



## *TU B'SHEVAT*



## *THE NEW YEAR OF TREES*

**SISTERHOOD MEETING**

**GAME NIGHT!**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH 8:15PM**

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**HAMAKOMYINACHEM**

**Lori Kenigsberg, on the passing of her mother, Bernice Rubinstein  
Eric Roth, on the passing of his father, Stanley Roth  
Carol Rabin, on the passing of her mother, Stella Forer  
Dr. Jeffrey Gold, on the passing of his mother, Frances Proger**

**WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MORNING MINYAN:**

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Elliot Fagin**

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**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Mon. thru Fri..... 6:30AM**

**Mon. thru Thurs.....8:00PM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 9:00AM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 8:00PM**

**Friday Evening Services -**

**Check Calendar for Times**

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## FEBRUARY 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, February 1st

Bible Study.....8:30PM

### Thursday, February 2nd

Executive Board Meeting..... 8:15PM

### Friday, February 3rd

Early Shabbat Service..... .5:00PM

Mechina Class Shabbat.....7:00PM

### Saturday, February 4th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**Bat Mitzvah: Jessica Rappaport**

**Daughter of Frann & Glenn Rappaport**

Mincha/Maariv.....5:00PM

### Sunday, February 5th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM

Adult Bat Mitzvah Class.....9:15AM

World Wide Wrap.....9:00AM

Daled Workshop.....11:15AM

### Monday, February 6th

J-Flex Hebrew High School.....6:00-8:00PM

AARP Defensive Driving.....6:30PM – 9:30PM

### Tuesday, February 7th

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

### Wednesday, February 8th

Lunch and Learn.....11:00AM

Ritual Committee Meeting.....8:15PM

### Thursday, February 9th

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

### Friday, February 10th

Early Shabbat Service.....5:00PM

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

### Saturday, February 11th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Shabbat B'yachad & Learning Service.10:30AM

Mincha/Maariv.....5:00PM

### Sunday, February 12th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM

Adult Bat Mitzvah Class.....9:15AM

Sisterhood Bullying Program.....9:30AM

Tironim and Kadima.....12:00PM

USY.....1:30PM

Rosh Hodesh Program.....5:30PM

### Monday, February 13th

AARP Defensive Driving.....6:30PM

Express Innovations.....7:15PM

Sisterhood Board Meeting.....8:15PM

### Wednesday, February 15th

Bible Study .....8:15PM

Men's Club Movie Nite.....8:30PM

### Thursday, February 16th

Congregation Meeting.....8:15PM

### Friday, February 17th

Early Shabbat (one service only).....5:15PM

Tot Shabbat.....6:00PM

### Saturday, February 18th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**Aufruf: Aaron Ingram**

**Son of Myrna and Don Ingram  
and Nicole Holland**

**Daughter of Loretta and Arthur Holland**

Mincha/Ma'ariv.....5:15PM

### Sunday, February 19th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM

### Friday, February 24th

Early Shabbat (one service only)..... 5:15PM

### Saturday, February 25th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Mincha/Ma'ariv.....5:15PM

Passover Wine Sale.....8:00PM

### Sunday, February 26th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM

### Monday, February 27th

J-Flex Hebrew High School.....6:00-8:00PM

### Tuesday, February 28th

Bingo and Pizza.....7:00PM

Men's Club Board Meeting.....8:15PM

### Wednesday, February 29th

Family Ed Program.....8:25PM

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP PACK SHALACH MANOT BAGS  
PLEASE COME DOWN TO PJC ON SUNDAY, MARCH 4th. WE WILL BE  
PACKING FROM 9:00 TO 3:00 AND NEED LOTS OF HELP. IT'S A  
MITZVAH! IF YOU CAN SPARE EVEN ONE HOUR COME ON DOWN.**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL BUNNY: 433-5778 OR MARION: 933-8085**

## **FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**



In the midst of a raging storm, Shlomo, a longtime member of Plainview Jewish Center, begins to feel chest pains. He instructs his wife Sara to call an ambulance to take him to the hospital. He then makes Sara promise to call the priest at St. Pius Church and ask him to come to the hospital right away.

“Shlomo”, a mystified Sara asks, “you have been a member of Plainview Jewish Center all your life. We keep a kosher home. You go to minyan every day. Why would you want me to call a priest?”

“Because,” Shlomo responds, “in weather like this, I wouldn’t want to bother the rabbi”.

Could such a thing really happen in our congregation? Of course not. This story comes from the Borscht Belt, not real life. And yet, there is a little truth in every exaggeration. I can’t tell you how many times someone who had a need, large or small, told me that they didn’t call, didn’t email or didn’t stop in to see me because, “I didn’t want to bother you.” Sometimes, I find myself wondering whether there may be some among us who think that, “Don’t bother the rabbi” is, in fact, the 614th commandment.

To be sure, consideration for the rabbi is probably not the only reason some people sometimes hesitate to share their problems, their concerns and their questions with me. Some people, out of a misguided sense of humility, probably don’t believe their challenges are worthy of my attention, or anybody else’s for that matter. “There are people with much more tzuris than me”, they think, “why take up the rabbi’s time with something so trivial?” I also suspect that there are many people who feel that they already have lots of family members and friends to turn to for support. “What support could a rabbi have to offer”, they ask, “that can’t be obtained more easily and effectively from the people closest to me?”

I want to answer this last question first, because I think it is the most difficult. What, indeed, do I, or any rabbi, have to offer that friends and family don’t already have covered? For me, the answer is found in a classic Jewish story, which I very deliberately shared with the congregation at my first Family Friendly Shabbat service back in 2009.

