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SISTERHOOD MEETING
CHANUKAH
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DECEMBER 1ST - 8:15PM

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MAZAL TOV

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son of Jessica & Michael Miller**

**Alice & Howard Kleinmann, upon the marriage of their son, Alex, and Romy Danilovitz,
daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Mervin Danilovitz**

**Judy & Abe Alper upon the birth of their granddaughter, Malya Bina,
daughter of Sara & Eliyahu Rayvych**

HAMAKOMYINACHEM

Gary Glaser, upon the passing of his mother, Dorothy Glaser

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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

Tuesday, December 1st

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15 PM

Wednesday, December 2nd

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Friday, December 4th

Light Candles.....4:06 PM

Early Service.....4:15 PM

Gimel Class Shabbat.....7:00 PM

Sabbath Eve Service.....7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, December 5th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Howard Kleinmann

Diane Miller

Bar Mitzvah: Marc Goldstein

Son of Beth & Steve Goldstein

Baby Naming: Emily Paige Novak

Daughter of Bonnie & Adam Novak

Granddaughter of Linda & Mark Klayman

and Penny & Andrew Novak

Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM

Klayman Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room

Congregation Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Sunday, December 6th

School Tallis/Tefillin Workshop.....8:45 AM

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

Mechina Class Workshop.....11:15 AM

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9th

Lunch & Learn.....12:00 Noon

Chanukah Boutique.....4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Thursday, December 10th

Chanukah Boutique.....4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Friday, December 11th

Light Candles.....4:06 PM

1st Chanukah Candle

Early Service.....4:15 PM

Family Friendly Service.....7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

CHANUKAH (Dedication Days) *celebrates the rededication of the Temple by the victorious Maccabees (167 BCE) 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.*

Saturday, December 12th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Howard Kleinmann

Hannah Kerin

Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Sunday, December 13th

School Tallis/Tefillin Workshop.....8:45 AM

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

Chanukah Boutique.....9:30 AM-1:00 PM

Men's Club Chanukah Party.....12:00 Noon

Yiddish Theater Party.....2:00 PM

Youth Groups.....7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16th

Chanukah Menorah Lighting.....5:45 PM

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Bible Study.....8:15 PM

Friday, December 18th

Light Candles.....4:07 PM

Early Service.....4:15 PM

Yeladim & Tot Shabbat.....7:00 PM

Sabbath Eve Service.....7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, December 19th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM

Torah Reader: Karin Strauss-Factor

Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Sunday, December 20th

School T/T Workshop.....8:45 AM

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

Zahavah Meeting.....9:15-10:45 AM

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 23rd

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Friday, December 25th

Light Candles.....4:09 PM

One Service.....4:15 PM

Saturday, December 26th

Shachrith Service.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Michael Prager

Karin Strauss-Factor

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Sunday, December 27th ASARAH B'TEVETH

(the 10th day of Teveth) is a fast day which commemorates the day when the Babylonians began their siege of Jerusalem in 586 BCE.

Monday, December 28th

Picnic, Games & Campfire.....5:00 PM-7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 29th

Children's Bingo.....12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 30th

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn



On a beautiful November morning a few weeks ago, I headed into midtown to attend a meeting. The meeting lasted longer than I expected. By the time I emerged from office building where the meeting took place, it was already 2:30 in the afternoon. Much to my surprise, the street was almost completely darkened by the shadows of the buildings above. It was as if the sun had already set in the middle of the afternoon.

As fall rushes toward winter, it's hard to escape the feeling that the darkness is closing in, even if we spend our afternoons among the low rise buildings in Plainview. The short days of late fall and winter can leave us feeling downcast and short of energy. To ward off these feelings, at least for a while, peoples across the Northern Hemisphere have created festivals of light to brighten up the short days of this season. Persians celebrate the holiday of Chahrshanbeh Soori this year at the end of November. Sikhs, Hindus, Jains, and some others marked Diwali toward the end of October. Christians light up their homes for Christmas. Some African Americans celebrate Kwanza soon after. And, of course, we will begin the festival of Chanukah on Friday, December 11th.

Each of these holidays shares a common theme: bringing light into the darkness. Each also has its own symbolic interpretations of this act. For us, lighting the Chanukah menorah proclaims the miracle of Chanukah; either the indomitable spirit of a few brave men and women who fought to save Judaism, or God's marvelous intervention into human affairs—or both. At the same time, the daily increase in the number of candles we light symbolizes our determination to always ascend to a higher level of holiness, even in the face of the darkness all around us. These two interpretations of the universal symbol of light give Chanukah its uniquely Jewish character.

We have only eight days each year to fulfill the mitzvah of proclaiming the Chanukah miracle. But we can strive to ascend to a higher level of holiness all year long. To bring more holiness into our lives, our tradition teaches us, we should try to be more like God. As we learn in the Talmud:

“Is it possible for a human being to follow God's presence? The verse means to teach us that we should follow the attributes of the Holy One, Praised be God. As God clothed the naked, you should clothe the naked. As God visited the sick, too should visit the sick. As God comforted those who mourn, you should comfort those who mourn. As God buried the dead, you too should bury the dead.” (Sotah 14a).

