



***WISHING OUR PJC FAMILY
A VERY HAPPY & HEALTHY
2011!***

***CELEBRATE TU B'SHEVAT
THE NEW YEAR OF TREES
JANUARY 20TH***



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SISTERHOOD/MEN'S CLUB SABBATH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND***

***SISTERHOOD MEETING
THE PRICE IS RIGHT!
TUESDAY JAN. 4TH - 8:15PM***

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MAZEL TOV

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Ellen & Martin Kirschman, upon the engagement of their son, Fred to Mandi Weber, daughter of Sheila & Howard Weber**

HAMAKOM YINACHEM

**Carol Grossman on the passing of her mother, Iris Kaufman
Rochelle Friedman on the passing of her father, Robert Bonowitz
Hannah Dworkin on the passing of her father, Abraham Bergman**

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

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JANUARY 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

Saturday, January 1st

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:30PM

Sunday, January 2nd

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

Monday, January 3rd

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

Tuesday, January 4th

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, January 5th

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

Thursday, January 6th

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

Friday, January 7th

Sabbath Eve Service (One Service Only).....4:30PM

Saturday, January 8th

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

Sunday, January 9th

Services followed by T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 It's A Girl Thing.....5:30-7:30PM
 Tironim.....5:30PM
 USY.....7:00PM

Monday, January 10th

Teen Jewish Lens.....6:15-8:00PM
 AARP Defensive Driving.....6:30-9:30PM
 School Committee Meeting.....8:15PM

Tuesday, January 11th

Men's Club Texas Hold-em Tournament.....7:30PM

Wednesday, January 12th

Lunch & Learn.....11:00AM
 Ritual.....8:15PM

Thursday, January 13th

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

Friday, January 14th

Early Shabbat Services.....4:30PM
 FAMILY FRIENDLY Night Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, January 15th

Shacharit Services.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: *Elizabeth Roth*
Daughter of Shari & Eric Roth

Mincha/Maariv.....4:30PM

Wednesday, January 19th

Purim Planning.....6:30PM
 Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, January 20th

TUB'SHEVAT

Hadassah.....7:00PM
 Family Ed.....8:15PM

Friday, January 21st

Early Shabbat Services.....4:45PM
 Pre-School Shabbat.....6:00PM
 Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat.....7:00PM

Saturday, January 22nd

Shacharit Services.....9:00AM
 Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat.....9:00AM
 Junior Congregation.....9:45AM
 Mincha/Maariv.....4:45PM
 Melaveh Malchah and Havdalah.....6:30PM

Sunday, January 23rd

Services followed by T/T Breakfast.....9:00AM
 Bar/Bat Mitzvah class.....9:30-11:00AM
 Kadimah.....5:30PM
 USY.....7:00PM

Monday, January 24th

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Hey Orientation.....8:15PM

Tuesday, January 25th

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

Thursday, January 27th

Congregation Meeting.....8:15PM

Friday, January 28th

Early Services.....4:45PM
 Sabbath Eve Services.....7:00PM

Saturday, January 29th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bar Mitzvah: *Adam Elias*
Son of Nancy & Michael Elias

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

Sunday, January 30th

Service.....9:00AM
 Kadimah.....5:30PM
 USY.....7:00PM

Monday, January 31st

2014 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date Distribution & Orientation.....8:15PM

Tuesday, February 1st

Sisterhood Bingo.....8:15PM

Wednesday, February 2nd

Bible Study.....8:15PM

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn



Three months ago, during my Kippur morning sermon, I promised I would get more exercise during the coming year. So far, things are not working out as well as I had hoped. I still don't get to the gym very often. However, I am making a little dent in my exercise deficit by climbing the stairs to the second floor of Plainview Jewish Center, often several times a day.

While I am benefiting from this increased "incidental exercise", the real purpose of climbing all those stairs is to teach and interact with our Religious School students. Right now, I am teaching two hours per week; American Jewish History to our Dalet (sixth grade) class and The Jewish Lifecycle to our Hay (seventh grade) class. My expanded role in our Religious School explains not only why my physique is ever so slightly leaner, but also why I always seem to have chalk dust on my pant leg. Teaching demands full engagement of the heart, mind and hands. For me, at least, it is impossible to teach a good lesson without getting a little wound up, a little rhapsodic and a little dirty.

As you might guess from my dusty display of enthusiasm, I actually like Religious School. Admittedly, Religious School has its built in frustrations. We do not have as much time to teach our kids as I would like; nor are we able to teach them at the best time of the day. Our kids too often leave us just when they are beginning to be able to appreciate the complexity and poignancy of Jewish tradition. Nevertheless, some great learning takes place in Religious School classes. I get a real charge when I see our students' faces light up with the realization that our country's commitment to individual liberty provided the perfect foundation for a new and different Jewish community. I am deeply moved when our students share their own experiences of mourning and see how Jewish tradition provides real comfort and support.

Our kids may not admit it, but they like Religious School too—at least sometimes. When they get caught up in a lesson that relates to their experience in the world, or challenges them to think in new ways, many of our students stop complaining that they are bored and connect enthusiastically to what they are learning. For all their protestations about wanting to be somewhere else, I have seen too many smiles, nods, and excitedly raised hands to give the groaning much credence.

