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*LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!!!*

*SUKKOT*



*SIMCHAT TORAH*

*PJC'S ANNUAL BAZAAR*

*SISTERHOOD MEETING  
OCTOBER 6TH - 8:15PM*

*WINE & CHEESE PARTY  
MEET WITH OUR NEW REBBITZEN  
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**OCTOBER 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

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - EREV SUKKOT**

(Feast of Tabernacles) - the Jewish festival of thanksgiving on the final ingathering of the harvest. The Sukkah symbolizes God's protection of our ancestors in the wilderness of Sinai.

Light Candles.....6:16 PM  
 Services.....6:15 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Sukkah

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - SUKKOT 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY**

Services.....9:00 AM & 6:15 PM

Torah Reader: Karin Strauss-Factor

Sukkah Hop Following Morning Services

Light Candles.....7:18 PM

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - SUKKOT 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY**

Services.....9:00 AM & 6:15 PM

Torah Reader: Karin Strauss-Factor

Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM to 11:00 AM

Kiddush in Sukkah

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, to Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Morning Services.....6:15 AM

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Club Steak & Scotch Dinner

Honoring Rabbi Steven Conn in Sukkah.....7:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15 PM

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Chinese Dinner in Sukkah.....6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - HOSHANA RABBAH**

the seventh day of Sukkot, was the climax of the festival in Temple times when seven processions were made around the altar and verses of Hoshana (O Save!) were sung to the waving of the palm branches.

Light Candles.....6:05 PM

Services.....6:15 PM

Oneg Shabbat in Sukkah

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> - SHEMINIATZERET**

The eighth day of assembly is celebrated after the seventh day of Sukkot as the concluding festival of the season.

Services Including Yizkor.....9:00 AM

Torah Reader: Howard Kleinmann

Kiddush in Sukkah

Light Candles.....7:07 PM

Services.....6:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah.....7:00 PM

**Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> - SIMCHAT TORAH**

(Rejoicing in the Torah) The second day of Shemini Atzeret.

The reading of the Pentateuch is completed and begun anew for the coming year.

Services.....9:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Jr. Congregation.....9:45 AM to 11:00 AM

Kiddush in Sukkah

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Club Meeting - "Meet the Candidates".....8:15 PM

**Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Dancing Class.....8:00 PM

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Light Candles.....5:54 PM

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

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Reader: Howard Kleinmann

Bar Mitzvah: Alex Mandel,  
 son of Beth & Brian Mandel

Mandel Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Congregation Kiddush in Eichenbaum Room

Mincha Maariv.....6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Open House - School.....9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

Dancing Class.....8:00 PM

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Light Candles.....5:44 PM

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

Oneg Shabbat in Kirschner Room

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Readers: Barbara Greenberg  
 Karin Strauss-Factor

Bar Mitzvah: Grant Kolsky,  
 son of Jacqueline & Steven Kolsky

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

Kiddush in Kirschner Room

Mincha Maariv.....5:45 PM

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Youth Groups.....6:00 PM

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Singles Group.....8:00 PM

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Light Candles.....5:35 PM

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

Oneg Shabbat in Patio Room

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Shachrith Services.....9:00 AM

Torah Reader: Karin Strauss-Factor

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

Kiddush in Patio Room

Mincha Maariv.....5:45 PM

**BAZAAR.....7:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

## FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

Over the last few months, I've been meeting many of our congregation's members. I meet our members everywhere; not just at services, but also at shiva houses, bar mitzvah celebrations, and sisterhood functions, I meet people at community meetings, at the Y and even in the supermarket. I'm always happy to run into another member of Plainview Jewish Center.

So far, everyone I've run into seems happy to meet me. (I imagine that those who aren't probably run the other way the minute they see me). But sometimes, there is an awkward moment, just after we meet. This moment occurs just after I hear "I've been a member of Plainview Jewish Center for many years". Often the very next words I hear are, "but I don't go to services very often - usually just High Holidays and special occasions".

I almost always answer, "Don't worry I'm not taking attendance. I'm just happy to meet you." And it's true; I don't take attendance - except for religious school students and upcoming B'nai Mitzvah. To be honest, on a practical level, I'm glad everyone in the congregation doesn't come to services on Friday night or Shabbat morning. Where would we put them all? Can you imagine having to open up the doors to the ballroom every week?

