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PJC'S ANNUAL BAZAAR!*



SATURDAY , OCTOBER 31ST

7 - 10PM

&

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

10AM - 5PM

SISTERHOOD'S

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP

ALOHA BRUNCH!

NOVEMBER 15TH - 10AM



SISTERHOOD NEWS BEGINS ON PAGE 14

MAZAL TOV

**Dolores & Edward Lubitch, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Emery Reese,
daughter of Melanie & Dov Witkes**

**Pearl & Marty Plawsky, upon the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Evan,
son of Rachel & Larry Plawsky**

HAMAKOMYINACHEM

Carol Grossman, upon the passing of her father, David Kaufman

**WE WISH TO THANK AND EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO
THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES FOR THEIR DONATION TO PJC:**

**Greta Greenbaum – In Honor of Kym Newborn’s Blowing Shofar
Cindy & David Rudbart – In Honor of Nanette Strenger**

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FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE MORNING MINYAN:**

**Meredith Lewin
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ISSUE DATE
NOVEMBER 1st

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

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

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

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

Friday Evening Services -

Check Calendar for Times

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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

Sunday, November 1st

School Tallis/Tefillin Workshop.....8:45 AM
 Services followed by Men's Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM
 BAZAAR.....10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Youth Groups.....6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Monday, November 2nd – BALFOUR DAY

The Balfour Declaration, issued on November 2, 1917 was the first recognition by a modern nation of the Jewish claim to Palestine as a national homeland.

Wednesday, November 4th

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Friday, November 6th

Light Candles.....4:23 PM
 Bet Class Shabbat.....7:00 PM
 Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, November 7th

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Michael Prager
 Diane Miller
 Fiona Kerin
 Kym Newborn

Bnai Mitzvah: Jenna & Dylan Greenberg
 Children of Lisa & Eric Greenberg

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

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:30 PM

Sunday, November 8th

School Tallis/Tefillin Workshop.....8:45 AM
 Services followed by Men's Club T/T Breakfast.....9:00 AM

Monday, November 9th – KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBRANCE

On November 9, 1938, the Nazis unleashed a coordinated wave of pogroms against Germany's Jews. In the space of a few hours, thousands of synagogues and Jewish businesses and homes were damaged or destroyed, and more than 30,000 Jewish men sent to concentration camps. This event came to be called Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) for the shattered store windowpanes that carpeted German streets.

Tuesday, November 10th

Men's Club Paid-up Dinner.....7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 11th

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Double Chai Torah Fund in Joyce Rimer's House.....8:15 PM

Friday, November 13th

Light Candles.....4:17 PM

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

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, November 14th

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Arianna Marks

Howard Kleinmann

Bat Mitzvah: Arianna Marks

Daughter of Janice & Lenny Marks

Aufruf: Alex Kleinmann

Son of Alice & Howard Kleinmann

and Romy Danilovitz

Daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Mervin Danilovitz

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

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Daled & Hey Class Havdalah Service.....3:30 PM

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Sunday, November 15th

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

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

Sisterhood Pd-Up Membership Brunch.....9:00 AM

"It's A Girl Thing" Program.....4:30 PM

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 18th

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Friday, November 20th

Light Candles.....4:11 PM

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

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, November 21st

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Reader: Michael Prager

Bar Mitzvah: Jonathan Greenberg

Son of Dorothy & Michael Greenberg

Baby-Naming: Emily Paige Novak

Daughter of Bonnie & Adam Novak

Granddaughter of Linda & Mark Klayman

and Penny & Andrew Novak

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

Klayman Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room

Congregation Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:15 PM

Bat Mitzvah: Rachael Greenberg

Daughter of Dorothy & Michael Greenberg

Sunday, November 22nd

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

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

Gimel Class Workshop.....11:15 AM

Tuesday, November 24th

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.....7:00 PM

Friday, November 27th

Light Candles.....4:08 PM

Sabbath Eve Services.....7:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

AT LEAST FIVE REALLY GOOD REASONS TO ATTEND THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE



On Tuesday evening, November 24th, at 7:30 PM, Plainview Jewish Center will host the annual Plainview-Old Bethpage Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service. I know what you're thinking. Isn't that the Tuesday night before Thanksgiving? Yes, it is. Undoubtedly, some of you will be on the road or in the throes of last minute packing for a long weekend away. Others will be hosting or preparing for company. There will be pumpkin pies to bake, vacuuming to be done and tables to be brought in from the garage. The timing could be better.

I also know that, for many, the phrase "Interfaith Thanksgiving Service" may be confusing at best, and uninspiring at worst. "What is an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service?," you may ask. "Who's going to be there?" "Why would I want attend?"

I can't address the timing of our service for this year—except to assure everyone that other religious communities don't share our fondness for three hour services, so the Thanksgiving service will be short. But I do want to take this opportunity to explain what the Interfaith Council is, what the Thanksgiving Service is about, and why attending this event is more important than it might seem.

