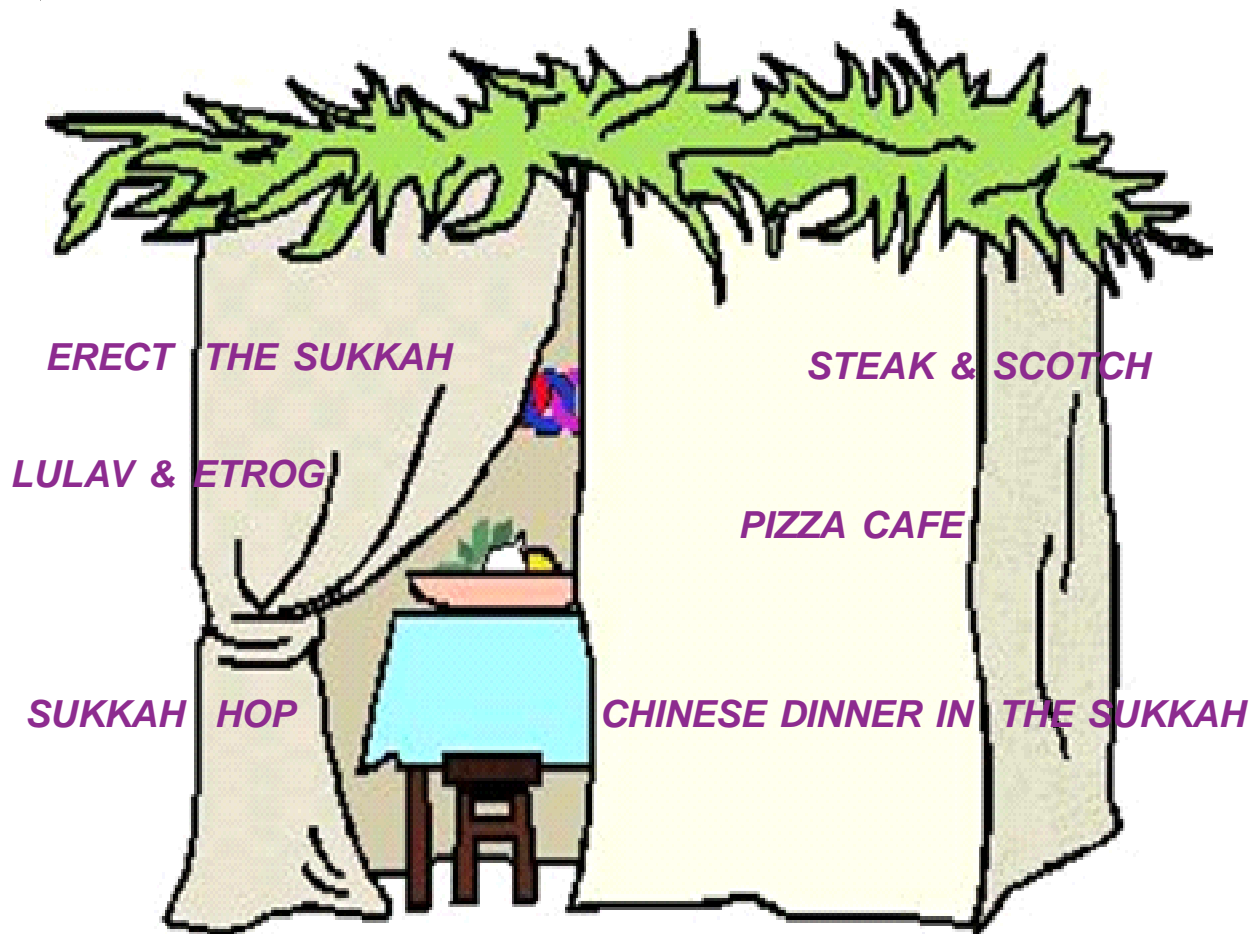




CELEBRATE SUKKOT AT PJC!



SISTERHOOD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 4TH - 8:15PM

SISTERHOOD

PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH - 10AM

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HAMAKOMYINACHEM

Larry Leventhal, on the passing of his mother, Phyllis Leventhal
Rhonda Verteramo, on the passing of her husband, Jeffrey Verteramo
Rhonnie Diener, on the passing of her mother, Gertrude Ash
Robin Kaufman, on the passing of her father, Herman Ionin
Neil Kushner, on the passing of his mother, Zelda Kushner
Leonard Burshtein, on the passing of his father, Jakov David Burshtein

MAZEL TOV

Judy and Abe Alper, on the birth of their granddaughter, Atara Tova,
daughter of Chani & Jonah Honeyman
Sheila and Harvey Hofstatter on the marriage of their son, Marc, to Tracy Sway,
daughter of Ellen and Jeffrey Sway
Gwen & Kenneth Garland, on the marriage of their son, Sean, to Stacey Schwimmer,
daughter of Dr. Mark & Eva Schwimmer
Ellen & Martin Kirschman, on the marriage of their son, Fred, to Mandi Webber,
daughter of Howard & Sheila Webber
Janet & Robert Winterstein, on the marriage of their son, Brett, to Michelle Bagan,
daughter of Grant & Laurie Bagan.