We all recognize that there is a lot at stake in our Religious School Classrooms. Very often, at Aleph Consecration or Hay class graduation, somebody, usually me, quotes the following text:

Rabbi Meir said: "When the Children of Israel stood at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah, the Holy One, blessed be God, said to them: 'Bring me good guarantors that you will keep My Torah and then I will give it to you.' They replied: 'Sovereign of the Universe, our ancestors will be our guarantors.' Said God them: 'Your guarantors need guarantors themselves, for they have not been without fault.' They answered, 'Our prophets will be our guarantors.' God replied: 'They have also not been without fault.' Then the Israelites said: 'Our children will be our guarantors.' To which God replied: 'In truth these are good guarantors. For their sake I will give you My Torah'" (Song of Songs Rabbah, 1:4)

It's easy to see how this text relates to the occasion. Of course, our children are our guarantors. They are the future of the Jewish people. We attach to them our hopes and dreams. We count on them to carry on Jewish tradition in the next generation.

Beyond this lofty sentiment, though, lies an important question. What does it mean to us as a community that our children are our guarantors? In fact, this statement teaches us not only that our children are the key to the Jewish future, but also that we have a responsibility to prepare and inspire our children to embrace that future. We have to make sure that they are good guarantors. This obligation begins with Jewish parents, of course. But it wasn't just parents who stood at the foot of Mount Sinai. All of us, our tradition teaches, were there. All of us—parents, grandparents, and non-

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parents—share the ultimate responsibility for making our kids good guarantors. The challenge of educating and inspiring our kids is not just for parents, grandparents and teachers, it's for everyone.

For this reason, it is incumbent on all of us to climb the stairs to the second floor—if not physically, then at least emotionally. Our architecture at Plainview Jewish Center creates the unfortunate impression that education takes place in only one area of our building. Having all our classrooms upstairs or outside the main building implies that somehow teaching and learning take place in isolation, on the periphery. We cannot redesign our building. But we can take a more holistic approach to education. First of all, we need to recognize that what goes on in our classrooms is of paramount importance to all of us. Each and every one of us should feel invested in the education of our children, because they are our guarantors. All of us need to support, and become involved in, our continuing efforts to provide the best possible education for our kids.

Moreover, we should be looking to bring what is going on upstairs downstairs. Educating our kids is only a means to a greater end. That greater end is integrating our kids and their families into the greater PJC community. Our new Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat Together) program is just one example of how we can come together as a congregation to share an experience of worship and celebration. We have just extended this program by adding dates in February and March. The many Mitzvah projects undertaken by our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students that invite our PJC community to participate in acts of tzedakah (charity) is another example of this kind of integration. Going forward, we need to look for even more opportunities to come together on one level and share Jewish experiences, mitzvot and learning.

For many years, there has been an unwritten understanding that our educational program should focus on preparing our students for Bar or Bat Mitzvah. The challenge issued to us at Mount Sinai asks us to go far beyond this mandate. Bar and Bat Mitzvah are only one stop along the path of our lifelong Jewish journeys. As a community, we need to be a vehicle for these lifelong journeys; one that can provide support and inspiration all along the route. As individuals we need to model and share our own Jewish journeys as well, through continued learning and practice; to be living testimonies that Jewish life begins at Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The truth is, we are all in this together—even if our paths never take us up those staircases on either end of our building. To paraphrase a famous former First Lady and current Secretary of State, it really does take a synagogue to raise a child. It is up to all of us to make sure that we have good guarantors to bring the Torah into the next generation.

THE BIBLE CLASS IS BACK IN BUSINESS

Looking for an hour of action, drama and excitement on Wednesday night? Take in a classic series that has been delivering thrills for more than 2000 years. Join Rabbi Conn, for all the action on Wednesday, January 5th and Wednesday January 19th at 8:15 PM.

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

The Cantor's Note:***PJC Students Sing at the Interfaith Service***

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Clergy Council's 2010 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was, I am happy to report, a well-attended and inspiring event. I'm even more pleased that our own religious school was so well represented in the youth Chorus. The following Plainview Jewish Center students and alumni participated, and we should all be very proud of them:



Ian Buchman	Rachel Portnoy	Dana Silverstein
Rachel Dworkin	Elizabeth Roth	Jack Stone
Jessica Hauser	Philip Roth	Taylor Stone
Matthew Kessler	Abigail Schinz	Ethan Teper
Hope Pickus	Jessica Seckler	Sarah Teper
Michelle Portnoy	Justin Seckler	Benjamin Vitoulis

Of the three selections that the children performed, one was a setting of the Hebrew psalm, "Halleluyah! Hinei Ma Tov Umah Naim Shevet Achim Gam Yachad" (How good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together). Since the religious school at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church does not have a music resource person, I have been volunteering to work with their education director, Cora Cataffo, on preparing their students for the service. It has been an enjoyable experience, and very interesting to hear these non-Jewish youngsters learn to enunciate the Hebrew letter Chet, which occurs frequently in this song, a sound to which they were entirely unaccustomed. Halleluyah, indeed.

