



*No person was ever honored for what he received.
Honor is given by what he gave. – Calvin Coolidge*



**Plainview Jewish Center
2011 Journal Dinner Dance**

June 16th 2011

honoring

Doreen & Steven Guzik

SISTERHOOD MEETING

“AN EVENING OF COMEDY “

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH - 8:15PM

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JUNE 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, June 1st

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

Friday, June 3rd

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

Open House "Shabbat Under The Stars"

FFFN Shabbat Service7:00PM

Saturday, June 4th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: Abigail Schinz

Daughter of Jodi & Joseph Schinz

Aufruf: Harrison Rubinfeld &

Susannah Levithan

Son of Steve & Barbara Rubinfeld

Daughter of Rabbi Carol Levithan

Mincha/Maariv.....8:00PM

Sunday, June 5th

Israeli Day Parade

Monday, June 6th

School Committee Meeting.....8:15PM

Tuesday, June 7th

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot.....7:30-11:00PM

Wednesday, June 8th

Shavuot Services.....9:00AM & 8:00PM

Thursday, June 9th

Yizkor Only Service.....6:30AM

Services/Yizkor

Memorial Plaque Dedication.....9:00AM

Service.....8:00PM

Friday, June 10th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

Shabbat Eve Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, June 11th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: Dana Silverstein

Daughter of Debra & Howard Silverstein

Mincha/Maariv.....8:00PM

Sunday, June 12th

Picnic & BBQ at Plainview Park.....12-3:00PM

Monday, June 13th

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

Tuesday, June 14th

Men's Club BBQ.....7:30PM

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, June 15th

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

Ritual.....8:15PM

Thursday, June 16th

Journal Dinner Dance

Honoring Doreen & Steven Guzik...6:30PM

Friday, June 17th

Early Shabbat Services

(only one service).....6:00PM

Saturday, June 18th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

B'nai Mitzvah: Jacob & Jonathan Grabois

Sons of Dawn & Roy Grabois

Mincha/Maariv.....8:15PM

Monday, June 20th

Calendar Meeting.....6:30PM

Wednesday, June 22nd

Congregation Meeting.....8:15PM

Thursday, June 23rd

Sisterhood Torah Fund.....8:15PM

Friday, June 24th

Early Shabbat Service.....6:00PM

Shabbat Eve Service

Installation of Officers.....7:00PM

Saturday, June 25th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Baby Naming: Sydney Rachel Miller

Daughter of Alice & Arthur Miller

Granddaughter of Joel Fass

Mincha/Maariv.....8:15PM

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn***“Everywhere you look, you see Plainview Jewish Center!”***

Maybe I am exaggerating a little bit. But we have worked hard to increase our congregation's visibility this year. We have run ads for all our major events and my monthly Conn's Corner in the Pennysaver. Events at Plainview Jewish Center and feature articles appear daily on the Plainview Patch. You will also find us in Newsday, the Plainview Old Bethpage Herald and on the American Towns website. Our publicity chairs, Carol Hauser and Evy Rothman, have done a great job raising the profile of our congregation in the community.

At the bottom of many of our ads and flyers this year, we used the tag line, *“Come Home to the New Plainview Jewish Center”*. This eye-catching phrase is an inviting tag line—literally. But the invitation includes an intentional paradox. We are invited to come home—to a place that is familiar and comfortable. Yet, this place is also “new”—not the place we used to know.

The question of course, is how can our congregation be both familiar and comfortable but also new and different? As it turns out, this question is not only at the center of our ad campaign, but also at the center of our efforts to chart the course for the future of Plainview Jewish Center.

Looking back on the past year, we have introduced many new ideas and programs in our synagogue. Last month's wildly successful “Shabbat Alive” musical service is just the latest example of our new offerings. We have also introduced a new High Holiday service for younger children and their families, a monthly Shabbat Yachad to bring together our Junior Congregation families with our “Shabbat regulars,” and a Healing service for Yom Kippur afternoon. Eleven teenagers participated in our new “Hebrew High School” program based on the Jewish Lens curriculum. Our Lifnei Lomed task force organized our first Shabbat BaBayit (Bringing Shabbat home) intergenerational Shabbat dinners. Meanwhile, last year's “Focus” task force has taken the final steps toward a thorough renovation of the Religious school, installation of Smart Boards in our classrooms, and new computers in our redesigned computer lab. We are now offering the opportunity to sponsor new Machzorim, High Holiday Prayer books, which we will use for the first time this fall. Our Volunteer Engagement task force has been busy helping us to shore up our committee structure and create opportunities for new volunteers. And, of course, Robert Ian Caterers has become new our partner in offering outstanding kosher catering in our building.

The pace of change has really accelerated at Plainview Jewish Center. Credit goes to our ever expanding corps of dedicated volunteers. We truly have some amazingly energetic, dedicated and talented people who have generously given of themselves to make all of these exciting changes happen. We also have a very dedicated and hard-working staff that has helped to support and guide our volunteers. There is definitely a sense that we are, in the best way, building the New Plainview Jewish Center; a warm, vibrant and innovative congregation that can engage and inspire everyone who walks through our doors.

At the same time, continuity and tradition remain an important part of our identity. Plainview Jewish Center has been a spiritual and communal home to Plainview's Jews for nearly sixty years. Our congregation grew and changed as our Plainview Jewish community grew and changed. Several generations built and sustained our synagogue over the last 58 years. Their hard work, generosity and leadership made our congregation what it is today. We are fortunate that some of our founders are still a part of our community today; as are many people who made lasting contributions to our congregation's life over the years. We can be very proud of the fact that we are a multi-generational congregation; a place that families have called home for two, three and even

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four generations.