In other words, just as God brings light to those whose lives are darkened by illness, deprivation or loss, so too we should strive to bring light into the lives of those whose lives are darkened by illness deprivation and loss. The more light we can bring in to the lives of others, the more we ourselves ascend in holiness.

As a community, there are many ways we can ascend in holiness by bringing light into the lives of others. One of the most important ways, as suggested by the passage from the Talmud above, is by performing the mitzvah of Bikur Cholim, of visiting the sick. Of course, rabbis and cantors traditionally take the lead in visiting those who are in the hospital. Cantor Wolk and I try to coordinate our visits every week to make sure that everyone gets seen. But there are a lot of people in our own synagogue community who would really appreciate some additional support.

In particular, we often have members who are in rehabilitation facilities or are recuperating at home. Rehabilitation and recuperation can stretch on for weeks and months. Patients often feel very isolated as the days and hours stretch on. Additional visitors would help these patients feel less isolated and more connected to our community. Often, people in our community are not even aware of the need. When it comes to people with a long-running illness, or who are homebound, out of sight

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The Cantor's Note: **LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING AHEAD**



How quickly the seasons seem to pass. Not long ago, in the waning days of summer, we gathered in synagogue to observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Then, in the fall, we celebrated the harvest festivals of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret as the leaves changed from green to bright hues of red and gold. As the temperatures and autumn leaves started to drop, leaving the trees bare, we began to feel the chill of an approaching winter. Now, it is the month of Kislev, and Hannukah is just around the corner.

The period between Sukkot and Kislev corresponds roughly to the Hebrew month of Marheshvan, a month traditionally said to have no day of celebration or special observance, in stark contrast to Tishre. But the seeming lull in the cycle of the Jewish year presents us with the opportunity to prolong the spirit, mood, and lessons of the New Year holidays in our lives, remembering that God is still with us as we strive to fulfill the pledges that we made a month earlier.

It is a time, writes Rabbi Neil Winkler of Fort Lee, N.J., to internalize the lessons of the past holy days and to try to externalize them as well. He observes, and I concur, that significant moments in our lives should not become fleeting moments. Events that have impacted positively upon us should not disappear like the autumn leaves when they are over. They will remain with us so long as we make them part of who we are, becoming better, happier people and more committed Jews.

Though the past weeks have been a quiet time ritually, activities at the Center have continued apace. Our Religious School Bet class lead a Friday evening service in November, as will our Gimel class this month. Students of the Daled and Hey classes participated in a Shabbat afternoon service and Seudah Shlisheet (festive third Sabbath meal), and prepared a beautiful musical Havdalah ceremony with keyboard accompaniment.

The Plainview Jewish Center was host this year to the annual Interfaith Clergy Council Thanksgiving Service, at which our students joined with children from other Jewish and Christian congregations in a combined chorus under my direction. I wish to thank our adult choir, too, for their participation, and to express special gratitude to our choir director, Rich Liptzin, who acted as organist.

On November 8th, some fifty of us met in the Kirschner Room for supper followed by an informative, witty, and entertaining audio-visual lecture by attorney, record producer, impresario, raconteur, and authority on cantorial music, Barry Serota, who spoke about cantors in the classics. The fellowship and presentation were enjoyed by all. Thanks go to kiddush chairperson, Rhonnie Diener, Eileen Fleischman, Eileen Fonfa, and Gerri Wolk for providing and setting up a delicious repast. I am, of course, grateful to our congregants whose contributions to my music fund make events like this possible.

On December 13th, our fourth annual Yiddish Theatre Party at the Folkesbiene National Yiddish Theatre will be held. We are going to the New York premiere of "Sholom Aleichem: Laughter Through Tears", starring Theodore Bikel. I am pleased and gratified to report that sixty people will be attending, with a waiting list for seats which may open in a sold-out performance.

I would like to use this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to Todd Kirschner of Trio Hardware for his kindness and expertise. Todd was brought up in this congregation by his parents, Karen and the late Sidney. He was one of my students, and his dad Sid, of blessed memory, was a vice-president of this congregation. The Kirschner Room was endowed in Sid's memory by his friends. I had approached Todd because the ark doors in our daily chapel, commissioned and donated by my family in memory of my mother, needed to be repaired. I had intended to ask Todd for a referral, but, without any hesitation, he volunteered graciously and generously to do the work himself. I can only conjecture that it was *bashert* that the repair was done on the very day of my mother's *yahrzeit*. Thank you, Todd!

May the coming festival of Hannukah bring joy and light into our lives and homes.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Barbara Greenberg*

Dear Fellow Congregants,

December is the time of year when charities bombard potential donors with increased mailings and telephone solicitations. While many of the requests are from legitimate charities, paid callers and scammers take advantage of people's generosity during the holiday season. Everyone needs to be vigilant to ensure that the money they donate actually goes to the causes they wish to support.