Of course, finding more room for people who wanted to come to services would be a nice problem to have. In fact, this problem is every rabbi's dream. Not because we always want to play to a bigger audience. But because those who attend services regularly play a special role in our synagogue. They are the face of our congregation; the people visitors meet; the people whose weekly or even daily presence makes our synagogue feel like a close-knit extended family. I have come to treasure this special group in our synagogue. Naturally, I feel closer to those I see most often. And I would welcome the opportunity to see all the very nice and gracious people I am meeting more often; to get to know them better and feel closer to them as well.

Nevertheless, just hearing that someone is a member of Plainview Jewish Center does indeed make me very happy. I really don't need to hear anything more. Long ago, I learned that each member of a synagogue is precious. Each member, from the most active to the least, makes their own special contribution to synagogue life.

The rabbis of antiquity felt the same way. To illustrate the importance of each member of the community, the rabbis pointed to the lulav and etrog, which we will use this month during the holiday of Sukkot. The rabbis asked themselves, "Why do we need to take parts of four different plants, the palm the myrtle the willow and the citron, and hold them together and shake them during the holiday of Sukkot?" No doubt even the rabbis of antiquity, who lived almost two thousand years ago, found the ritual of shaking the etrong and lulav a bit strange. I'm sure even in those days, shaking vegetation in the synagogue must have seemed uncomfortably primitive and archaic. So the rabbis gave the practice of holding the lulav and etrog together symbolic meaning.

They taught that the etrog, which has both taste and fragrance, represents those Jews who have both learning and good deeds. The palm branch, which has taste (the date) but no fragrance stands for those who have learning but lack good deeds. The myrtle, which has fragrance but no taste symbolizes those who do good deeds but lack Torah/ The willow branch reminds us of those who lack both Torah and good deeds. At Sukkot we bind all of these species together to emphasize that all Jews are united and interdependent. After all, without any one of the four, we could not perform the mitzvah of taking the lulav.

So, too, without every one of our members we would have a difficult time carrying on as a community. There are members who may not come to services, but serve as leaders of our congregation; as officers, as board members as committee members or on the boards of our affiliates. There are members who volunteer to work in the office, the gift shop or on the bazaar. There are members who give us generous financial support. There are member who were once active, but now don't make it to the synagogue very often, because they live in nursing homes, assisted living facilities or in another city far away. And there are members who choose to affiliate every year, even though almost half the Jews in our area choose not to. We would be a much different synagogue without the loyalty and dedication of all these very different types of people. In fact, we might not be a synagogue at all.

I will always wish more people joined us for services on Shabbat and during the week, because I would like more people to share in the wonderful spiritual experiences these services provide. I will always wish that we had more students in our adult education classes (no matter how many sign up in the coming months), so that more people could benefit from the wonderful learning we do. I will always wish we had more volunteers for committees and programs, so

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## The Cantor's Note: *AN OLD PRAYER REDISCOVERED*



One of the strengths of our *Sim Shalom* prayerbook is its inclusion of supplementary meditations. They provide an additional outlet for our innermost emotions and can provoke more heartfelt devotion when the words of the prayers seem, for whatever reason, obscure. Though especially beneficial for worshippers who have difficulty with Hebrew and who might feel uncomfortable using a traditional prayerbook, it is a valuable feature for experienced daveners as well.

For example, included in the Havdalah service, which marks the end of Shabbat, is a Yiddish devotion called ‘*GOTT FUN AVROHOM*’ (God of Abraham), which is missing from many other editions. This innovation is actually not new at all, but is the re-introduction of an old and beautiful practice. For centuries, Jewish women throughout Europe would offer this personal prayer, with slight variations, in Yiddish, the language in which they were fluent. It is, in fact, only one example of an entire genre of prayer known as *Techinot* (supplications).

Modern American Jews are not unique in augmenting the liturgy with prayers in their native tongue. Our ancestors had the same emotional needs centuries ago when and where the vernacular would have been Yiddish. They devised these supplications which dealt not only with religious matters, but also with mundane subjects, often in a heartrending style meant to induce tears. *Techinot* are true folk literature.

Because Jewish women in Eastern Europe did not, as a rule, receive an intensive Hebrew education, these prayers were composed for them and addressed their concerns. Thus, we find supplications on a diverse and fascinating array of subjects. There are meditations for girls, brides, married women, mothers, stepmothers, and widows, prayers when visiting graves, when baking challah, when putting on Sabbath clothes, before lighting candles, before visiting the mikveh, during pregnancy and before childbirth, and when giving charity. There is a Yiddish edition of the five books of Moses, with midrashic interpretation intended for women’s use called the *Tsena Urena*.