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Interfaith Council is an organization that brings together the religious leaders of faith communities in Plainview-Old Bethpage. Participation is open to all. At present, there are eight participating houses of worship—four Jewish and four Christian. The Interfaith Council meets each month at a different church or synagogue. Over the course of the year, the Council sponsors programs including an interfaith Dinner and the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The Council is currently working on an initiative to help find volunteers to provide a week's worth of meals and shelter for homeless families in Nassau County.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service provides an opportunity for members of our different faith communities to come together to celebrate a holiday that has roots in our religions and that we all share. The program will consist of prayers, songs, and readings that reflect our shared gratitude to God for the blessings we receive. All the prayers and songs use language acceptable to all faith groups involved. This inclusiveness gives us a rare chance to pray together. This year, too, all our children will have a rare chance to sing together. Cantor Wolk will be organizing a PJC children's choir for the event. Our children's choir will join with children's choirs from the other congregations for two songs during the program. The sight and sound of all these children from different faith communities singing together will be, I am sure, both beautiful and inspiring.

I have been involved in interfaith groups for most of my rabbinic career. I have found the experience to be tremendously meaningful for me and my own religious development. I have learned through the years that, when it comes to basic beliefs, I have little in common with religious leaders of other faiths. In fact, to the extent that we discuss our differences, I have come to appreciate even more Judaism's unique approach to the most important questions in life: "What makes life meaningful?" "What does God want from me?," "What does it mean to live a holy life?"

At the same time, I have discovered, time and again, that there is a fundamental bond that I share with other people of faith. Over the years, this shared commitment to faith has been the basis of wonderful friendships I have shared with people from faith traditions as far removed from Judaism as B'hai and the Church of the Latter Day Saints, and as theologically different as Evangelical Christianity and Islam. I have found that people of faith can talk to each other in a shared language of commitment. We can identify with each other's struggles to walk in God's ways and lead our communities toward greater holiness. Sometimes, it's easier for me to talk to an evangelical Christian about the challenge of being a serious Jew than it is to talk to other Jews who are not committed to our own tradition.

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The Cantor's Note:

**PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER
ANNUAL YIDDISH THEATER PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009 – 2:00 pm

**The Baruch Performing Arts Center,
Nagelberg Theatre**

25th Street Between Lexington & Third Avenues

Tickets \$45.00 (savings of \$10.00 off the box office)



I am pleased to report that, after a one-year hiatus, the Plainview Jewish Center will hold its fourth annual Yiddish Theatre Party at the Folksbiene National Yiddish Theatre on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 2:00 PM.

Previous productions have been very successful events for the Center and highly enjoyable entertainment. This year's show of music, story and song features the incomparable Theodore Bikel in the New York premiere of "SHOLOM ALEICHEM: LAUGHTER THROUGH TEARS", written by Mr. Bikel himself and performed in English and Yiddish with English supertitles.

This great theatrical legend returns to New York to unveil his movingly delivered, beautifully sung show about the pioneering 19th century author, Sholom Aleichem. It promises to be a tour de force one-man homage to a writer who was acclaimed as the Jewish Mark Twain. It is told with warmth, humor, and a rich catalogue of Yiddish music. Advance sales have already sold out most performances, so we are very fortunate to have secured a block of seats for the Plainview Jewish Center.

For most of us, our connection to Sholom Aleichem is through the Broadway production which became an international musical hit, *"Fiddler on the Roof"*, his story of *Tevye the Milkman*. Sholom Aleichem was actually the pen name of Sholom Rabinowitz, born in Russia in 1859, and who died here in New York in 1916. His novels and many short stories portrayed with humor the grace that was inherent within the simple, modest lives of the Jews of the shtetls of the Russian "Pale of Settlement". Using mockery tempered by compassion, he was nevertheless a sharp critic of the often wretched condition of his brethren living in poverty and denied basic human rights.

Rabinowitz began by writing in Hebrew, but changed to Yiddish out of a desire to create a body of literature for the masses of Yiddish-speaking people of Eastern Europe.

Sholom Aleichem's granddaughter, Bel Kaufman, 98 years old and still active, is the author of the 1965 best seller, *"Up the Down Staircase"*, which was turned into a movie of the same name.

Cantor Morris Wolk, D.Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Barbara Greenberg

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Plainview Jewish Center is a very special place made up by you, our warm and caring members. We provide a wide range of programs for people of all ages – from our youngest members to our senior citizens. We are fortunate that we can continue to have minyans twice a day, a religious school where enrollment is increasing, an active and vibrant Sisterhood and Men's Club, a dynamic family education program, youth groups for our children, and many other activities and services.

Our dues only fund a portion of our budget. In order to make membership attractive to prospective members, and retain you – the members we already have, we rely on fund raising to meet our financial goals and keep our programs running. In difficult economic times, hardly anyone is interested in purchasing overpriced items that they really don't need or want, as discretionary spending by many is curtailed. That doesn't mean that fund raising is an impossible task.

One of the easiest ways for each of us to support PJC is by buying ShopRite gift cards. After all, we all need to eat! The gift card program is very simple. The cards, which look like credit cards, are bought at face value, with PJC receiving 5% of the proceeds. You can immediately use the cards at Shop Rite to purchase your groceries. The amount of the sale is deducted from the opening balance until there is no money remaining on the card. It's that simple! You can purchase gift cards at the PJC office, whenever it is open, and on Sunday morning when Ellen Hayman graciously volunteers to be at the religious school with a supply. If every member bought \$100 worth of gift cards per month, we can generate over \$25,000 of income for PJC each year. Most people I know spend much more than \$100 per month on groceries, many spend more than \$100 per week. It doesn't cost any extra to participate. You use them like cash to buy the items you want, and it is a win-win situation for everyone. By supporting the gift card program, you accomplish two goals – maintaining and even expanding current programming, and keeping membership dues down. I urge you all to participate in this worthwhile program.