In this spirit I would like to suggest whenever and wherever possible you put PJC on the top of your list when you are making your year end contributions to charity. As members you understand and value the need for a strong Jewish center and the services that PJC provides. Our budget relies on additional sources of income over and above dues, and every additional dollar collected is used to support our many programs. No money is used to pay solicitors, and we rely on each of us to meet our revenue goals. When you generously donate money above and beyond your dues level, you enable PJC to fund, and hopefully expand, the many programs we offer. Last year we were fortunate to receive a gift from the estate of Herb & Eve Frankel that compensated for the shortfall of our other fund raising efforts. We are very grateful for their magnanimous gift. It is most gratifying when members value PJC and the good work it does, by supporting our synagogue even after their death. So when you are writing checks to your favorite charities at this time of year, remember that PJC can also use your additional support. We promise to put the money to good use.

For most people, December is a very hectic month. Many things, both personal and professional need to be completed by year end. On top of that, there are the added pressures created by the holiday season. First is the endless shopping for the perfect gifts at the optimum price. Then there is all the planning for holiday gatherings, which as you guessed, involves even more shopping with the added bonus of having to cook as well. Even people like me who love to shop can get overwhelmed this time of year. Not to be forgotten is the worrying about how to entertain the children and grandchildren when they are off from school or visiting.

We would like to reduce some of your stress. Sisterhood's Chanukah boutique on December 9th, 10th & 13th, offers a wide range of gifts for people of all ages. Imagine the extra quality time you can have with your family if you use this one-stop-shopping approach. The boutique is a great place to pick up last minute gifts, and your purchases not only help you and your family, but also benefits PJC.

Men's Club, in conjunction with Family Ed, is sponsoring their annual Chanukah party on Sunday, December 13th which is a great place to bring your children and grandchildren. For adults, you can attend the Yiddish Theatre trip on December 13th (later that day). There is a lunch and learn with Rabbi Conn on December 9th in addition to the Bible Study classes. Come see the Menorah lighting on December 16. We are also offering activities during the school break – picnic and games around the campfire on December 28th and Children's Bingo on December 29th. These are in addition to our regularly scheduled Sisterhood, Zahavah (December 20th), Men's Club, Youth Groups and Singles meetings. As always we will be having our monthly Family Friendly Friday night service on December 11, a Gimel class service on December 4 (my birthday) and Yeladim & Tot Shabbat on December 18. You can take advantage of any or all programs that interest you – we have so many events to choose from.

I would like to thank Joel Hauptman and Stuart Haimen, the chairpeople of our Bazaar, for all their hard work in making this year's event successful. With the help of so many volunteers, we not only raised needed funds for PJC, but it helped build a strong sense of community. I also want to thank everyone who came down to lend a hand.



Hoping everyone has a very happy and stressless Chanukah surrounded by your loved ones. From my family to yours, a happy and healthy New Year!

Family Education News by Judy Alper

Just when you feel like it's too cold and dreary outside you realize that Chanukah is right around the corner and that the special glow that the holiday creates in your family and life is right beside you. It's amazing what the lights of the Chanukiah (menorah) can do for us.

There was once a huge discussion between two great rabbis, Hillel and Shammai. They always seemed to have different outlooks on many things and the lighting of the Chanukiah candles was no different. Shammai felt that the miracle of the oil needed to be demonstrated by the lighting of all eight candles on the first night, with one less candle each succeeding night, showing how much less oil was available for the rest of the holiday. By the eighth night there would only be one candle lit. Hillel, on the other hand, felt that we should light one candle on the first night with an additional candle being added each night until the eighth night when all eight candles and the shamash are lit. Our excitement of lighting that first candle is great and with each additional night our joy in the holiday and its miracles does not seem to diminish. Clearly, our rabbis of today agree with Hillel—and we are the recipients of this good fortune!

This month is full of opportunities to enjoy time with your family, friends and community. Our December Family Friendly Friday Night Service is being held at 7pm on December 11th, the first night of Chanukah! How fortunate for us to be able to share this special time together. Be on the lookout for a special treat for all the children, no matter what age you are! We look forward to seeing you at the service and at the oneg afterwards. If you would like to help sponsor the oneg, perhaps taking the opportunity to wish all your friends a *Happy Chanukah!*, please call or email Judy Alper with all the necessary information.

Our *Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!* meeting will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 for 6th grade girls and 5:45 for 7th grade girls. It's not too late to join and all Jewish girls in 6th and 7th grades, no matter their affiliation are welcome to attend. But...RSVP's are a must! We want to make sure we have enough food and supplies for all our activities.

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, December 28th from 5:00 – 7:30 PM for a super, great, fun filled picnic and campfire. Be on the lookout for the flyers and email about this great event. We'll be having relays and races, a picnic dinner and a campfire along with songs, stories and, of course, smores. Sounds like fun...and it will be! Everyone and all ages are welcome—mark your calendars NOW!