Halleluyah is, of course, a Hebrew word which combines two words, "Hallelu" (Praise you) and "Yah" (The Lord). Scholars believe that the word became important in the very first synagogues where the practice of psalmody had been carried over from the Temple. Whenever a psalm began with Halleluya the people would sing the word after every verse. The Halleluya response of the synagogue was taken over by the early church, where the opening "H" was dropped and the word became, in Latin, "Alleluia". The Alleluias became very important in Christian worship, and accordingly, they were sometimes stretched out into long melodies with many notes for each syllable. Eventually, the Alleluias became so complex that even the monks who were supposed to sing them could not remember them. As an aid to memory, new words were written to the Alleluia tunes, and new voice lines were added to sing new melodies above the Alleluia tunes. In this way, a whole new kind of music arose in European Christianity.

On an unrelated subject, I am planning another Yiddish theater party for the spring. Watch the coming issues of Orbit and your emails for more information.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." **Winston Churchill**



One of the greatest pleasures I, as congregational President has, is to sit back and observe all of the happenings that takes place in our shul at any given time. I often equate the myriad of happenings; religious, social and cultural programming, taking place, as a busy bee colony. People moving about: workers maintaining the hive, a Queen focusing on the next generation, and all facets of the society working together as one, to perpetuate its very existence.

Having completed the holiday season, our Festival of Lights continues to shine, not only in Plainview, but in the greater community. Many of you may have noticed the Rubbermaid deposit bin in our lobby. Based on the success of the High Holiday Food Drive, PJC, under the leadership of Men's Club President, Rob Cohen and Arlyne Skolnik, we will now be continually accepting donations of kosher, canned and/or non-perishable food items for Hatzilu and the Five Towns Kosher Food Pantry. Drop your donations in the bin. We will make sure that the food is delivered to those in need.

Yasher Koach to Michael Levy, for spearheading a used coat drive that collected over 70 warm coats for the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. For those of you who have participated; the warmth of your generosity will be felt by those less fortunate; especially, as the cold weather descends upon us.

Twenty-three new member families joined our ranks this past summer. In an on-going effort to welcome them and make them feel at home at PJC, our Membership Chairs, Elizabeth Kessler and Hannah Dworkin and their committee prepared and delivered welcome baskets filled with goodies and treats. Special thanks to Sharon Becker for assisting in this herculean task. Every ounce of goodwill pays off in attracting our members to participate.

Speaking of participation, both Charles Wasserman and Aliza Greenberg co-chaired yet another Volunteer Recruitment Brunch on December 19th. Turnout was terrific, and I'm impressed by the quality and caliber of those stepping forward to take leadership roles in the synagogue.

Our thoughts and prayers turn to the latest disaster in Israel. The wildfire that destroyed the Carmel Forest in the Galilee pains us all. As Israel focuses on the need to re-plant and re-dedicate it's natural habitat, while re-structuring the National Fire services, feel free to do your part by donating to the Jewish National Fund, the United Synagogue Fund to assist the Carmel Forrest or to ARMDI, the American Red Magen David Odam for Israel; whom many of you know since our dedication of the POB ambulance two years ago. There is no doubt, that based on past outpouring of support, PJC will rise to the occasion once again.

I hope to observe each and everyone of you as well. Either at the new Tot Shabbat or Yeladim services, or at our Family Friendly Friday Night Services. Saturday mornings are exciting as well. Thanks to Rabbi Conn, Cantor Wolk and Zelda Polofsky, children are flocking to the main sanctuary for the Torah processions (with our new stuffed Torahs) and to the Shabbat B'Yachad program whereby the Junior Congregation children lead us in the Musaf service when there are no Bnai Mitzvot.

Things are happening. Spread the word! Each of you has a part to play in our re-birth and re-branding. Of the 23 new families, 54 children were added to the PJC pipeline. Our focus is on perpetuating the next generation, just like a queen bee. What better way to do it, than with a honey!! Your comments, critiques (and criticisms) are always welcome.

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

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PJC YOUTH CORNER

Please save the date for all youth groupers in Grades 3-12. We are going bowling at AMF Plainview on February 13th from 12:30-2:30pm. It will be a full two hours of fun with friends and bowling. These two hours will include shoes, unlimited bowling, pizza and unlimited soda. The cost is \$23 per child. Come and join PJC Youth for an afternoon of fun. PJC Youth has a lot of great programs to offer for all ages. Kadima and USY youths are able to meet peers from Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Upstate. In February, USY has Mid Winter Kallah which is a fun filled weekend away with old friends and meeting new ones. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lois Dori Lange @ lois_lange@yahoo.com. At every Tironim and Kadima program, pizza is served and we have an amazing activity. If you would like more information regarding the youth programs or questions, please contact Lois at 516-426-6283 or lois_lange@yahoo.com or join our facebook page at Planview Jewish Center Youth Groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9: 5:30-7pm Tironim: Tu B'Shevat Seder

7:00-8:30pm USY Ben's Deli

January 23: 5:30-7pm Kadima: Tzedakah Project

7:00-8:30pm USY Make Challah

January 30: 5:30-7pm Kadmia: Movie Night

7:00-8:30-pm USY Purim Prep

ADULT BAT MITZVAH

The countdown to 2013 has begun. The first session of our Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class will take place on Sunday morning, January 23rd from 9:30-10:50 AM. This two year program will include learning to read Hebrew, mastering the Saturday morning service, an in-depth study of Jewish history, lifecycle, holidays, values and practices, and the chance to celebrate Bar/Bat Mitzvah as a group by being called to the Torah and reading from a haftorah. For more information, contact Rabbi Conn.

CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



LIZZY ROTH

January 15, 2011

Lizzy is the daughter of Shari and Eric Roth and has a brother, Philip. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Lizzy enjoys ballet, baking and shopping. Her favorite holiday is Passover because of the seders with her family. For her mitzvah project, she collected over 1,000 pairs of shoes for *Soles4Souls* and also donated her hair to *Pantene Beautiful Lengths* for cancer patient wigs.



ADAM ELIAS

January 29, 2011

Adam, is the son of Nancy and Michael Elias and has a sister, Marissa. He is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Adam enjoys basketball, hockey, football and spending time with his friends. His favorite holiday is Chanukah and he also loves Passover Seders.

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FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH
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Family Education News by Judy Alper

We are starting off the New Year, 2011 just the right way....with plenty of interesting activities for everyone. This month there are some old favorites and a new event to interest you. On Sunday, January 9th at 5:30pm we will start off with our monthly, *Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing!* We will be celebrating the Hebrew month of Shevat and the wonderful New Year of the Trees, Tu B'Shevat. RH:IAGT! is open to all 6th and 7th grade girls, whether or not they are members of Plainview Jewish Center. If you are interested in participating (and have not yet joined us) please email Judy Alper for more information.

Our Family Friendly Friday Night Service is still going strong after all these years! Join us on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm for a wonderful service that is vibrant, welcoming and engaging for all. Be part of this wonderful service and see what all the excitement is about! An oneg follows the service. If you would like to share your celebrations and milestones of life with us you can do so by helping sponsor the oneg. We look forward to seeing you there!

A new program!?!?! Of course! We are always trying to find new things to interest you. On Saturday, January 22nd at 6:30pm we will be having a *Melave Malke* celebrating Tu B'Shevat and it will be followed by Azamra DJ. Wondering what a *Melave Malke* is? It is a chance to continue the joy of the Sabbath into the regular week with a delicious meal and ruach (Jewish spirit). Enjoy a fun and exciting evening celebrating in the tastes of the fruit of Israel (and the US), music and dance. The cost is \$5 per person (child or adult) or \$18 per family.

For more information on any of the activities above, please email Judy Alper at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

The last couple of months have been full of activity. At the beginning of November with over 100 parents and children in attendance, our Daled and Hey students took part in a marvelous Havdalah service starting with Mincha, followed by a traditional Seudah Shlishit (late afternoon Shabbat meal). We concluded with Maariv and the inspirational blessings over wine, spices and braided candle. Towards mid-November, we co-sponsored a dramatic performance about the Holocaust for Daled and Hey students and parents. It took place at Woodbury Jewish Center and was deeply moving and informative.

For Chanukah, we offered an olive oil pressing workshop in which many of our grades participated. All classes played Chanukah games and had Chanukah goodies like chocolate gelt and latkes. During December, we had several class services and family workshops.

Towards the end of January, we will have our annual Parent-Teacher conferences. Although January is the coldest month of the year, we celebrate Tu B'Shvat, the "New Year of the Fruit Trees" on Friday, January 20th. You may ask, why did the Rabbis pick this day to celebrate Tu B'Shvat? The answer is that in the land of Israel, most of the rainy season is already gone. Spring is taking place. The sap begins to rise in the fruit trees and the almond trees are blooming. The name "Tu B'Shvat" means the 15th day of Shvat. In the word "Tu", the numeric value of the "tet" letter is 9 and the "vav" is 6, which adds up to 15. Shvat is the name of the Hebrew month.

Why does the calendar have a new year for trees? Because the Torah has a law about the fruit trees. It says, "Do not eat the fruit of a tree during its first three years. The fourth year, give its fruit to the priests as a gift to God. From the fifth year on, you may eat its fruit." To know the age of the tree, the Rabbis established a new year. May we all remember that trees are gifts from God and we should do everything to nourish them.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan. 3 (Mon) School resumes
- 8 (Sat) "Shabbat As One" Junior Congregation – 10:30 AM – 12:00 noon
- 9 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A & B Session 7 – for both Daled & Hey
9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building
It's A Girl Thing – 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- 10 (Mon) (Noar Yotzer) "Jewish Lens" Teen Program – 6:15 – 8:00 PM
School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
- 14 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM (Tu B'Shvat)
- 15-17 (Fri-Mon) Martin Luther King Vacation – No School or Junior Congregation
- 23 (Sun) Make-Up Session for Both A and B for All Tallit & Tefillah
Students & Parents (Snow Day)
- 24 (Mon) Bar/Bat Mitzvah Orientation - Hey Class - 8:15PM
- 25-26 (Tue-Wed) Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 30 (Sun) Parent-Teacher Conferences – 9:00-11:00 AM for
Kindergarten/Sunday School Only
- 31 (Mon) 2014 Bar/Bat Mitzvah date distribution & orientation - 8:15PM

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

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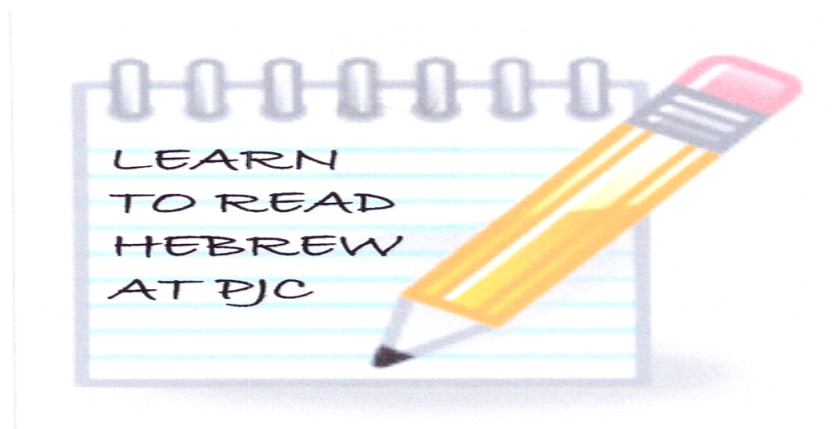
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Written by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio .

“To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I’ve ever written. My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won’t take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It’s more healing than crying alone.
8. It’s OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won’t screw up the present.
12. It’s OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don’t compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn’t be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don’t worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn’t useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn’t kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It’s never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don’t take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don’t save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don’t wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one else is in charge of your happiness
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words ‘In five years, will this matter?’
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone for everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don’t take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn’t do.
35. Don’t audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative — dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else’s, we’d grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come...
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn’t tied with a bow, but it’s still a gift.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*

Women's League— What we got from Convention

Here are some of my thoughts upon returning From Women's League Convention held in Baltimore, MD.:

Women's League is the Mother of Sisterhood. She is there to guide Sisterhood as a woman would guide her daughter with the same traditions and values. Women's League is a tool for us, a source of information and resources to tap into.

We've learned that we are all here for the same reasons. We want our Sisterhood to thrive with new people, ideas, and events, etc. We want to give people something they can take with them and have them come back wanting more. We need to have things that are entertaining, thought provoking, make them feel they are part of something good, and make a difference.



Why do we want to come?

- Education
- Me Time
- Friends
- To Learn
- To Support a cause
- Personal gain
- Responsibility

Why don't we want to come?

- Not Included
- Not being valued
- Our needs not met

How do we strive for a better Sisterhood? With understanding and patience we can bridge our individual differences. We can strive to create unity accept everyone for who they are. We hope to welcome all of our current members, as well as new members, with a sense of pride in our Synagogue and our Sisterhood. Come and experience something new and exciting.

CONVENTION by *Dvora Lumerman, Corresponding Secretary*

Chancellor Dr. Arnie Eisen from the Jewish Theological Seminary spoke at the Women's League Convention that I was fortunate to attend. He made a valid point that in the last 16 years technology has taken over our lives and our children's lives to the point far beyond "Pong" or Pac Man. He stated that the next 16 years technology will accelerate even more than it has today. How do we keep Judaism strong with the next generation if they are programming our PDAs, cell phones, iPods, etc.... How do we reach them?

Dr. Eisen got me thinking: what are we to do as parents and how are we going to have our children continue in our footsteps?. How are we going to bring Judaism into their hearts and their fingertips?

There are some things we can do now. It is known that some rabbis send parshas via email on a weekly basis. Personally, I learned how to make challah bread via an online video. It will be tough, but we need to start thinking out of the box.

If anyone has any suggestions I am all ears!!

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

Our Sisterhood Auction, on Tuesday, December 7th, was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was fabulous to see so many friends - both old and new. Thanks to Lilly Elman and Sheila Mikelberg for all their work and preparation in making it an enjoyable evening.

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, January 4th. Come join us for “The Price is Right” game. It will be great fun, and there will be a large array of gifts to win. We look forward to seeing you.

If anyone has any ideas for the February program, feel free to call us with your suggestions.

EDUCATION Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President

Count Your Blessings- Share your Simcha! Mark your calendar for the annual Sisterhood and Men’s Club Sabbath on Friday night January 21st and Saturday morning January 22nd. This will be an exciting weekend as our members are training to perform or lead the various parts during the service- replacing the Rabbi and the Cantor.

The theme of the weekend is “**Count Your Blessings- Share your Simcha**” Your participation is important, many parts are still available....Be part of the service.... IF you aren’t part of the service, at least come to services to support your Sisterhood (and Men’s Club) friends.

Jeremy Szczepanski an aspiring Seminary student will be our speaker on Saturday after services. We will be announcing and celebrating simchas this weekend. If you haven’t already done so, please let us know if you have a special simcha to announce or celebrate with us.

If you are interested in a part (even a small one) in English or in Hebrew please contact:
Cindy Getzoff, Doris Cooper or Zita Jospa

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

Just a little note to thank all of you who continue to contribute to this most worthwhile project. Thanks to your support, we were able to send a nice package to the family for Thanksgiving and Chanukah. I will repeat the vital statistics for the girls so that when you go through your young daughters’ or granddaughters’ spring clothing, you think of “our girls”. Anything you can contribute will be appreciated. We expect to send out a basket before Purim.

Stacy would especially like to receive gift cards to Dr. B. Well, since they carry some of the foods she finds best for Samantha, her daughter who suffers from autism. Samantha is now 8 ½. Her sizes are pants L, tops XL or 12, dresses L, skirts M, shoes 2. She enjoys DVDs, Leapster games, DS games and art projects, especially finger paints.

