

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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HAMAKOMYINACHEM

**Willie Hoenig, on the passing of his wife, Bernice Hoenig
Rochelle Battino, on the passing of her father, Abe Miles
Rhonda Smallowitz, on the passing of her mother, Blanche Present
Bernard Pauker
Dennis Dissick, on the passing of his mother, Sylvia Dissick
Harriet Kaplan**

MAZEL TOV

**Susan & Robert Semensohn on the birth of their grandson, Nathaniel Ethan,
son of Jaime & Eugene Licht
Ilene & Michael Brooks on the babynaming of their granddaughter, Hayley ,
daughter of Marci & Blaine Barnett
Arnie & Ilaina Gelberg on the babynaming of their twin granddaughters,
Lexi Blake & Tori Page, daughters of Stacey & Marc Galiano.
Cheryl and Jason Kaylie on the babynaming of their daughter Hannah.
Susan & Stephen Goldman on the marriage of their son, Brian to Cari.**

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

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

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NOVEMBER 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, November 2nd

Torah Fund Celebration
at Joyce Rimer's House.....8:00PM
Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, November 3rd

Shaloma Hadassah.....7:00PM
Executive Board Meeting.....8:15PM

Friday, November 4th

Early Service.....5:30PM
Erev Shabbat Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, November 5th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bat Mitzvah: Sara Peres

Daughter of Michelle & Michael Peres

Mincha/Maariv.....5:30PM

Sunday, November 6th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM
Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:30AM
Z'havah.....9:30AM
Gimel Workshop.....11:15-1:00PM
Kadimah.....5:30PM
USY.....7:00PM

Monday, November 7th

J-Flex Hebrew High School.....6:00-8:00PM
School Committee Meeting.....8:15PM

Tuesday, November 8th

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

Wednesday, November 9th

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

Thursday, November 10th

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

Friday, November 11th

Erev Shabbat (one service only).....4:30PM

Saturday, November 12th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Baby Naming: Lexi Blake & Tori Paige

Daughters of Stacey & Marc Galiano

Granddaughters of Arnie & Iaina Gelberg

Shabbat B'yachad & Learning Service.....10:30AM
Mincha/Maariv.....4:15PM

Sunday, November 13th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM
Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:30AM
Blessing of the Animals.....11:00AM

Kadimah.....5:30PM
USY.....7:00PM

Monday, November 14th

Express Innovations Meeting.....7:15-9:15PM

Tuesday, November 15th

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

Wednesday, November 16th

Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, November 17th

Hey Bar Mitzvah Orientation.....8:15PM
Family Ed Meeting.....8:15PM
Sisterhood Mah Jong Tournament.....8:00PM

Friday, November 18th

Early Service.....4:15PM
Tot Shabbat.....6:00PM
Family Friendly Friday Night Service.....7:00PM

Saturday, November 19th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bar Mitzvah: Sam Iryami

Son of Dara & Frank Iryami

Daled/Hey Havdalah & Mincha/Maariv.....3:30-5:30PM

Sunday, November 20th

Services followed by T/T.....9:00AM
Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:30AM
Men's Club Board Meeting.....10:00AM
Rosh Chodesh.....5:30PM
Tironim.....5:30PM
USY.....7:00PM

Monday, November 21st

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

Tuesday, November 22nd

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Beth Elohim).7:00PM

Friday, November 25th

Erev Shabbat (one service only).....4:15PM

Saturday, November 26th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Baby Naming: Hannah Kaylie

Daughter of Cheryl & Jason Kaylie

Mincha/Maariv

Bat Mitzvah: Sara Getzoff

Daughter of Cindy & Barry Getzoff.....4:00PM

Sunday, November 27th

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

Bat Mitzvah: Shayna Doretsky

Daughter of Sharon & David Doretsky

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

With each passing year, I enjoy High Holiday services at Plainview Jewish Center more and more. One of the major reasons my experience keeps getting better is that, each year, when I look out into the congregation, I see more and more familiar faces. These faces belong to people with whom I have shared many meaningful moments over the past few years. We have shared lifecycle events—both happy and sad—and moments of learning, celebration and friendship. For me, our congregation is no longer a sea of faces, but a gathering of individuals and families with whom I have a real connection that I treasure.

Sadly for me, this gathering only takes place three times a year. During the rest of the year, we never gather together to pray as an entire congregation. Unlike many Christian Churches, or even Orthodox synagogues, we do not define our congregation as the collection of people who worship together each week. In fact, on any given week, only a small minority of our members attend services on Shabbat.

In this respect, of course, our members behave like typical American Jews. Survey after survey shows that American Jews do not go to services on a regular basis. In fact, Jews as a whole have always had some of the lowest attendance rates of any major religious group. Recent studies indicate that while 20% of Americans attend services weekly, only about 8.5% of Jews do. We can take comfort in the knowledge that our PJC members attend at a somewhat higher rate.

So what is it about Jews and services that accounts for our relatively low participation? I am not sure that anyone has been able to answer this question satisfactorily. However, after more than twenty years in the congregational rabbinate, I feel qualified to at least hazard a few guesses. First of all, we Jews identify ourselves not only as a faith group but also as a people with a shared history and a shared culture. We do not need to attend services to feel Jewish. In addition, some people also work on Friday night and/or Saturday and cannot come to services even if they want to. Lots of other activities, events and meetings also take place on Friday night and Saturday. Sunday mornings, by contrast, are still somewhat sacrosanct on many community and school calendars. As a result, people in our community are often pulled in lots of different directions on Friday night and Saturday—and services tend to lose out.

Beyond these social and cultural factors, our services require more knowledge and more time than some people have available. Shabbat morning services routinely last three hours. How many other events in our lives last that long? Even the longest events—baseball games, movies and concerts—usually fit into shorter time frames. To be sure, some people adjust the length the service to suit their needs by timing their arrival at the synagogue carefully. However, many people do not know the rhythms of the service well enough to time their arrival. They may also feel awkward walking in to the synagogue “in the middle” or “at the end”.

In addition, many people struggle to navigate the prayers and readings, which are all done in Hebrew. We often chant these prayers and readings at a pace that a casual Hebrew reader simply cannot follow. And not all of our members are even casual Hebrew readers. A large number of us never learned to read Hebrew—especially women. Another large group among us has forgotten much of what we learned. Even those of us who know Hebrew well may be confused or put off by hearing melodies different from the ones we grew up with. Following the prayers in translation can also be challenging; because most of our prayers were written at least fifteen hundred years ago. Connecting these prayers to our own life experience often requires a lot of effort and knowledge. No wonder many of us find the experience of attending a service so daunting.