We will continue with our multitude of fund raising activities throughout the year. These include the Buy-a-Brick program, as well as purchasing leaves on the tree of life. Our wine sale is a big hit – an event you won't want to miss. The religious school collects Box Tops for Education which can be found on a variety of products including cereals and paper goods that I'm sure you will purchase with the Shop Rite gift cards. We are looking forward to another Journal event this coming June, and I hope this year's Bazaar was a big success. Other fund raising events will be scheduled throughout the year. In addition, both Sisterhood and Men's Club do their own fund raising. All these activities are done to enhance the quality of community at PJC. We are always looking for new fund raising ideas, so please speak to any of our officers with your suggestions.

I would like to take this opportunity to again congratulate our congregant of the year, Fred Skolnik, for his well deserved honor. In addition to the legal work he handles for us, he just ran the very successful Meet the Candidates night for Men's Club. We are fortunate to have Fred along with many other dedicated members who devote a great deal of time and energy making PJC the great place it is.

I hope you, your family and all your loved ones have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Family Education News by Judy Alper

Kol Hakavod to all the hosts of the Sukkah Hop this year: Michael and Susan Stromberg, Cantor and Geri Wolk, Hank and Stella Marcus, Beryl and Mina Kwitkin, Rhonnie Diener, Diane Miller and Rabbi and Illyse Conn. They did an outstanding job and we had wonderful autumn weather. We all had a terrific afternoon enjoying each others company while sharing in the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah.

While the weather for the Sukkah Hop was outstanding, the high winds on the day of the Sukkah Dinner caused the event to be held inside. No matter what, we all had a great evening eating Chinese food, socializing and playing a game to learn about the Ushpizin—our forefathers and foremothers who are invited into the sukkah each night (I’m sure they enjoyed the Chinese food as well!). Thank you to Rhonnie Diener, Gail Kriss, Beryl Kwitkin, Shea Lerner and Michael Portnoy for their help in set up, serving and clean up.

Family Activities keep rolling along with our first meeting of the Rosh Hodesh: It’s a Girl Thing! program. If you are a girl in 6th or 7th grade and would like to be part of this innovative program of building self esteem through Jewish values and Jewish role models. At each meeting the girls learn through activities and discussions about two Jewish female role models and what made them great. Pizza dinner is served along with snacks and without a doubt, a good time is had by all. All Jewish girls in 6th and 7th grade are invited to join, whether or not they are a PJC member. Sign your daughters and granddaughters up right away!

As always, the Family Friendly Friday Night Service is the place to be and this month it is being held on Friday evening, November 13 at 7:00 pm. Following the service an oneg is held. Would you like to celebrate a birth, birthday, anniversary or other wonderful event? Share your simchas with us and help sponsor the oneg. For further information on any of the above events, please call Judy Alper at 516-938-8610, ext. 112 or email at jralps36@aol.com.

November Calendar (continued from Page 3)

Saturday, November 28th

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM
 Torah Readers: Fiona Kerin
 Michael Prager
 Diane Miller
 Kiddush in Kirschner Room
 Mincha Maariv.....4:00 PM

Sunday, November 29th

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

Tuesday, December 1st

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15 PM

Wednesday, December 2nd

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Friday, December 4th

Light Candles.....4:07 PM
 Gimel Class Shabbat.....7:00 PM
 Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

Saturday, December 5th

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM
 Torah Readers: Howard Kleinmann
 Diane Miller
 Bar Mitzvah: Marc Goldstein
 Son of Beth & Steve Goldstein
 Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....4:00 PM

Sunday, December 6th

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

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

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

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Monday, December 7th

Sisterhood Bingo.....7:00 PM

Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

Since I last wrote, Israel has been very much in the news. Fortunately, there haven't been any wars, bombings or other dire events. Most of news has dealt with people's perceptions of how much pressure President Obama and his administration were putting on Israel, would put on Israel or how it would affect Israel. When it was announced that the Nobel Peace prize had been awarded to Obama, the speculation was again, how this would affect Israel. I even heard it stated that awarding the prize to Obama was part of the conspiracy against Israel. Now that he is known as a man of peace, it will be impossible for him to advocate acting against Iran even if they refuse to prove that they are not building nuclear weapons!!

Both President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu delivered interesting speeches at the opening session of the United Nations. While Obama did mention the fact that Israel should stop expanding settlements, and Netanyahu also mentioned many items that have been said before, I would like to concentrate on some positives of both speeches. Obama talked about all countries having the right to live in peace and security, about how he was in favor of a Palestinian state living side by side with a Jewish state, where the Palestinian state must recognize Israel's right to peace and security. He also said that the fact that Palestinian security force is leaning to a more peaceful Gaza, led Israel to allow more freedom of movement of the Palestinians. This is leading to a better economy in Gaza.