Jordyn, the younger daughter, is 6 ½. Her sizes are pants 7,8 or M, tops 10 or L, dresses M, skirts 7 or M and shoes 1 ½.. She also enjoys DVDs, so if you have any family or kids DVD’s they would be appreciated. As you know, children are always growing so if you have clothig items that are slightly larger then the sizes stated, they will be sent along.

Any monetary gifts received will be used to buy gift cards for their favorite stores which include Trader Joes, Target, Old Navy, Stop and Shop and King Kullen. We know they also enjoy shopping for themselves. We hope you will continue to support our efforts to aid this deserving family.

TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

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

Books for 11,000 Baltimore School Children

For generations, Jews have been known as the **“People of the Book.”** Jews have also affirmed a commitment to the mitzvah of tzedakah. Women's League linked these twin Jewish values of study and tzedakah at its biennial convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

In so many impoverished areas, such as inner-city Baltimore, children's books are a luxury item, last on the list of household priorities. To begin to make a change, Women's Leagues' latest initiative, **Books for Baltimore: Building a Reading Community One Child at a Time**, purchased 13,000 books for every third grader and every pre-kindergarten child in the Baltimore City public school system. For many of these children, it was the first time they had a book of their own! The titles were chosen in consultation with local reading specialists and reflected the children's reading levels and cultural interests.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Rona Jaffe Foundation, a discount from Scholastic Books, and the contributions of our Sisterhoods, the goals of this endeavor were met. The children prepared a video to demonstrate their appreciation. They sang a beautiful Chanukah song, and thanked Womens' League for this wonderful gift. The best part of the video, which was played on the last day of the convention, was the looks on the faces of these children as they were each handed their very own book!



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Now is the time to order your
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Who is sending the kit: _____

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SEND: \$15.00 per kit if you are a Sisterhood Member;
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TO: Sisterhood PJC, 95 Floral Drive, Plainview, NY 11803; Attention: Purim Kits

We plan to be sending out lots of kits this year so be sure to place your order early!
***Please remember that the cut-off date for ordering is Wednesday March 2nd,**
 so we can ensure delivery by Purim, March 19th.

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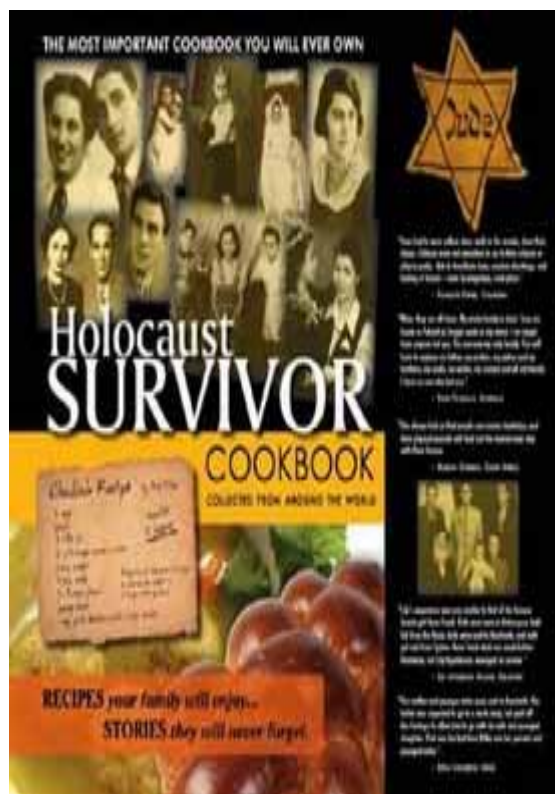
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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR COOKBOOK

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

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Mitzvah Committee: Call Temple Office: 938-8610 (Shiva Set-up & Shiva Chairs Available)



**SISTERHOOD
PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER**

**IT'S SHALACH MANOT TIME !!
Purim Begins Saturday Evening, March 19, 2011**

The book of Esther tells us that the Jews of Shushan celebrated their deliverance from Haman by sending gifts of food, fruit and drink (Shalach Manot) to one another. The rabbis decreed that this mode of sharing the joy of the festival should become one of the central mitzvot of the holiday. On Purim, sending Shalach Manot gives the entire congregation an opportunity to share in the observance of this mitzvah. Sending Shalach Manot allows us to share the joy of the festival with our family and friends.

IT IS TRADITIONAL THAT SHALACH MANOT BE SENT VIA A THIRD PARTY. LET SISTERHOOD BE YOUR AGENT AGAIN THIS YEAR.

- \$ 6.00 ea - for each PJC affiliated family you wish to send to
- \$ 6.00 ea - for each special "children's package" you send
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- On the order form, you may check YES in the reciprocity box to avoid omitting someone that may be sending you a gift. This way they will automatically be sent from you
- Cost of \$3.00 each – special price to send Shalach Manot to any of our clergy. See the special check off box on the order form for this.

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity - Fill out the Shalach Manot Order Form and mail it today with a check payable to:

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All initial orders must be accompanied by a check
or they will not be accepted
We must receive your orders by Friday, Feb. 18, 2011

For further information, or, if you wish to help package these gifts please call Bunny (433-5778) or Marion (933-8085). All packages must be picked up on Sat. eve 3/19 after the reading of the Megilla or at the Temple office during business hours over the next few days.