We must always remember that the “New Plainview Jewish Center” has been built upon a strong foundation that was laid by all those who came before. So much of what makes us who we are was already here; not just the building itself, but also the warmth, the caring, and the sense of community that has always been a part of our identity. In so many ways, we are not creating a “new” Plainview Jewish Center. Instead, we are “renewing” our congregation; helping our synagogue to evolve in response to the changing nature of the Jewish community. We are dedicated to ensuring that, no matter how we evolve, Plainview Jewish Center will always feel like home.

Every time we walk through the doors of our synagogue, I hope that all of us will feel like we are, indeed, coming home to the new Plainview Jewish Center. From the moment we walk into the lobby, we should at once be energized by the changes that we see and reassured by the familiar sights and sounds. Yes, we are living up to our advertising. Plainview Jewish Center is new and different in some very exciting ways; but comfortable and familiar as well. As long as we can maintain this balance, we can look forward to being a home for future generations of Jews in Plainview for a long time to come. So help us spread the word. Share our invitation with your friends and neighbors. “Come home to the new Plainview Jewish Center—and see why, everywhere you look, there is something good going on.”

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Wednesday, June 15th from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM for stimulating study, good food and even better company at our monthly Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn. This month, our session is titled *“The Torah: Up Close and Personal.”* During our *Lunch and Learn*, we will get a first hand look at a Torah scroll, how the Torah scrolls are put together and their symbolism and significance in Jewish tradition. Please RSVP to the Temple Office by June 13th to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Lunch and Learn is held on the second Wednesday of each month.

LIGHT CANDLES DURING SUMMER MONTHS:

Friday, July 1st	8:10PM	Friday, August 5th	7:47PM
Friday, July 8th	8:08PM	Friday, August 12th	7:38PM
Friday, July 15th	8:05PM	Friday, August 19th	7:28PM
Friday, July 22nd	8:01PM	Friday, August 26th	7:18PM
Friday, July 29th	7:54PM	Friday, September 2nd	7:07PM

ONE SERVICE ONLY FRIDAY NIGHT FOR SUMMER - 6:00PM

MINCHA/MAARIV SERVICE

Saturday, July 2nd	8:15PM	Saturday, August 6th	7:45PM
Saturday, July 9th	8:15PM	Saturday, August 13th	7:45PM
Saturday, July 16th	8:00PM	Saturday, August 20th	7:30PM
Saturday, July 23rd	8:00PM	Saturday, August 27th-	7:15PM
Saturday, July 30th	8:00PM	Saturday, September 3rd-	7:00PM

The Cantor's Note:

Shabbat Alive a Huge Success!



Shabbat Alive was a huge success. On Friday evening, May 13th, 150 people sang, clapped and danced in our sanctuary at the first Shabbat service ever to be conducted at the Plainview Jewish Center to the exciting sounds of a klezmer instrumental ensemble. The music was an eclectic mix of tunes by Shlomo Carlebach, Debbie Friedman, Sol Zim, Ben Siegel and Nurit Hirsh, as well as folk and traditional melodies.

This project took a lot planning, preparation and work to bring to fruition, but it was, for me, an exhilarating experience. There are many acknowledgments that must be made; first to Rabbi Conn for his encouragement and support, and for researching and presenting the Conservative Rabbinic responsa that permit the use of instruments at a Sabbath service. My appreciation goes, as well, to the Ritual Committee and the Board of Trustees, who deliberated and gave their approval for this service. *Shabbat Alive* would never have come to pass without the prompting and perseverance of past president, Martin Leibowitz. Marty and Marilyn have always taken an exemplary interest in the success of our Friday evening programming, and I think they were both *kvelling* that night.

A hearty yasher koach to a very special group of musicians under the leadership of Rich Liptzin, our own choir director, wearing a different hat. Rich is a music teacher and professional band leader, who, when I called him, graciously and enthusiastically came on board. He brought two colleagues, Ed Silver on the clarinet and sax, and Mike Recio on guitar. They were joined by another congregant, Howie Lampert, who played tenor sax. Howie has also contributed his talents to the Men's Club show and I am deeply grateful to him for being part of our klezmer ensemble. Completing the Shabbat Alive band were three PJC teens, Aron Lampert, playing clarinet, Abby Pickus, playing flute and Matt Wieselthier, playing clarinet. I wish to thank them for sharing their talent and their enthusiasm.

Just as the band had a mix of adults and young adults, so too was the congregation that night a mix, and that was another wonderful thing. There were the toddlers and young parents and the religious school students with their parents who usually attend family services, but there were many empty nesters, members of the congregation for many decades, who came as well. Music is a wonderful and powerful means of bringing people together. I look forward, with God's help to more *Shabbat Alive* services next season.