After the Enlightenment in Western and Central Europe, when the vernacular of the Jewish residents became the language of their host country, the *Techinot* were recast in European languages.

“*Gott Fun Avrohom*” is traditionally ascribed to the great Chassidic rabbi, Levi Yitzchak of Berdichev. Today, when many of the gender distinctions which existed in Jewish practice have been eliminated, it need no longer be considered the sole province of women. Whether intoned in the original Yiddish, or its English translation, the simple human appeal of this supplication is universal and timeless.

***“May the good week arrive with health and life, good fortune and blessing, prosperity and dignity, graciousness and lovingkindness, sustenance and success, with all good blessings and with forgiveness of sin. Amen.”***

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Barbara Greenberg**

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This is an exciting time for us. Plainview Jewish Center is embarking on a new chapter in its 55 year history, beginning with the installation of our fifth rabbi, Rabbi Steven Conn. As I stand on the bimah admiring the beautifully redone ark doors generously donated by our Sisterhood, I see a bright future for PJC – one filled with ever increasing enthusiasm from an ever increasing membership base, a truer sense of community, and a deeper commitment to excellence under Rabbi Conn's spiritual leadership. Already enrollment is up in our religious school as well as our youth groups! We look forward to a long lasting relationship with our new Rabbi.



The nearly year long process of selecting Plainview Jewish Center's new spiritual leader has been a true community building experience where every congregant had the opportunity to provide their input and have their voices heard. The ultimate decision rested in the hands of the entire congregation, and we can be very proud of both the process as well as the final result. We are fortunate to have Rabbi Conn, his wife Illyse and children become a part of our PJC family. What a wonderful way to start off the New Year!

The entire weekend devoted to celebrating the arrival of Rabbi Conn and his family started with the annual Journal reception on Thursday evening, September 10, and concluded with his installation on Sunday, September 13th. What better time to ceremoniously mark the beginning of Rabbi Conn's tenure as our spiritual leader than the beginning of a new Jewish year. The enthusiasm generated by all the planned events carried over to the high holidays. This was the perfect start for what I hope will be a new year filled with the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity to our entire PJC family and all their loved ones.

There have been so many congregants who selflessly volunteered by giving their time and energy serving on the many committees that were necessary to reach this moment in PJC's history. In particular, I'd like to express my gratitude to those who served on the search, transition, journal, house, advertising and publicity, welcoming and installation committees. Although there are too many names to list, please know that all your efforts are greatly appreciated, and you've made a big difference. All those committees were charged with major responsibilities which were handled beautifully. I do want to thank: Michael Levy who chaired the entire transition committee for making sure that all our goals were met, Lynn Lederkramer and Bob Sarrel for chairing our fabulous Journal cocktail reception and journal fundraiser, Evy Rothman for chairing the installation committee, Michael Stromberg & Michael Portnoy for co-chairing the house committee, Steve Rubinfeld for chairing the advertising and publicity committee, and even though I have thanked them publicly many times before, the entire search committee – Joe Elowsky, Doreen Guzik, Carol Hauser, Howard Heimowitz, Sharon Kunoff, Blayne Peltzman, Evy Rothman, Steve Rubinfeld, Sandy Strenger and Michael Stromberg, Chair. Yasher Koach to all for a job well done! I also want to acknowledge all the hard work done by Joel Hauptman, our house chair, for overseeing the renovations on our new house for the Rabbi. It is through the support of so many congregants that we are able to accomplish our goal of bringing such dynamic new spiritual leadership to our synagogue.

I want to thank everyone who made the High Holidays run so smoothly: Joel Fass for chairing the honors committee and running the community Yizkor; the ritual committee for organizing the changing over of the prayer books and Torah mantels; Steve Rubinfeld for developing our new family Kol Nidre prayer book and the Haimes family for underwriting them; Diane Miller and Joel Stern for coordinating the Family High Holiday services; Karin Factor for running the Kol Nidre family service; Phyllis Sarrel for arranging our babysitters; Kym Newborn our ritual chair and shofar blower supreme; Howard Kleinmann for reading Torah in the main sanctuary and all of you who read Torah in the family service; our Haftorah readers Howard Kleinmann, Murray Kleiner, Karin Factor, and Steve Rubinfeld; all of our Gabbis and preliminary service leaders; and of course Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk. I also want to thank my Vice Presidents Shea Lerner, Robert Sarrel, and Allan Furman for their part in ensuring that everything ran smoothly. I would like to acknowledge the work of the art committee for arranging for the completion of the bimah renovation underwritten by Sisterhood, and the additional donation by Dr. Elliot and Diana Rosensweet that enabled the

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**Family Education News by Judy Alper**

Get your sneakers ready! We're starting off the month with a PJC favorite activity. Join us on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our **Sukkah Hop!!!** It's an enjoyable walk through the community as we visit the sukkahs of PJC members and get a taste of the wonderful holiday of Sukkot. The Sukkah Hop will follow services and the congregational Kiddush. We look forward to seeing you at the Hop!