David and Miriam have a large family, six children in all. Being poor, they can only afford a small two room house. The house is crowded all the time; there is no space for anyone. Finally, David and Miriam go to the village rabbi and present their problem. The rabbi thinks for a while and asks them, “Do you have a cow?” When the couple answers “yes”, the rabbi instructs them to bring the cow into the house to live with the family.

Naturally, having the cow indoors just makes the crowding problem worse. David and Miriam return to the rabbi a week later to seek further advice. When the rabbi learns the couple also has a goat, the rabbi advises them to bring the goat into the house as well. Not surprisingly, bringing the goat indoors makes life even more unpleasant for the family. Back to the rabbi David and Miriam go, only to be instructed to bring the chickens into their home as well. Finally, life becomes so unbearable in the house that David and Miriam return to the rabbi for a fourth time, despondent. With the chickens in the house too, things are even worse than before. Much to their relief, the rabbi tells David and Miriam to remove all the animals from the house. A week later, David and Miriam rush into the rabbi to thank him. “We are so grateful to you for solving our problem. Our house feels so roomy now. You, rabbi, are truly a genius.”

Did the rabbi in the story really deserve such an outpouring of gratitude from David and Miriam? On one level, the question seems ludicrous. Not only didn’t the rabbi do anything to improve David and Miriam’s situation, but the rabbi’s advice actually made things worse for a while. The entire exercise seems like a waste of time.

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But, on a deeper level, the rabbi did give David and Miriam an important gift. The rabbi helped them see things from a different perspective. And seeing things from this different perspective helped David and Miriam better cope with the realities of their life.

One very important thing that I, as a rabbi, can offer to someone facing a problem or a challenge is a different perspective. Friends and family members often feel that they have to solve our problems for us; sometimes at the expense of letting us tell them what is really on our minds. If I am doing my job as a rabbi, I will never presume to know what's best for you. What I will do is listen, carefully and non-judgmentally. I will ask questions and try to help clarify what the choices might be. If you want, I will help you to think through the implications of these choices. Most of all, I will try to help you process your thoughts and feelings without inserting my own emotions or needs into the mix. From my own experience, I know that sharing concerns with a caring, disinterested party like a rabbi is often the best way to get the perspective we really need.

Someone might ask, "If you want to talk to a disinterested party, why not just go to a therapist?" And indeed there are times when I will recommend counseling; especially when problems are complex and deeply rooted. But while the roles of rabbi and therapist have some overlap, we rabbis offer something very different as well.

First of all, as your rabbi, I have a very different relationship with you than you might have with a therapist. I don't just allocate 50 minutes a week to you. We are a part of each other's lives. We have, I hope, a relationship that is more organic and more multi-faceted than one could have with a therapist. We share a community, we share learning, and we share important times in each other's lives. And that relationship means that we share a different, more personal kind of bond. This bond means that we can connect more easily, more informally than a therapist and a client. The bar is lower and the structure is looser; which means that we can address a much broader set of concerns in a less formal, more organic way. As a rabbi, I can also be a friend, a confidante and someone to check in with when we just happen to run into each other.

Even more importantly, I can help you address your concerns from a spiritual perspective. And believe me, there is always a spiritual perspective. At the most difficult moments in our lives, and at the most important ones, we find ourselves asking "Where is God in all of this?" "What does God want me to do?" "Why is God putting me through this?"

I don't pretend to have all the answers. But I do have some very powerful tools that we can use to help us explore the questions. Jewish tradition is full of meaningful, inspiring texts that connect us to the wisdom of the generations of Jews who came before us. Jewish tradition also teaches us how to pray together, and gives us words that can help us express our deepest longings, yearnings, fears and hopes. By focusing on these matters of the soul together, we can address our problems and challenges on a deeper and more profound level. By bringing our spirituality into play, we can tap into our own inner resources, and also into the Presence of God; who often seems remote from us in times of trouble, but who is, in fact, very near

As a rabbi, I aspire to always be as wise as the rabbi in my story; to know what I can do—and what I can't—and to help everyone to see their problems in perspective. I'm sure I fall short at times, in wisdom, in patience in availability. But I do hope that when you are faced with a problem or a challenge—whether it is a medical issue, a family issue or just a seemingly simple question about how to do the right thing, you won't hesitate to bother the rabbi. I really do want to hear from you. I really do want to help—even if it's a dark and stormy night.

## The Cantor's Note:

### *Both Sides of the Polish Coin*



I always enjoy writing about our Jewish travel experiences. It is one way to relive them. This year, we spent our mid-winter holiday in London again, so here are some tidbits of Jewish interest from “across the pond.”

London is home to a Jewish chorus called the Zemel Choir. It is a venerable and distinguished ensemble which recently participated, together with seven other Jewish choruses from around the world, in the first Lewis Lewandowski Choral Festival in Berlin. The composer, Lewandowski, was a seminal figure in nineteenth century German Reform synagogue music whose influence is still felt today. What made this performance singular and moving was its venue. It was held in the Martin Luther Memorial Church, a site with Nazi associations, where no Jewish choir had ever before been invited to sing. First opened in 1935, the swastika-adorned tiles of this Protestant congregation were removed after the war, but the Imperial Eagle, a symbol of the Third Reich, is still visible. On the pulpit, a Wehrmacht soldier, a storm trooper, and a member of the Hitler Youth are depicted alongside figures from the Bible. The church organ, before its installation, had been used at the Nuremberg Nazi party rally. For the Zemel Choir, being able to sing Jewish music in this church, at the invitation of the pastor, was a triumph over a barbaric past.