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Selfishly, I would love to see more members of our community at services each week—if only for the sheer joy that comes from renewing our connections to each other. Beyond that, I do believe prayer can enrich our lives by inspiring us and helping us feel closer to God. For that reason, we have done a lot to make services more accessible at PJC. We have a short, very easy to follow, joyous family service once a month with lots of singing and congregational participation. We have also introduced a new musical Shabbat service that adds instrumentation to the mix. We have re-tooled our High Holiday family service to be even more participatory and user-friendly. And our new High Holiday prayerbook, Mahzor Lev Shalem, has enabled us to introduce more English into our High Holiday services, and provide transliterations for all the major congregational prayers.

The most powerful tool for making our services more accessible, however, is knowledge. The more we know about the service, the better we understand the meaning and purpose of our prayers, the more at home we feel with the choreography of the service; the easier it becomes for us to truly enjoy the experience of praying together as a congregation. When it comes to Jewish prayer, knowledge truly is power.

On Saturday morning, November 12th, we will introduce a new service aimed at giving more of us this knowledge: The Learning Service. This service, led by Lisa Hadar, will weave together some of the traditional Shabbat morning prayers with discussions of their meaning, practical prayer skills, and a little Torah study. Questions will always be welcome. Participants in the service will include our Adult B'not Mitzvah class of 2013. However the service is open to all, members and non-members. The service will meet once a month, from November to April; parallel to our Shabbat B'Yachad (Shabbat as One) program. The service will begin at 10:30 AM in the small chapel, and conclude at the same time as the main service.

I am very excited about our new Learning Service. I believe that many of us will enjoy participating in a shorter, slower paced service where the prayers are explained instead of just being chanted. The Learning Service will provide a great opportunity to ask questions, learn from others and make new connections. The “feel” of the service will be comfortable, informal and non-judgmental. The Learning Service gives us just one more reason to come back to PJC during the year, for prayer and community. I am hoping to see some familiar faces on November 12th—maybe even a few I haven't seen since Yom Kippur. I hope you will join us for our first Learning Service.

Text Study with Rabbi Conn

**Most Shabbat Afternoons
between the Mincha (Afternoon) and Ma'ariv (evening) service.**

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

The Cantor's Note:

Another Option for Volunteers



On Yom Kippur, Shea Lerner spoke to us from the bima with great conviction about our need for volunteers. Volunteerism is, and always has been, the lifeblood of the Plainview Jewish Center. Without dedicated members willing to share their abilities and talents we would never be able to fulfill our mission to the Jewish community. Overlooked, perhaps, in the general picture, but every bit as deserving of consideration, is an arm of the Center that relies exclusively on volunteers – our choir. It is a subject that I would like to address in this column with equal conviction, and from the heart.

The PJC choir has functioned continuously for nearly five decades, singing on the High Holidays, and, formerly, on one Friday evening each month. Comprised entirely of fellow congregants, the choir has consistently served us year after year, enhancing the music of our services and bringing honor to the congregation. In my thirty-eight years as cantor here, I have been fortunate to have had musicians like Rich Liptzin and the late Seymour Sherman, with the expertise and dedication to train and direct a chorus. I am proud of what our choir has accomplished musically, with a repertoire of predominantly four-part compositions, and I am grateful for the loyalty of each and every member. From a peak of over thirty-five singers, the choir has dwindled to almost a dozen. With few exceptions, it has not been able to recruit in recent years, despite annual appeals. It is neither realistic nor fair to rely on the same small core of dedicated individuals without an infusion of support from a synagogue roster of some 500 families. I fear that we are presently coming to a juncture.

Choral music is an ancient and integral part of our liturgical heritage. It adds another dimension to worship. It exposes us to musical genres from different traditions and eras as well as our own in ways which a cantor singing alone cannot always do. It elevates my music ministry at the Plainview Jewish Center.

It must be acknowledged that in recent years the nature of worship in the American synagogue has evolved rapidly, some might even say, radically. Generational transition accounts for some of the changes in taste and attitude. There is an emphasis on informality and a quest for personal spirituality. Many good ideas have come out of the spirituality movement. So too, have some flawed ones - eliminating the professional cantor and musically trained choir, and to a lesser or greater extent, doing away with the hallowed prayer modes and chants that are a part of our traditional rites and ethnic musical heritage. My belief is that Conservative congregations constituted like our own should have the wisdom to accept and adapt wise innovations to their own needs, while rejecting the excesses. There ought to be a place in our synagogues for cantorial chant, choral music and congregational singing, intermixed and inter-connected. There are times when we need to lift our voices together, and times when we need to reflect, meditate and listen. Used judiciously, these modalities are uplifting, stirring and aesthetically pleasing. This, in my opinion, creates a real spiritual environment for inspiring worship.

If God has blessed you with a nice voice and you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir this year. There are no special musical or Hebraic prerequisites, and teenage family members are welcome and encouraged to share their talent and energy. Your participation is important to us because every person can make a difference. Consider this to be a very personal and heartfelt invitation. Volunteering for the choir is also volunteering for the Plainview Jewish Center. Like every arm of this congregation, it can only survive with your participation. I am always available and eager to speak to you about joining our ranks. Please let me hear from you.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

Since many of you have requested a copy of my congregational address, I am making it my article for the month of November. I am pleased to report, that PJC collected over 200 bags of groceries for both Hatzilu and the Kosher Food pantry in Woodmere, LI. Please be on the lookout for further details regarding our Coat Drive and Bone Marrow Registry Drive that will enable each of us to perform the Mitzvah of Tikun Olam, repairing the World.



Last Yom Kippur, I stood before you and imparted the fact that our Shul was once again growing, after a 14 year era of stagnation and malaise. At the time, 20 new families had joined our ranks and 54 children were added to our pipeline. The turnaround was credited to our purging of the "demons" that plagued us; and introspectively, we were forced to take a hard look at ourselves. Our congregation was forced to expect more from our Shul, that which we ask and expect of ourselves. If we were to flourish, we must continually strive higher and be willing to make the changes needed to accomplish our goals.

