! The wonderful holiday of Chanukah is upon us and the beauty and glow of the lights is always inspiring. I hope the inspiration will encourage us all to dedicate ourselves to Judaism, our synagogue and our Jewish community.

This month we will once again have our **INDOOR picnic and campfire**. Be prepared for adults and children to participate in the games, enjoy a terrific picnic dinner and to be inspired around the "campfire". **SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, December 26, 2011 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.** We will be turning PJC's ballroom and lobby into an old fashioned picnic area. Join us for all the fun!!! RSVP to Judy Alper by Tuesday, December 21st to allow us enough time to prepare for everyone. Last year's attendees had a great time—this year you can be part of the fun too.

Our Family Friendly Friday Night Service is being held this month on Friday, December 10th at 7:00pm. Just as the Chanukah lights begin to dim we will invigorate you with a warm friendly service. Be a part of this great service. If you would like to help sponsor the oneg following the service please contact Judy Alper at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at all Family Ed events

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Doreen B. Guzik



Chanukah, I love this time of year! Everyone usually has a smile on their face. I guess I should say unless you have to buy eight gifts for each child in your family even if they're in their twenties. How do you top yourself year after year when each gift they want is rather costly? What happened to the days when a nice pajama set and a new game was a big deal? I guess that boat has sailed. What about just being happy that everyone is together, isn't that a present unto itself? Hey I myself love to receive gifts but they too have gone by the wayside.

My gift is volunteering my time as Sisterhood President. I get to work with a wonderful group of women. We are always in need of new and fresh faces. We would love for you to join us at one of the numerous events we offer throughout the year. Hey, you never know- you might enjoy the company and want to return again and again. I wish you a happy Chanukah, enjoy your family. We hope you will enjoy our Sisterhood family as well.

MEMBERSHIP Blayne Peltzman - Membership Vice President;

Our membership continues to be climbing high and here at Sisterhood the fun keeps on growing as well. Our Paid-Up Membership Fiesta Brunch was a huge success! A special thank-you to Cantor Wolk for singing the national anthems for us and to his wife, Gerri for doing the bracha for the challah. The party then got underway with delicious food, ala *Supersol of Lawrence*. We were all entertained by New York's finest Mariachi group, *Mariachi Tapatio De Alvaro Paulino*. They ended with a ten minute *La Bamba*, accompanied by 80 Sisterhood members on the dance floor! What fun! The morning ended with raffling away 60 fantastic prizes!

I would like to thank my committee chairs, Olga Portnoy and Carol Hauser for their tireless and endless efforts. It was definitely a fiesta because of you! A special thank-you also to Doreen Guzik, Dvorah Lumerman, Rhonnie Diener and Debbie Zaglin for acquiring the Grand Prize raffles and to Michele and Stu Haimen for their tremendous donation for the baskets! Thank-you also to all those who were able to get donations for us and to Margie Richter for her beautiful calligraphy of the place cards!

We were very happy to have two new temple members join us this year at the brunch, Cheryl Carpio and Stacy Meyerson. Remember, new temple members get free Sisterhood dues the first year, so take advantage! Cheryl and Stacy were raffle prize winners as well! I had so much fun planning and then celebrating at the brunch with everyone. Working with positive and dedicated women is what PJC Sisterhood is all about for me! It's still not too late to join Sisterhood if you haven't already! Remember..PJC SISTERHOOD....SHARE THE ENTHUSIASM!!!

FUNDRAISING Rose Weiner - Fund Raising Vice President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: WINTER BINGO - TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 1, 2011. It will be held at the temple at 7PM. We will be serving a light dinner and delicious desserts. There will also be some great Bingo prizes. The cost is \$23 for Sisterhood members and \$28 for Non-Sisterhood members. The price includes one Bingo card. Additional cards may be purchased. This is always a very enjoyable evening. Come and bring your friends! Make your reservations early.

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

Our Paid-Up Membership Brunch, was a complete success. Thanks to Blayne Peltzman and the Membership committee for all their work and preparation. I hope everyone will try to become an active member of Sisterhood and participate in some activities throughout the year.

Our next meeting is our Chanukah meeting: Tuesday, December 7th. Come join us as we "Shop Our Shuk" - The Sisterhood Live Auction of holiday and other items from our Judaica Shop. It is also our Chanukah celebration. It will include the traditional lighting of candles, and special Chanukah treats. Come join the fun!!!

Lilly and I are busy preparing programs for the rest of the year. If anyone has any ideas for a program, feel free to call us with your suggestions.