Looking for a wonderful dining experience under the moonlight and stars with friends and family? Our annual **Dinner Under the Stars** and in the PJC sukkah is being held on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. We will be serving a selection of Chinese foods that everyone will enjoy, including egg rolls, rice, noodles and, of course, Fortune cookies! Sushi and/or soup may be special ordered for an additional fee. The cost for dinner will be \$12 per person and children, ages 5 to 10 at \$6.00 per child.

Our October **Family Friendly Friday Night Service** will be held on **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. Don't miss out on this wonderful Shabbat experience. The service, led by our esteemed Rabbi and Cantor is invigorating, inspiring and engaging for children and adults. Don't miss out on a great story celebrating Jewish life. The service is followed by an Oneg where we celebrate Shabbat, life cycle events and accomplishments. Oneg sponsors are always welcome and it is a great way to share your celebrations with others.

Rosh Chodesh: It's a Girl Thing! will have it's initial meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for mailings or phone calls announcing it.

*Would you like to see a specific program become part of Family Education?* New ideas are always welcome and will be especially appreciated. Join us on **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 pm for a Family Education Committee** meeting in the Kirschner Room. We look forward to seeing all members of the committee—past, present and those wishing to become part of what Family Education offers.

For information or to make reservations on any of the above activities please call Judy Alper at 516-938-8610, ext. 113 or email to [jralps36@aol.com](mailto:jralps36@aol.com).

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## HOLIDAYS

### **SUKKOT** - SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>

(Feast of Tabernacles) is the Jewish festival of thanksgiving on the occasion of the final ingathering of the harvest. The Sukkah symbolizes God's protection of our ancestors in the wilderness of Sinai.

### **HOSHANA RABBAH** - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

the seventh day of Sukkot, was the climax of the festival in Temple times, when seven processions were made around the altar, and verses of Hoshana (O Save) were sung to the waving of the palm branches.

### **SHEMINI ATZERET** - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

ATZERET L'HAYIM – "Gathering for Life" - sensitizes congregations and congregants to the Jewish response to the threat of universal destruction from nuclear weaponry.

SHEMINI ATZERET, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of assembly, is celebrated after the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sukkot as the concluding festival of the season.

### **SIMCHAT TORAH** - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

(Rejoicing in the Torah) is the second day of Shemini Atzeret. Then the reading of the Pentateuch is completed and begun anew for the coming year.

### **Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff**

If you have read these columns in the past you know that I am a strong supporter of Israel, that I feel strongly that often the world expects Israel to be better than then other countries, condemning her for any perceived infraction, even when unsubstantiated. This said, it does not mean I believe that Israel is perfect.. It must be acknowledged that while those Arabs who are Israeli citizens and have been living in its borders since its founding are better off than most Arabs in any other country in the Middle East, they still do not have the same standard of living as its Israeli citizens. The government has recognized this in recent years and is addressing the issues, but there is much that remains to be done.

Another area of concern is how Ethiopian citizens recently and Yemenite citizens in the past have been welcomed to the county. Both of these groups came from backward areas in their home country and they often did not get as much help as they needed to reach the standards of other Israeli citizens. There are even documented cases of discrimination. One of the charities that we have personally supported in recent years is devoted to raising the standards of all Israelis. I am sure this group is not the only one with these goals, but I want to quote some items from the newsletter of the group I am familiar with, to bring these issues to the attention of our readers. I think it is good to know and acknowledge where Israel can improve, so that when defending Israel, one can indicate that while one knows Israel too need improvement, they are working toward that goal, and should not be condemned in areas where they actually are in the right.

The following comes from the newsletter of a recent issue of the New Israel Fund:

Three private Orthodox schools in the city of Petach Tikvah backed down and agreed to accept Ethiopian immigrant students after the government threatened to cut off their funding. More than 100 Ethiopian immigrant students were originally rejected by the schools, which did not offer excuse or apology for their racist admission policies.