London is preparing with great anticipation, excitement, and some anxiety for the 2012 Olympics. I was pleased to learn that four, and eventually more, local rabbis will serve in the contingent of chaplains ministering to the Olympic and Paralympic athletes, and the sizable press corps expected to attend the games. Particularly encouraging, in view of the sporadic acrimony between our denominations and the traditional institutional hegemony of Orthodoxy in England, is the fair split between orthodox and progressive rabbis, with representatives of the mainstream Orthodox United Synagogue, the Reform and Liberal movements, and even the Chabad all working together. Hopefully they will yet be joined by a rabbi from the Masorti movement, England's version of Conservative Judaism.

On the subject of conviviality, I am delighted to report that London has its first licensed kosher pub. No, this term is not an oxymoron! The Castle Pub, in Golders Green, a heavily Jewish suburb, will serve kosher versions of pub staples, from an English breakfast to a Sunday roast, as well as traditional Jewish favorites such as salt (corned) beef and falafel. Although the pub will be open on Shabbat, it will serve only bar snacks, and the restaurant will be closed. All alcohol on the premises will be kosher. Certainly a place to visit next time, should it be blessed with success.

On a more sober note, reading the weekly London Jewish Chronicle gave me a different and revealing perspective on the emotional issue of post-Holocaust Polish-Jewish relations. It was reported in the January 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the American Jewish newspaper, the Forward, that there is a vanguard of younger Poles who believe that the Jewish heritage in Poland is an integral part of Polish history that Poles must learn about to understand contemporary Poland. Working through various organizations whose aims are to recapture the lost history of Polish Jewry and foster improved relations between Poles and Jews, they deploy a cadre of educators throughout Poland to make students aware of the places in their towns where Jews had lived, and where there were once synagogues and other communal institutions. One Warsaw artist recently completed a set of mural-size pictures of prominent Jews who lived in Warsaw before the war which are now displayed in the entranceway and windows of an apartment building in the former ghetto.

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Now, for the other side of the coin. The London Jewish Chronicle reported on December 30<sup>th</sup> that civic leaders in Warsaw have included in their 2012 tourist calendar, a reproduction of a notorious pre-war poster depicting yarmulke-wearing rats fleeing from a flame thrower. The original caption reads, "Defend Poland from the Jewish Invasion." The calendar is promoted as "a beautiful showcase for the masterpieces of Polish graphic art." When confronted, a spokesman for the town council, admitted that they had examined all the illustrations and decided that there was nothing inappropriate, but conceded, though, that the poster in question was blatantly anti-Semitic. He offered the lame excuse that their intent was not to promote anti-Semitism, and the inane observation that the calendar was "unlikely to be seen by the narrow-minded." Thus far, the calendar has proved so popular that the first printing is completely sold out and a second has been ordered.

Sadly, it seems that the Poles who were the subject of the article in the Forward still have a big job in front of them.

**Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.**

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## **"TO SAVE ONE LIFE, IS TO SAVE THE WORLD"**

*Mishnah Sanhedrein*

**The *Gift of Life* organization is one of North America's public bone marrow, stem cell and umbilical cord blood registries. Through its life-saving work, *Gift of Life* is a world leader helping children and adults find the matches they need.**

**Right now, there are at least 30,000 children and adults suffering from leukemia and other blood related diseases. Bone marrow donations are the key to survival.**

**If you would like to consider being tested or making a contribution, please visit [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org).**

**Thank you for your support, generosity, and the love in your hearts!**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Shea Z. Lerner**

*“Every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life is based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.” - Albert Einstein*



The recent snow reminds us that we are in the crux of winter. Though cold and grey outside, activities are warm and sunny within the confines of PJC. Winter began on another high (or shall I say *Chai*) note, as we welcomed 130 people at the New Member Shabbat and dinner on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance represented new congregants into our synagogue family. Though some new families could not attend due to prior commitments, it is our plan to hold this important “welcome” annually, as a way to recognize and introduce newcomers into the pipeline. The evening was such a delight, numerous new congregants suggested that we hold a monthly catered Shabbat dinner, as a means in which to socialize and bring families together in a relaxed atmosphere. If you are interested in participating, please feel free to contact me with your interest. Yasher Koach to our Membership Committee Chairs, Hannah Dworkin and Elizabeth Kessler for their tireless and successful efforts. Special kudos to Rabbi Conn, Cantor Wolk, Judy Alper, Beryl Kwitkin and Robert Ian Caterers for putting together a wonderful program and dinner.

Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat was yet another reason to come in from the cold. This year, this program included the Inter-generational Havdalah program that proved to be quite popular. If nothing else, this weekend was a wonderful example as to why everyone should be a member of our Men's Club and Sisterhood. Sandy Strenger and Doreen Guzik, Nanette Strenger, Cindy Getzoff, Mark Hochberg, Beryl Kwitkin, and Rachel Ginsburg are to be commended for their hard work in reinvigorating this long held program. Our Express Innovations Committee, partially funded by UJA-Federation of NY, and SAJES, has clearly shown what can be accomplished with great ideas and commitment. While on the subject, by now many of you have received a survey seeking input on a proposed separate 90 minute Shabbat Service for those interested. Beryl Kwitkin, Express Innovations Chair, has been empowered to develop ways in which to engage those who do not regularly attend Shabbat morning services. Please forward any suggestions or ideas to Beryl for consideration ([Nasoberyl@verizon.net](mailto:Nasoberyl@verizon.net)).

It is always a pleasure to participate in our annual Aleph Consecration service. No where can one experience a better example of L'dor V'dor (from generation to generation) until they witness our youngest Arthur Gutmanstein Religious School Students receive their Siddurs and embark on their Jewish Studies. This year, two classes of Aleph students began their journey of discovery. I am both proud and honored to see that our Religious School is growing and the sky is the limit.