Competition, apathy, and non-affiliation were beyond our control. We had to set our own destiny by taking ownership in our enterprise and taking responsibility for our actions and decisions. **We have made the most of our second opportunity to make a first impression!** Today, ladies and gentlemen, I am proud to say that the investment we made in change has returned gains we never would have expected some two years ago. As of this morning, 23 additional families have joined our family, bringing with them 30 new children for our Religious and Youth Programs. Knowing what we know, we have bucked a trend plaguing the Conservative Movement and other national religious trends.

Why our success? It's simple. We have listened to our membership and responded accordingly. What better way to re-build a vibrant organization, then to focus on its primary visibility; our Rabbi and Cantor!

Rabbi Conn, your innovation, leadership, compassion, passion, pastoral care, teaching, etc has reinvigorated and re-connected us all. Who else could create a stand alone Hebrew High School Program called J-Flex, with 20 kids in its inaugural year, but you?

Cantor Wolk, our foundational bedrock, our Shaliach Tzibbor. Who else could have seen us through these past 37 years, prepared our children for Bnai Mitzvot, tended his flock, kept his voice, stayed progressively younger and kept a sense of humor, if not you?

Without repeating the Rabbi's second day Rosh Hashanah sermon, our success comes from our focus on Volunteers and all that it entails. We have researched and solicited grants to meet our needs, culminating in a new 21st century Religious School curriculum and the corresponding technology of SMART Boards and White Boards. While in our presence, I urge each of you to walk upstairs and view the new 20 station computer lab that will be utilized by all constituencies within our congregation.

Today, we are faced with new challenges that are external to the Plainview Jewish Center but impacts us greatly. All while taking a progressive and ever evolving approach of bringing about change internally. We are forced to confront two "guerillas in the room". No-one need be reminded by the state of our economy. Regardless of your political affiliation (people who know me, know how I lean and feel), the economic outlook at best is bleak. Within our own community, close to 25% of you in this building,

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are on some form of Special Arrangement. The numbers requesting full relief have increased; those needing direct cash assistance from our discretionary funds for food, utilities, insurance and even a mortgage payment are astronomical. We have become the safety net the government refers to; without one dime of support from governmental entities. I know, both the Rabbi and I have spoken with too many of our congregants who have fallen on hard times. Never in Plainview/Old-Bethpage, would I have ever expected to be facing such issues.

We can never turn anyone away. Even if we want to believe that we fall prey to “scammers” seeking a “free ride”, as Jews we have an obligation within reason to help. If in fact we are being hoodwinked, let the Naverah or sin be on them. The thought of making wrong assumptions keeps me up at night. If our Shul is to have any meaning, we must continue to be the safety net. For if we don't, who will?

Our budget can absorb these hardships. That is why we are constantly fundraising. The monies are actually providing us the resources to carry out our halachic mandate. Trust me when I say, the cost of maintaining the level of services we provide is high. I would hate to contemplate the alternative. With this said, we still have one of the lowest membership dues structures around; yet we can provide more assistance than so many others. A debt, no pun intended is owed to our Treasurer, Alan Greenberg and to all of our donors and benefactors.

Our second challenge is by far the greatest and the hardest to confront. Our moniker has always been that of a Conservative Egalitarian Congregation and movement. To be completely honest, we have absolutely no idea what it means or what its implications for the future are. Furthermore, our parent institution, the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, has even less of an idea, or one that can be fully articulated.

Conservative Judaism is at a crossroads. Unfortunately, either path it chooses to take is fraught with obstacles. There is no platform for which we ascribe. Letting the congregation choose its path allows competing interests to plot our course, not our religious doctrine. I fear, and many agree, that the lack of direction, coupled with a failing financial foundation of USCJ, we will see the demise of what we call Conservative Judaism in the near future. Do we wish to be the observant arm of the Reform or Liberal movement? Or are we a traditional observant movement with a modern slant?

How can we thrive and grow as a movement, when our focus has become primarily on one's sexual orientation and not how to outreach and incorporate all within our ranks; even the intermarried? How obscene is it that Rabbis (not our own) won't discuss Israel because of the divisions it may create within congregations? When did our advocacy for an independent Jewish State, whose security and existence is the focal point of modern Judaism, take a back seat to political correctness? Israel needs us now regardless of the fact we may be a “shonder for the goyim.” If this is what we are becoming, G-d help us all, I want no part of it.

My point is this. This congregation has faced issues never before imagined, and successfully overcome them to its benefit. If we are going to thrive in the 21st century, we are going to have to switch from a micro world to a macro one; something that may be uncomfortable for us all. **As Jews this is nothing new, for the future leadership of this congregation, we will have to confront the paradigm between what is popular and what is it that we stand for.**

Moses never made it to the Promised Land; other than to view it from a mountain top. The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr, of Blessed Memory, spoke about seeing the mountain top the night before his assassination in 1968. My term ends June 30, 2012; but my activism and advocacy will continue on, on behalf of the Plainview Jewish Center. My successors are up to the challenge. For they know, that maintaining the status quo is a recipe for long term stagnation. As long as they embrace change, but stay true to our mission and goals, we will be around for a long time to come. G-d willing, for us all, to see my son Noah assume the Presidency, like I did from my father. L'dor V'dor from Generation to Generation.

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Many thanks:

First and foremost, Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk

- Our Chazzan Shani, Gabe Seed
 - Our Office staff, Susan, Rori and Lucy and our Maintenance staff, Freddy, Johnny and Bob
 - Richard Liptzin and our Choir
 - Our Men's Club Ushers headed by Michael Brooks: Al Karo, Tom Atlas, Sandy Pesner, Joe and Barbara Elowsky,
 - Steve Glasser, Mark Klayman, Richard Friedman, Alan Miller & Norman Cohen
 - Our Honors Committee chaired by Joel Fass, Allan Furman, Sy Israel and Michael Stromberg
 - Our Ritual Committee chaired by Kym Newborn and our High Holiday Chairs, Steven Rubenfeld and Mark Cristal
 - Our Family Service Chairs, Diane Miller, Joel Stern, and our Leaders Lisa Hadar, Karen Factor, Barbara and Jerry L. Rosenberg and Zelda Polofsky for running the Kol Nidre Family Service.
 - Our Membership Committee, especially Hannah Dworkin and Elizabeth Kessler
 - Debbie Tavel, Jen Ostrager and Beryl Kwitkin for running the Children's Services
 - Our Special Arrangements committee, chaired by Cliff Broder
 - Our Orbit staff: Margie Richter, Shari Roth, Elizabeth Kessler and Joyce Eckstein
 - Olga Portnoy for maintaining our PJC Website
 - Our Publicity Committee, Evy Rothman, Carol Hauser and Steven Rubenfeld
 - Our House Committee led by Joel Hauptman, Rhonnie Pickus, Stu and Scott Haimes
 - Our Religious School Committee chaired by Ellen Hayman and Diane Miller
 - Mark Klayman for donating the sound system for the Kirschner Room and the Wein building.
 - Arlyne Skolnick and Robert Cohen for the Hatzilu Food Drive
 - Larry Leventhal for Shofar blowing for the month of Elul at morning minyan
 - Kym Newborn, our Shofar blower extraordinaire
 - Albert Solomon for repairing and cleaning our Torah silver
 - Sisterhood, Doris and Arnie Cooper and Bunny Finkelstein for restoring and creating the new floral arrangement holders on the Bimah
 - Robert Ian Caterers for the ongoing refurbishment
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Back By Popular Demand
Sunday, November 13th at 11:00 AM

Join Rabbi Conn for a celebration of the blessings animals provide in our lives. We will meet in the east parking lot at 11AM for a brief ceremony and the opportunity for animals to receive individual blessings. All domestic animals welcome.
Please bring all pets in crates, cages or on a leash.

PJC Sisterhood Presents:
Ema, Abba and Me!



Please join us for Bubbles, Music and Family Fun.
Appropriate for birth through 5, but all are welcome!

Sunday, November 6th 2011

9:30-11:00 A.M

For further information and questions,
please call: Blayne Peltzman @ 516-433-3969.

Family Education Corner by Judy Alper

After celebrating the holidays, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, it seems like it's time to take a deep breathe, exhale slowly and see where we should go from here. We hope you took advantage of all the holiday related activities: the Sukkah Hop, Pizza Café and Chinese Dinner Under the Stars.

I want to make special mention of two people who have worked for countless years on Family Education and many other synagogue activities: Rhonnie Diener and Gail Kriss. They have been honored by Plainview Jewish Center for their Distinguished Service. Yasher Koach to them and when you see them greeting you at the Family Friendly Friday Night service please take a moment to wish them Mazal Tov and thank them for their hard work.

Now that you know that the Family Education Committee enjoys having volunteers help and that volunteering is a very worthwhile endeavor for both the volunteers and the people they help, join us at our next Family Education Committee Meeting. It will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 8:30 pm in the Kirschner Room. If you have any questions about working on the committee or what it entails, please call Judy Alper at 516-336-5405 or email me at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com.

Our next Family Friendly Friday Night Service is being held on Friday, November 18th. Services begin at 7:00pm and an oneg follows at approximately 8:00pm. The service is led by the Rabbi and Cantor and is a very lively, participatory service with melodies that are often easy to sing and remember. It's a great experience for any age. The oneg afterwards is completely supported by sponsorships/donations and we encourage you to celebrate life events with a sponsorship of \$18 (bar and bat mitzvah sponsorships are \$36).

Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing! is happening on November 20th for all 6th and 7th grade girls. Join us for pizza, snacks, crafts and activities surrounding the month of Kislev (Chanukah!!!!). All Jewish girls in 6th and 7th grade are welcome, no matter their synagogue affiliation.

For information about any of the above activities, please email Judy Alper @ pjcfamilyed@gmail.com or call at 516-938-8610, ext. 112.

BY THE WAY....

Sometimes it's necessary to toot your own horn. Over the past few days the Family Education Committee, with the help of many, has helped organize three spectacular events. On Saturday, October 16th, we walked through the community visiting several sukkahs and enjoying the tastes and company of the holiday. Thank you to Janice and Lenny Marks, Susan and Michael Stromberg, Cantor and Gerri Wolk, Rabbi and Illyse Conn, Judy and Abe Alper, Rhonnie Diener, Gail Kriss, Michael and Olga Portnoy, Diane and Joe Miller, Joel Stern and Barbara and Jerry Rosenberg for all their help on behalf of the Sukkah Hop. On Sunday, October 16th, fifty two people enjoyed pizza and other dairy delights at our Pizza Café. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah. Thank you to Shea Lerner, Michael Portnoy, Abe Alper, Gail Kriss and Joel Stern for all their help with food and crafts. Just when you think that 52 people is too many to put in the Sukkah we managed to get over 80 in the sukkah on Monday night, sitting relatively comfortably eating delicious Chinese food from our own Robert Ian Caterers. Thank you to Gail Kriss, Rhonnie Diener, Diane Miller, Joel Stern, Shea Lerner, Michael Portnoy and all participants for a well-run dinner, and of course a special thank you to Al Karo for having the foresight to donate a beautiful large sukkah for PJC's use. Kol Hakavod to everyone...it's been a Sukkot to remember!

The Start of PJC’s “Year of the Volunteer”

On Sunday, September 25th, dozens filled the Social Hall to become aware of PJC’s many different committees. As students learned in the classrooms upstairs, parents learned about the many varied and unique opportunities to dedicate time and effort to help PJC rebuild itself into a more vibrant and engaging synagogue community. Congregants stopped at many of the 30 committee tables. Representatives explained the work of their individual committees. A specific list of each committee’s unique volunteer opportunities was made available to the participants. They were encouraged to take committee information sheets. While they ate bagels and drank coffee, they talked about which committee volunteer opportunities appealed to them. Participants at this Committee Fair were enthusiastic about what they learned. Many signed up to attend a specific committee’s monthly meeting or various events.

Small committees are an ideal place to meet people. Many friendships and social relationships in PJC had their beginnings at committee meetings. If you have not already made the decision to join one of PJC’s many committees, why not make the decision today to become part of the new wave of engagement that is sweeping through our synagogue?

“Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.” -Anonymous

Volunteer Engagement Committee Co-Chairs:

Beryl Kwitkin, Charlie Wasserman & Aliza Aaronson-Greenberg





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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Nov. 4 (Fri) Yeladim Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 6 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 4 – 9:00–11:00 AM-Main Sanctuary
 Gimel Family Workshop – 11:15 AM – 1:00 PM (Instead of Regular
 Class for Gimel Students). Attendance Required.
 7 (Mon) J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
 8 (Tue) Election Day - No School
 13 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 5 – 9:00-11:00 AM –Main Sanctuary
 14 (Mon) Express Innovation – 7:15 – 9:15 PM - Library
 17 (Thu) Hey Bar Mitzvah Orientation – 8:15 PM – Main Sanctuary
 18 (Fri) Preschool Shabbat Service – 6:00 – 6:30 PM
 Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 19 (Sat) Havdalah Service for Daled & Hey – 3:30 – 5:30 PM
 20 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 5 – 9:00–11:00 AM –Main Sanctuary
 It's A Girl Thing – 5:30 – 7:00 PM - Kirschner Room
 21 (Mon) J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM
 24-27 (Thu-Sun) Thanksgiving Vacation – No School or Junior Congregation
 28 (Mon) School Resumes

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SARAH PERES

November 5, 2011

Sarah is the daughter of Michelle and Michael Peres and has a sister, Marisa. She is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Sarah enjoys reading, art and kickline. Her favorite holidays are Chanukah and Rosh Hashanah. For her Mitzvah

Projects, she donated hair to *Pantene Beautiful Lengths* and she participated in Book Buddies at the library.



SAM IRYAMI

November 19, 2011

Sam is the son of Dara & Frank Iryami and has a sister, Alyssa. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Sam enjoys baseball, tennis, camp and jet skiing. His favorite holiday is Chanukah. For his Mitzvah Project, Sam collect non-

allergic food for the *Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank*.



SARA GETZOFF

November 26, 2011

Sara is the daughter of Cindy and Barry Getzoff has two brothers, Eric and Matthew. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Sara enjoys sports, music, camp animals & being with friends and family. Her favorite holidays are Purim,

Chanukah, Rosh Hashanah & Passover. For her Mitzvah Project, she donated teddy bears to *Hugs Across America*. This was a Nassau Region Hadassah project. Sara would love to visit Israel one day.



SHAYNA DORETSKY

November 27, 2011

Shayna is the daughter of Sharon and David Doretsky and has a sister, Rachel. She is an eighth grader at Solomon Schechter Middle School. Shayna enjoys basketball, rock climbing, science, math and reading. Her favorite holidays are

Sukkot, Passover and Purim. For her Mitzvah projects she has been helping animals and working for diabetes research. She is interested in Torah and Bible study and Israeli history.

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SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

November is usually a month that has no Jewish holidays. Therefore, most religious schools take this month to teach about Shabbat. Like many other schools, we plan to teach Shabbat and its laws. This year is especially appropriate, because the Express Innovation Team (which includes representatives from the entire congregation) decided to concentrate on designing three Shabbat programs for the whole congregation. The team plans to offer the first program as a Friday night friendly service with a meal, the second a Saturday morning creative service with a meal and the third program a Havdalah service with a meal. Those who participate in all three programs will get discounts on the meals.

The concept of a day of rest is a Jewish creation. G-d gave Shabbat as a sign between Him and the Jewish people as it is written in the Torah, "the children of Israel shall keep the Shabbat, observing the Shabbat throughout their generations as an everlasting covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever that in six days G-d made the heaven and the earth, and on the seventh day He ceased from work and rested." Exodus 31:16-17. Therefore, we the Jews are supposed to imitate G-d and rest on the seventh day. But what does it mean to rest?

The Shabbat commandment appears in the Torah right after a section specifying all of the 39 works involved in constructing the Tabernacle (temple) which was a tent in the desert (Exodus 31:12-13). The Rabbis concluded that the proximity in the Torah of the construction of the Tabernacle and the Shabbat commandment occurred to teach us something. We were supposed to learn that on Shabbat we must rest from those 39 categories of work. Each major category of prohibited work has its own derivatives. For example: we cannot sew cloth on Shabbat (which is similar to sewing the fabric needed to construct the Tabernacle (tent) in the desert); the derivative would be we cannot even make double knots on Shabbat.

But Shabbat also has positive commandments that are required to make it special. For example, we are supposed to eat three full meals on Shabbat with meat and wine to show how festive it is. We are supposed to say the motzi (blessing for bread) over two whole loaves (challah) and say a special prayer (Kiddush) before we drink the wine. There are many other special things that we are supposed to do to enhance the festivity of the day.

The concept of a day of rest was so unique that the 2 other major religions, Christianity and Islam, adapted the concept and created their own Shabbat day. Today we are so dependent on computers, telephones, and other electric tools that it seems impossible to live without them for even one day a week. But I dare you to try one Shabbat without them and you will experience what a day of rest is all about.

In Yerushalmi Talmud, in Brachot it is written, "performing the Shabbat commandment is equal to performing all the other mitzvot." This teaches us how important the commandment of observing Shabbat is. I hope that all of you will give it a chance and join us in experiencing Shabbat.

We will celebrate a Havdalah service with Daled and Hey classes on Saturday, November 19th from 3:30-5:30 PM. The Gimel workshop will take place on Sunday, November 6th from 11:15AM-1:00 PM (instead of regular school) and will also focus on the theme of Shabbat.

I want to wish all of you a productive month.

Rachel Ginsburg



PJC YOUTH CORNER

Tironim made edible creations. We love to eat and be with our friends. Kadima enjoyed their night in the sukkah. We created edible sukkahs and enjoyed dinner with friends. USY had a blast making edible sukkahs. The best part is eating them. We use graham crackers, frosting and other candy. If you would like to join one of our fantastic groups, please contact Lois D. Lange at 516-426-6283 or lois_lange@yahoo.com.

November 4 - Kadima: Tie Dye (bring something to tie dye), dinner will be served 5:30-7pm
 USY 7-8:30pm Banner Making and Splatter Painting

November 13 - Kadima: Cooking, dinner will be served 5:30-7pm
 USY 7-8:30pm Meet at Plainview Bowl

Sam's Mission

Hello. My name is Sam Iryami. For my mitzvah project, I have chosen something that affects me every day. When I was 12 years old, last November, I was diagnosed with a peanut allergy. I ate a peanut and had an anaphylactic reaction. Following this reaction, I had to change the way I select my foods. I need to read all food labels and ask servers about peanut usage. I wonder how other people who are less fortunate than I am stay healthy and survive their allergies with limited allergy free foods available to them. That is why I am collecting non-allergenic foods.