For further information or to make reservations for these events, please call Judy Alper at 516-938-8610, ext. 112 or email at JRAIps36@aol.com (email is preferable).

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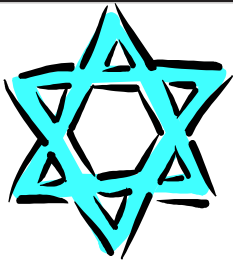
Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

Much as I would enjoy reading someone else's article on Israel Affairs one month, I certainly cannot complain about a lack of material to write about. It is interesting to note that when something is alleged that puts Israel in the wrong, it makes the media, putting Israel in the worst possible light. When, often, the allegation is proven false, barely a word is written. Moreover, when the next accusation is made, the first one surfaces again. However, when Israel finds evidence of Arab wrongdoing, it seems to be soft pedaled almost to oblivion. A case in point is the huge stash of weapons Israel confiscated last week (Nov.4th), which originated in Iran and was headed for Hezbollah. One had to search to find the original story and I haven't seen any follow-up except in Israeli publications. Prime Minister Netanyahu's response to the situation can be gauged by this quote from a talk he gave in Israel shortly after the find. This reaction to his talk comes from *Israelnationalnews.com*

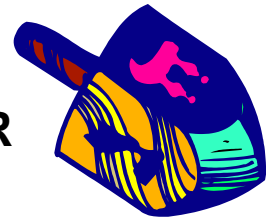
"Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Thursday that the terrorist weapons shipment captured in an IDF raid this week constituted a war crime, and criticized the United Nations for its failure to respond to the incident. He noted the timing of the weapons shipment, which took place as the UN prepared to debate a report condemning Israel for its counter terror offensive in Gaza. Following are statements Netanyahu made; 'This is a war crime. This is a war crime that the United Nations General Assembly, which is gathering today to discuss the Goldstone Report, should have investigated and condemned. ... The international community should be focusing on this. But instead, the world condemns Israel and the Israel Defense Forces and undermines our right to self defense. The weapons were to be shipped from Iran to Syria, and from there to the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.. The bulk of the shipment included rockets whose aim is to hurt our civilians and kill as many civilians as possible. ...The shipment of weapons to Middle East terrorists is a blatant violation of Security Council resolutions."

I have never commented in this column on the Goldstone Report which was issued at at the end of September. The report was the result of an investigation initiated at the behest of the Human Rights Council of the UN into the conduct of both sides during the Gaza fighting. This had been preceded by much rhetoric against Israel at the Council. Israel, probably because of its experience with the Human Rights Council, declined to cooperate. It launched its own investigation to repudiate the charges of the Council. The Palestinians predictably welcomed the commission with open arms and of course put their own spin on things. The report when issued did condemn both sides but did not specifically mention Hamas and seemed to indicate that some of Israel's actions were more egregious than those of her enemies. Perhaps, had they cooperated, it would have been different. However, most Jewish organizations in the U.S. and elsewhere condemned the report as did the U.S. Congress. It is expected that the report will be sent to the Security Council and they will have three months to react.

Recently, it seems that one of the tactics of pro-Palestinian groups is to delegitimize Israel by accusing various of its Army officers of war crimes and threatening to arrest them if they travel to their country. This tactic may be beginning to backfire. Just yesterday (Nov. 8th), the Jewish Telegraphic agency ran an article indicating that Norway had rescinded its indictment of Israeli leaders. The following is an excerpt; "Chief prosecutor Siri Frigaard said last Friday that she is dismissing the complaint because 'there is no good reason for Norwegian authorities to investigate further and Norway should be judicious in deciding when to investigate alleged war crimes by individuals with no connection to the country. ... Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Defense Minister Ehud Barak and opposition leader Tzipi Livni were among the Israelis named. The decision comes a day after the United Nations General Assembly, with Norway abstaining from the vote, endorsed the Goldstone report." Some other countries which had considered charging Israeli leaders have also decided against it. Keep following the media and respond where necessary.



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SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

What do we celebrate on Chanukah? Most children will tell you that we celebrate the miracle of the oil jar. Some will add that we celebrate the victory of the weak and few, (the Maccabees) over the many and mighty (the Greeks). Very few will say that we celebrate the victory of religious freedom and expression. Yet, if we carefully study the Chanukah celebration, we will see that the value of religious freedom was the cornerstone of the Maccabee's strength. We Jews should feel very proud that 2000 years ago, our ancestors realized the importance of this value and fought for it.

The American democracy is built on the value of religious freedom. Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King Day were created to celebrate this concept. With all the beauty of religious freedom, we Jews should also learn how to maintain the treasure of the Torah. It is not enough to speak about it. As Jews, we are required to live a life of keeping the mitzvot. Here is an opportunity to perform one.