KEEP US INFORMED!! Got good news? Engagements, marriages, births? Send your information by mail, fax (516-938-2737) or email (pjcli@optonline.net) so that we may share your *simchas* with the congregation.

PLEASE LET OUR CLERGY KNOW!

Current laws prevent hospitals from releasing names of patients. Please call the Temple Office when you, a family member, or friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit. Contact the Temple office at 516-938-8610 ext.0.

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DEADLINE - FOR- ISSUE DATE
OCT. 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

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

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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

Saturday, October 1st

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**Aufruf: Sean Garland,
son of Kenneth & Gwen Garland
& Stacey Schwimmer,
daughter of Dr. Mark & Eva Schwimmer**

Mincha/Maariv.....6:15PM

Sunday, October 2nd

Services9:00AM

Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:00AM

Monday, October 3rd

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

Religious School Committee Meeting8:15PM

Tuesday, October 4th

Sisterhood Meeting.....8:15PM

Wednesday, October 5th

TASHLICH.....5:30PM

Ritual.....8:15PM

Thursday, October 6th

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

Friday, October 7th

Kol Nidre & Kol Nidre Family Services.....6:00PM

Saturday, October 8th

Yom Kippur Service.....9:00AM

A-K Family Service.....10:00AM

Young Family Service.....10:15AM

L-Z Family Service.....11:45AM

Healing Services followed by Ne'eilah.....4:00PM

Sunday, October 9th

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

Men's Club erecting Sukkah.....10:00AM

Monday, October 10th

Lulav & Etrog Pick Up.....4:00-6:00PM

Tuesday, October 11th

Sisterhood Executive Meeting.....7:30PM

followed by Sisterhood Board Meeting..8:15PM

Wednesday, October 12th

Erev Sukkot Service.....6:00PM

Thursday, October 13th

Sukkot Service.....9:00AM

Mincha/Maariv.....6:00PM

Friday, October 14th

Sukkot Service.....9:00AM

Erev Shabbat.....6:00PM

Tot Shabbat.....6:00PM

Saturday, October 15th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**Bat Mitzvah: Briana Breger
daughter of Olivia & Ian Breger**

**Aufruf: Fred Kirschman,
son of Ellen & Martin Kirschman
& Mandi Webber,
daughter of Howard & Sheila Webber**

**Aufruf: Brett Winterstein,
son of Robert & Janet Winterstein
& Michelle Bagan,
daughter of Grant & Laurie Bagan**

Sukkah Hop following services

Mincha/Maariv.....6:00PM

Sunday, October 16th

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

Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:00AM

Pizza in Sukkah.....11:30AM

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

USY.....7:00-8:00PM

Monday, October 17th

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

Chinese Dinner in Sukkah.....6:30PM

Tuesday, October 18th

Mens' Club Steak & Scotch in Sukkah...7:30PM

Wednesday, October 19th

Lunch & Learn with Rabbi in Sukkah.11:00AM

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45PM

Thursday, October 20th

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

Services & Yizkor9:00AM

Mincha.....12:30PM

Maariv.....6:45PM

Simchat Torah Service.....7:00PM

Friday, October 21st

Simchat Torah Service.....9:00AM

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45PM

Saturday, October 22nd

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

**Bar Mitzvah: Drew Kaplan
son of Stephanie & Jeff Kaplan**

**Aufruf: Adam Hermann,
son of Alan & Sarah Hermann
& Jennifer Encarnacion,
daughter of Diana & Emil Encarnacion**

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OCTOBER CALENDAR (continued from Page 3)

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45PM

Sunday, October 23rd

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

Adult Bar Mitzvah Class.....9:00AM

Meet the Teachers.....9:00AM

Tironim.....5:30PM

Rosh Chodesh.....5:30PM

USY.....7:00PM

Tuesday, October 25th

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

Wednesday, October 26th

Bible Study.....8:15PM

Thursday, October 27th

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

Friday, October 28th

Early Shabbat Service.....5:45PM

Family Friendly Friday Night Service .7:00PM

Saturday, October 29th

Shacharit Service.....9:00AM

Bar Mitzvah: Seth Tirsun

Son of Marjorie & Steven Tirsun

Mincha/Maariv.....5:45PM

Sunday, October 30th

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

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership

Brunch.....10:00AM

Kadimah.....5:30PM

USY.....7:00PM

HIGH HOLIDAY BABY-SITTING FACILITIES

Baby-sitting facilities, under mature and qualified supervision, will be available for children 3-5. Our guards have been instructed to allow only adults to enter the classroom area in order to pick up their children. NO teenagers will be permitted in the classroom wing at any time.