Hakol Hinuch, an Israeli organization which works for education reform as a means to close social gaps and provide all citizens with opportunities for economic and cultural achievement was a recipient of a grant from the New Israel fund which was allocated to help the organization fight for the rights of the Ethiopians.

Rabbi Shay Piron, Executive Director of Hakol Hinuch personally lobbied emergency Knesset committee sessions, consulted with Education Ministry officials and was interviewed extensively by the media. Hinuch compared the situation to segregation in the US in the 1950s. In order to be considered halachically Jewish, the Chief Rabbinate demands that Ethiopian immigrants attend religious schools. However, due to the segregation practiced by some of Israel's Orthodox schools, these students are often denied admittance.

Rabbi Piron said, "There can be no compromise on racism. Schools funded by the government must above all else be prepared to meet the challenge of integrating immigrants." Subsequently the Supreme court was petitioned to allow the remaining children to attend the schools and they were given 48 hours to respond. So far I haven't received an update.

Another area of concern is discrimination in Arab schools which graduate substantially lower percentages of their students than is the case in Jewish schools. Work is continuing in these areas.

I know that many of you and or your teenage children visited Israel this summer. Members of the congregation would love to hear any impressions or anecdotes. One way to promote Israel and tourism is to give first hand information to your family and friends. I would love to give this space over to any of you who would like to share their experiences. If you don't want to write a polished piece I will be happy to interview you and write your impressions. I suspect people are tired of hearing from me. It is now your turn!! Just email me at [skunoff@optonline.net](mailto:skunoff@optonline.net).

# Bazaar

Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>  
7 – 10PM

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Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> 10AM –  
5PM

**We need your help:**

- **Donating Merchandise to the Bazaar**  
(New Merchandise Only)
- **Working at the Bazaar**
- **Setting up for the Bazaar**

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

By now most of you received an email message about our exciting Monthly Mitzvah Project. If you missed the email or have forgotten about it, here is another explanation for you. Each month, all children from the different classes will be offered a list of activities so they can perform a specific mitzvah. At the end of each month, the teacher will collect written notes from the children describing what they did with or without their parents.

In Tishrei (the first Hebrew month) the mitzvah was tzedakah. The children had a chance to sell toys, CD's, cookies or anything they wished on the internet or around their neighborhood in order to give tzedakah to the school, so we can give to others. In Cheshvan (October) the mitzvah is "Tzaar Baalei Chayim", "Being Kind to Animals".

We find in the Torah few laws that are connected to this mitzvah. In the story of Noah, after the flood God forbade all human beings to eat meat taken from a live animal (so we don't cause pain to the animal). In Exodus we find laws that say our working animals like ox and donkey should rest on Shabbat. The law also says that when you see a donkey lying under a load, you must help it to get on its feet, even if it is your enemy's animal. In Leviticus 22 we find a law which tells us that if a sheep, goat or ox is born it should stay with its mother for 7 days. The Rabbis in the Talmud state, "you must not eat your own meal until you have seen to it that all of your animals have been fed (Brachot 40).

Children can do the following activities:

Build bird feeders and put seeds in for birds

Volunteer to walk someone else's pet (not their own)

Volunteer to help in a pet store (for a few hours one afternoon) or in an animal hospital

Send dog or cat food to North Shore Animal Shelter.

Volunteer to be in charge of all their pet's needs for 1 full week. (Feeding, walking, cleaning after their waste, cleaning the cage.)

Remember, each child needs to bring a written note from their parents describing what he/she has done. We hope that many children will be part of this exciting program. The idea behind this is not only to speak about mitzvot but to really do them. Because this is what God really expects from us as Jews.

I hope that many of you will be here on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM for our "Back to School Program" and will learn much more about this and many other programs. You will also have the chance to observe the teachers in their classes. See you all at that event.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Oct. 3 (Sat) Sukkot – Jr. Congregation from 10:45–12:00 & then Sukkah Hop (special Jr. Cong. time)

4 (Sun) No School or Junior Congregation

5 (Mon) Chol Hamoed – School resumes for Hey & Daled 208

6 (Tue) Chol Hamoed – Mechina & Gimel

7 (Wed) Chol Hamoed – Alef, Bet, Daled & Hey; Chinese Dinner at Sukkah – 7:00 PM

9 (Fri) Shemini Atzeret

10 (Sat) Simchat Torah Service – 6:45 PM (Category A Credit for Service)

11 & 12 (Sun-Mon) No School

18 (Sun) Meet the Teacher Open House 10:00-11:00 AM

Tallit & Tefillah – Group B Session 1 – for Daled & Hey - 9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building