Our Mitzvah Project for the month of Kislev is "Visiting the Sick" (November 18th - December 18th). Children and parents can choose one of the following activities and try to do it as a family. Here are some suggestions:

- * Visit someone sick at home, at the hospital or nursing home (& bring something to cheer them up).
- * Make greeting cards – send them to an organization that serves sick people. (Mrs. Ginsberg has names of organizations, or find them on the internet).
- * Collect and donate goods for sick children (like toys, books) and bring it in person to them.
 - * *Each child needs to bring a written note from their parents describing what he/she has done.*

The month will start with a Gimel class service on Friday, December 4th at 7PM. During the month we will offer a variety of Chanukah programs. We will have Chanukah activities during the week of Chanukah and a Chanukah party on Sunday, December 13th at noon sponsored by the Men's Club. On Wednesday, December 16th, we will have a Menorah Lighting ceremony at 5:45 PM outside the building. We will finish the month with Yeladim and Tot Shabbat services.

We would like to thank the PJC Sisterhood for their financial support in providing a music program for the school and for sponsoring our religious school parties. We also thank Men's Club for its donation towards our Tallit & Tefillah program.

I want to wish all of you Chag Orim (lights) Sameach.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 4 (Fri) Gimel Class Service - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 6 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah - Group B Session 4 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11 AM in Youth Building
 Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM;
 Mechina Workshop - 11:15 AM-1 PM
 7 (Mon) School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
 13 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah - Group A Session 5 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11 AM in Youth Building
 Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Chanukah Men's Club Party - 12:00 PM
 15-16 (Tue-Wed) Chanukah activities in the classes
 16 (Wed) Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony – 5:45 PM
 18 (Fri) Yeladim Service – 7:00 - 8:00 PM (Tot Shabbat To Be Announced)
 19 (Sat) Last Day of Chanukah
 20 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah - Group B Session 5 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11 AM in Youth Building
 Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Thur. Dec. 24 – Sun. Jan. 3 Chanukah-Christmas Vacation – No school or Jr. Cong.

Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services

CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



MARC DAVID GOLDSTEIN

December 5, 2009

Marc is the son of Beth and Steve Goldstein. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Marc enjoys playing football and basketball as well as traveling and spending time with his family and friends. His favorite holiday is Chanukah. He likes lighting the menorah each night and opening up his gifts.

Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies *by Sharon Kunoff*

This is a reminder that our Fall Session at Woodbury Jewish Center is drawing to a close. On December 7th, Kurt F. Stone will speak to us about **The Congressional Minyan: The Jews of Capitol Hill**, and on December 14th we have our Chanukah program which will this year present a Klezmer Duo with a **Chanukah Cabaret**. If you are not a member and want to try us out for either program, the charge is \$10 per session and tickets may be purchased at the door. While the programs start at 9pm, one day attendees will be welcomed at any of our classes which begin at 7:45pm. Rabbi Conn's class, *Everyday Spirituality; How Judaism Brings us Closer to God One Day at a Time*, along with our other classes have their last two sessions on those dates.

Our 2009-2010 season will conclude with four lectures in January at Temple Beth Elohim in Old Bethpage. The lectures will start at 8pm and will last for approximately one hour each, followed by questions and refreshments donated by Shoprite. The programs are free for those registered for the Fall session. For non-members, the cost is \$10 per lecture or \$25 for all four lectures. There are no classes during the winter session. Lectures for the Winter Session are:

January 4	Rabbi Reuven Mann	Christian Zionism-The Danger and the Opportunity
January 11	Rabbi Perry Raphael Rank	Math, Physics and God
January 18	Naomi Greenspan	What Every Jew Should Know About Islam
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PJC YOUTH CORNER

Plainview Jewish Center's Youth programs will be held in the synagogue for the month of December. If you have any movies, games or art supplies that you would like to donate to the Youth programs, please contact Lois Lange, Youth Director, at: lois_lange@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH - TIRONIM CHANUKAH CELEBRATION: 5:30 - 7PM
USY: 7 - 8:30PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH -
KADIMA SHABBATON AT SHELTER ROCK JEWISH CENTER
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LOIS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH - NO YOUTH GROUP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH - RAKEVET LOUNGE NIGHT FOR USY
AT SOUTH HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER: 7-9PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH - KADIMA CHANUKAH CELEBRATION: 5:30-7PM
USY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION: 7-8:30PM

Please feel free to come down on a Sunday night to see what Youth Group is all about. We have a fun program every Sunday.

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(FROM THE RABBI continued from Page 4)

often becomes out of mind. For this reason, I am sure that the actual number of people in our synagogue community who are struggling with health related issues would surprise many of us.

In response to this acute need, our congregation is forming a Bikur Cholim Group to visit members of our congregation who are ill. The Bikur Cholim Group will focus its efforts primarily on those who are homebound, recuperating from an illness at home or undergoing rehabilitation therapy. Volunteers will supplement the work of the rabbi and cantor; helping our congregation to offer even better support to those who are ill and their families.

For some of us, the prospect of becoming a friendly visitor may be a little daunting. It's only natural to wonder what to do or not do; what to say or not say. That's why we are offering a special orientation session for all volunteers. The session will take place at PJC on Sunday morning January 10th at 10:30 AM at PJC. Marilyn Leibowitz, who has extensive experience with Bikur Cholim, has graciously agreed to lead our session and help organize the group.