YOM KIPPUR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH - 10:00 AM TO 2:15 PM

**COMING SOON!
PJC LEARNING SERVICE**

Do you wish you better understood the Saturday morning service? Are you interested in participating more actively, but need some help getting started? Would you like it to go at a slower pace and be able to interrupt and ask questions? Then join us on selected Saturday mornings at 10:30 am for a special "Learning Service." The service will be held in the Small Chapel. Lisa Hadar will lead the prayers and discussion. Following services, join the rest of the congregation for a special kiddush.

2011-2012 Schedule

November 12th December 17th January 7th
February 11th March 10th April 21st

FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**Story of opening up the Sukkah:**

My wife Illyse and I agree on a lot of things. We share the same parenting style, the same political views and the same love for sushi. But when it came to the sukkah, we've always had serious differences - until last year.

I love the sukkah. I love putting up the sukkah, I love eating in the sukkah. I even enjoy sleeping in the sukkah sometimes. Until last year, Illyse, on the other hand, tolerated the sukkah—at best. She would sit outside for a few meals during the holiday, putting on a good face. But with each day, her stays in the sukkah would become briefer and briefer.

Why didn't Illyse like the sukkah? For one thing, the sukkah was hot. When we lived in California, the temperature often hovered around 100 degrees during the holiday, especially when it fell in September. Also, the sukkah attracted bees. But, the worst part of the sukkah for Illyse was the feeling of being closed up in a tiny space. With the three of us in our 8 by 10 sukkah, Illyse felt only mildly claustrophobic. But when we packed eight to ten people into the same space, the crowding became unbearable.

When we were planning our Sukkot celebration last year, Illyse was rejoicing over Yoni's love of the Sukkah. "At least you will have someone to eat with you out there for the entire holiday", she would console me. This year, she declared, we would have a great father-son experience, eating and even sleeping in Sukkah. And so Yoni and I prepared for the holiday by buying sleeping bags and camping pillows and making sure the air mattress could fit in the sukkah. Illyse prepared to enjoy watching us from the comfort of the family room.

But a strange thing happened on the way to setting up our Sukkah. For the first time, we were able to volunteer to be a host family for the Sukkah hop. We not only had to prepare the Sukkah for our own Sukkot celebration, but also to host 50-100 people who would stop by our sukkah for hearty snack. I set up the Sukkah in the usual way, with the door facing the house; so we could easily bring things out from the kitchen.

When Illyse saw the way I had set up the Sukkah, she asked the obvious question. "How will all those people get into the Sukkah? The entrance is only three feet wide and there is only a two foot wide pathway between the house and the sukkah for everyone to pass through."

I immediately came up with a solution. "Why don't I just re-hang the sukkah cover so that the door faces the entrance to the yard? That way, people can walk right into the sukkah when they get here." And so, I moved the cover so that the three foot wide "door" opened out to the yard instead of side of the house.

Looking at the results, Illyse said, "That's better, but how are all those people going to get through that narrow doorway without stepping all over each other? I wonder if we could make the opening wider." I climbed back on my ladder and adjusted the cover once again. In order to make the opening wider, I basically had to leave the entire side facing the yard wide open. The gaping hole didn't look right to us at first. My sister-in-law Terese, who is the only one in the family with much decorating sense, suggested we hang a nice shower curtain to close the gap; one we could draw back for all of our company. But the shower curtain looked tacky, so, running out of time and patience before the holiday, we decided to just leave one side of the sukkah open. After all, sukkah only needs three walls to be kosher.

When we sat down to eat dinner that night, Illyse remarked that sitting in our sukkah felt different. All of a sudden, with one side of the sukkah wide open, she no longer felt so closed in. The

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claustrophobic feeling she always associated with sitting in the sukkah was gone. She could breathe! After that, for the first time in her life, Illyse enjoyed being out in the sukkah. Not for just one day, but for much of the holiday. She wasn't transformed into a sukkah zealot, like me. She still drew the line at sleeping in the sukkah. But Illyse experienced the sukkah in a new and wonderful way last year; all because we built our sukkah a little differently and opened up one wall.

Importance of being open:

change

doing things differently

seeing things differently

something new

God: as mechadash btuvo bchol yom tamid**See sefat emet**

The Sfas Emes gives us his reaction to a word in the pasuk which begins the parsha. As cited above, that pasuk says: "Re'ei ... hayom" That is, "I present ... today". Normally, we would expect that a person who has done wrong would lose some of his capacity to choose between right and wrong; that is, his free will. Not so, says the Sfas Emes, who is working with the word "today". Every day, HaShem renews creation ("ha'me'chadeish be'chol yom tamid ma'asei be'reishis"), As part of this daily renewal HaShem gives us new bechira chofshis, thus enabling us to start anew. And, adds the Sfas Emes, quoting a pasuk in Yechezkel (33:12), "A person who is returning will not stumble"

DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY DAY IS A NEW DAY

THE BIBLE CLASS

KING DAVID: THE MYTH AND THE MAN

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

Rabbi Conn will continue to guide our class through one of the Bible's most dramatic stories in the Bible: David ascent to the kingship, his breathtaking successes and stunning failures. Join us for a lively and stimulating discussion of this riveting story. The class meets in the library, usually twice a month on the first and third Wednesday. See the schedule of classes below. Refreshments will be served.