It's hard to believe, but spring is around the corner; hence, Passover. Our Annual Wine sale will be underway shortly and the Cocktail Party kickoff is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup>. More info will follow via mail and email.

A special welcome to our new Office Manager/Secretary, Dorit Mass, who began her tenure in late December 2011. Already, Dorit has made a significant positive impact on our office and we all look forward to working with her. Please make it your business to stop by and say hi, or just call. She is just a phone call away. We welcome her husband David, and her children Alysson, Michael and Jonathan to our family. We are still seeking a part-time bookkeeper. By the next Orbit article, PJC hopes to have one in place. Stay warm, stay connected! Looking forward to your continued input, comments and suggestions.

**With Love, Shea; [szlerner@optonline.net](mailto:szlerner@optonline.net)**

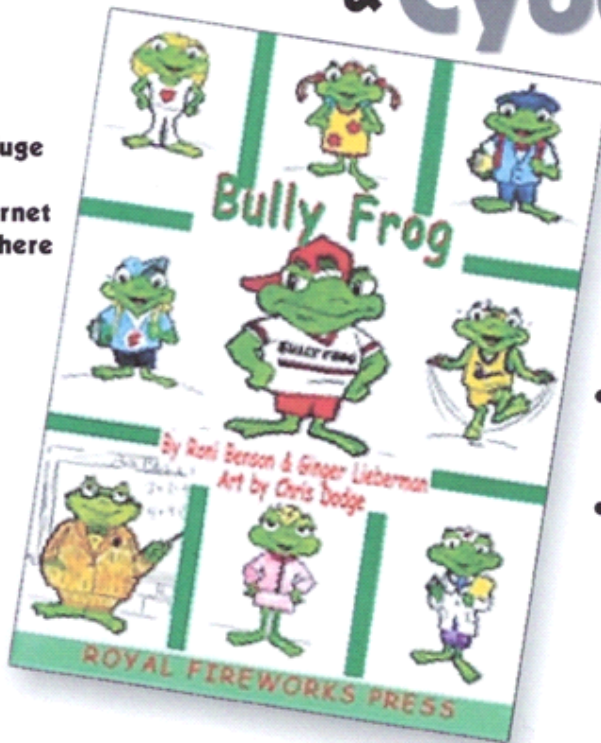


**Sisterhood of Plainview Jewish Center**  
 Proudly invites members, parents and the community  
 to this very important presentation

**Sunday, February 12th 9:30 - 11AM**

The **Bully Frog Program**  
 & **Cyberbullies**  
**Beware**

The traditional home as a refuge from bullies on the school playground is over. The Internet is the new playground, and there are no off-hours.



- 160,000 students miss school every day because of a fear of being bullied
- Bullying is a national health epidemic: If a child is afraid to be in school, that child will not learn.

Our presenters offer an entertaining and effective way to help your children successfully deal with bullying and cyberbullying behavior.

Our speakers are:

**Roni Benson and Ginger Lieberman**

National Bullying/Cyberbullying Prevention Experts and  
 Award winning authors of "Bully Frog" and "Forlorn Frog"  
 and Evy Rothman, Educational Consultant



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# P J C COMMITTEE CORNER

## COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH: THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Group Committee, co-chaired by Jackie Kolsky and Nanette Strenger, meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. We meet to discuss the goals of PJC's Youth Group and work on upcoming programs and activities. These are open meetings where all are encouraged to come and share ideas. We have various opportunities for parents to volunteer to chaperone a trip or help out at an activity. The Youth groups range from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and new members can still join for this year. Come down and see what's happening at PJC Youth! The next meeting is Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Kirschner Room.

Please feel free to contact Jackie (jsgkol@aol.com) or Lois Lange, Youth Director, (lois\_lange@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

### PURIM BEGINS ON MARCH 7TH

#### **REMINDER: MAKE SURE TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS ASAP**

**DEADLINE FOR PLACING REGULAR ORDERS IS FEB 6th**

**DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE KITS IS FEB 17th**

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PURIM CARDS (FOR OUT OF TOWNERS)  
IS FEB 24TH**

**ORDER FORMS ARE IN THIS ISSUE OF ORBIT**

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### **Text Study with Rabbi Conn**

**Most Shabbat Afternoons between**

**Mincha (Afternoon) and Ma'ariv (evening) services.**

Begin the new week with a few minutes of study. This fall, we will focus on a question from the weekly Torah portion and the answer given by Rashi, the most famous of all commentators. Our discussions are always brief, and usually insightful. So join us for prayer, study and camaraderie as we explore the Torah together.

PJC YOUTH CORNER**Tironim, Kadima & USY of PJC  
Youth Groups  
Trip to United Skates of America****Who: Tironim, Kadima & USY****When: Sunday February 12, 2012****Time: 3:00-5:30pm****What: Trip to roller skating****Where: United Skates of America;  
1276 Hicksville Rd; Seaford, NY****Cost: \$14 includes admission, skates, soda, pizza, and 5 game tokens****RSVP by: Friday February 3, 2012 to Lois Lange@ 426-6283 or  
lois\_lange@yahoo.com****I give my child\_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend roller skating  
with PJC Youth Groups on Sunday February 12, 2012.****Parent's Signature\_\_\_\_\_****Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_****Emergency contact & phone number\_\_\_\_\_****I will chaperone**

## Family Education Corner by Judy Alper

**PJ Library** is coming soon....and we're looking for you! What does **PJ Library** stand for? A very simple concept that is making headway throughout the Jewish world and through some non-Jewish circles as well. It stands for Pajama Library. Through a generous grant from several organizations, families with children 6 months through 8 years are eligible to receive throughout the year 11 high quality paperback books and one tape or CD. Each month your family will receive a package from PJ Library. Why are we participating in this wonderful program? To bring high quality books containing Jewish material and values into your home for you to use with your children. Although PJ Library is not under the "Family Education Committee", I (Judy Alper) am fortunate and honored to be the Committee Chairperson for this program. We hope in the upcoming weeks, when **PJ Library** is formally launched, that you will sign up and become part of **PJ Library**.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the set up – Gail Kriss, Joel Stern, Abe Alper and Ariella Alper—and everyone who participated in the Third Annual Campfire and Picnic on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to the teens who helped with the games and other activities; we're always glad to have you on hand.