On a different subject, I would like to thank Rob Cohen and the Men's Club for honoring me at the New York Metropolitan Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' annual dinner. Mazal tov to my fellow honoree, Michael Brooks on his richly deserved honor. Men's Club is a dynamic and vital arm of the Plainview Jewish Center. More than that, it is a *mishpacha* which has forged and nurtured lifelong friendships. Many of its leaders have gone on to become leaders of the congregation. It was a source of great pride and *nachas* for me to have shared this *simcha* with so many of my Plainview *mishpacha*. May God grant us the merit to continue in our efforts on behalf of the Plainview Jewish Center and Conservative Judaism.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and refreshing summer, **Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.**

**PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER
57th ANNUAL JOURNAL DINNER DANCE**

June 16, 2011

**Honoring
DOREEN & STEVEN GUZIK**

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JEWISH FEDERATIONS APPLAUD PASSAGE OF BILL TO ESTABLISH JEWISH CHAPLAINS' MEMORIAL

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTES UNANIMOUSLY DURING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TO AUTHORIZE ARLINGTON MEMORIAL FOR FALLEN JEWISH CHAPLAINS. SENATE MUST NOW TAKE UP THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH LONG OVERDUE MONUMENT. - MAY 24, 2011

WASHINGTON - *The Jewish Federations of North America and partner groups are urging the U.S. Senate to act fast to approve the construction of a memorial for fallen Jewish chaplains in Arlington National Cemetery after the House of Representatives voted unanimously last night to authorize the monument.*

"This memorial is a long overdue testament to the selfless sacrifice of the Jewish chaplains who have served so honorably in our Armed Forces," said Rep. Anthony Weiner, who introduced the bill. "That it passed with such broad bipartisan support is a reflection of how important and needed this monument really is. The Jewish Federations deserves enormous credit for their efforts".

"I can think of no better expression of our nation's gratitude for our Jewish War Chaplains than the passage of this resolution during Jewish American Heritage Month, and a week before Memorial Day," said Rep. Jeff Miller, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. "The 13 Jewish Chaplains who will be honored, stood beside our troops and lent their strength during good times, and bad, on the battlefield, and off. This memorial will serve as an inspiration to all to learn their stories that are such an important part of our nation's history".

Dozens of national and locally-based Jewish and veterans groups, led by the Jewish Federations and the Jewish Welfare Board (JWB) Jewish Chaplains Council of the JCC Association of America, have been working for nearly three years to establish a memorial for Jewish chaplains alongside those for Protestant and Catholic chaplains in Arlington National Cemetery. The memorial, which has been designed and paid for by private donations, must receive Congressional authorization before construction can begin.

"The House of Representatives' passage of this bill is an important step toward ensuring that we recognize the heroic sacrifices of the 13 Jewish chaplains who have died serving our country, and whose names deserve to be memorialized in our national resting place," said Cheryl Fishbein, Chair of The Jewish Federations of North America Domestic Affairs Cabinet.

The House-approved bill includes a number of provisions regarding the approval process for memorials at Arlington National Cemetery. The construction of the memorial will reunite the memories of Jewish chaplains with their Catholic and Protestant counterparts on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery. One chaplain's name in particular, Rabbi Alexander Goode, would be reunited alongside the names of his two Protestant and Catholic comrades, all of whom died together on February 3, 1943 after giving up their lives to save other soldiers after the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was sunk by German torpedoes off the coast of Greenland.

"It is high time that we recognize and honor the Jewish chaplains who have died providing spiritual and emotional guidance to our soldiers on the battlefield," said William Daroff, the Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington office of The Jewish Federations of North America. "Now that the House of Representatives has passed a bill that includes the resolution authorizing this memorial, we urge the Senate to act quickly so this memorial can be built and these heroes properly honored".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

“Build it, they will come”.

From the Movie, Field of Dreams.



With the arrival of June, the first half of my Presidency is complete. I was installed one year ago (in what seems like yesterday) and addressed those gathered with my plans for the Synagogue's future. I am pleased to report the following accomplishments and those that are still a work in progress.

First and foremost, our membership continues to grow. In the past year, we have welcomed 23 new families and have added 54 new children into our pipeline. As we gear up for our summer membership drive, I am confident that our new membership targets will surpass those of 2010-2011. This in part, due to the following:

- Our “Warm and Fuzzy”/ Family Friendly demeanor
- An esteemed, approachable and engaged clergy
- Officers, Trustees, Volunteers, Teachers and Staff that recognize the value of positive change and outreach
- The addition of Robert Ian Caterers and the on-going refurbishment of our facilities
- Renovations to our Arthur Gutmanstein Religious School that includes new paint, tiling, lighting, and electrical work in both the school wing and classrooms.
- Installation of new White Boards in each classroom and three new computer Smart Boards
- The introduction of a new Religious School Curriculum for 2011 that includes mandatory technology training for our teachers
- Creation of a new Hebrew High School program called J-FLEX, expecting 25 students in its first year
- Continued Grant awards focusing on Volunteer Engagement, Jewish Outreach and participation
- A Chai Mitzvah program that is larger than all the other participating Synagogues combined

These were not easy targets to hit. I owe a debt of gratitude to all involved, including my Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Rabbi Conn, Cantor Wolk, Rachel Ginsburg and most important, each and everyone of you, who has entrusted us with making “PJC the Place to Be”.

Our first ever Musical Shabbat in conjunction with the Family Friendly Friday Night service was a success beyond our wildest expectations. Over 165 turned out for what I termed, “Yidstock” Special kudos to Past President, Marty Leibowitz for spearheading this effort, Rabbi Conn, Cantor Wolk, and especially, Richie Liptzin and his band for a wonderful experience.

I look forward to an even bigger turnout at our outdoor Family Friendly Friday Night Service, *Shabbat Under the Stars!*

I am pleased to report that the budget for 2010-2011 passed by an overwhelming margin of the congregation. Though nobody enjoys a dues increase, rising costs are a fact of life, which synagogues are not immune from. Based on the level of programming and services we provide;

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coupled with the financial assistance for those requiring it, \$90 is not much to keep our budget balanced and our future bright. Yasher Koach to our Treasurer Alan Greenberg who worked tirelessly and diligently in this effort. One area that helps control costs and infuses PJC with cash, is to purchase Shop Rite gift cards in the office. 5% of each purchase goes directly to the shul, 2.5% if you use your debit/credit card.