Free and open to all. Bring your own Bible or use the study sheets provided in class. No Hebrew necessary.

This Month:**Wednesday, October 26th****I Samuel Chapter 23**

The Cantor's Note: *God's Will or Ours* *Season's Eatings*



If I were to ask on which holiday ceremonial foods are eaten, the predominant answer would likely be Passover, specifically, at the Seder. Not as well-known, perhaps, are the gustatory customs associated with the High Holiday season. While these do not have the same obligatory status as the items on the Seder plate, the matzoh or the four cups, their significance is noteworthy and interesting. They were called by the ancient sages "Simanim", literally, "signs" or "omens", and they were brought to the table during the evening meal as indications of an auspicious year to come.

Most of these customs are not widely observed outside the orthodox community, but they are a fascinating footnote to our observance of Rosh Hashanah. Simanim are discussed in several Talmudic tractates. One commentator writes that a certain rabbi, Rav Hai Gaon, would have a basket of these foods brought to the table. He would then take each item and recite an appropriate supplication. There are five simanim enumerated in the Talmud: Kara (gourd, such as squash or pumpkin), karsi (leek), silka (beet), tamri (dates) and rubia (alternatively, clover, sesame seeds, fenugreek, or black-eyed peas).

What are the reasons given for choosing these particular foods? One is that they have a sweet taste or a quick growth cycle. Another, more interesting explanation, is that their Hebrew names have a linguistic connection to certain benefits. The word "rubia" may derive from the Hebrew for abundance and increasing (l'harbot), which suggests that our merits and/or our prosperity should increase in the coming year.

Karsi connotes the cutting down of our enemies. Silka and tamri can likewise be said to come from the root words for removal and obliteration of enemies. Kara expresses the supplication that God may tear asunder harsh judgments when we are judged. There are also traditions of eating special foods other than those enumerated in the Talmud. Some people eat the head of a sheep as a request that in the new year we may be in a position of leadership, not subordination, i.e., the head, not the tail. Of course, the most enduring and well-known custom is the dipping of apple and challah in honey for a sweet new year. In keeping with the theme of plentitude, one rabbi encourages us to partake of any food which even sounds like the word for abundance in any language. This explains the custom of eating carrots on the new year. The Yiddish word for carrots is mehren, which is similar to the word mehr, more. Though this may sound like a jest, I am reliably informed that many years ago an orthodox rabbi introduced a now-famous custom in Baltimore of eating lettuce, half a raisin and celery as a sign to "let us have a raise in salary" this year. In this difficult economy, it might just be worth a try.

To whatever degree we are aware of, or choose to observe these simanim, their underlying message speaks to us still. That is because eating the food is really secondary to the prayer that accompanies it. These supplications address very real and timeless human and Jewish needs. The abundance that we enjoy at our holiday tables is a blessing from God, as is the sweetness of home and family. Here, in the relative safety of Plainview, we need to remember that there are dangerous people in the world who still seek to harm Americans and Jews everywhere, and we hope that their evil designs will be obliterated. And, in this time of uncertainty in the Middle East, as the State of Israel faces renewed challenges to its existence, we pray that our Jewish homeland may remain in a position of leadership and not subordination in the quest for a just, secure and lasting peace.

L'Shanah Tovah, Cantor Morris Wolk, D. Mus.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Shea Z. Lerner*

As we prepare for fall and winter, PJC can look back upon yet another successful membership drive and a cadre of members both old and new, to set the tone for what will be another year filled with religious, programmatic, educational, social and cultural successes.

It is my pleasure to welcome, at this date, over 20 new families who have joined our "family". With these families, come 30 new children into our Religious School and Youth pipeline. We have a stable budget, a building undergoing refurbishment, new caterer, an established clergy, a newly renovated and technologically savvy Religious School, a computer lab and a cadre of new volunteers recruited at our first ever, Volunteer Leadership fair.



PJC has entered the 21st Century on a strong footing. As I have stated in the past, our growth and potential is limited by one key factor: YOU. I urge each and every one of you to take a part in shaping our future. We need volunteers; we need fresh critiques and new ideas. Our officers, our trustees, my executive committee, my existing committee chairs put in countless hours to ensure effective and efficient operations of our shul. Unfortunately, we are not mind readers. The only way in which we can do right by you, is for you to interact with us and let us know what your needs are. PJC's success is judged not by all that are satisfied, but by engaging and empowering others to get involved. To that end, I would like to thank the following people for all of their hard work, over the past few weeks:

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

To the Executive Committee, Allan Furman, Michael Portnoy, Bruce Elowsky, Alan Greenberg, Margie Richter, Charles Wasserman, Rhonnie Diener, Doreen Guzik and Sanford Strenger THANK YOU!. Your leadership and commitment is immeasurable and makes me look good! To my fellow Trustees, your decision making and leadership has enabled us to dream and accomplish that which we once thought impossible. Yasher Koach! Most of all, thank you to each and every one of you, without whom, we would cease to exist! On behalf of Pamela, Noah & myself; A Happy, Healthy, Sweet and prosperous New Year!