Some of the main food allergies include: peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, eggs, wheat, sesame, fish, shellfish, and soy. These allergies can be life threatening.

I am donating the non-allergenic foods to Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank. This organization has recognized the need for on-allergenic foods for the underprivileged. Some places that sell non-allergenic foods are Whole Foods, Fairway, and Trader Joes.

Please donate non-perishable foods that are free of allergens. Children that have food allergies who are less fortunate than I am would appreciate it very much. You can drop off the allergy-free foods in the box outside Plainview Jewish Center's main office that is labeled "Sam's Mission." Thank you for helping me with my mitzvah project to provide those in need with non-allergenic foods.



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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Doreen B. Guzik



I've always loved the month of November. The high holidays have passed and Thanksgiving is coming. Thanksgiving, as in giving thanks, is a very Jewish thing to do. According to tradition, Jews are to give thanks 100 times each day. We give thanks before we eat, for having food, after we eat, and for having been able to have food. Each morning the traditional liturgy includes thank-you's for such simple acts as standing up and having the strength to get through the day.

Some feel the American-Jewish observance of Thanksgiving is more than our predilection to thankfulness. Rabbi Susan Grossman states that it is in part due to being part of life in America. America has been good to us. Our rights as a minority religion are protected by law and the Constitution's Bill of Rights. Although we have experienced anti-semitism at times, it is nothing compared to what our ancestors suffered.

Celebrating Thanksgiving is part of affirming the American dream in which peoples of all races, ethnicities and religions can enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving!

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

Since the family we supported for several years is now happily in the position of being able to attend to its own needs, we are applying for a new family. We would like to again connect with a family with young children. We hope to have particulars by our paid up membership brunch on Oct. 30, which should be just about the time you are reading this. At that time, when we know more, we can try to get proper clothing and gifts that and send a real package for Hanukkah. We are planning to ask for cash donations at the brunch so that we will be able to send a gift card or cards to welcome the family in time for Thanksgiving. We hope many of you will want to participate.

For those of you who are new to this program, M'Yad, L'Yad is an organization which operates on the principle of what Judaism takes to be the highest form of charity, where the donor doesn't know and recipient and vice versa. All information goes through the organization. Some of our members have even taken on the mitzvah of personally supporting a family. Marilyn Leibowitz a member of our Sisterhood is a member the M'Yad L'Yad board and can give you more information if you are interested. Our members have always been supportive of our Sisterhood family. We hope you will continue this spirit of giving.

Z'havah

"The young women's initiative of Women's League for Conservative Judaism"

Please join us for our *Ema, Aba and Me* program on Sunday, November 6th at 9:30AM. The program is for children 5 and under, but all are welcome to attend. There will be singing, dancing, arts and crafts, bubbles and snacks. If you have older ones in Sunday school, this is the perfect time to bond with your little ones! We look forward to seeing all the mommies, daddies and grandparents!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Blayne Peltzman at 516-433-3969.

TORAH FUND - Rose Weiner, Torah Fund Coordinator

Mark your calendars for our Torah Fund Double Chai Celebration on Wednesday, November 2nd at the home of Joyce Rimer! Our guest speaker will be Gloria Golden who will discuss: Five hundred years after the Spanish Inquisition. She has turned the subject of these Crypto Jews into a tale of identity.

Place: 14 Warren Place

Time: 8PM

Cost: \$36 (cards are available in exchange for your \$36 pledge.)

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

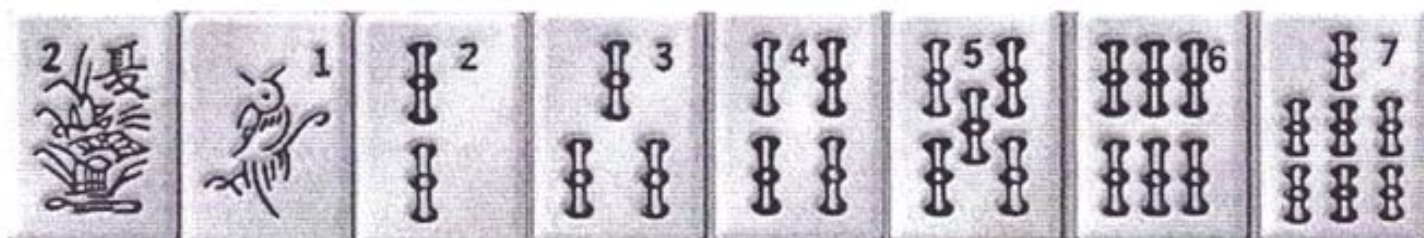
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EDUCATION *Cindy Getzoff - Education Vice President*

November 9th-10th is referred to as "Kristallnacht" or the "Night of Broken Glass". The name refers to the wave of violent anti Jewish programs which took place on this date in Germany in 1938. Kristallnacht owes it's name to the shards of shattered glass that lined German streets from destroyed Synagogues, homes and Jewish owned businesses. German officials announced that Kristallnacht had erupted as a spontaneous outburst of public sentiment in response to the assassination of Ernst Vom Rath, a German embassy official stationed in Paris. Kristallnacht marks an essential turning point in Nazi Germany's persecution of the Jewish people and therefore is an important date in Jewish History.

MEMBERSHIP *Elyse Schrage - Membership Vice President*

The following is a lovely letter I received when Bea Leffert sent in her membership dues. She was our 1st Sisterhood President.

Do you remember our start in Dave Weitz's barn? And our Purim dance in the old school house with the bell on top? And our first Rosh Hashanah in the Plainview Firehouse? Although, I am permanently in Boca Raton, Fl., our Plainview Sisterhood has always been in my heart, so I'm trying to keep up my membership. I'd like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year now and always.