The annual Journal Dinner Dance is yet another revenue stream that helps the Shul. This year, we are excited to honor Doreen and Steven Guzik for their longstanding support of PJC. Place an ad in the Journal; come to the dinner; do both!! It's a great cause, honoring great people, with a great new caterer. A perfect storm if you ask me. See you on June 16th.

Elizabeth Kessler and Hannah Dworkin have planned another fantastic PJC BBQ at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Community Park on June 12. Not only is this a Herculean effort, it is a wonderful way to enjoy the summer with fellow congregants for free. Since this is a major membership outreach as well, please feel free to bring any prospective members with you to experience our extended "family".

Yasher Koach to fellow Trustee and Committee Chair Beryl Kwitkin, on his being honored by the Nassau/Suffolk Conservative Principals Council. His hard work has benefitted both PJC's Religious School and Ritual Committee.

Since this is the last Orbit until September. Let me wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and safe summer. Our shul takes no summer break; be on the lookout for opportunities to purchase the new High Holiday Machzor we will be using and think about new ways of volunteering your time on our behalf. A Volunteer Fair will be held in September. In the meantime, your feedback is welcomed and appreciated. ***With love, Shea***

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**ISRAELI DAY PARADE
JUNE 5, 2011**

**Plainview Jewish Center is marching in the
Israeli Day Parade.**

**Come and join us as we show our love and support for the
Land of Israel.**

**Please call Diane Miller at 516-972-4537
or 516-935-7732-home, to confirm**

Family Education News by Judy Alper

There's always so much to look forward to in June: graduations, weddings, moving up days at schools, barbeques and the approach of summer. And, we will also be celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah, the bringing of the first fruits to the Holy Temple and the pilgrimage of Jews to Jerusalem and the Holy Temple. Shavuot is observed Monday night, June 6th through Wednesday evening, June 8th. As is our custom at Plainview Jewish Center, we will be having a **TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT on Tuesday, June 7th**. It will begin at 7:30pm with services and will be followed by a light dairy dinner and a very special program at 8:30pm. The program is especially unique as it will include presentations by our Chai Mitzvah students who will give brief lessons on what they have learned. It will be preceded by our Jewish Lens students who will present a photographic exhibition on the "Essence of PJC." It will, no doubt, be a very informative and pleasurable evening while we share in the "nachas" of their accomplishments. The evening's activities are free of charge, however **reservations are mandatory for the dinner**. Please email Judy Alper at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com to make reservations or leave a message at 516-336-5405 with your name and how many people will be attending.

Our last Family Friendly Friday Night Service of the year will be held on Friday, June 3rd at 7:00PM. It will be our very special second annual **Shabbat Under the Stars**. Enjoy the beautiful weather and the setting sun as we welcome in Shabbat!!! There will be an oneg following services. If you would like to become one of the sponsors of the oneg, please email Judy Alper at the email address above.

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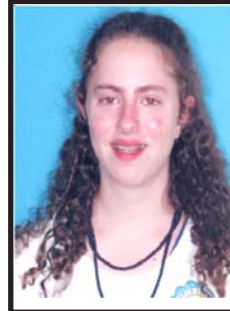


ABIGAIL SCHINZ

June 6, 2011

Abigail is the daughter of Jodi and Joseph Schinz and has a sister, Briana. She is a seventh grader at Mattlin Middle School. Abigail enjoys biking, art technology, acting reading, playing guitar and being with her friends. Her favorite holidays are

Chanukah and Passover because she celebrates with her family. For her mitzvah project, she collects recyclable bottles and donates the money for the animals in the *Little Shelter* in Huntington.



DANA SILVERSTEIN

June 11, 2011

Dana is the daughter of Debbie and Howard Silverstein and has a sister, Lauren. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Dana enjoys acting, singing, reading, writing, arts and crafts, cooking and drawing. She has performed in the

Men's Club Show for three years. Her favorite holiday is Purim. For her mitzvah project, she participates in the *Book Buddies* program at POB Library.



JACOB GRABOIS

June 18, 2011

Jacob is the son of Dawn and Roy Grabois and has three brothers, Jonathan, Brandon and Austin and a sister, Molly. He is a seventh grader at H.B.Thompson Middle School. Jacob enjoys the track team and is an avid reader. His favorite holiday

is Chanukah. For his mitzvah project, he ran a 5 kilometer race to benefit *Beit Halochem*, an organization that provides assistance to disabled Israeli war veterans.



JONATHAN GRABOIS

June 18, 2011

Jonathan is the son of Dawn and Roy Grabois and has three brothers, Jacob, Brandon and Austin and a sister, Molly. He is a seventh grader at H.B.Thompson Middle School. Jonathan enjoys history, baseball, basketball and drawing.

His favorite holiday is Chanukah. For his mitzvah project, he spends quality time with sick children and helps to cheer them up.