EDUCATION Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President

Mark your calendar for our Sisterhood and Men's Club Shabbat on Friday night January 21st and Saturday January 22nd. At this time the members of Sisterhood and Men's Club will lead all the services. We want your participation. There are Hebrew and English parts available. Let us know if you are interested in participating. Even if you are not going to actively participate, please join us either Friday night or Saturday morning (or preferably both times) to support your friends, There will be a speaker after Kiddush on Shabbat morning. We will be announcing and celebrating your simchas on that weekend. We will have a simcha cake and hope everyone will participate and contact us with their special simcha. Your participation is important....More details to follow

Contact Cindy Getzoff, Doris Cooper or Zita Jospa

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

We received the update for our family just in time for our Dec. issue of Orbit and our Dec. meeting. I know many of you have been responding to our pleas for clothing for the girls. Gift cards or cash enable us to buy gift cards for their favorite stores which include Trader Joes, Target, Old Navy, Stop and Shop and King Kullen. Please keep your donations coming. We will be sending out a package for Chanukah and Thanksgiving. Even though you will receive this after that time, we can use your donation for the next package or to replenish our supply of cash for gift cards.

Stacy would especially like to receive gift cards to Dr. B. Well, since they carry some of the foods she finds best for Samantha, the daughter who suffers from autism. Samantha is now 7 ½. Her sizes are pants L, tops XL or 12, Dresses L, skirts M, shoes 2. She enjoys DVDs, Leapster games, DS games, art projects especially finger paints. Jordyn, the younger daughter, is 6 ½. Her sizes are pants 7,8 or M, tops 10 or L, dresses M, skirts 7 or M and shoes 1 ½.. She also enjoys DVDs so if you have any family or kids DVDs they would be appreciated.

Stacey gave us some sizes for herself, but hasn't requested clothing. She wears 16 pants and XL tops. She mentioned that she doesn't like to receive donations of food but she can use cleaning supplies. As most of us she has her favorite brands. She uses Windex, Bounty paper towels and Scots toilet paper and tissues. Currently Stacey is attending school to obtain an MBA in Healthcare Management and Human Services. She is trying to find work in that field while she is studying. She is still having problems with her ex-husband and recently took out an order of protection against him. She enjoys the clothing sent for the girls. She has been thanking us for our efforts and is very appreciative. Please keep your donations coming. Sisterhood is really doing a mitzvah by helping this family. It sounds as if Stacey is doing all in her power to get the family back on an even footing.

TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

A wonderful time was had by all at our Torah Fund Double Chai Celebration. Many thanks to Joyce Rimer who hosted this event. She opened her beautiful home to us and her desserts were truly amazing!

The Torah Fund here at PJC supports our future rabbis, cantors, teachers and Jewish community leaders at the Jewish Theological Seminary. The money raised through our Torah Fund contributions is an important part of fostering and maintaining the continuity of the Jewish conservative movement. You can help in this effort by making donations to Sisterhood's Torah Fund or simply purchasing Torah Fund greeting cards. Occasions such as Mazel Tov, Get Well, Rejoicing with You, New Baby, and of course Condolences are all available for \$4.00 each. The cards can be purchased at any Sisterhood meeting or event, or they can be mailed to the recipient for you by contacting: Elyse Schrage - 822-7062, Joyce Rimer - 433-4826 or Elizabeth Danziger - 935-2894

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

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Doris Cooper



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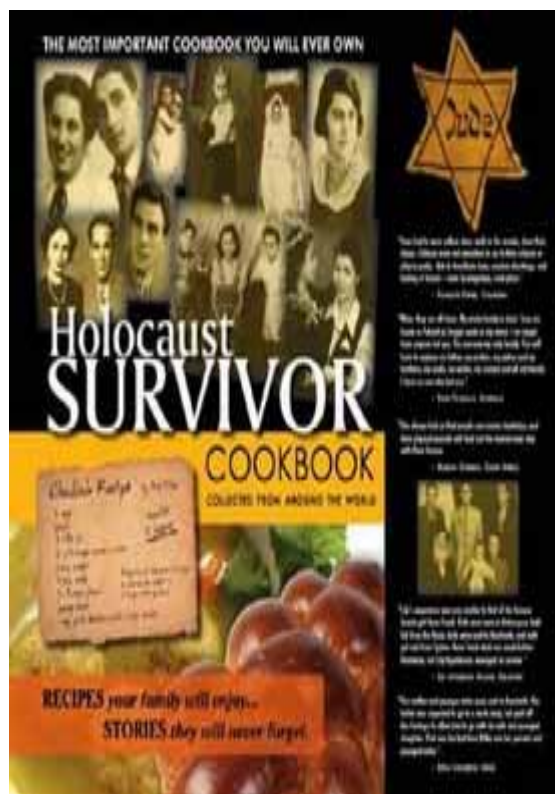
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To My Fellow PJC Members,

The Children's Cancer Center at Winthrop University Hospital has many young children who battle cancer on a daily basis. The treatment can be very difficult for these young people.