It is my hope that as the economy grows, the Palestinians will realize that peace and security and the good life is what they really want and that the rest is rhetoric. Netanyahu talked about a demilitarized Palestinian state which many people say is a non-starter. It is important to remind the world that Japan and Germany were both demilitarized states after WWII and both achieved unprecedented growth in their economies. For many years the Japanese economy was the envy of the world. Israel has achieved much of what they have by developments of their scientists. Both Israelis and Palestinians are children of Abraham so both should be able to achieve. If we go back to early history, Arabs were excellent mathematicians as were the ancient Jews. Our number system is Arabic and early Algebra was developed by Arabs. In recent years I had a few Palestinian Students in Masters Degree programs who were quite good. When my daughter was studying for a PhD in Physics at MIT, one of the other students in the program was a Palestinian. These students had to leave Palestine to get this education and they, and many others who went on to get an education, found a way to stay here so that they could achieve and live in peace. However, if they had a peaceful country to go home to, I suspect they would. If it were possible to study and learn there, they would certainly contribute to the economics of a Palestinian state. It is necessary to convince the Palestinians that having a demilitarized state would give them a way to concentrate on their economy Their achievements would give them the status they desire in the world. Perhaps, it is all a dream, but I believe it is possible.

I'd be interested in hearing from you, both and pro and con, concerning my ideas. As yet, no one has wanted to write about their Israeli experiences. Perhaps someone will be interested in disagreeing with my views. I'd love to see other ideas expressed by one or more of you. Please take me up on it. You can contact the Orbit editor or email any information to me at skunoff@optonline.net.

Sisterhood of Plainview Jewish Center Presents Hanukah Kits for College Kids

Once again Sisterhood will be sending fabulous Hanukah kits to college students. Be sure to be included in this worthwhile project. Hanukah starts this year at sundown December 11, 2009, so the **cutoff date for ordering is Friday November 20, 2009**. Fill out the order form below as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call Barbara Greenberg at (516)937-0868.

Name of College Student: _____

College Address: _____

Who is sending the kit: _____

Name(s) to be signed on card _____

Send: \$12.00 per kit if you are a Sisterhood Member
\$18.00 per kit if you are not a Sisterhood Member

TO: Sisterhood PJC
95 Floral Drive, Plainview, NY 11803
Attention: Hanukah Kits

We plan to be sending out lots of kits this year so be sure to place your order early!

*Please remember that the **cut-off date for ordering is Friday, November 20, 2009** so that we can ensure delivery by Hanukah, December 11, 2009.



Happy Chanukah!



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SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

The Hebrew month of Kislev falls on the 18th day of November. Why is this important? Because on the first day of Kislev we will start a new Mitzvah project. This month's project will be "Visiting the Sick". Visiting the sick is one of the oldest mitzvot. In the Torah, it is mentioned that God performed this mitzvah himself. When Abraham was recuperating from his circumcision, God sent 3 messengers to visit him. By visiting a friend (or anyone) who is sick, we convey that he or she is not forgotten, that the outside world cares. This helps to give a person comfort and alleviate the isolation from outer world activities.

The Talmud says "one who visits the sick causes them to live." Please try to find an explanation for this statement. Children can choose any of the activities listed below:

- 1) Visit someone who is sick at home, in the hospital or nursing home (and bring something to cheer him/her up).
- 2) Make greeting cards – send them to an organization that serves those who are ill. (Rachel has names of organizations, or find them on the internet).
- 3) Collect and donate goods for sick children (like toys, books, whatever you choose and bring it in person to the place).

* *Each child needs to bring a written note from their parents describing what he/she has done.*

On Saturday, November 14th we will have a special Havdalah service for Daled and Hey classes. The program includes refreshments so we can experience the third meal on Shabbat. We will keep you informed during the month. Toward the end of the month, we will start our Yeladim and Tot Shabbat Friday night services.

Tot Shabbat is a creative, informal, toddler-oriented program for 2-4 year-olds. The program offers Shabbat-oriented songs and games. It is run by early childhood teachers, and parent participation is required. The Yeladim service is for ages 5-9 and takes place at the same time as Tot Shabbat. The service is very abbreviated with an emphasis on melodies and meanings of basic prayers. Children through 2nd grade will get Category A junior congregation credit. If you have not attended these services, we recommend that you try them.

I want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, and enjoy the short vacation.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Nov. 1 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 2 – for both Daled & Hey - 9–11AM in Youth Building;
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 3 (Tue) Election Day - No school (Yom Iyun – Teachers Conference)
- 6 (Fri) Bet Class Service - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- 8 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 3 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11AM in Youth Building
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 9 (Mon) School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library
- 11 (Wed) Veteran's Day – No school
- 14 (Sat) Regular Jr. Congregation
Havdalah Service for Daled and Hey – 3:30 PM
- 15 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 3 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11:00 AM in Youth Building
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 20 (Fri) Yeladim & Tot Shabbat Service - 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- 22 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 4 – for both Daled & Hey - 9-11AM in Youth Building
Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Gimel Workshop - 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM in the Youth Lounge
- 25-29 (Wed-Sun) Thanksgiving Vacation – No school or Junior Congregation
- 30 (Mon) School resumes – Chanukah Boutique through the week

Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services

CONGRATULATIONS! OUR B'NAI / B'NOT MITZVAH



DYLAN GREENBERG

November 7, 2009

Dylan is the son of Lisa and Eric Greenberg and has a sister, Jenna. He is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Dylan enjoys being with his friends and watching football. His favorite holiday is

Chanukah when he celebrates with family and gets lots of presents.



JENNA GREENBERG

November 7, 2009

Jenna is the daughter of Lisa and Eric Greenberg and has a brother, Dylan. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Jenna enjoys hip hop, jazz and tap dance classes. Her favorite holidays are Passover when she eats

matzoh ball soup and Chanukah when she gets presents.