Daled 209 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM – in classroom

19 (Mon) School Committee Meeting - 8:15 PM in Library

23 (Fri) Yeladim (5-9 yr. olds) & Tot Shabbat (ages 2-4) Service - 7:00 - 8:00 PM

25 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 2 – for Daled & Hey - 9:00 AM–11:00 AM in Youth Building

Daled 209 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in classroom

**Hey students must bring tefillin to Tallit & Tefillah Services**

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



**ALEX MANDEL**  
**October 17, 2009**

Alex is the son of Beth and Brian Mandel and has a sister, Julie. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Alex enjoys drawing, painting and bowling. His favorite holidays are Chanukah and Pass-over which he enjoys celebrating with family and friends.



**GRANT KOLSKY**  
**October 24, 2009**

Grant is the son of Jackie and Steven Kolsky and has a sister, Emily. He is an eighth grader at Mattlin Middle School. Grant enjoys baseball, football, volleyball and playing the bass clarinet. His favorite holiday is Chanukah which he celebrates with his family. Grant makes an annual donation to sponsor a sick animal through North Shore Animal League.

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

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## Ballroom Dancing at PJC

*Always wanted to learn to dance? Come learn with us!!!*

PJC is offering Ballroom Dancing lessons for a fraction of the cost of a professional studio. Classes taught by an NDCA (National Dance Council of America) Certified Instructor

***Ballroom ~ Latin ~ Swing***

Eight Wednesday evenings from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Dates: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>,  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$180 per couple – members  
\$240 per couple – non members



Please mail registration with class fee to: Plainview Jewish Center, 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803, attn: Ballroom Dancing. Any questions, please call Shari 516-349-7179.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Couples: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Institute for Adult Jewish Studies by Sharon Kunoff

Just a quick reminder that the 2009 series of the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies will be starting on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Woodbury Jewish Center. There will be a lecture by Professor Menachem Kellner of Haifa University who will discuss some of the ideas of Moses Maimonides with the intriguing title *Does a Jew Have to Believe in Anything?* The lecture will start at 9pm, preceded by registration beginning at 7:45pm. Mail registration is already open. If you have registered by mail, tickets will be available that evening. Forms for "mail in" registration can be obtained from our brochure which is available at the PJC office, or can be downloaded from either [www.IAJS.org](http://www.IAJS.org) or [www.plainviewjewishcenter.com](http://www.plainviewjewishcenter.com). Remember, registration is free for students under the age of 25. Most of our courses and lectures are appropriate for teens and will enhance their Jewish Education. We hope many of you will take advantage of our offerings.

Our series of 8 week classes will begin the Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 7:45 and last for 1 hour. They are followed by a lecture at 9pm. If you missed early registration it is always possible to register before class any Monday evening. We are always available. Check our brochure for classes and lectures. Don't forget that our own Rabbi Conn will be teaching **Everyday Spirituality: How Judaism Brings us Closer to God One Day at a Time**. This will give us an appreciation of how we can bring out the spirituality in ritual to enhance our daily lives. If you just want to try us out or are interested in only one or two lectures, you can pay \$10.00 per lecture. However, if you are interested in more than 3 lectures, it pays to pay for the series. You will get your money's worth and more!!

This year your IAJS membership will be worth even more. The Rabbis at our member synagogues have agreed to make classes they run at their own synagogues, during months the institute does meet available to our members. Information about courses will be on the IAJS website and we are investigating the feasibility of links between member synagogue websites. We are looking forward to a very exciting season. If you need any information you can contact me at [skunoff@optonline.net](mailto:skunoff@optonline.net).

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**(FROM THE RABBI continued from Page 4 )**

that everyone's burden could be lighter, so we could do more to enrich the life of our congregation and community and so that more of us could experience the true joy that comes with giving of ourselves to a worthwhile cause. And I am sure that I will spend plenty of time encouraging all of us to do more.

But when I look out from the bimah to a very full congregation this Yom Kippur, I promise I will not be thinking "Where are you all the rest of the year?" Instead, I will smile. I will smile because I know that in a very important way, each one of you is always here. That's the lesson of the lulav, which we will shake just five short days later. That's the lesson I have learned in twenty years of congregational life. Every one of our members plays an important role in our synagogue. Every member is a precious Jewish soul. And that's why I am truly happy to meet every single Plainview Jewish Center member. No one needs to introduce themselves with a disclaimer. We should all feel proud that each of us, in our own way, is helping to make our synagogue a vital and vibrant Jewish community.