Givers and Takers

*We live in a world with all kinds of people
Many who believe in religion; many who
worship the steeple.*

*There are ordinary citizens - then there are
the pros
Some may be cons; that's the field they
chose.*

*I know a few chefs and several fine bakers,
Did I tell you that there also are givers and
takers?*

*Were we born to our position in life?
Or did we grab onto something as we were
falling?*

*Is it possible it came from some strife
Or are each of us born to a calling?*

*Whatever it is I certainly can't say for sure
But I know a few takers who are easy to
abhor.*

*So if it's in your nature it's hard to fight the
way you are
You were born to be a giver -
Give yourself a star!!!*

- Sandy Ezersky

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MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

The annual memorial plaque dedication will be held on the 2nd day of Shavuot, Thursday, June 9th, 2011. The yarhzeit plaques which, heretofore, have not been dedicated, will be formally presented to the synagogue of the Plainview Jewish Center.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*



Shavuot begins at sundown on June 7th and lasts for two days. It celebrates the Jewish people receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai over 3,300 years ago. It's customary to stay up all night learning Torah. Also most people will eat dairy commemorating the fact that when receiving the Torah it included the kashrut laws. As we celebrate this important holiday one might want to reflect on the Ten Commandments, written in the Torah, and how they affect your daily life.

June is also the month that finishes off my first term as Sisterhood President. As I reflect upon this first year, I have learned a lot from the women on my board. I thank all who have guided me along the way. As we move on to next year, I hope we have continued support from our membership to make the upcoming programs and events even better. We would love for you to get involved and show support for the programs we offer. If there is something you would like us to offer for an event let us know. We are always looking for more women to be involved. Remember, this is **your** Sisterhood. For those of you on the board whose term is up, I thank you for all your dedication to Sisterhood and for all your help. For all those continuing on, I look forward to working with you for another year. *Have a wonderful summer!*

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - *Bunny Finkelstein*

The *Sisterhood* year is coming to a close and so is my term of office as your Executive Vice President. At this time I would like to thank the following wonderful women for "**Doing a Great Job**" and for their "**Dedication to Sisterhood**": **Marion Weisfelner**, Candlelite Editor for Orbit; **Liz Danziger**, Torah Fund Coordinator; **Joyce Rimer**, Torah Fund Chairman; **Elyse Schrage**, Torah Fund Chairman and JNF Tree Program; **Michele Haimes**, Judaica Shop Chairman and Calligrapher for our Book of Life; **Rhoda Meshover**, Book of Life Chairman; **Dawn Grabois**, Book of Life Chairman; **Ellen Hayman**, Calligrapher for our Book of Life; **Diane Miller**, Prayer Book Fund. and **Phyllis Sarrel** for coordinating the babysitting service during the High Holidays. In addition, I wish to again thank the leaders of the **Shalach Manot Committee** : **Marilyn Cohen**, **Sheryl Fischer**, **Barbara Greenberg** and **Marion Weisfelner** each for a "**Labor of Love**". I could not have done this project without your help and guidance. And of course the **Shalach Manot Committee** of shoppers, helpers and packers thank you, thank you. (listed previously in Orbit). My thanks also go to the Executive Committee and the *Sisterhood* Board for all the support you give to *Sisterhood*.

At this time I want extend my best wishes to the new Executive Vice President, **Blayne Peltzman** for a successful year. Here is the Gavel!!!! I wish you a wonderful summer filled with lots of shiny days.

EDUCATION *Cindy Getzoff* - *Education Vice President*

We are very lucky to have had such talented and devoted volunteers working on our education programs this past year. Doris Cooper and Zita Jospa chaired the Sisterhood/Men's Club Sabbath and their attention to detail and personal touches made the event a big success.

Once again our Shalach Manot committee out did themselves and surpassed their goals. A big thank you to our chairperson Bunny Finkelstein and her committee - Marion Weisfelner, Sheryl Fischer, Marilyn Cohen and Barbara Greenberg.

I am proud to serve with these women who are the back bone of PJC Sisterhood.

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

Please make sure to attend our last meeting of the year on Tuesday, June 14th at 8:15. We have an exciting program planned : “*An Evening of Comedy*” starring comedians, Mark Brier & Les Degen. Mark has appeared at comedy clubs, on cruise ships and his ongoing program “*Laughs at the Library.*” We anticipate this to be a wonderful evening and an opportunity to see friends before everyone is busy with their summer plans.

At this time I would like to thank my Program chair, Lilly Elman, for all her hard work and wonderful ideas, I couldn't do it without you. Thanks to the Executive board for their guidance. Thanks to Margie Richter and Elyse Schrage who helped coordinate and set up our Sunday Brunch meeting.

Special thanks to all the women who attended our monthly meetings. We look forward to planning some interesting and varied programs next year. If anyone has any ideas we are eager to hear them. Have a great summer.

MEMBERSHIP Blayne Peltzman - Membership Vice President;

What an incredible year membership had! From acquiring 30 new members, to our mariachi playing Fiesta Brunch to our New Member Appreciation Pastries and Punch, membership was always there. I would like to sincerely thank my co-chairs, Carol Hauser and Olga Portnoy for all their time and effort in assisting me. Thank you also to Pam Lerner and Illyse Conn who so graciously sat on the Membership committee and helped out at our membership tables. Our committee meetings were always so much fun and I will hold them dearly in my heart! Thank you to Doreen Guzik, our President, Bunny Finkelstein, Cindy Getzoff, Dvorah Lumerman, Debbie Zaglin, Marion Weisfelner, Marilyn Cohen, Judy Forman, Sheryl Fischer and Rose Weiner. This executive board is made up of women with passion, determination, compassion and commitment to our shul and Conservative Judaism. It was an honor to serve with each of you. A big thank you also to the entire Sisterhood board for your support throughout the year. You are an incredible group of women whom I have learned so much from. I would like to thank Liz Danziger and Joyce Rimer of Torah Fund, for the incredible Women's League honor. I am truly honored and grateful. Todah Rabbah to Susan (especially for the pink slip reminders) and Rori in the office for their assistance and support. As the year comes to an end, I feel saddened but as I think about the incredible times we have shared this year, I have to smile! Wishing everyone a healthy and happy summer!