P J C WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Eugene Brickman

Lloyd & Sharon Blumberg and their children, Daniel, Benjamin & Rebecca

Leonard & Polina Burshtein

Stuart & Tara Ehrlich and their children, Mia & Tre

Jay & Naomi Feldman, and their child, Jake

Marc & Marcy Fogel and their child, Eliana

Darrin & Andrea Gerson, and their children, Emily, Rebecca & Leo

Seth & Wendy Goldberg, and their children, Leo & Benjamin

Adam & Jennifer Hakimi, and their children, Syndey & Jeremy

David & Marsha Katz, and their children, Zachary & Sofia

Neil & Roberta Kushner

Brett & Cari Leitner, and their children, Jake & Josie

Joshua & Samantha Ratner, and their children, Yael & Jeremy

David & Beth Riccuiti, and their children, Jordan & Jacob

Jason & Elissa Rosenberg, and their children, Michael & Zachary

Melvin & Bela Schoenfeld

Alan & Vanessa Scheinwald, and their children, Evan, Dylan & Chloe

Mark & Jenny Siegel, and their children, Joshua, Maya & Ilana

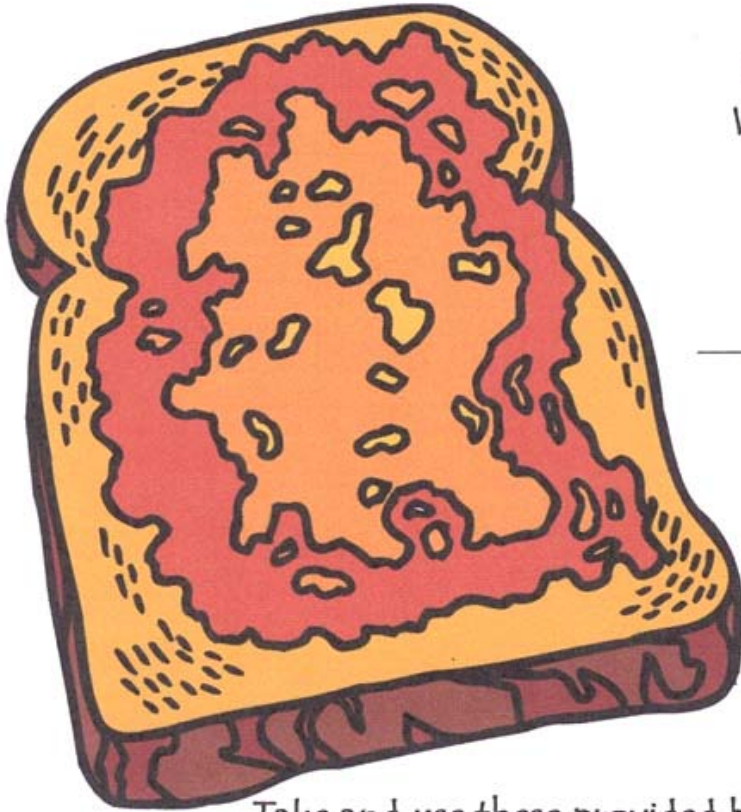
Brian and Alaina Spilkevitz, and their children, Aiden & Myles

Marcia Sterenbuch

Bruce Fox and Sara Watkin-Fox and their children, Harold & Sandra

Neil & Nina Winter

Share your bread with the hungry. . . (Isaiah 58:7)



Prayer is good, but not enough. We are obligated to bring a little bit of heaven down to earth via gemilut hesed, unsolicited acts of kindness and love

Following Rosh Hashanah and up until Kol Nidrei, you can donate KOSHER & current Non-Perishables. *For example: pastas, canned, fruits and vegetables, canned fish, boxed cereals, and crackers, etc.—*

Take and use these provided bags. We have more if you need. (Please remember after Kol Nidrei, will be too late).

Please bring your bags back to PJC and place them in the designated boxes in the temple lobby.

Boxes will also be set up in the Religious School to receive your donations.

Operation Isaiah, sponsored by Men's Club of Plainview Jewish Center, is a project of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

COLLECTED FOOD ITEMS WILL BE BROUGHT TO HATZILU, A FOOD RELIEF PROGRAM SERVING JEWISH FAMILIES IN THE NASSAU/SUFFOLK REGION, PROVIDING A WIDE ARRAY OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS IN OUR AREA.

PJC Sisterhood Presents:
Ema, Abba and Me!



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

Sunday, November 6th 2011

9:30-11:00 A.M

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

Family Education Corner by Judy Alper

This coming month is full of Family Education activities that we hope you will take the time to enjoy. Enrich your holiday experience with a lulav and etrog. Combining palm, myrtle and willow branches along with a citron, the lulav and etrog give a sensory experience to sukkot like nothing else. This year, as in the past we are offering lulav and etrog set for purchase. We are selling them at the same price as last year, \$45 for a standard set and \$55 for a deluxe set. Please place your orders before Sunday, October 2nd. Pickup will be on Monday, Oct. 10th from 4pm to 6pm.