Daled Class parents: This coming Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 until 1:00 we will be having the Daled Family Education Workshop. The topic this year is "The Torah: Our Guide Book to Life". Always an interesting workshop, we will be looking up the answers to questions that will definitely interest you and your Daled student. We look forward to seeing you there.

Save the date: Our next **Family Friendly Friday Night Service** will be held on Friday evening, February 10<sup>th</sup>. A warm and friendly service, it is always a great place to be to help wind down from a hectic week and to get into touch with yourself, family, friends and G-d. A delicious oneg always follows and oneg sponsors are encouraged (for a minimum of \$18). Contact Judy Alper for all sponsorships.

**Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!** will be held on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We will be celebrating the Jewish month of Adar and the holiday of Purim. Don't miss out on the fun, food (Pizza and snacks) and freilich (Joy in Yiddish!) Reservations by email are necessary to make sure we have enough supplies. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

For information or reservations on any of the above activities, please contact Judy Alper at [pjcfamilyed@gmail.com](mailto:pjcfamilyed@gmail.com).

## LEARNING SERVICE: Saturday morning February 11th

Do you wish you better understood the Saturday morning service? Are you interested in participating more actively, but need some help getting started? Would you like it to go at a slower pace and be able to interrupt and ask questions? Then join us at Plainview Jewish Center on selected Saturday mornings at 10:30 am for a special "Learning Service." The service will be held in the Small Chapel. Lisa Hadar will lead the prayers and discussion. Following services join the rest of the congregation for a special kiddush. Open to all PJC members and the community at large.

# CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



**JESSICA RAPPAPORT**

**February 4, 2012**

Jessica is the daughter of Frann and Glenn Rappaport and has a sister, Melissa. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Jessica enjoys soccer, softball, Disney and The Yankees. Her favorite holidays are Chanukah and Passover. For her Mitzvah Project, she raised money for the *JDRF* because her sister has Type 1 diabetes.

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

**SAVE THE DATE:  
ROBERT IAN CATERERS  
BAR/BAT MITZVAH SHOWCASE!  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST - 6PM**

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**Celebrate your special event in our  
private party place with karaoke, pool, and more!**

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## **SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal**

This year Tu B'Shevat will fall on the evening of February 7th and the day of February 8th. Tu B'Shevat doesn't appear in the Bible, so when was the holiday created – and why? In the Torah, we have two *mitzvot* that caused the holiday to be established. In Leviticus, Chapter 19, v 23-24, we read that when a fruit tree is planted, you have to wait three years before you can eat the fruit. In the fourth year, the fruit was picked and a Jew had to go to Jerusalem to give it to the Temple as a gift. Only in the fifth year could he eat the fruit.

But how did we know the age of the tree? In Deuteronomy, Chapter 14, v. 22-26, we read that Jews were to give tithes to the Temple – Every third and sixth years they were supposed to take one tenth of their crops (including fruits) to Jerusalem and eat them there, or sell them and use the money in Jerusalem.

So how would they know which fruits belonged to these years and which to the previous year? To answer this question a *New Year of Trees* was created by the Rabbis. In the time of the *Mishna*, about 200 B.C.E. we already find a statement that “the first day of *Shevat* is a *Rosh Hashana* to the fruit trees, according to the house of Shamay and the 15<sup>th</sup> of *Shevat*, according to the house of Hillel.”

We also have a *mishna* that deals with people who improve a tree by splicing less than 30 days before our regular *Rosh Hashana*. (That year will also be considered a *shemita* year.) If the fruits are ripe before the 15<sup>th</sup> of *Shevat*, there is a question whether the fruit belongs to this year or the previous year. If they belong to the previous year, you can eat them. If they belong to the present year, they are forbidden. (Found in *Talmud Rosh Hashana*.)

So why was the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month chosen? According to Rabbi Elazar (speaking in the name of Rabbi Oshiah), “because most of the rain already has fallen and Rashi adds that “it was the time of year when the fruits are half ripe.” (*Talmud Rosh Hashana*, Page 14a.) This is how the Rabbis decided that full ripe fruits belonged to the previous year.

Today, in Israel we still keep the laws of not eating the fruits of the first 3 years and the *shemita* year, but there are no more tithing laws because there is no Temple. Instead, we plant trees on *Tu B'Shevat* and eat from the special fruits which grow in Israel.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Feb 1 (Wed) Caterer's Showcase in the Ballroom at 6:00PM**
- 3 (Fri) Mechina Class Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM**
- 5 (Sun) Daled Family Workshop – 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM**  
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- 6 (Mon) J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM**  
**School Committee Meeting – 8:15 PM in Library**
- 8 (Wed) Tu B'Shevat**
- 10 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM**
- 11 (Sat) “Shabbat As One” Junior Congregation – 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon**
- 12 (Sun) It's A Girl Thing - 5:30 – 7:00 PM - Kirschner Room**
- 13 (Mon) Express Innovation – 7:15 – 9:15 PM - Library**
- 17 (Fri) Preschool Shabbat– 6:00-6:30 PM**
- 17-26 (Fri-Sun) Winter Vacation – No School or Junior Congregation**
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**J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

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The class meets in the Library, usually twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. See the schedule of classes below. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to all. Bring your own Bible or use the study sheets provided in class. No Hebrew necessary.