If you are considering joining the Bikur Cholim group, here is some more information that might be helpful. Volunteers will visit only those who request a volunteer to visit. In general, women will visit women, men will visit men. The privacy of patients will be strictly respected. Volunteers can take on as large or small a commitment as they wish. In this way, we hope to build a broad based group that reflects the diversity of our congregation.

Finally, let me share with you a well-kept secret about Bikur Cholim. We say that visiting someone who is ill will help bring light into their lives in a time of darkness. What we don't always remember to say is that visiting the sick brings light into our lives as well. I cannot begin to describe all the truly wonderful experiences I have had during my years of visiting the sick. I have gotten to know wonderful people I might otherwise never have met. I have formed close relationships with people who I knew only casually. And I have shared moments of joy and spirituality equal to any I have experienced in the synagogue. Visiting someone who is ill may be the one thing I do on any given day that I know will make a difference. Any kindness and compassion I have given to others while visiting them has been returned in equal measure to me—maybe more.

Become a part of our Bikur Cholim Group. Join us on January 10th to learn more. As the daylight begins to increase as winter moves toward spring, help us to increase the light in the lives of others. Help us to fulfill our mission as a kehillah kedohsa, a holy community. Most of all, give yourself a chance to make a caring connection with someone who may enrich your life as well.

Happy Chanukah from Rabbi Conn, Illyse, Dalya and Yoni

ADULT EDUCATION

December 2nd and 16th at 8:15 PM: Join Rabbi Conn as the Rabbi's Bible Class resumes. We will continue our study of the Book of I Samuel. Lively discussion, in-depth learning and a look at how this important cycle of stories is viewed in Jewish tradition. **Free and open to all.**

LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday December 10th at 11:00 AM. Join Rabbi Conn as we discuss "Chanukah Mythbusters—Putting Our Chanukah Traditions to the Test". Call the PJC office by December 8th to RSVP. Bring a dairy or pareve sack lunch.

BAZAAR 2009

I'm sure you all are aware that our annual Bazaar was held this year on October 31st and November 1st. Considering the economy we did pretty well. We would like to thank all the congregants who gave so much of themselves. To all the people who got us the merchandise (without them there would be no bazaar), to the people who unpacked the boxes and laid everything out, to the workers who were there for endless hours, to the people who helped pack up, to the custodial and office staff, we appreciate it all. We would like to thank everybody who has worked with us on this enormous task throughout the years. We would also like to thank our families for their time and support.

Stu and I will be switching hats after this year. We intend to host a craft/vendor market next fall. We appreciate all the help you have provided us with in the past and hope you will continue to support us in this new venture. If you are interested in being a vendor or know of anyone who would be interested please let us know.

Joel Hauptman & Stuart Haimen, Bazaar Chairs

BIZARRE AT THE BAZAAR by *Robert Sarrel*

Once again this year, Plainview Jewish Center held its annual bazaar, but this year it was on October 31st and November 1st. Never before, to my knowledge, was it held on Halloween weekend. There was an unusual array of items for sale as well as the usual volunteers to "person" the tables – give or take a few. It always turns out to be exhausting, but a lot of fun. We get to see new people there, and some others who come back each year. For me, I got to see some friends from the gym, my chiropractor and her family and the family of my best friend who lives in Las Vegas.. It was wonderful.

The bazaar is generally one of our major fund-raisers, and is the result of a lot of effort by many of our members. This year Stuart Haimen and Joel Hauptman again co-chaired this function. They and the team of volunteer members make it a great social event.

While I was stationed at the hardware/paint table, an attractive woman approached the table carrying a package and asked to see someone in charge. I got ready to duck, expecting someone to be returning a purchase from the previous year or two, and ready to complain angrily. You know, I've been told they do not call this "Complainview" for nothing. I looked at Arnie, who looked at me with a shrug –and we decided to bite the bullet.

The young lady wore a beautiful diamond name necklace, so we asked, "Roselle, how can we help you?" She looked at us with a friendly, warm smile, opened the bag she was holding, and said, "Last year when I was here for the bazaar, I bought quite a bit of stuff, and the fellow behind the table was very helpful putting all the packages into a large bag. When I got home, I found the man, by mistake, put this cigar box into my package. Since it is not anything I bought, I wanted to return it to you. So here it is." She said, "When I opened it and realized it was a "cash box," I really wanted to get it back to you. I do not live in the neighborhood, and fortunately the ad for the bazaar was the same as last year's, so I finally knew how to get it back to you."

Do you believe it? Does it not restore your faith in humanity? We were surprised and just want Roselle to know how impressive her thoughtfulness and honesty is, and we want to thank her from the bottom of our hearts. We want you to know how important we think prayer is to the health and well being of everyone, and you will be in my prayers for a long time to come, and I know others at PJC will include you in their prayers as well. G-d bless you. Thank you.