Best Regards, your early President, Bea Leffert

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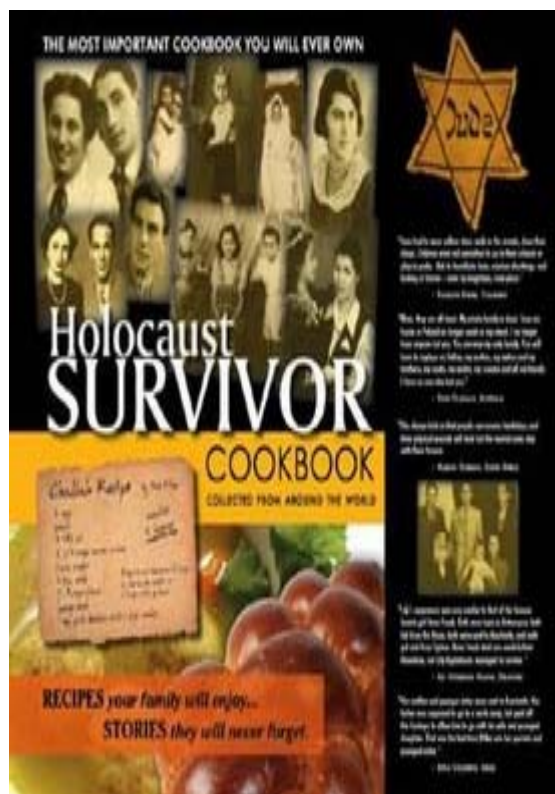
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This Month's Schedule:

November 2nd

I Samuel 25

"David's New Wife"

November 16

I Samuel 26

David vs. Saul (again)

LEARNING SERVICE:

Begins Saturday morning November 12th

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LUNCH AND LEARN

This Month on Wednesday November 9th

Join us from 11:00AM 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 discuss, "Judaism, the Bible, Evolution and Intelligent Design". Please RSVP to the Temple Office by the Monday preceding the program to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. *Lunch and Learn* is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

In October we highlighted the plight of Gilad Shalit. On October 18th, the Israeli soldier was released. The Israeli Government reached an agreement to release 1,027 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Shalit. Though notably gaunt and pale, “Al-Qaisa claims he was, “well treated.” We celebrate his return to freedom and his family.

Another incomplete story from our October column was the Palestinian decision to petition the UN for unilateral recognition of its statehood, even though they have steadfastly refused to negotiate borders and other outstanding issues with Israel. For the most part this bid is now on hold. Netanyahu, in a masterful speech called for immediate negotiations, since he and Abbas were both at the UN, but that doesn't seem to have happened. The United States is on record as opposed to the bid and is set to veto it in the security council. Meantime, Abbas also went to UNESCO, one of the most anti-Israeli subcommittees of the UN. They have accepted the Palestinian state as a member. It is not clear exactly what this means since such a state is not a UN member. Abbas' bid is pending before the General Assembly. The U.S. Congress has said it will cut off aid to the UN if the Palestinian state is accepted as a member before signing a treaty with Israel.

It is interesting to compare the actions of this new so called Palestinian state with Israel, which some countries still persist in calling an “apartheid” state. The Kwitkins have a daughter and family who live in Efrat, Israel. She recently sent them a link to an article concerning an interview that the PLO's ambassador to Lebanon, Abdullah Abdullah, gave the Lebanese Daily Star in early October. It is well known that the Palestinian State's constitution calls for it to be free of Jews, as opposed to Israel, the Jewish State, which has over a million Arab citizens including Arab members of the Knesset.

The shocking new statement made by Abdullah was that Palestinian refugees would not become citizens of this new Palestinian State. He was clear that he was talking about **all** Palestinian refugees, even those now residing in the refugee camps within the Palestinian controlled areas which are part of the self declared Palestinian state. These people will still be considered refugees and not citizens. The Palestinian Liberation Organization would remain responsible for refugees, and Abdullah says that UNRWA would continue its work as usual. Moreover, they will not be issued passports nor will the new state provide these residents with any services: It expects UNRWA – or, more accurately, the American and European taxpayers who provide the bulk of that organization's funding – to continue providing their schooling, healthcare, welfare allowances, etc. According to UNRWA, some 689,000 of the West Bank's 2.4 million Palestinians and 1.1 million of Gaza's 1.5 million Palestinians are refugees. Thus, aside from the 2.9 million Diaspora refugees, a whopping 45 percent of the new state's residents will also remain stateless, deprived of both citizenship and services by the country the world fondly imagines is being created to serve their needs.

Remember, for years, the world has backed a Palestinian state on the grounds Palestinians are stateless people who deserve a country of their own. And now, a senior Palestinian official has announced once they have received a state, most Palestinians will still be stateless – even those who actually live in “Palestine.”

We now contrast this with a story that came out of Israel in early October, about the same time as the Palestinian bid to the UN was being made. On October 2 a mosque in Tuba-Zangariya, a Bedouin village in Northern Israel, was torched and burned. The mosque arson destroyed holy books

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and prayer rugs. Graffiti, including the words “price tag” and “Palmer,” were spray-painted on the mosque walls. “Price tag” refers to the strategy that extremist settlers have adopted to exact a price in attacks on Palestinians in retribution for settlement freezes and demolitions or for Palestinian attacks on Jews. “Palmer” likely refers to Israeli Asher Palmer, who was killed Sept. 23 along with his infant son after a rock thrown in an apparent terrorist attack crashed through the windshield of his car, causing him to lose control of the vehicle, which then flipped over.

Within hours after the attack on the mosque, the New Israel Fund NIF, an organization whose mission is to help the disadvantaged in Israel, both Arab and Jewish, issued a call to Rabbis around the world to sign a petition to condemn this violence and to praise Israelis for standing up to racism. Within 24 hours, a petition signed by over 1000 Rabbis from the US and Israel condemning the violence, was presented to the Iman of the mosque in the village. The next day the Islamic Society of North America praised a statement released by major American-Jewish rabbis representing the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements that called attacking a mosque or any religious building, “antithetical to the most basic values of Judaism, and cannot be justified for any reason.”

Meanwhile, Israeli police confirmed that they arrested an 18-year-old Jewish male in connection with the arson hours after the attack, and that the suspect since then has been held in prison, according to reports.

So why is Israel considered the apartheid state on college campuses and the Palestinians are considered to be the poor downtrodden underdog whom the world must protect? If they need to be protected the so called Palestinian state doesn't appear to be the ones to do it. Make sure that facts such as the above are made known to your family, friends and especially college students so that they can proudly make the case for Israel when confronted by false information, from those who have no idea of nor interest in the facts!!

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FAMILY HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

My deepest thanks to our President, Shea Lerner, our Rabbi, Steven Conn, and our Cantor, Morris Wolk, for all of your support. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Co-Chair and friends: Joel Stern, Michael Portnoy, Allan Furman, Jerry Rosenberg, Barbara Rosenberg, Stu Haimes, and Barbara Burse for all of their help with our Family Service. We were also lucky to be blessed with the talents of Lisa Hadar who led the service.