FUND RAISING Rose Weiner - Fund Raising Vice President

We have reached the end of our Sisterhood year. A highlight of our year was our annual *FASHION BOUTIQUE* which was held on Tuesday, May 3rd. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening. I want to thank everyone for attending this event. A lot of hard work and effort goes into planning and organizing this event. I want to express my sincerest thanks to my committee, which consists of: Barbara Alhadeff, Judi Dorosin and Marilyn Cohen for all their help making this evening so successful (and for all their help throughout the year). A big thank you to Bunny Finkelstein for her utmost help the day of the event. Thanks to Cyd and Arielle Kardon and Joyce Rimer for getting us raffle prizes.

Thanks again for supporting Sisterhood! *A very Happy and Healthy summer to you all!*

To our PJC Sisterhood family,

It has been more than six months since Mom left us and I have been trying to find the words to express my gratitude to you all for all you did for Mom, for Dad and for me during this terrible time. I decided to write you all a letter as individuals and as a group.

I have learned many things during this trying time. One of the lessons I have learned is the one I shared with you during the funeral and the shiva – that in spite of the small scale of our family itself, we are part of a devoted and precious broader family in PJC. For Mom, Sisterhood was the epicentre of that community – because of each of you individually who shared friendships with Mom, and because of the strength and love of the Sisterhood as a whole.

That is another lesson you have taught me through your actions. That if you bring together people who are individually committed to mitzvot, to bringing healing and comfort to those who are struggling, that the power in numbers of sisters sharing their kindness and generosity is unparalleled. It has been said that we live in individualistic times, in isolation and with a lack of communal awareness. That is most certainly not the case in PJC Sisterhood. You have defied that by establishing a community as strong as the extended families and village communities throughout the world where grieving alone is unheard of. I feared I would grieve alone – but I did not. I have been grieving in a community, and you are that community.

I want to thank you from my heart for the gifts you have given us, and I want to assure you that all that you do as individuals and as a Sisterhood has a profound impact upon those to whom you reach out. Many of you must know that, as many of you must have already faced the giving and the receiving end. Lest you ever think for a moment that what you do is not enough, is not having an impact, is not healing wounds as it could and is not providing support to those for whom you care, you must know that is not the case. I was touched by each and every act however small which demonstrated your love and admiration for Mom, and I know Mom's departure took place in a cradle of caring much of which you provided. You gave spontaneously, instinctively, and without hesitation. I saw on your faces that you were grieving with me and that you truly felt the impact of Mom's loss. For all you did for us and for all you do for the community, I praise you, I thank you, and I will never forget your kindness and the comfort that I felt through all your support.

*In admiration and gratitude, **Max, Stella's daughter.***

I. Maxine Marcus, Trial Attorney
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Z'havah

We started off the year with Chanukah, Craft, Coffee and Conversation, did some exercise at Zumba and finished with Getting our Selves Organized. Z'havah is a special interest group of Sisterhood that is geared to the women of school-aged children. Our programs are offered on Sunday mornings during Hebrew school hours. We welcome all women to join us and be a part of this growing group at PJC Sisterhood.

Special thanks to Ellen Hayman and Blayne Peltzman for adding their special touches to our programs to make them such a success. **Cindy Getzoff**

M'yad L'yad Sisterhood Special Project by Sharon Kunoff

It is June and I am sure many of you are busy getting your children ready for camp and are finding they have been growing nicely, leaving some wonderful spring and summer things that some other little girls can enjoy. We just received an update on our family. Stacy, the Mom, only needs one more class to finish her MBA in Health Care Management. Unfortunately, financially she is having a rough time. She recently lost her part time job and while she is looking for a full time job, nothing has come through for her yet. Meantime, her ex husband continues to harass her and has not been making his child care payments. She will be taking him to court again and has an order of protection out against him. She really counts on the clothing and gift cards we send her.

Jordyn, the younger daughter will turn 7 this month. Her sizes are: pants 7,8 or M, tops 10 or L, dresses M, skirts 7 or M and shoes 2 - 2 ½. She enjoys DSL games, Disney DVD's and dogs. Samantha, the other daughter is 8 ½. Her sizes are: pants L, tops 12 or XL and shoes 3. She enjoys arts and crafts items and DVD's. The family does have a DVD player so if you have any family or kids DVD's they would be appreciated. Children do grow quickly so if you have fall or winter clothing, slighter larger would be fine. While they haven't mentioned them, I'm sure backyard toys for the girls would also be nice for summer outdoor play.

The family now does their primary shopping at Trader Joes, Shoprite, Target and Old Navy, so gift cards to any would be appreciated. If you make a cash donation, we will buy gift cards to these stores. They still own a dog so dog food or toys would also be appreciated. Stacy never asks for anything for herself but she does specify that she uses Scott tissues and toilet paper and Bounty paper towels. The only house cleaner she specified was Windex.

As we look ahead towards fall, heavier clothing will be appreciated. We can also use help packing and delivering the goodies to the Postal Store. If any of you can help or have items to donate please contact Sharon at skunoff@optonline.net or Ronnie at pamba66@aol.com. You can also call Sharon at 516 694 -1896. Thanks for thinking of our family and have a wonderful summer.