#### **This Month's Schedule:**

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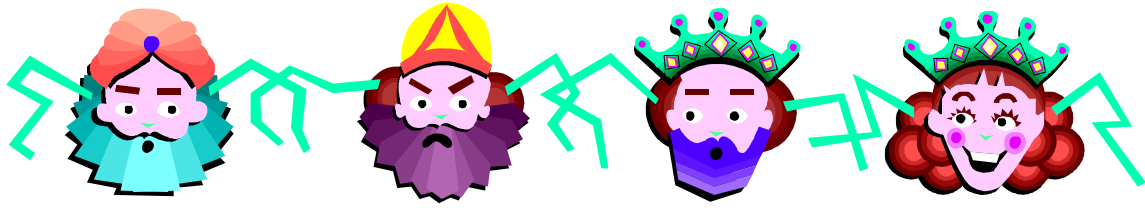
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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*



I recently read an article from *Women's League* regarding attacks on women in Israel. These are not physical attacks per say, they are deminishing the self-worth of women. They are being forced to sit segregated on area buses and their images have been removed from advertisements. These are just a few examples. The ultra-orthodox have taken on a campaign against Women's rights in several areas of life. In some ways, this is reminiscent of conditions prior to the Civil Rights movement in this country.

As conservative Jewish women, we should voice our concerns and protest this demeaning behavior toward Israeli women. We urge all members of *Women's League* to help in this effort by supporting *Masorti Kehillot*. Now is the time to come forward and let your voices be heard. To get further information about Masorti Jews log on to the Women's League website.

I would like to invite you to a very informative and entertaining program on bullying and cyberbullying. We are privileged to have presenters Roni Benson and Ginger Lieberman. They are prevention experts as well as award winning authors. This is a very important program for all parents to become informed. Please join us on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Kirschner Room. Bagels and coffee will be served.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful Shabbat service. Thank you to Cindy Getzoff and Nanette Strenger for taking charge. Thank you to all who participated and to Men's Club for all their help in making the day run smoothly.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming events. One of our most popular ones, Bingo, is on Tuesday evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Also save the date for our couples evening on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Look for the flyer. It should be a very exciting evening.

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

Please join us on Tuesday, February 7th at 8:15 p.m. in the Kirschner Room for "Game Night." We look forward to getting together for a fun-filled evening of "Scattogories." Refreshments will be served, and many prizes will be awarded to the winners! Bring a friend! Hope to see you there.

## EDUCATION *Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President*

The Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat was such a beautiful and spiritual service. We are so fortunate to have such learned and talented members in our congregation. Thank you so much to Nanette Strenger and our cantors, Doris Cooper, Michelle Turk and Devorah Lumerman, who worked so very hard to make this Shabbat event a success. They shined on the bima as did all PJC Sisterhood members that participated.

Purim is coming and that means Shalot Manot. Let PJC Sisterhood be your provider. We have a great committee of women who run this program and they always need more volunteers to pack and distribute the bags...

We are planning to do a WOMEN'S SEDER on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.. Please mark your calendar. Volunteers are welcome. For information call Cindy @ 516-286-5232

## **Sisterhood Special Project - M'yad L'yad by Sharon Kunoff**

We were able to welcome our new family with a few small gift cards to help them start 2012 knowing that someone out there is thinking of them and wants to help. We now want to send them a real package for Purim/Pesach. To remind you of the make-up of the family, it consists of a mother, father and 6 year old son. We have the basic information, ages, sizes and stores preferred. Both parents are in their early 30s. The Mom wears pants sizes 18, 20, XL and 2X. Shirt, dress and skirt are all XL and shoe size is 8 ½ or 9. The Dad is wears small pants and shirts and size 8 shoes. The son is in kindergarten, wears size 6 or 7 pants, 7 tops and size 11 shoes. He enjoys arts and crafts and sports. We would especially like to send some items to make him happy. As many kids today, he enjoy Lego sets. So if your children have outgrown some of the smaller sets, perhaps you can pass them on. We were able to find some Leapster games for our former family. It would be nice if there are more out there. He also like wii games, Mario games for young children and Arts and Crafts projects. I hope we can count on you. Cash donations are always welcome to enable us to purchase gift cards to their favorite stores. If you prefer to donate gift cards, the family's stores of choice are Stop and Shop, Kohls, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. They sometimes use, Lane Bryant, The Childrens Place, and Toys R Us. Please become a part of this project. We appreciate the help of everyone of you. If you have any questions you can contact me at [skunoff@optonline.net](mailto:skunoff@optonline.net).