Get your sneakers ready for our Annual Sukkah Hop on Saturday, October 15th following the congregational Kiddush. Join us as the Rabbi leads us through the area visiting members of our congregation who have graciously opened their Sukkahs to us. Enjoy the tastes and sensations of this beautiful holiday. Open to the entire community, it is a great afternoon.

Enjoy the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah this year. Our beautiful sukkah was donated several years ago by Al Karo and his family in memory of Al's mother. The Sukkah is the center of activities during the busy week of Sukkot and the Family Education Committee has been lucky enough to offer meals twice during the holiday. On Sunday morning, October 16th from 11:30 to 12:30 pm we are having a **Pizza Café**. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to have an easy lunch and join in the celebration of the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah. All food will be ordered from Hunki's in Plainview and delivered directly to the PJC Sukkah. We will be providing drinks, paper goods and cookies for dessert. What an easy Sunday lunch and a great way to start off your afternoon activities. Look for the flyer to see the many choices of food available.

Our annual Chinese Dinner Under the Stars is on Monday, October 17th. It has a slightly different twist this year. While the food offered will still be Chinese, it will be a very varied buffet menu created by PJC's own caterer, Robert Ian Caterers. Join us with your friends and family in the sukkah for a wonderful evening of terrific food, great conversation and good company.

For more information or to make reservations for any of these activities, please call or email Judy Alper at pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year.

PJC YOUTH CORNER

PJC's Youth Group had a fantastic start. Tironim and Kadima had a blast making their own sundaes. The kids enjoyed picking the toppings and putting it on their ice cream. USY planned their calendar with different events. They cannot wait to cruise around NYC with the METNY region. Its not to late to join one of our fantastic groups. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lois Lange, Youth Director at lois_lange@yahoo.com or 516-426-6283.

Sunday, October 16: Kadima 5:30-7pm Edible Sukkahs and dinner in the Sukkah
USY 7-8:30pm Edible Sukkahs and dessert in the Sukkah

Sunday, October 23: Tionim 5:30-7pm Edible Creations and dinner
USY 7-8:30pm Gaga Competitions

Sunday, October 23: Kadima 5:30-7pm Arts and Crafts and dinner
USY 7-8:30pm Meet @ Hunki's and Serve Yourself

Plainview Jewish Center/Family Education committee/95 Floral Drive
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Lulav and Etrog Sale

First Class Set: \$55

Standard Set: \$45

We are being supplied this
Year through United Synagogue



All Lulav and Etrog orders
must be made by

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Email your order to pjcfamilyed@gmail.com

Lulav and Etrog Pickup: Mon, Oct 10, 2011
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Have you ever made a Lulav Shake? This Sukkot join us in fulfilling the commandment/mitzvah of shaking a Lulav and Etrog and be part of a tradition that is thousands of years old and one of the 613 commandments. Now how awesome is that?!?!?! For further information please call Judy Alper at (516) 938-8610, ext.112 or email pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. Payment may be sent directly to PJC, Attn: Fam Ed or paid at time of pickup.



Sukkah Hop

October 15, 2011

Following Congregational Kiddush

Plainview Jewish Center Sukkah

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We look forward to seeing you there!



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Pizza Cafe

Sunday, October 16, 2011

11:30-12:30/PJC Sukkah

A wonderful opportunity for you to have an easy lunch of your choice and join in the celebration of the mitzvah of eating in the sukkah. All food will be ordered from Hunki's in Plainview and delivered directly to the PJC Sukkah. We will be providing drinks, paper goods and cookies for dessert. What an easy Sunday lunch and a great way to start off your afternoon activities.



Pizza Café, Sunday, October 16, 2011 @ 11:30 pm

Please check off which items and their quantities you would like to order and send this form with a check to PJC Family Ed, 95 Floral Drive, PI, NY 11803. For more info please call Judy or email pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. **All orders must be prepaid and are due by Mon, 10/10/11.**

___ Slice(s) of Pizza @ \$2.50

___ Whole Falafel @\$5.00

___ Combo platter

___ Pizza Pies (8 Slices) @ \$16.00

___ Eggplant Parmagiana @\$10.00

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___ Fish & Chips, salad @ \$10.00

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chumus, Israeli Salad,

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Falafel Balls) @ \$10.

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Chinese Dinner



Under the Stars

Monday, October 17, 2011

6:30 pm

Food will be catered by PJC's own caterer,
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Adults: \$12 per person

Children: \$6 per child (10 and under)

A delicious selection of Chinese foods that everyone will enjoy including egg rolls, rice, noodles, dessert and of course...fortune cookies! Join us with your friends and family **in the sukkah** for a wonderful evening of terrific food, great conversation and good company.

For info please contact Judy by phone or email, pjcfamilyed@gmail.com. RSVP by 10/10

Chinese Dinner Under the Stars, Monday, October 17, 2011, 6:30 PM. RSVP by Mon, 10/10/11.