ARIANNA MARKS

November 14, 2009

Arianna is the daughter of Janice and Lenny Marks and has a sister, Eve. She is a seventh grader at Solomon Schechter Middle School. Arianna enjoys dancing, volleyball, softball and basketball. Her favorite holiday is Purim. Arianna is having bake sales and donating the money to the North Shore Animal League.



JONATHAN GREENBERG

November 21, 2009

Jonathan is the son of Dorothy and Michael Greenberg and has three sisters, Rachel, Ashley and Leah. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Jonathan enjoys baseball, hockey and sports. His favorite holiday is Chanukah which he celebrates with his family.

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RACHEL GREENBERG

November 21, 2009

Rachel is the daughter of Dorothy and Michael Greenberg and has a brother, Jonathan and two sisters, Ashley and Leah. She is a seventh grader at POB Middle School. Rachel enjoys dance cheerleading, music and being with her

friends. Her favorite holiday is Purim.



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PJC YOUTH CORNER

For those of you who missed out on the Youth Group's open house, I strongly urge you to attend the next program . For fourth and fifth graders, Tironim meets once a month; Kadima meets twice a month for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders; USY meets weekly for ninth to twelfth graders. Tironim and Kadima meet from 5:30-7pm, we serve pizza and have an activity. USY meets weekly from 7:00 to 8:30. I would love to see you at the next activity. PJC's Youth Group wishes all a happy and healthy New Year. For more information, contact Lois at lois_lange@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- NOVEMBER 1ST - KADIMA: 5:30 - 7PM -TIE DIE
 USY: 7 - 8:30PM - COOK WITH YOUR PJC FRIENDS
- NOVEMBER 6TH-8TH - FALL KINNUS (CONTACT LOIS FOR INFO)
- NOVEMBER 15TH - TIRONIM: 5:30 - 7PM - ARTS & CRAFTS
 USY: 7-8:30PM - INTERCHAPTER EVENT
- NOVEMBER 22ND - KADIMA: 5:30 -7PM - COOKING
 USY: 7-8:30PM - ARTS & CRAFTS

For more information, contact Lois Lange at lois_lange@yahoo.com or 516-426-6283.

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



FREE MONEY

Please help our Religious School earn free money
 Save Box Tops from General Mills brand items

Either mail or deposit them in the Main or Education Office

Ziploc – Kleenex – Hefty – Cheerios – Scott Paper
Gogurt – Kix – Betty Crocker
 and many more !!

(FROM THE RABBI continued from Page 4)

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service offers us a chance to get together with other people of faith in our community. These may be the same people we see on the soccer field or in ShopRite; people we would never approach because they are not in our synagogue or social circles. But our program, and the reception afterwards, offers us a great opportunity to get to know each other. As a member of the host congregation this year, I encourage you to extend your hand in greeting to guests from other faith communities. The connections we make may lead to new friendships or acquaintances we might never otherwise have enjoyed. Or these connections may simply help us remember that we are not alone in trying to live Godly lives; that there is more support in our community for people who are serious about religion than we realized.

On a broader level, attending the Interfaith Thanksgiving program makes an important statement. Most of us would agree that religious extremism is one of the greatest threats to peace in the world today. Some of us would also agree that religious extremism is one of the most divisive and corrosive forces in our own country. There is one hallmark of religious extremists; be they Jewish, Christian or Moslem. They won't share the stage with anyone else. They believe they are right and there is no point talking to anyone else.

By contrast, the faith communities of the Plainview Interfaith Council are united by our willingness to share. Yes, in our heart of hearts, each of us believes that we have the truest understanding of the will of God. Who would want to practice a religion that didn't claim to have all the right answers? But, despite our passion, we are open to hearing other voices and treating them with respect. We value serious religious commitment, even if it's not to our own religion. When we come together, we make a powerful statement about the direction we want our community, our country and our world to go in.

There may not be much we can do about religious extremism in Pakistan or Saudi Arabia. But, we can begin with a demonstration that the voices of understanding and coexistence can raise their voices too; that there is a constituency for religious moderation that must be heard.

Interestingly, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is also a great Jewish community event. Plainview-Old Bethpage, being the unique community that it is, has a large Jewish representation on the Interfaith Council. If we are not an absolute majority, we are at least a plurality. Both Reform Congregations, Temple Chaverim and Temple Beth Elohim, are represented as are both Conservative congregations: PJC and Manetto Hill Jewish Center.

Most of the year, we stay in our own buildings, running our own services, classes, social events and mitzvah projects. We all have our own unique approach to Judaism. While our differences enrich our Jewish community, they also make it difficult for us to share many of our most important events. But Thanksgiving is different. It's not Shabbat, it's not Yom Tov. We don't have to worry about whose tunes we use or what prayers—or words within the prayers—we want to include or exclude. We don't even have to worry about who counts in a minyan. So Reform and Conservative Judaism can definitely be on the same page when it comes to Thanksgiving. How nice it is that we have this opportunity at least once a year.