### **TORAH FUND - Rose Weiner, Torah Fund Coordinator**

*The Torah Fund 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:*

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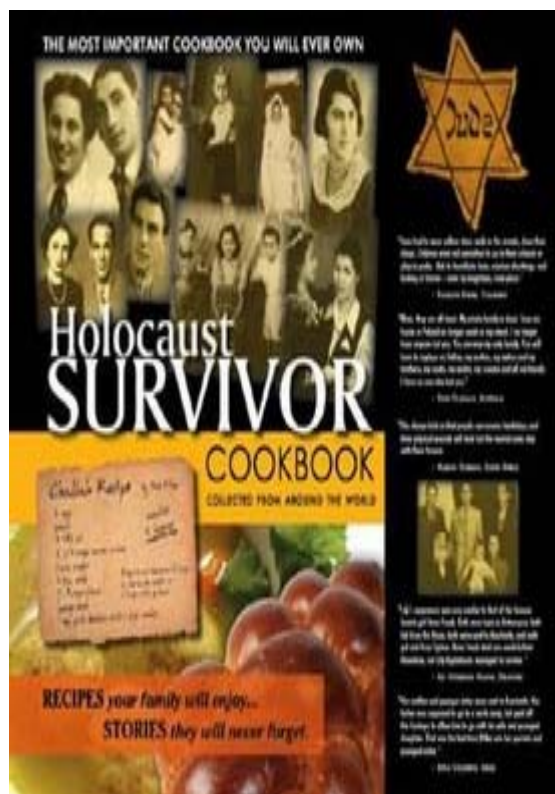
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## Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

In last month's article, I talked about how the situation with the Haredi interpretation of Judaism has caused problems in many areas of main stream Israeli life. Previously, I indicated how the ultra-religious streams have always had a disproportionate impact due to political considerations that date from the earliest founding of the State. David ben Gurion, in order to have a working majority in the formation of the country, agreed to many demands of the religious right. In our day, that right has gotten so extreme in its views, both in Israel, and in some cases even in this country, that it is almost impossible for other religious streams to even have a conversation with them. Perhaps, as their views become more extreme, it may become evident to the Israeli government that the situation has to be changed. There has been some evidence of this, in that the Israel Supreme Court has ruled that it is illegal to force women to sit in the back of the bus. In this article I want to give an example of how the Masorti movement is gaining recognition by the Israeli Government.

"I came here this evening to hear women singing," Shimon Peres, President of Israel, said Jan. 5th after a performance of the Masorti youth movement's coed singing troupe at a dinner to mark the movement's founding 35 years ago. He continued, "Fringe extremist groups facing Israeli society today are not new, but that it has become more difficult to overcome the extremists' rhetoric and find common ground. I am aware that they are the extreme margin, and believe that the majority of Haredi, Dati-Leumi and secular communities seek to live together in a spirit of mutual respect, tolerance and brotherhood. And to each their way of life, for democracy in our time is not only the right to be equal, but also the equal right to be different.... The problem is that this marginal minority breaches the law. They are a law unto themselves, and slander the country. They disgrace the state."

Peres praised the Masorti movement for establishing itself in Israel, "building a large number of communities and synagogues throughout the country, and winning hearts." "Different streams exist in Judaism, which has room for conservative and liberal viewpoints, for those who abide by the 613 commandments and those who say 'Sh'ma Israel," Peres said. "To be a Jew is not a matter of public relations, but to be historically part of a great collective spirit that crossed oceans of hardships, deserts of suffering. And which never stopped yearning for the Promised Land, nor abandoned the aspiration to be the chosen people. A light unto nations." He also praised the movement's NOAM youth movement and its bar/bat mitzvah program for children with special needs.

As recent tensions throughout Israel surrounding women's exclusion increase, the Rabbinical Assembly sent out a fascinating text from a 15th century Siddur that provides an example of a Jewish woman's striving for equality and a prominent rabbi's affirmation that such equality is "kosher".

"Blessed are You For Not Creating Me a Woman" is a blessing recited every morning by observant Jewish men, originally found in the Talmud. A fixed part of the morning liturgy, this passage demonstrates the challenges to contemporary men and women presented by the sexist nature of the traditional text. The traditional blessing for women, "Blessed Are You For Creating Me as You Wished, tacitly reinforces the traditional male blessing. A steadily growing cadre of contemporary liturgists has struggled to address the gender inequalities in Jewish tradition. A well-preserved and rare Siddur from the year 1471, in the collection of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) library, provides a bold alternative. Instead of the "traditional" female morning blessing we find in traditional prayer books, which reads, "Blessed are You, Lord our God, Master of Universe for Creating me According

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to your Will” the 600-year-old Siddur provides a morning blessing for women that says, “Blessed Are You Lord our God, Master of the Universe, For You Made Me a Woman and Not a Man.”

The library of JTS, the Manhattan based academic and spiritual center of the Conservative movement, houses the most significant collection of rare Jewish books and manuscripts in the Western Hemisphere. Dr. David Kraemer, a Professor at JTS and the head of its library, explains that this extraordinary Siddur was commissioned by a wealthy Jewish man from northern Italy as a gift to his wife. “This siddur shows a tremendous amount of courage”, said Professor Kraemer, who is also an expert in Talmud and rabbinic literature. It is common to assume that Jewish women have always accepted this blessing and did not dare to stand against tradition. However, this Siddur proves that at least some Jewish women probably felt uncomfortable with this blessing throughout history, The Siddur was written by the scribe, Rabbi Abraham Ben Mordechai Farissol, a very well-known Northern Italian rabbi (1451-1525) who was a scholar, cantor, and physician. In addition, he wrote many interpretations of books in the Bible, and literature focused on comparing Judaism, Christianity and Islam. According to Kraemer, the alteration to the liturgy in the Siddur holds a deep and powerful assertion of women’s religious aspirations, while also implying a clear defiance against the traditional version of the prayer. The writer did not just correct it in parallel with the common prayer by writing, Thank God For Not Making Me a Man. In fact, Rabbi Farissol changed it to a more confrontational line, Thank You God For You made Me a Woman and Not a Man, which differs from the traditional by both addressing God directly and also specifically praising God for making her a woman.

When asked if this Siddur accurately represents the attitude during this time period, Kraemer replied, “There is no clear answer for that, however, Rabbi Farissol was a very well-known and appreciated rabbi, so one can assume that he wouldn’t have agreed to make such a change if he didn’t think it was appropriate.”