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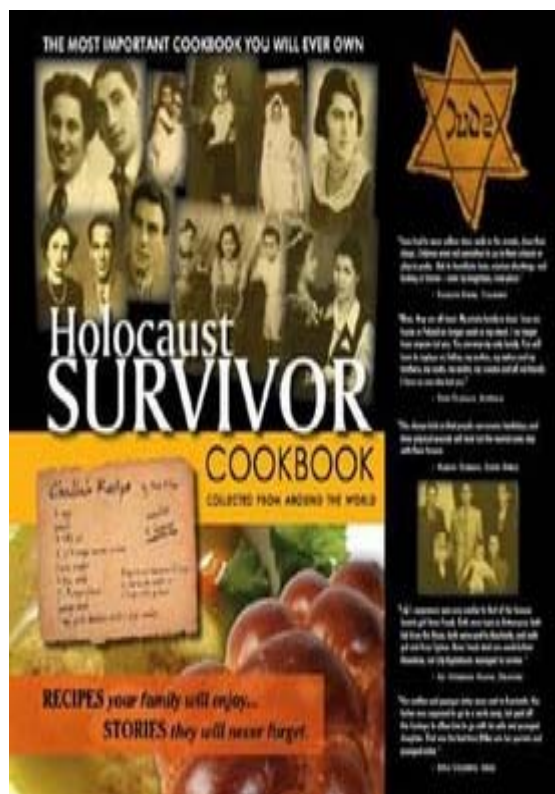
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TORAH FUND - Liz Danziger, Torah Fund Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!! Torah Fund Chai Celebration

Plainview Jewish Center, Thursday, June 23rd at 8:15 PM

Our speaker this year will be Cantor Marina Shemesh, a Russian-born Cantor who will present an interesting and musical evening for all. The evening will be filled with exciting discussions, and warm hospitality!

The pledge is \$18.00, and the couvert is \$3.00, which includes coffee and yummy desserts. As always, cards are available in exchange for your pledge to Torah Fund. There are cards for any occasion- Mazal Tov, Get Well, Rejoicing with You, Congratulations on the Birth of a New Baby and of course condolence cards. Torah Fund cards (\$4 each) may be purchased at any Sisterhood meeting or by contacting: Elizabeth Danziger 935-2894 or Joyce Rimer - 433-4826

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank some wonderful members of our Sisterhood. Without the help of *Joyce Rimer, Elyse Schrage, Bunny Finkelstein and Margie Richter*, I would not have been able to fulfill my role as Torah Fund Coordinator! Thank you all for your time, patience, and advice throughout the year.

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Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

I hope you all caught the gross error I made in the May Orbit article putting Yom Ha'atzmaut in March. It wasn't just thrown in to keep you on your toes, and the Hebrew date was correct! Fortunately the error will have less ramifications than the one I made on our Income Taxes and I was ready for Passover!!

In last month's column I presented a quick history of Israel through the 1967 war. At that point Israel was a very young county, just celebrating 19 years of Statehood. As I write this Israel is poised to celebrate 63 years of Statehood and she is a very different country than in 1967. Before giving more chronology of wars, cold and hot, some peace treaties, some good times and bad, I'd like to make a bit of a digression. Yesterday I happened to hear a Public Radio commentator interview an Israeli Arab from a small town near Nazareth, whose family has lived in Israel for 27 generations. They were among the Arabs who chose to remain in Israel when statehood was declared. I didn't hear the entire interview but I had the distinct impression that he and his family are very happy with their decision, want to remain Israeli and are loyal to the county. However he said that he is Arab and does feel an affinity to other Arabs in the area. He knows that he and the other approximately 20% of the Israeli Arabs are not treated the same as its Jewish Citizens. He mentioned that during one of the wars when his town was bombed, they did not have any warning sirens nor did they have an bomb shelters. He also mentioned how there is very little interaction between the Israeli Arabs and Jewish citizens of Israel. He also pointed out his discomfort during the wars when he knows he is at war with his fellow Arabs. Our family contributes to the New Israel Fund which tries to help poorer Arab families in Israel and I have attended panel discussions with some Israeli Arabs so I know there is some interaction but not as much as there should be.

An incident occurred about 20 years ago when Noah and I and a friend of ours were driving to Arad from Beer Sheva in our daughter's car (she was living in Israel at the time). We missed a turn and a checkpoint and found ourselves in the midst of an Arab village. Suddenly some rowdy young men started throwing stones at us. I doubt it would have happened if we were in a rented car and were obviously tourists. At any rate some older men came over to us, asked us what we were doing there, realized it was an error, made, sent the instigators away and showed us the way out of town. I found it interesting, my friend was petrified and Noah kept his cool and kept driving, but obviously Israelis driving into town wasn't a usual occurrence.

I just finished reading Rabbi Conn's May article about Israel and its population. Even when he mentioned standing in line at a Post Office with so many diverse people, he didn't mention the Israeli Arab population which as I said is 20% of the population. I do remember talking to an Israeli Arab on a bus quite a number of years ago and his saying how proud he was to be Israeli, but I also remember cousins telling us when we were leaving their kibbutz, Kfar Etzion, not to accept a ride from Arabs and telling how to recognize their cars. In recent years the Israeli Government and organizations like the New Israel fund are working to integrate the Arab population into Israeli society. This will have to happen for Israel to be the kind of Democracy we think it should be.

Of course Israel treats its Arab population much better than most of the Arab countries in the mid east treat Jews. In most cases they have either kicked out most of the Jews living in those countries and have often confiscated their property or if they remain, treat them as less than second class citizens. Also the Palestinians seem to be adamant about not wanting Jews in their proposed new state!