PJC SISTERHOOD ZAHAVA PRESENTS



SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

9:15 -10:45AM

**CERTIFIED ZUMBA INSTRUCTOR, AMY BERNSTEIN
OPEN TO ALL SISTERHOOD MEMBERS!**

**REMINDER:
THERE IS NO SISTERHOOD MEETING**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

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SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

The *Sisterhood Judaica Shop* has gifts for all your holiday needs. We have a large selection of dreidels, menorahs, mezuzahs, jewelry and head coverings for both men and women. Our great holiday serving pieces, including platters and utensils, are wonderful for celebrating and entertaining with family and friends.

WHEN YOU THINK GIFTS, THINK SISTERHOOD JUDAICA!

Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

During Chanukah, the season of miracles, Israel suffered the first really serious forest fire of its history. The deadliest incident came in the fire's early hours. A bus carrying about three dozen cadets from the Israeli prison service, on their way to evacuate a prison that was threatened by the blaze, became trapped between burning trees. Nearly all those aboard perished, and the bus was left a scorched shell. Two firefighters who rushed to rescue the guards and a 16-year-old volunteer, Elia Riven, were also killed. Many people were seriously burned and as of this writing 42 people have died as a result of the fire.

Early in the fire fighting efforts it became clear that Israel did not have either the expertise or the equipment to deal with a fire of that size. Fortunately, outside response was excellent and Prime Minister Netanyahu realized that there are times when it is necessary and responsible to receive. Help was forthcoming from Turkey, the Palestinian Authority, as well as Egypt, Jordan, Cyprus, Greece, Germany, Russia, France, Switzerland, Britain, Spain and the United States. The Palestinian Authority response included 21 firefighters and four fire trucks which were a gift from the European Union. We are always so proud when we hear that Israel is always among the first to respond to disasters around the world. It was heartwarming to see that in times of trouble, politics were put aside as the humanitarian aid flowed the other way.

Thirty-five firefighting airplanes came to Israel. New York sent a 747 loaded with Fire Troll 931, a fire retardant chemical, in a shipment organized by the Fire Department of New York City and the office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Israel also rented the American, an Evergreen Boeing 747 Super Tanker, one of the most advanced firefighting planes in the world, loaded with 80,000 liters of water and fire retardant. It arrived early Sunday morning and had an immediate effect on helping douse the flames and shortly thereafter the fire was declared under control.

While one might reflect that it is a miracle that Israel has managed to grow forests to the extent such a fire could happen (Israel is still the only country in the area that is so green) in the aftermath, the country has much damage to contend with. The blaze, the worst in Israel's history, consumed about 10,000 acres of forest and about four million trees. The Artists community of Ein Hod, a popular tourist spot suffered severe damage, Yemin Orde Youth Village lost about a dozen buildings to the fire, including a section that housed orphans from the former Soviet Union. Ein Hod's crooked streets and courtyards are now full of workers from the electric and phone companies repairing infrastructure damage, laying new underground cables and fixing telecommunication lines. Yemin Orde Youth Village, which lost about a dozen buildings to the fire, including a section that housed orphans from the former Soviet Union must also rebuild. The village, which specializes as a home for adolescent survivors of trauma and displacement, dates back to the early years of the state, when it helped provide psychological support and a home to Jewish children who survived the Holocaust but were left orphans. Money for clothing and supplies are needed.

Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael-Jewish National Fund is already discussing plans to rehabilitate the Carmel. "It will take time, a long time, but the KKL-JNF staff have experience in rehabilitating forests and we will bring the green back to the Carmel," Efi Stenzler, world chairman of KKL-JNF, told JTA, quoting from a slogan for a new fund raising campaign launched by the organization in the wake of the fire. Stenzler rejected criticism of JNF's planting the forest and others throughout the country with non-

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native pine trees, known for growing quickly but also catching fire quickly.” This was not the reason for the fire,” he said, noting that most of the forest that burned was made up of native trees.

Stenzler and other officials said most of the rehabilitation efforts would be about rebuilding infrastructure like hiking trails, not about replanting trees. Instead, the forest for the most part will be allowed to restore itself naturally. Where replanting is deemed necessary, plans are to plant native broadleaf trees such as oak and carob in order to increase the area’s bio-diversity.

Kehillat Moriah, a community associated with the Masorti movement in Haifa, provided home hospitality to overseas students who were evacuated from dorms on the university campus in the fire danger zone. Masorti also collected clothes for the Children of Yemin Orde Youth Village and is purchasing underwear, socks and other items for Children of Yemin Orde whose belongings were destroyed. NOAM, the Israeli equivalent USY, members are working with children of northern communities to provide care and structured play.

Funds are needed for these activities, as well as money to pay for the extensive burn care needed for the victims of the fire who have months of rehabilitation to endure. Most of this is happening at Ramban Hospital in Haifa. Israel has extensive experience in this area. However, at the moment the skin bank only has enough skin for about 70 transplants which means more must be purchased. Contributions are needed for all projects and can be made through many organizations. JNF is the U.S. fundraising arm of Friends of Israel Firefighters. Your dollars will help purchase helmets, hoses, fire extinguishing chemicals and thermal cameras, among other emergency equipment. Monies collected by the organizations below should be designated to the Fire Emergency Fund so that needed equipment can be purchased and the other immediate problems can be addressed.