***President's Message ( continued from Page 6)***

project to be finished this year. Thanks to all who generously supported our Kol Nidre and Yizkor appeals. There are so many people to thank, so if I inadvertently left anybody off the list, I sincerely apologize. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts.

As you can see, we were able to accomplish so much because of all of you – our warm and caring members. Plainview Jewish Center is a very special place, and I am honored to serve as your president. I look forward to a productive year ahead.

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

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# SISTERHOOD NEWS



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Lynn Lederkramer**

Sisterhood is very proud to have been able to refurbish the bimah. The new ark doors looked truly beautiful on the High Holidays and will continue to be enjoyed by our congregation for the years to come. It is through your support of Sisterhood's fundraising events that were able to accomplish this. We are also, once again, able to fund the music program for our children in the Religious School. Sisterhood supports temple and community causes with your help.

At the beginning of the New Year, we have asked for forgiveness from G-d and the people in our lives we may have offended. We also begin to consider renewing our energy for *giving* to our families and to the community in which we live. We should also remember the importance of making connections with our friends – next door, down the block, in another country, city, or state.

To “keep in touch” either by phone, mail, e-mail or attending monthly meetings, allows us to know when life is going well or not so well. It tells us whether there have been great tragedies, or simply rewarding or difficult days. We can only “be there” for friends we care about when we take time for them.

The women of Sisterhood take the time to share a bond of warmth, caring and the joy of friendship. We are there to help and support each other, to sustain each of us as we strive to enhance our lives with love, knowledge and concern for others.

Let us include *you* and count *you* as our friend. Come down to a meeting and join us as we work towards enriching family and community life. We are always looking for new friends as we serve the community and our synagogue, remembering that. *TO HAVE A FRIEND, ONE MUST BE A FRIEND.*

**In Friendship, Lynn Lederkramer**

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

Please join us for our Wine and Cheese Party on Tuesday evening, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the delicious treats and beverages, we will be informally meeting and welcoming our new Rebbitzin, Illyse Conn. She will have the opportunity to talk to all of us and tell us a little bit about herself so that we can get to know her better. We also have some things planned that will give us all an opportunity to introduce ourselves to her and to each other and to reveal something about ourselves. So be prepared to talk a little bit about yourself. This will be a very social evening and we hope to see all of you there. This is one monthly meeting you won't want to miss.

*Program Committee: Elyse Schrage, Debbie Zaglin, Ellen Hayman*

## **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**

Hi Ladies! Come and join us for our many diversified events throughout the year. We try to offer something for everyone. Be part of a very active organization that provides so many benefits to our temple and our community.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> - 10AM**  
**SISTERHOOD'S PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP**  
**FABULOUS SUNDAY BRUNCH!!**  
**SISTERHOOD MEMBERS ONLY**

Sisterhood has decided to change things up this year and instead of our Paid-Up Membership Dinner, we are having a Sunday Brunch! So make sure to look for future mailings and e-mails for details. Please send in your \$50 dues and join Sisterhood today. It is sure to be a wonderful occasion and we hope to see all of you there.

**TORAH FUND - Cindy Getzoff, Torah Fund Coordinator**

The students at the Jewish Theological Seminary are highly motivated and truly inspiring. As one Seminary student said, "My challenge is to combine all the academic knowledge that I am gaining and use it to effect change in the world."

These students are our future rabbis, cantors, teachers, and community leaders. You can help support them by continuing to make donations to Sisterhood's Torah Fund and also by purchasing Torah Fund cards. 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:  
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**Mitzvah Committee: Call Temple Office: 938-8610 (Shiva Set-up & Shiva Chairs Available)**

**EDUCATION *Bunny Finkelstein - Education Vice President***

Four days after Yom Kippur we celebrate Sukkot, the "Festival of Booths". This seven day holiday was originally a harvest celebration. The Lulav (branches of date palm trees) and the Etrog (citron) symbolize the harvest crops. However, Sukkot came to have historical significance. According to the bible "You shall live in booths for seven days in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt". The Sukkah became a symbolic connection to the hastily constructed huts of the Israelites in the desert. The Sukkah is built with at least three walls and a roof made of things that grow. The roof must be open enough to allow the light of the sun, moon and stars to shine through. Today, many people eat and even sleep in their Sukkah. It is often decorated with fruits and vegetables and children's homemade art work.