Yes, yes, yes! I can't wait to attend the sukkah dinner. My check is enclosed with this filled out form.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

_____ #adults @ \$12 _____ + _____ #children, 10 and under @ \$6 _____ TOTAL Enclosed \$ _____

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BRIANNA BREGER

October 15, 2011

Brianna is the daughter of Olivia and Ian Breger and has a brother, Dylan. She is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Brianna enjoys basketball, cooking, her dog Bailey, music, animals and sleep away camp. Her favorite holidays is Chanukah and she loves to cook for all the holidays. For her mitzvah project, she collected used and unused eye glasses.



DREW KAPLAN

October 22, 2011

Drew is the son of Stephanie and Jeff Kaplan and has two brothers, Joshua and Aidan. He is an eighth grader at POB Middle School. Drew enjoys baseball, basketball, the beach, his dogs, art and being with his friends. His favorite holiday is Chanukah and

he would like to go to Israel in the future. For his mitzvah project, he raised funds for *Island Dog* and collected items for *The Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter*



SETH TIRSUN

October 29, 2011

Seth is the son of Marjorie and Steven Tirsun and has a brother, Matthew and two sisters, Deborah and Gabrielle. He is an eighth grader at Mattlin Middle School. Seth enjoys everything to do with Judaism. His favorite holiday is Chanukah

which he celebrates with his family. For his mitzvah project, he is swimming in the *Chai Lifeline Swimathon* to raise money for *Camp Simcha*.

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SCHOOL NEWS By Rachel Ginsburg, Principal

**“You shall keep the Feast of Sukkot for 7 days...
And you shall rejoice in your feast...
And you shall be altogether (only) joyful.” Deut. 17 13-16**

Sukkot is the only holiday in the Torah where G-d commanded us to be altogether happy when celebrating. Why didn't G-d command us to be altogether happy on Pesach, the holiday of our freedom, or Shavuot, the holiday of receiving the Torah? Different rabbis explained that on Pesach many Egyptians died. Some drowned in the Red Sea, others from the tenth plague. G-d can't be overwhelmingly happy about the death of his creations, therefore he didn't command us to be completely happy.

On Shavuot, it is a great joy to receive the Torah but it falls at the time of year when farmers still can't predict how their crops will turn out. Therefore, the commandment to be completely happy is not very realistic. On the other hand, Sukkot commemorates the dwelling in booths during our 40-year journey from Egypt in the Sinai desert. It culminated in our settling in the land of Israel, when Jews brought the fruits of their harvest to the Temple. Therefore, it is appropriate to be completely happy because there are no tragic elements associated with this event.

Some rabbis added another reason why Sukkot is such a happy holiday. On Sukkot, we were given many mitzvot to perform. We are supposed to take and shake the four species, build and sit in the Sukkah, bring the harvest fruits to the Temple, celebrate the finishing of reading the Five Books of Moses, and know the importance of water. Performing these mitzvot puts us at a very high level of happiness. As Eliyahu Ki Tov writes in his book of our heritage, “one should always perform mitzvot joyously, for there is no happiness greater than that of fulfilling G-d's commandments.”

I would like to remind you that we will have the Tashlich service on Tuesday, October 5 from 5:30-6:00 PM at the Cold Spring Harbor Pier/Harbor Road/25A. Parents whose children want to go will need to pick up their children by 5:00 PM from school and drive them to the location. A flyer will be handed out at a later date. You will also get flyers for 2 dinners at the Sukkah and an email about the Sukkah hop. Any child who attends evening or morning services for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah will receive Jr. Congregation Category A credit.

I would like to wish all of you *Chag Sukkot Sameach*.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Oct. 2 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah - Group B Session 2 – 9-11 AM – Main Sanctuary**
- 3 (Mon) School Committee Meeting – 8:15 PM in Library**
- 5 (Tue) Tashlich Service – 5:30 - 6:00 PM at Cold Spring Harbor Pier**
- 9-10 (Sun-Mon) Columbus Day Weekend – No School or Junior Congregation**
- 11 (Tue) School Resumes for One Day**
- 12 (Wed) Eve of Sukkot – No School**
- 15 (Sat) Jr. Congregation - 10:45 AM – 12:00 & Sukkah Hop**
- 16 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah – Group A Session 3 - 9:00 –11:00 AM–Main Sanctuary**
“Pizza in the Hut” – 11:30 AM in the Sukkah
- 17 (Mon) J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM; Chinese Dinner in the Sukkah – 6:30 PM**
- 19 (Wed) Eve of Shemini Atzeret – No School**
- 20 (Thu) Simchat Torah Evening Celebration (Cat. A Credit for Attending) – 7 PM**
- 21 (Fri) Simchat Torah Morning Service (Category A Credit); Preschool Shabbat Service – 6 – 6:30 PM**
- 23 (Sun) Open House - Meet the Teachers (Kindergarten through Gimel) – 10:00 AM**
Tallit & Tefillah - Group B Session 3 – 9:00–11:00 AM -Main Sanctuary
It's A Girl Thing – 5:30 – 7:00 PM - Kirschner Room
- 28 (Fri) Family Friendly Service – 7:00 – 8:00 PM**
- 30 (Sun) Tallit & Tefillah - Group A Session 4 – 9:00–11:00 AM–Main Sanctuary**
- 31 (Mon) J-Flex (Teen Learning Program) – 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