Masorti can be reached at: Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 832 New York, NY 10115-0068 (212) 870-2216; 1-877-287-7414
<http://www.masorti.org/>; info@masorti.org

Jewish National Fund can be reached at: JNF National Headquarters, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021 <http://www.jnf.org/>

Donations can also be made through Hadassah or directly to Ramban hospital or Yemin Orde Youth Village. If you need more information you can contact me. Websites for the organizations can be found on the Internet.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Wednesday, January 12th from 11AM to 12:45PM for stimulating study, good food and even better company at our monthly *Lunch and Learn* with Rabbi Conn. This month we will focus on the question, “Racism or Zionism: The Controversy Over Renting or Selling to a Non-Jew in Israel. How Far Are We Willing To Go To Make Sure That Israel Remains A Jewish State?”.

Please RSVP to the Temple Office by January 10th to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. *Lunch and Learn* is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE YAHRZEIT FUND:

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 Martin & Pearl Plawsky
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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

Happy New Year to all. We have a fun lineup of events scheduled for the next few months. We will kick things off this month on January 11th with our annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. It is always a lot of fun, especially for those who win. Friday night, January 21st and Saturday morning, January 22nd is the annual Men's Club-Sisterhood Shabbat weekend. It is the two-day period when the inmates take over the service. Anyone who wants to participate—in English or Hebrew—should contact Shea Lerner or Rob Cohen.

In February, we will host our second annual Middle Eastern Night. Last year we had a great time with delicious food and an entertaining Belly Dance show, which included audience participation. So, start shaking that booty to get ready. And, don't forget that the World Famous Patio Players are back and better than ever. This year they will be performing "Fiorello!," a show about the former Mayor LaGuardia of NYC. (We had earlier planned to do "the Pajama Game" but changed it for a number of reasons). Shows are scheduled for March 5th and 6th and 12th and 13th. Tickets go on sale soon. We hope to see everyone there. It is always a fun evening.

If you did not attend our annual Chanukah Party, you missed a great afternoon, complete with latkes, of course, hot dogs in a blanket, an entertaining magician, and a phenomenal raffle of toys. Thanks to all who came. And, finally, it is not too late to buy a box for our Super Bowl pool. You can leave a message for Rob Cohen or David Dender in the PJC office or leave a check for \$20 per box made out to the PJC Men's Club.

Institute for Adult Jewish Studies by Sharon Kunoff

In January, we are having a series of 4 consecutive Monday evening lectures. The venue will be Temple Or Elohim, 18 Tobie Lane, in Jericho. Directions are on our brochure. Lectures are included in the Winter Series price. Attendance in January is \$15 for the series or \$5 per lecture. Our speaker will be Rabbi Shmuel Goldin whose overall topic is Uncovering Lessons of the Torah.

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

Rabbi Goldin has spoken to our group before and is back by popular demand. He is the Spiritual Leader at Temple Ahavath Torah in Engelwood, NJ, and a Professor at Yeshiva University as well a popular author and lecturer.

The PJC Evening and Morning *Minyan* #2

Attention “*Minyan Makers!*” Please put the *minyan* attendance forms you take after attending an evening or morning *minyan*, in the “*Minyan Makers*” box outside the PJC office during the first ten days of January 2011. Remember to print your name on each color coordinated *minyan* attendance form (orange for weekday morning *minyan*, lavender for weekday evening *minyan*, yellow for Sunday morning *minyan*, and blue for Sunday evening *minyan*).

PJC’s long-time *minyan* participants are:

Irving Weingarten, George Nadel, Dennis Fingold, Allan Furman, Zita Jospa, Diane Miller, Kym Newborn, Larry Leventhal, Merri Lewin, Rhoda Meshover, David Miller, Bob Rosenberg, Karen Strauss-Factor, and Ruth Tuller.

Joining the above *minyan* participants are the following “*Minyan Makers*” who attended *minyan* for the months of September, October, and November 2010:

Sharon Kunoff, Beryl Kwitkin, David Naziriah, Evy Rothman, Dr. Yair Rachmani, Robert Rubin, and Phyllis Sarrel.

The “*Minyan Makers*” Program is now entering the “sign-up” phase. The month of December 2010 is the Board of Trustees “Sign-up for a *Minyan*” month and the month of January 2011 is the Men’s Club and Sisterhood “Sign-up for a *Minyan*” month.

Small Chapel (*Minyan* Room) Quiz:

1. Which family donated the *Torah* reading / *davening* table? In whose memory? In what year?
2. Which family donated the Ark doors? In whose memory? In what year?

Visit the Small Chapel for the answers to the above questions.
Answers next month.

For the Ritual Committee, Beryl Kwitkin

To My Fellow PJC Members,

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

This is why I started an out of school club called

“Kickin Cancer With DVD’S”.



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

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

Josh Reis

Hatzilu Means Rescue

Hatzilu is reaching out to our community for help. This worthy organization has been assisting impoverished and needy Jews throughout Nassau County for many years. Volunteer social workers help elderly Jews obtain the government benefits to which they are entitled and food is provided to the hungry. Hatzilu maintains the largest kosher food warehouse in Nassau County and volunteers deliver food to people who need it desperately. The warehouse is in dire need of canned goods and nonperishable foods. Donations of these products would help restock the shelves that are almost bare.

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

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

Arlyne Skolnik

M'yad L'yad (Helping Hands)

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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.

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