Finally, a reminder that this year, we are the host congregation. So let me conclude with a small ration of Jewish guilt. Yes, I know you are busy right before Thanksgiving. And I know that Interfaith Services can be a little disconcerting for those of us used to Jewish worship. Nevertheless, please make an effort to attend. There are wonderful people in our Interfaith community I would like you to meet. There are important statements to be made about how religion can bring people together—even our fellow Jews. And there is also our obligation to be good hosts and show support for a program that is being held in our own building. We certainly want to put our best foot forward when hosting a community event. After all, how would it look if

I won't finish the sentence. I don't need to. Please help us welcome the Plainview Old Bethpage Interfaith community to PJC on Tuesday night November 24th. May it be the beginning of a wonderful Thanksgiving for us, our families and all God's children.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Lynn Lederkramer



It is a long established custom, during November, that Jewish Book Month is observed for the 20 days preceding Hanukkah. Its objective is to make us aware of the richness of Judaism available in the printed word. By tradition, books are cherished as special possessions and make wonderful gifts for Hanukkah.

The books of Jewish content are diverse. They contain much more than the facts of history or statistics, our faith and traditions, events from the Holocaust, biography and fiction; all are significant to the experiences of the Jews. These books can all make a difference to the reader by changing the way she/he thinks about ourselves and others of our heritage.

This year Women's League for Conservative Judaism has recommended historical fiction as a rich genre of literature. Part history, part novel, it enables the reader to sojourn into various historical settings and times, examined through the lens of a fictitious bystander or participant. One such novel is, *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks, another is, *All Other Nights* written by Dara Horn.

People of the Book is an imaginative narrative of the history of the Sarajevo Haggadah, an illuminated manuscript from 13th century Spain. The story spans many centuries, from the eve of the expulsion of Jews from Spain, to the frayed relations during the time of the Inquisition in Venice, to a partisan hide-out in Nazi occupied Yugoslavia and war torn Sarajevo in the 1990's. This story is told through the eyes of Hannah Heath, a young rare book conservator who contends with her own troubled history and demons.

All Other Nights is the story of Jacob Rappaport, a Jewish soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. *How is tonight different from all other nights?* is a question his commanders answered for him — on Passover, 1862, he is ordered to murder his own uncle in New Orleans, who is plotting to assassinate President Lincoln. After this agonizing mission, Jacob is recruited to pursue another enemy agent, the daughter of a Virginia family friend. But this time, his assignment isn't to murder the spy, but to marry her. Their marriage, with its compelling and horrifying consequences, reveals the deep divisions that still haunt American life today.

Based on real personalities like Judah Benjamin, the Confederacy's Jewish Secretary of State and spymaster, and on historical facts and events ranging from an African-American spy network to the dramatic self-destruction of the city of Richmond, *All Other Nights* is a suspenseful story of men and women driven to the fanatical limits of loyalty and betrayal. It is also a brilliant parable of the rift in America that remains a century and a half later: between those who value family and tradition first, and those dedicated, at any cost, to social and racial justice for all.

"A book is the most pleasant of friends, a most delightful companion, an inanimate thing; yet it talks. There is no friend in the world more faithful and attentive, no teacher more proficient. It will do you good; ask no favor in return. It gives but does not take."

— Avraham Ben Ezra , 12th Century Poet

FOOD CERTIFICATES

**Please remember that Food Certificates
are always available at the Temple office.
By supporting Sisterhood, you support PJC!**

MEMBERSHIP Doreen Guzik - Membership Vice President

November is a great month to join Sisterhood if you haven't already!

On Sunday morning, November 15th at 10:00 AM we will be having our Paid-Up Membership "Aloha Brunch."

Come down and join us for a mimosa, an omelette with your choice of toppings made right in front of you, bagels with all the fixings and an array of sweets. With the chilly weather upon us let's warm up with good friends - old and new, good food and great conversation! All Sisterhood members who have paid their dues are invited. The couvert is only \$7.00. A morning of fun and surprises await you! We hope to see you there. Please be reminded that reservations are needed in advance. Send in your reservation now along with your dues and couvert if you haven't done so already. For more information and to join Sisterhood please contact:

Doreen Guzik at 501-0602 or Blayne Peltzman at 433-3969.

Sisterhood is a great way to get involved with PJC! We offer educational, social, religious, and philanthropic events through out the year. Whether you are 30 or 90, there is always something going on and always something for everyone. We hope to see you soon!

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

We will be trying a new concept this year for our Paid-Up Membership event. Instead of the dinner that we usually have, we will be doing an elaborate **Paid-Up Membership Brunch** on Sunday morning Nov 15th. Look for your invitations in the mail and make sure to RSVP ahead of time. We hope to see all of you there.

Looking ahead to the December meeting, we plan on doing a Chanukah Price is Right game. That will be on Tuesday evening, December 1st. It should be loads of fun.