REPORT FROM THE HOUSE CHAIRMAN by Joel Hauptman

The Rabbi and his family have now moved into the new house! There was a lot of work involved in getting it ready and I would like to acknowledge some of our congregants who have given so much of time to make this possible: Rob Cohen, Stuart Haimes, Bob Sarrel, and Joe & Marsha Elowsky. If I've omitted anyone I apologize. Thank you for your dedication.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Lynn Lederkramer



THE DECEMBER DILEMMA

The concurrence of Chanukah and Christmas causes many American Jewish adults to agonize about what to do about Christmas. Jewish parents struggle during this time of year, concerned when their child expresses interest in participating in Christmas rituals. Children quickly learn that every birthday party is not theirs, they can also grow to understand that Christmas is someone else's holiday, all the while celebrating the joys of being Jewish.

Sometimes it is uncomfortable for Jews because we do not mirror the majority holiday. That in and of itself is the message of Chanukah. We declare our freedom to enjoy our own values, customs and traditions. We have respect in our faith and assert our right to be different and to be proud of our differences. Many years ago I came across the following article written in 1978 by Sylvia Seldon, a past President of Sisterhood and Congregation:

"Recently, I related an incident involving my youngest child, to a group of friends...all of whom were Jewish. They were all amused and remarked as to how cute he was. I was, however, left with thoughts that disturbed me. The following is the results of these thoughts:

My son is not a "Christmas Boy". He has proclaimed this loudly to all of our friends and neighbors who are busy decorating their homes for the Christmas season. How sad that our children, surrounded by the glitter and glow of the season, feel inclined to back into their holiday from the negative side.

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights is a time of joy for the Jewish people. We have our own reason for celebrating, our own symbol of our joy and faith, our own tradition of gift giving, our own songs and games and stories and delicacies.

Let us teach our children to understand and enjoy all of these things...this holiday that is unique to the Jewish people. Let us be positive and proud about our Jewish heritage and traditions so that our children will proclaim...not in apology or sadness, but with pride and joy...even the youngest amongst them:

"I am a Chanukah child!"

Best wishes to you and yours for very Happy Chanukah, Lynn Lederkramer

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

Although we have sent our family a Thanksgiving/Chanukah package, they are still very much impacted by the economic climate. The children's sizes remain: Samantha, size 7, 8 or medium pants, 10 or medium tops, 6 dresses and size 1 shoes; Jordyn, size 6 or small pants, 8 or medium tops, 6 or small dresses and 12 ½ shoes. Winter items would be especially welcomed. Slightly larger outer garments would most likely fit also.

Thank you to the Religious School who raised money through one of their Mitzvah projects and generously made a donation to our family! Any help this family receives is greatly appreciated. Cash gifts are used to send gift cards so that they can fill in with items most needed and help with daily expenses. To donate please contact Rhonnie at pamba66@aol.com or Sharon at skunoff@optonline.net or by phone at 694-1896.

MEMBERSHIP Doreen Guzik - Membership Vice President

Our Paid-Up Membership Aloha Brunch was a big success. We had wonderful raffle prizes as well as a great turnout. Special thanks to my Chairman Blaine Peltzman and thanks to all the women who helped make this day run smoothly.

It is never too late to join Sisterhood. We offer many events for all age groups. Come and join us for our next program and see what we are all about.

PROGRAM Elyse Schrage & Debbie Zaglin - Programming Co-Vice Presidents

Our next meeting will be on **December 1st - Tuesday evening at 8:15 PM.** Come and join the fun. We will be playing "The Price is Right" with a Chanukah theme. We expect this to be a fun evening with lots of laughs and prizes. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Program Committee: Elyse Schrage, Debbie Zaglin, Ellen Hayman



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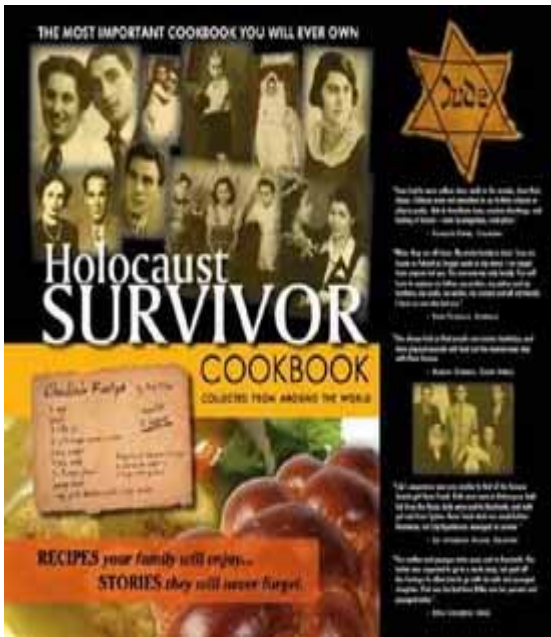
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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR COOKBOOK



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 Chanukah gift. And, as a bonus, you will also be supporting our temple.