This is why I started an out of school club called

“Kickin Cancer With DVD’S”.



I am asking you to donate DVD's appropriate for young children to help occupy their time while they receive their treatment. The DVD's DO NOT have to be new, gently used is fine, so that the children can enjoy them.

Please place your DVD's in the box outside the Temple office. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution to this wonderful cause.

Josh Reis

Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

One of the goals of this column is to keep readers abreast of events in Israel which may be important to interested Jews in the United States. Recently there was an article in the Jerusalem Post that dealt with proposed changes to the Kotel and some of the problems the "Women of the Wall" have been happening in the context of these changes that are being implemented at "The Wall". I have spoken of these women before and will revisit the topic in a later column. Interestingly the title of the article is: ***Whose Wall is it Anyway?***

Since the Kotel is a very important tourist stop, the question should resonate with us all. On our first trip to Israel in 1974, with a group from PJC, we all looked forward to our first glimpse of the Wall. It was scheduled for Friday evening before Shabbat. We all enjoyed seeing some of the Chassidim dancing as they welcomed the Shabbat. However, even then, there was a mechitza albeit, a low one. There were some elderly women checking for women who were wearing sleeveless clothing and indicating that it was necessary for them to put on the shawls that they pressed into their hands.

We also visited on a Monday morning, a traditional time for Bar Mitzvah, and watched as many people came to a table with a Rabbi, a Torah and a Minyan of men to celebrate a simcha. Often the table was placed close to the women's section so that the female members of the family could watch the festivities. Many of the people in our group felt that this kind of ceremony would not be in keeping with our tradition. In fact one family had arranged to have their son become a Bar Mitzvah at one of the very few Conservative Synagogues in Israel at that time which was located in French Hill in Jerusalem. This was well before the area was as built up as it is today.

Today a woman wanting to see her son become a Bar Mitzvah at the Kotel, would have a much more difficult time. I quote from Kamoun ben-Shimon's article in the Jerusalem Post:

In the men's section, worshipers have divvied up the space into separate groups of minyanim, for Ethiopians, Sephardim, Ashkenazim and Hasids. Off to one side, Torah scrolls are displayed in an ark and numerous padded chairs are available for the taking. A small section is shaded. Over in the women's section, women stand perilously on chairs on their designated side of the seven-foot high partition that divides the men's section from the women's section. They peek over at the men and boys, ululating in high-pitched ku-lu-lu's and throwing candies. Closer to the Wall, women pray silently, some sobbing softly.

Dozens of tourist groups mill about, guides competing among themselves in an effort to be heard above the din. Among them is a group of elderly Jewish tourists on an organized tour from Miami, who try to listen to the guide's explanations and are then sent, men and women separately, to pray or to press a slip of paper between the Wall's ancient stones. ... A battalion of ushers from the Western Wall Heritage Fund, the non-profit group that is responsible for the administration of the Wall, swoops down suddenly on the tourists, ensuring that the men and women are separated; they admonish the women to cover up every inch of their arms, legs and necklines and push tattered shawls at them, demanding that they wrap themselves to ensure their modesty. Four of the women from Miami step back, seemingly repelled by the dusty strip of cloth that the ushers have forced into their hands.

Certainly all Jews have felt that the Kotel is theirs. In a very real sense it belongs to all of us. However the situation described above indicates partially why ben-Shimon's article has the title it

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does. That, coupled with the following description about changes being proposed for tourists visiting the Kotel, which I first heard about when reading the article, is why he is wondering, *Whose Wall is it Anyway?* This is the proposal to revamp the Kotel. Read it and you will understand why I believe it affects us all.

According to the proposal, a large entry terminal will replace the current haphazard entrance at the Dung Gate in the Old City wall. From there, a large tunnel will create two levels leading towards the Kotel. Observant men will be permitted to enter the tunnel where, stairs, a ramp and possibly an elevator, will lead up to the Wall. This will enable men to reach the prayer area of the Kotel without having to encounter visitors whose dress or demeanor is, in their eyes, immodest or inappropriate. The upper level, which is the current ground level, will remain open to everyone else, although it is still unclear if there will be separation between men and women in this area as well. Women who wish to pray will have to cross the plaza to get to the women's section, which will remain unchanged. According to the plan, a one-way mirror serving as a movable divider, will replace the current one, allowing the women to see the men but not to be seen by the men and enabling officials to temporarily increase, or decrease, the size of the women's section, which is now about one-third of the size of the men's section.

It seems many people are opposed to this plan but it is embraced by Kotel Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, who is a civil servant paid by the government. He is the official responsible for the administration of the holy sites in the city, including the Kotel. At a committee meeting in preparation for discussion of the plan, Rabinovitch declared, "We have to build a separate passage for the worshipers, so that they will not have to go through the main plaza." Of course there are many questions here such as: Who gets to decide who is an observant man who wants to pray, who gets to decide the question, and just what is appropriate dress and demeanor.