Programming Committee

Elyse Schrage, Debbie Zaglin, Ellen Hayman

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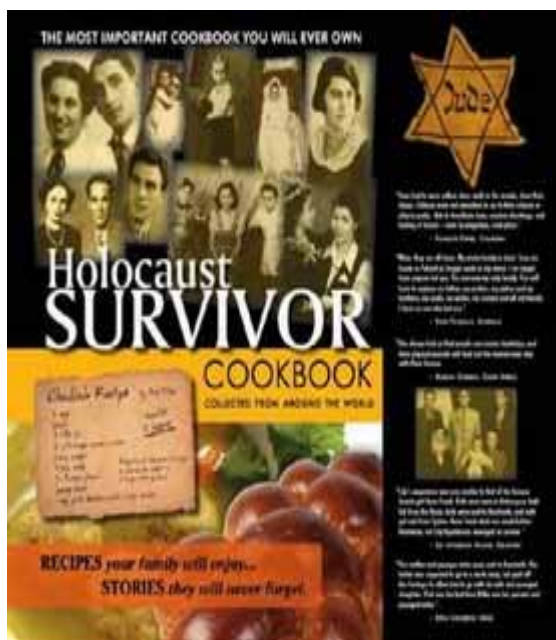
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Mitzvah Committee: Call Temple Office: 938-8610 (Shiva Set-up & Shiva Chairs Available)

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR COOKBOOK



Our Sisterhood has added a new item to our list of fund raising which has already proven to be a great success for our temple. It is called the “Holocaust Survivor Cookbook”. It is a beautifully published book containing 129 amazing and miraculous stories of courage & survival and includes over 250 delicious recipes which were favorites of these great people and their families. You will enjoy their recipes, but their stories will never be forgotten. They are selling for \$36.00 and the profits on every book will be donated strictly to the Plainview Jewish Center. They will be displayed at every Sisterhood meeting including our Paid-Up Membership Brunch. Or, you can call Marilyn Cohen at 822-4553 to order. This is a great book to have for your home or for a gift for your family and friends. This book makes a great Chanukah gift or a meaningful house gift for someone hosting Thanksgiving dinner. And, as a bonus, you will also be supporting our temple.

EDUCATION Bunny Finkelstein - Education Vice President

Here are some perceptions about Jews from the mouths of renowned non-Jews. It should make all of us very proud.

“Some people like the Jews and some do not. But no thoughtful man can deny the fact that they are beyond any question, the most formidable and the most remarkable race which has appeared in the world.” - Winston Churchill

“The Jew is that sacred being who has brought down from heaven the everlasting fire and has illumined with it the entire world. He is the religious source, spring and fountain out of which all the rest of the people have drawn their beliefs and their religions.” - Leo Tolstoy

On that lofty note, I would like to tell you about an exciting weekend coming up on Friday night, January 22nd, and Saturday, January 23rd. Following a tradition that was started at PJC in 1980, we are once again having our annual Sisterhood and Men’s Club Sabbath. This weekend heralds the laity leading and participating in the services while our professionals, Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk guide, encourage and extract the best from us. This weekend is made more meaningful because of the support of Sisterhood, Men’s Club and Congregation members coming to services and lauding our efforts. We encourage you to participate even if you can’t read Hebrew. Please let us know your interested in participating by contacting either Bunny Finkelstein at 433-5778, Doris Cooper at 802-3545 or Zita Jospa at 822-5319. The joy of accomplishment can be yours.

Doris Cooper Education Chair

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

Stacy and her daughters enjoyed receiving the package sent before school started. She especially liked receiving the gift certificates to augment her reduced income. We will be putting together a Thanksgiving and Chanukah package for the family which will be sent in early November. To remind you of sizes and interests I am repeating the information from last month. Samantha will turn 7 in November and is in 2nd grade. She now wears size 7, 8 or medium pants, 10 or medium tops, 6 dresses and size 1 shoes. She enjoys music, 12 to 15 piece puzzles, Barbies and Leapster games. As we have mentioned before, she suffers from autism and so has special needs. Jordyn, the younger daughter is in kindergarten. She wears size 6 or small pants, 8 or medium tops, 6 or small dresses and 12 ½ shoes. She enjoys dolls and dollhouses, music, art projects, Little Pet Shop toys, and 100 to 200 piece puzzles. If you have anything to donate, please contact us (Sharon at skunoff@optonline.net, or Rhonnie at pamba66@aol.com.) We will make sure to get the item from you. Remember, we are going into winter, so winter coats, hats, mittens or sweaters would be welcomed. Cash gifts will be used to purchase gift cards. We thank all of you who are participating in this program. If you have any further questions you can call Sharon at (516) 694-1896 or email as above.

TORAH FUND - Cindy Getzoff, Torah Fund Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE!! Torah Fund Double Chai Celebration at Joyce Rimer's! Wednesday, November 11th at 8PM - 14 Warren Place, Plainview

You are invited to attend our Torah Fund Double Chai Kickoff on Wednesday, November 11th at the home of Joyce Rimer. Our speaker will be Rachel Epstein, contributor to the **Holocaust Survivor Cookbook**. (Sisterhood is selling these fabulous books as a Fundraising project). Her recipes are on page 135. The evening will be filled with exciting discussions and warm hospitality. The pledge is \$36.00, and the covert 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:
Cindy Getzoff - 938-0812; Joyce Rimer - 433-4826; Barbara Knoll - 935-3553

Z'HAVA

On Tuesday, September 15th a group of Sisterhood women met for our first Zahava group. We discussed our goals for the group and ideas for future meeting. We have lots of great ideas planned that will enrich our sisterhood women. This group is geared towards the younger women of Sisterhood.

We shared our recipes for brisket and also shared our own personal experiences growing up and celebrating the Jewish holidays. We all agreed the PJC is now our common link and bond for the future. Our next meeting is in December. We hope you will be a part of our Zahava group. Look for us at the Sisterhood Membership Brunch.