EDUCATION Bunny Finkelstein - Education Vice President

Chanukah, a favorite holiday of the young and old alike, is celebrated on the 24th day of Kislev which corresponds to the English date of the evening of December 11th. It is important for us to know the historical significance of Chanukah and to pass this information on to our children and grandchildren. It is referred to as the "Festival of Lights" and commemorates the victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks whose King Antiochus had attempted to suppress the religion of the Jews. In addition to being victorious in war, another miracle occurred. When the Maccabees came to rededicate the Temple they found only one flask of purified oil to light the eternal lamp for one night but that small amount of oil burned for eight nights. Because of this we celebrate Chanukah for eight days and light the Menorah for eight nights. The nightly kindling of the Menorah has become a symbol for both our spiritual and physical resistance to tyranny. On this holiday it has become traditional to play with the dreidel and give the children Chanukah gelt or gifts. We also eat foods fried in oil such as latkes and doughnuts.

This is a perfect time to visit Sisterhood's Judaica Shop for some wonderful gifts. The Chanukah Boutique will be held on December 9th, 10th and 13th. Our thanks to Michele Haimes and her committee for all their hard work and for making our Judaica shop so successful.

By now Sisterhood has sent out our very popular Chanukah Kits to your college aged children. Thanks to the hard work of Barbara Greenberg and her committee. This is such a special project which is so well received by our children.

Please mark your calendar for the weekend of January 22nd: Our Sisterhood-Men's Club Shabbat. If you would like to have a part in either Hebrew or English please let us know. This is a wonderful weekend. It needs all of us to participate to make it meaningful and successful. Please call either Doris Cooper at 802-3545, Bunny Finkelstein at 433-5778 or Zita Jospa at 822-5319.

And, if Chanukah is here then Purim is not far behind. Our terrific committee has already started working on our Shalach Manot Program. Please look for the flyers and order forms.

We all wish you a very Happy Chanukah.

Bunny Finkelstein Education VP; Doris Cooper and Zita Jospa, Education Chair

TORAH FUND - Cindy Getzoff, Torah Fund Coordinator

Our Torah Fund Double Chai Celebration was a huge success. Joyce Rimer graciously opened her home to us for this event and, as usual, treated us to her fabulous desserts. The presentation was both moving and meaningful. TOV!

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

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

Torah Fund cards (\$4 each) may be purchased at any Sisterhood meeting or by contacting:
Cindy Getzoff - 938-0812; Joyce Rimer - 433-4826; Barbara Knoll - 935-3553

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FUNDRAISING *Rose Weiner - Fund Raising Vice President*

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Upcoming Events

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

December means Chanukah. And, for those who attend Men's Club's annual Chanukah party, it means Fun-ukah (to quote Adam Sandler). So, come down on December 13th at 1:00 to enjoy games, special entertainment for the children, our famous toy raffle, and of course lots of Latkes and other goodies to eat. And, make sure your child picks up their special Chanukah gift before they leave. Bring your family, children, grandchildren and friends for the fun-filled event.

Looking ahead to January, it is shaping up to be a very busy month. First of all, on Tuesday, January 12th we will be attending the Islanders vs. the Detroit Red Wings game. We were able to get a block of very good seats at a healthy discount. So, it is a chance to see the revitalized Isles with your fellow Temple-ites at an attractive price. For more information, inquire at the Chanukah party or call the Temple office and ask for Steve Adelman.

On the weekend of January 22nd and 23rd, Men's Club and Sisterhood will be conducting our annual Shabbat service. This is the weekend when the Temple inmates run the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. If you would like to participate, contact the office. Or just come down and support your fellow Men's Club and Sisterhood members and join us for a luscious Saturday Kiddush.

That's not all. On January 19th, Men's Club will be hosting our annual Texas Hold 'em tournament. More details to come. Watch your e-mails or check out the Temple's website. Or, you can call the Temple office and ask for Stu Haimes. We are also conducting our annual Super Bowl pool. If you would like to buy a box for \$20, call the office and ask for David Dender.

Men's Club is not only about hosting Temple-wide events and serving food. Our ultimate mission is to serve the Temple and our fellow congregants. So, we are proud to announce that during a time of need, Men's Club stepped up. We recently made a \$400 special donation to the Religious School to help pay for a Tallit and Tefillah instructor who will work with the children during Sunday morning services. When it was determined that an additional class was needed, when school enrollment surged beyond expectations, Men's Club agreed to donate another \$600 to help defray the cost.

If you have not yet joined Men's Club, it is not too late. Just leave a message for Rob Cohen or Fred Skolnick and one of them will get back to you. Or you can make your payment at the Chanukah party.

Some of the events you already missed: Annual Kick off Barbecue, Paid up Membership dinner, Meet-the-Candidates. Not bad for the beginning of a year, huh? Still to come: The Patio Player's annual show. Watch for the cast calls. And our annual Purim party, year-end dinner and much more.

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