Simchat Torah is probably the most joyous festival which symbolizes the joy of receiving the Torah. There is a procession around the synagogue with worshippers and children over the age of Bar/Bat Mitzvah carrying the many Torahs of the Temple. The younger children also participate in the processional carrying special flags. There is singing, dancing and merriment. When services are over it is our custom at PJC to give everyone an apple when they leave the sanctuary.

Todah Rabbah to Phyllis Sarrel for the wonderful job she does every year organizing the babysitting services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and for arranging for the apple distribution on Simchat Torah. Thank you to Michele Turk for setting up a beautiful Jewish Family Living table at our first meeting. You did such a great job setting the table with the traditional foods and Judaica for Rosh Hashanah.

Please make sure to support our wonderful Judaica shop. Please call Michelle Haimés at 822-0704 when you need a gift for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, wedding, engagement, anniversary, new home, baby or birthday.

*\*Z'havah...*

*Is a new special interest group under the umbrella of PJC Sisterhood,  
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*For more information contact Cindy Getzoff – 516 - 286 -5232*

*CGetz1@aol.com*

***JUDAICA SHOP***

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!***

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

We hope you all had meaningful holidays. Sisterhood sent Stacy and her daughters a holiday package to help them start the New Year. Unfortunately, their economic condition is not good. Stacy had to take a leave of absence for the summer to take care of the girls. Their home is still in foreclosure. They have filed for government assistance to help them stay in the house, but there are no guarantees. On a more positive note, while Stacy had some health issues over the summer, she is now feeling much better and is ready to return to work. She had feared that her boss would fire her for taking the summer off, but he has been most understanding. She is looking for other opportunities though, in the hope that she can find a position that offers benefits.

We will be putting together another package for the family which will be sent before Thanksgiving. The girls are growing. Samantha will turn 7 in November and is going into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. She now wears size 7, 8 or medium pants, 10 or medium tops, 6 dresses and size 1 shoes. She now 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 going into kindergarten and is very excited. 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. Recently we heard that someone had a Leapster to donate, but somehow, we never got it. If you do have anything to donate, please contact us (Sharon at [skunoff@optonline.net](mailto:skunoff@optonline.net), or Rhonnie at [pamba66@aol.com](mailto:pamba66@aol.com).) We will make sure that we can find a way to get the item from you.

Stacy no longer shops at Dr. B Well, since she finds her dollars go further at Stop and Shop, King Kullen or Trader Joes. She buys clothing at Target and Old Navy and dog supplies at Petco. We have had large donations of dog food which we sent her in the past. When we have excess cash donations, we buy gift cards. In our last package we were able to send them a gift card to Stop and Shop and one to Target. Stacy especially requests gluten free and cassein free food items and clothes and sneakers for the girls. The only special interest Stacy has mentioned for herself is movies. If anyone knows how we can get a limited membership to Netflix, since we can't commit to ongoing expenses, please let me know and we will see if we can arrange something. We would like

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<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>

*WATCH THE ORBIT  
AND  
TEMPLE MAILINGS FOR  
WINTER BINGO  
INFORMATION!*

## *MEN'S CLUB by Stephen Taub*

Get out your calendar. Men's Club has a number of exciting and fun things planned over the next two months. On October 5th, we will host our first ever "Steak & Single Malt Scotch" night in the Sukkah. Spend the evening with your fellow congregants under the stars and enjoy a fine steak and sip a sampling of a number of varieties of Scotch. It should be a blast. The cost is \$18 per person. Check the PJC website for further details.

Then, eight days later, October 13, Men's Club will be hosting its annual Meet the Candidates Night. As always, a large number of local politicians will be on hand to discuss their agenda, debate their opponent and most importantly, answer your questions in an informal setting. This is the most accessible that political candidates will ever be in your life.

Meanwhile, be on the lookout for the date of this year's annual Men's Club's paid-up membership dinner. As always, the sit-down dinner will be followed by entertainment, which has not yet been finalized. If you need more information about this fun evening, call and leave a message at the Temple for Men's Club president Rob Cohen and he will call you back. And, of course, if you have not yet joined Men's Club, you can come down that evening and join so you don't miss this great annual event.

Also, be on the lookout for our cast call for the annual Patio Players show. The shows in each of the two prior years were a huge success and we're hoping to make this year's bigger and better.

Don't miss any of these events. In September, we already hosted our annual kick-off Barbecue. We had a tremendous turnout this year.

Hope to see you in the Sukkah, at Meet the Candidates and chowing down at the paid-up dinner. And, remember, it is not too late to join Men's Club.

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

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