According to Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, executive vice president of the Rabbinical Assembly and a prominent public figure in the Jewish world today, there is no chance that this kind of Siddur from 1471 could be compiled and used today in the religious atmosphere we are seeing in much of Israel. “This Siddur proves that the degrading attitudes towards women, which we are seeing in certain extreme religious communities in Israel today, are a modern distortion of Judaism,” said Rabbi Schonfeld. Ironically, treatment of women in certain extreme sectors of the community is far more denigrating to women today than even the attitudes of the late Middle Ages. The siddur demonstrates that throughout history, Jewish women had a deep and powerful desire for religious equality, and a closer connection to God. We can turn to Jewish history for examples of the flexibility of rabbis and scholars in striving to meet the religious needs of men and women. Today in the Conservative movement, the siddur Sim Shalom that we use at PJC and is used at most synagogues in the conservative movement, the prayer has been changed to the gender neutral “... making me in the divine image.” In another case, some of the prayers have been changed to give the person the option in the Hebrew of using the male or female form of the verb or adjective instead of presenting on the male form. In the Conservative schools and synagogues in Israel, this same language is used.

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***MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub***

Men's Club doesn't just know how to eat. It knows how to entertain. And, on February 15th, we are hosting our annual movie night. This year we are showing *Duck Soup* starring The Marx Brothers. Refreshments will be provided, including freshly popped popcorn as well as your favorite candies. Come dressed as your favorite Marx brother!

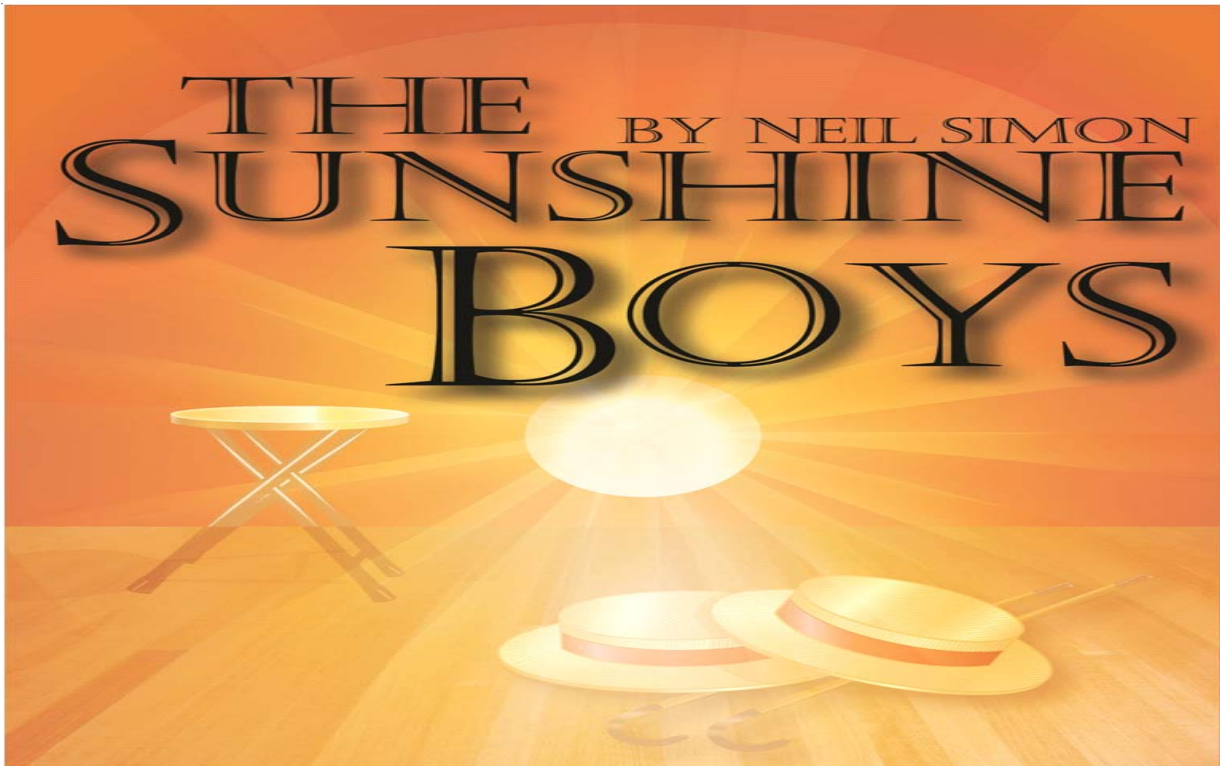
March is an event-packed month. It kicks off with the annual Men's Club ice-cream social on Purim evening, right after the reading of the Megillah. As usual, we will have many varieties of ice cream and a wide array of toppings. So, circle Wednesday evening, March 7th on your calendar.

Later in the month, is the annual Men's Club Patio Players show. This year we will be presenting, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Come see your favorite Patio Player at one of four performances. They will be taking place Saturday evening March 17th, Sunday afternoon March 18th, Saturday evening March 24th, and Sunday afternoon March 25th. You can buy tickets in advance at a discount or at the door. For ticket information, call the Temple office and leave a message for Michael Prospect or Rob Cohen. Those of you who attended last year's show know this ensemble can put on quite a performance. Hope to see you at one of the shows.

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

Thanks for helping those in need. For further information about Hatzilu, please go to: [www.hatzilurescue.org](http://www.hatzilurescue.org) or call 931-2884.

*Arlyne Skolnik*

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In our community, the Rabbi and Cantor provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi and Cantor know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

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

Rabbi Conn can be reached by cell at (516) 524-7447  
or by email at [rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.com](mailto:rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.com).

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