FUNDRAISING *Rose Weiner - Fund Raising Vice President*

The Fund Raising Committee is busy planning events for this year. We are planning to have a Bingo party, a Mah Jongg Tournament and another Evening of Fashion. If anyone is interested in helping our committee please contact us. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Rose - 935-0454; Barbara - 935-3510; Judi - 433-4099

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The Sisterhood Judaica Shop at the Plainview Jewish Center has many items for all your gift needs. We have a large selection of mezuzahs, jewelry and headcoverings for both men and women. We have serving pieces including platters and utensils for all your entertaining needs.

WHEN YOU THINK GIFTS, THINK SISTERHOOD JUDAICA!

MEN'S CLUB by *Stephen Taub*

If it's November, it's time to get together with your fellow Men's Club members for the annual paid-up membership dinner. This year we will be dining on November 10th at 7:30 p.m., when the bar opens up. So, come down, have a drink, eat a delicious meal, enjoy the entertainment, and most importantly, just have a great night out with the guys. If you are not a member yet, no problem. Just come down that evening and you can join. There is still plenty of time to participate in our monthly programs.

Meanwhile circle your calendar for the annual Men's Club Chanukah party. This year it will take place on Sunday afternoon, December 13th. And while you have your calendars out, circle the weekend of January 8th and 9th. That is when we will participate in the annual Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat weekend. Hope to see you at the paid-up membership dinner.

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

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Institute for Adult Jewish Studies *by Sharon Kunoff*

Our 2009-2010 session will be well underway by the time you receive this. Many of you have been attending and can attest to its continued success. This year we are fortunate to have Rabbi Conn teaching *Everyday Spirituality; How Judaism Brings us Closer to God One Day at a Time*. Our lectures each week have been quite enlightening. Coming up for the remainder of the Fall session are:

November 2	Stanislao Pugliese	Two Thousand Years of Italian Jewry.
November 9	Suzanne Braun Levine	Bella Abzug: One Tough Broad from the Bronx.
November 16	Peninnah Schram	Jewish Oral Tradition: Stories One Generation Tells Another
November 23	Rabbi Benjamin Blech	Michelangelo's Hidden Jewish Messages in the Sistine Chapel Ceiling
November 30	Dr. Edward Reichman	Stem Cell Research and Jewish Law: Co
December 7	Kurt F. Stone	The Congressional Minyan: The Jews of Capitol Hill
December 14	Klezmer Duo	Chanukah Cabaret

Classes last for one hour starting at 7:45pm, followed by the lecture beginning at 9. All programs conclude with refreshments donated by ShopRite of Plainview. If you haven't been attending, you can still join. \$35 dollars allows you to attend all programs for the remainder of the year including the January Session. We are looking forward to seeing you.

ADULT EDUCATION RESUMES AT PJC

November 4th and 18th at 8:15 PM:

Join Rabbi Conn as the Rabbi's Bible Class resumes. We will begin our study with the Book of I Samuel. Expect lively discussion, in-depth learning and a look at how this important cycle of stories is viewed in Jewish tradition. Free and open to all.

November 11th at Noon:

At our first Lunch and Learn of the year, we will focus on the questions "Is God male, female, both or neither? And how much does it really matter. Rabbi Conn will lead a discussion based on Rabbi Jill Hammer's article in CJ magazine "Gender and the Hidden Faces of God". The article can be found at http://www.uscj.org/Gender_and_the_Hidde8139.html. Please RSVP to the PJC office by Monday November 2nd. Open to all. A contribution of \$5 is requested to cover a light lunch.

HIGH HOLIDAY FAMILY SERVICE by Diane Miller

Let me begin by wishing PJC a great New Year, with lots of ruach and spirit. We're off to a good start. If there are any new children or adults who want to participate in Reading Torah or learning the technique of Shofar blowing, please step up to the plate.

This year we were fortunate to bring you the best we could in a real Family Service. We had a lot of everything. Mrs. Goldberg has been with us for a few years and she brought a lot of energy to the table. We are so blessed.

Our Kol Nidre Family Service was a brand new idea and we are very proud of the talents of Karin Strauss Factor and Zelda Polofsky. I would like to say that I have learned so much from these two amazing women who lead the Kol Nidre Service. Thank you for teaching us all something so extraordinary. Our new books were a loving gift dedicated to the memory of Fredric N. Haimes, a beloved father and friend. May he be remembered each time we use these holiday prayer books. We are a Shul filled with zip and it is an honor for me to be here and marvel at our accomplishments.

Morgan Haimes enlightened us by telling us about the activities at USY and all other groups. USY is a great place to start and stay connected.

Please allow me to personally thank all the following people for their efforts:

Rabbi Conn, Cantor Wolk, Joel Stern, Alan Furman, Kym Newborn, The Haimes Family, Zelda Polofsky, Mrs. Rebecca Goldberg, Karen Strauss Factor, ShopRite, Bob, Ortora, Johnnie, Jerry Rosenberg, Zelda King, Susan Goldman, Lucy Handwacker, Joel Hauptman, Barbara Berse, Joel Elowsky, Steve Rubinfeld and The Ritual Committee.

I would also like to thank our Torah readers:

Ellen Hayman, Elizabeth Kessler, Matthew Weiseltheir, Matthew Gallub, Amanda Gross, Zachary Goldberg, Rubin Iusim, Diane Miller, Abby Pickus, Sara Miller and Corey Hecht
AND our Shofar blowers: Philip Danzinger and Sara Miller

Keep connected and thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Be well...

Diane Miller



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