Through the years I have told you about how Israel has grown, has a booming economy and is a
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wonderful place to visit or live. Rabbi Conn's column last month certainly reenforces that idea. I hope many of you intend to visit this summer and/or are sending your children on some of the excellent trips available.

Now just a bit more history. After 1967 the Arab countries decided: "no recognition, no peace and no negotiations". So except for Nasser's so called War of Attrition which was instituted because he hoped to regain the Sinai, and which ended when he died a few months later, the situation was quiet until Oct. 6 1973, Yom Kippur, when Syria and Egypt initiated a surprise attack on Israel catching them unprepared. It took Israel a few days to fully mobilize and then to secure some help from the US and regain the upper hand. Once Israel was in control, the US, leery of a nuclear war was able to negotiate a cease fire on October 25, 1973.

In the late 1970's there was some movement towards actual peace, after the Camp David Accords were signed. In 1979 under terms of that agreement Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty, and Israel returned the Sinai to Egypt. This was a very controversial move in Israel since it required dismantling towns in Sinai and resettling those people. In return Israel got its first peace treaty since statehood, guarantee of passage through the Suez Canal, Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba as international waterways. Anwar Sadat who had assumed the reins of Egypt after the death of Nasser was the Arab statesman who signed the peace treaty and gave a speech to the Israeli Knesset. He and Manachem Begin then Prime Minister of Israel won the Nobel Prize in 1979. On October 6, 1981, Sadat was assassinated by Arab fundamentalists who were opposed to his policies on Israel.

1970 saw the rise of the PLO. Most Palestinians who had not remained in Israel resettled in Jordan, many living in refugee camps which Israel inherited after the 1967 war. Those Palestinians living in Jordan began causing problems for the King. In September of 1970, after some bloody battles, he expelled the PLO from Jordan. Most went to Lebanon where they were welcomed. Thousands of Palestinians were killed before the remainder were forced out of Jordan. Once in Lebanon, the PLO affiliated with Syria, and started raining missiles down on Northern Israel. In June, 1981, Israel invaded Lebanon. After about two weeks the UN brokered a peace agreement. The border was quiet for about a year when another Lebanon war broke out. This time the PLO was expelled from Beirut and became more firmly entrenched in the territories. In 2006, there was another Lebanon war in July which lasted about a month and was again settled with UN intervention.

Israel got its second Peace treaty when King Hussein of Jordan signed a treaty with Israel under then Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin in 1994. Since then Israel's problems have mainly been with the Palestinians in the disputed territories under Yasser Arafat. There were two intefatas which led to many suicide bombings. Various agreements and almost agreements with the Palestinians were reached, starting with the Camp David accords in 1978 through Arafat's death in 2004. Gaza government was turned over to the Palestinians in 2005 and more Israelis were forced to leave their homes for resettlement in Israel proper. Gilad Shalit who was captured in 2006 by Hamas and is believed to be alive somewhere in Gaza has still not been able to communicate with his family even with International Red Cross intervention but, there still seems to be no movement towards his return. Since then there continue to be problems, with missiles often raining into towns bordering the area, which culminated in a 3 week war at the end of 2008. Missiles still continue to be fired, mainly into the town of Sderot.

Today there is much international pressure for a two state solution to the conflict. Israel is always drawn into conflicts in the area because it is the only democracy and non Arab country. It must always be concerned for its safety. In 1991 when the US started the first Gulf war Israel was threatened with chemical warfare and was attacked with missiles which continued for the 6 week duration of the war. All Israel citizens were issued gas masks and were asked to set up safe rooms in their homes. Today Israel is carefully watching all developments in the mid east. We hope for a peaceful summer for all.

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

The Temple season may be winding down, but it will certainly not end with a whimper. We have a couple of major fun events coming up in June. On June 10th, we will host our first annual Men's Club Golf Outing. It will take place at Harbor Links in Port Washington. It includes Breakfast and Lunch, with a Shotgun start at about 9 a.m. The cost is \$180/player. You can also sponsor a hole for \$100. For more information, contact the office and leave a message. On June 14th, we will gather for our annual End of Year Dinner. This will include, as always, an open bar. It is a great night out and many awards will be given out.

Hope you all remembered to light your Yahrzeit candle to commemorate Yom Hashoah. This is an annual Men's Club tradition. Feel free to make a donation, which goes toward defraying the cost of the Yahrzeit glass and mailing costs as well as the Long Island Holocaust Museum.

We also hope you didn't miss the Men's Club's first annual Karaoke Night, which took place Saturday evening, April 30th.

We also want to congratulate Cantor Wolk and former Men's Club president Michael Brooks, who were honored by the New York Metropolitan Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs at its 28th annual regional awards dinner on May 22nd.

Congratulations also to outgoing Men's Club president Rob Cohen. Not only did he do an outstanding job in his two-year stint—including reviving the Patio Player's show—he has now joined the board of directors of the New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (METNY) as 3rd VP.

And finally, congratulations to our two newest members of the Men's Club Board of Directors—Craig Herman and Frank Iryami.



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Dear PJC Congregants,

Hello, my name is Ethan Teper and I am a student at Plainview Jewish Center. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am volunteering at the Mary Brennan INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network), a soup kitchen and shelter in Hempstead, Long Island. This organization helps people from all backgrounds who are in need.

As I was packaging non-perishable food items, I noticed that the shelves were being emptied quickly. If you or anyone you know would like to contribute to this cause, I will be happy to collect donations of non-perishable food and deliver them to the Mary Brennan INN.

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Sincerely, Ethan

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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 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.

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FROM THE EDITOR

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See you in September, Margie Richter

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