Please allow me to introduce our Torah readers: Matthew Kessler, Elizabeth Kessler, Abigail Schinz, Hope Pickus, Ruben Lusim, Ethan Teper, Bruce Hymowitz, Barry Getzoff, Josh Graham and me. I am proud of every one of them. This has truly been a wonderful experience for me because we really achieved our goal by reaching out to our Congregation.

Karin Strauss Factor and Zelda Polofsky officiated at the Kol Nidre service which had so much insight. The books we used were lovingly dedicated in beloved memory of Frederick Haimes.

I would also like to thank our staff of custodians: Freddie, Johnny and Bob, for being there for us. This is a work of love, and we couldn't do all that we did without the help of Susan Goldman and Rori Kirsner in the office. My thanks also go to Shop-Rite for supplying us with apples. And let me not forget our techies – Joel Hauptman and Ronnie Pickus – who ably assisted us.

Our shofar blower, Philip Danziger, must also get recognized for blowing his horn above and beyond the call to worship. Please forgive me if I left anyone out. Oh yes, I did. Steve Rubinfeld designed our books and did a great job.

Please have a great New Year in good health, and thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Be well, Diane Miller

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.

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MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub

The 2011-2012 Men's Club season is in full swing. And, of course, if it is November, it is time for the annual Paid-up Membership dinner. It will take place on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30 with our open bar. Yes, we know it is Election Day. If you have not yet joined Men's Club no sweat. Just bring down your checkbook or cold cash and enjoy the evening with your fellow Men's Club members.

If this is your first event of the year, you've already missed some good ones. Of course, we had a great turnout for our kickoff barbecue in September. In October, we had our third annual Steak and Single Malt Scotch (and other booze) dinner in the Sukkah. It was so popular, unfortunately, we had to close it out at 50 people. Next year, get your money in early. Also in October, Fred Skolnick organized the annual Meet the Candidates night, which is open to the entire congregation as well as our community. To those who did not attend, you missed a great opportunity to hob nob with your local elected officials and learn where they stand on the critical issues. Fred, thanks again for another fantastic job. Next year hopefully the turnout will be much better. Also, a special thanks to all of you who came down to erect the Sukkah and then help us take it apart after Simchat Torah.

Don't forget, if you have not yet joined Men's Club for the new year, it is not too late. Just mail a check for \$54 or leave a message in the office for Sandy Strenger, our new president. And, of course, you can bring your money to the Paid-Up Membership Dinner.

Dear Congregants,

My name is Brianna Breger and I am reaching out to all of you to possibly help me to reach my Bat-Mitzvah Project goals. I have decided to collect any kind of eye glasses that people do not want anymore. There are many people of all ages who cannot afford to buy eyeglasses. My Bat-Mitzvah falls on the holiday of Sukkot. I wanted to do a mitzvah project that brings joy to people, since Sukkot signifies the joy of harvesting food in abundance. If I can have anything to do with helping people to see better, this would be so meaningful to me. I myself have been wearing glasses since I am in 3rd grade and I understand what it means to see clearly. Especially, as I grew up and needed a stronger prescription every year.

So if anyone reading my letter has any eyeglasses that they do not want to use anymore, won't you please bring them to the synagogue and place them in the eye wear collection box across from Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolks' offices. By doing so, you will help me reach my goal of collecting up to 500 pairs of glasses.

Thank you for reading my letter and for thinking about what glasses you may want to donate.

Brianna Breger



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By this time I imagine most of you have not only received the information about this year's program, our 49th year, but have already attended the first and possibly the second program of the season. I hope you have found the right class for you. There is so much to choose from!!

You also know that here at PJC, it is the year of the volunteer. Volunteering to be part of Adult Education at Plainview is very rewarding and joining with members of our collaborating synagogues has extra benefits. This really has an impact on many people. The committee meets about once a month from February through September. The committee finds and picks speakers, coordinates with our member Rabbis to get the excellent choice of classes we have each year and makes sure we have enough funds to continue. PJC has one of the largest registrations at the Institute but for several years I have been the only member on the Committee from Plainview. The committee itself has not changed much in the past several years. To get a somewhat newer mix of courses it is necessary to find people with different ideas!! I have noticed that some of the PJC attendees have just started to attend in recent years. You are the type of people we need. I make it a policy to change what I do fairly regularly. I have been on this committee for almost 10 years and it is time to leave. So it is necessary that one or more of you join me, so that when I leave the committee, probably at the end of the 2012 session, PJC will have even better representation than we have now. It is important that there be overlap. Talk to me and let me know you are interested and I will fill you in on what is involved.

Following are our remaining Fall lectures. They all sound good to me. If you have different ideas you are the type of person we can use!!

- November 7** Prof. Sarah Regeur *The Jordan River: The Politics of Water*
November 14 Rabbi Marvin Tokayer *Unknown Jewish Heroes in Mongolia, Manchuria and Siberia*
November 21 Sarina Roffe *From Aleppo to the Americas: An Overview of the Syrian Community*
November 28 Prof. Samuel Heilman *The Rebbe: The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson*
December 5 Marc Courtade *The Music of Barbra Streisand*
December 12 Rabbi Moshe Shur *Kabbalah from Moses to Madonna*
December 19 Yale Strom *A History of Klezmer—from Medieval Troubadour to the 21st Century*

The Winter Session will be held at the Oyster Bay Jewish Center. All lectures begin at 8pm. The winter, 4 week schedule follows:

Women for All Seasons – by Rabbi Moshe Edelman

- January 9 *From the Book of Ruth — Naomi, Ruth and Orpah*
 January 16 *From the Book of Esther – Queen Vashti, Zeresh (Haman's wife), and Esther*
 January 23 *Esther, continued*
 January 30 *From the Book of Samuel – Hannah, mother of Samuel*

***Join us for the programs and think about being one of the PJC distinguished volunteers!!
 We need you!!***

Sharon Kunoff

PSSST! IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE

Respecting others' privacy is an important Jewish value. *Lashon HaRa*—gossip—is uniformly condemned by our tradition. But there is at least one exception. When someone is ill or in need of care and support, it is a mitzvah to tell people who can help.

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.

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