Many Israelis including some who were present when the Wall was liberated and were among the first worshipers there are among those opposed to the proposal. Yisrael Harel, who is a settler and director of the right wing Zionist Strategy group says: "My friends shed their blood for the Kotel. They did so in order that this would become a national gathering site, a place where the heart of every Jew, secular and religious, beats strongly."

This is a goal all Jews should have. There is much more to say on the this topic. I will revisit it in a future column including the question of the women of the wall and public observances at the Kotel. Meantime keep your eyes open for any more information on this situation. It pays to be informed.

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Institute for Adult Jewish Studies by Sharon Kunoff

The fall series has just two lectures remaining this year. The first, on December 6th, is by Rabbi David Kalb, Director of the Center for Jewish Life at the 92nd Street Y. This will be our Chanukah program and is entitled, *Reinventing Judaism after the Temple's Destruction and Beyond*. We will start our program with candle lighting. Our topic is relevant to the holiday since it deals with events leading up to the destruction of the 2nd Temple. Our last lecture of this winter series, on December 13th, is our entertainment for the year. Comedian Joel Chasnoff will present The Comedy of Joel Chasnoff. As always, the cost for attending an individual lecture is \$10. Join us.

Looking forward to January, we are having a series of 4 consecutive Monday evening lectures starting on January 3rd. The venue will be Temple Or Elohim, 18 Tobie Lane, in Jericho. Directions are on our brochure. Lectures are included in the Winter Series price. Attendance in January is \$15 for the series or \$5 per lecture. Our speaker will be Rabbi Shmuel Goldin whose overall topic is, *Uncovering Lessons of the Torah*. Rabbi Goldin has spoken to our group before and is back by popular demand.

Jan. 3: Between P'shat and Midrash: What's Wrong with the Way We Teach Torah Text?
 Jan. 10: A Tree in Eden: Origins of Failure.
 Jan. 17: Confronting Secular Society: Contrasting Lessons from Abraham and Lot.
 Jan. 24: Why Didn't Joseph Phone Home?

MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

'Tis the season for the Men's Club annual Chanukah Party. This year it will take place Sunday, December 5th, at noon. Bring the children, grandchildren and friends. They don't have to be members of PJC. We will be serving latkes and other goodies. And, as usual, we will have our famous toy raffle and a magician will perform for the children. We will also be selling boxes for the Super Bowl pool.

Speaking of games, on January 11th, we will be hosting our annual Texas Holdem' Tournament. It is always a lot of fun, and lucrative for a couple of lucky people. Friday night, January 21st and Saturday morning, January 22nd is the annual Men's Club-Sisterhood Shabbat weekend. It is the two-day period when the inmates take over the service. Anyone who wants to participate—in English or Hebrew—should contact Shea Lerner or Rob Cohen.

Don't forget that the World Famous Patio Players are back and better than ever. This year they will be performing "Fiorello!" Shows are scheduled for March 5th and 6th and 12th and 13th. Tickets go on sale soon. We hope to see everyone there. It is always a fun evening.

If you did not attend our annual paid-up membership dinner on November 9th, you missed a fun evening. Great food, great entertainment and a great turnout. Thanks to all who came. We also had a successful kickoff to our periodic "Men's Voices" program. We'll let you know when the next one is taking place.

Finally, a reminder: Men's Club sponsors the Sunday morning Talis and Tefilin breakfast following services. If you have an event you would like to commemorate, you can sponsor the breakfast for a nominal fee. Contact Alan Hodes or call the office.



MEN'S CLUB COAT DRIVE

This summer, when we finally got around to cleaning out our closets, we realized that we had a number of perfectly good winter coats that, for some reason or another, we don't wear anymore. My wife Sue turned to me and said it's a shame that we can't give these coats to someone who can really use them. That was the start of our idea of starting a coat drive to help our fellow Jews who are in need. After doing a little internet research, we were in contact with the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. They will pick up the coats and GIVE them DIRECTLY to Jews in need. I'm sure most of you have coats in your closets that you no longer wear. What we're asking is for you to bring CLEAN, WEARABLE coats to the Temple. Remember, these coats will not be sold for bulk, but will be worn by someone to keep warm. If the coats are dirty, please clean them or have them dry cleaned. The Men's Club will store them at the Temple and make sure they get distributed to the charity. Please take the time and effort to help with this wonderful Mitzvah. You will really be helping a fellow Jew in need, plus your closet will thank you.

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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

M'yad L'yad (Helping Hands)

Please join Sisterhood, other members of PJC and many others on Long Island as an anonymous sponsor of a LI family in need .

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Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk can be reached at PJC at (516) 938-8610.

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