The countdown to 2013 has begun. The first module of the Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah class, the basic Hebrew reading class, took place last winter and spring. This year's classes will focus on strengthening our Hebrew skills,, mastering the Saturday morning service, and in-depth study of Jewish history, lifecycle, holidays, values and practices. Enrollment in the class is still open to those who have a good reading knowledge of Hebrew. For information, contact Rabbi Conn.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM for stimulating study, good food and even better company at our monthly *Lunch and Learn* with Rabbi Conn. Please RSVP to the Temple Office by the Monday preceding the program to join us for lunch. Suggested donation is \$5 per person. *Lunch and Learn* is usually held on the second Wednesday of each month.

This Month: Special Lunch and Learn in the Sukkah
Wednesday, October 12th

Text Study with Rabbi Conn

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

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

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Family Friendly Friday Night Service

Friday, October 28, 2011

(Save 11/18/11 for our next FFFNS)

7:00 PM

Oneg Following Services



Join us for a warm and wonderful service appropriate for all ages and all people. The Rabbi and Cantor lead the congregation in melodies that encourage participation and a feeling of community.

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SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *Doreen B. Guzik*



Come join us for our next Sisterhood meeting, **Tuesday, October 4th at 8:15 PM.** We will be making a Judaic decorative wall hanging for you to enjoy. Let's see how creative you are! Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month. Come join us for fun, entertainment and enjoyable programs.

Did you know Sisterhood runs the temple Judaica Shop? And, you can order your Tallitot and Yarmulkes for your upcoming celebrations from us. We also have a wonderful array of gifts for all occasions. Call Michele Haimes at 822-0704 and she will be happy to help you with your Judaica needs.

Sisterhood is also there to assist you in times of need with a shiva set up. Call the office for more information.

This is the year of the volunteer in our Synagogue. Why not come and show support for the many events Sisterhood runs? **Get involved, this is your Synagogue!**

PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER SISTERHOOD PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH! OCTOBER 30TH - 10AM



CELEBRATING THE DYNAMICS OF WOMEN

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PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 21ST**

FOR INFORMATION, CALL ELYSE @ 822-7062

TORAH FUND - Rose Weiner, Torah Fund Coordinator

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

Place: 14 Warren Place

Time: 8PM

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

Couvert: \$3.00 (includes coffee and Joyce's yummy desserts!)

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

Rose - 935-0454, Joyce - 433-4826 or Barbara - 935-3510

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

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

WHEN YOU THINK GIFTS, THINK SISTERHOOD JUDAICA!



5772 Torah Fund Pin

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Tuesday, November 15, 2011
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Kosher Box Lunch (dairy)

Our large group will be divided into 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. tour groups, with lunch in a private room. As time permits, you may visit exhibits on your own or see the historic district immediately outside.

Next, we will walk to the nearby

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Introductory film and self-guided tour of main exhibit

Audio Guide available for \$3 additional fee (optional).

If time permits, we will briefly visit the Liberty Bell in Independence Mall.

Enjoy BQLI REGION food on the Bus Ride, in both directions. We will start the return trip home at 5 PM. Note: for both museums, we will pass through security. Please don't bring oversized bags or wear heavy jewelry.

Please return reservation form promptly. Priority registration for paid-up Sisterhood members.

Fee of \$75 Includes: Round trip luxury coach, admission fees for the 2 museums, docent-led tour for Nat'l Museum of American Jewish History, kosher dairy box lunch at NMAJH in a reserved private area, light meals on bus in both directions.

TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN: Women Ensuring Conservative/Masorti Jewish Education

We hope you will be generous in supporting Torah Fund this year. The Campaign ensures that our movement's institutions of higher learning will perpetuate Judaism, as our children and grandchildren are the beneficiaries of each class of rabbis, cantors, educators, undergraduate students and graduate students in related arts and sciences who will become our leaders. Please see your Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair to learn more about Torah Fund Campaign and the many ways that you can give.

Visit the websites www.wlcj.org and www.jtsa.edu/torahfund





TORAH FUND CAMPAIGN
Trip to Philadelphia - Nov 15, 2011

We request that all Sisterhood members participating in this function make a minimum donation pledge of \$18 to benefit Torah Fund Campaign 2011-12. Please see your Sisterhood's Torah Fund Chair to fulfill this pledge.

First come, first served, priority registration for Sisterhood members only. You may wait-list your spouse or a friend; if we have room we will open that list after Succoth week and contact them.

Please reply with your check early to reserve your place. Deadline for reservation- **October 18, 2011.**

MAIL FORM TO: Shari Schnitzer, Registrar, 15 Heathcote Drive/ Albertson, NY 11507

For further information, please call or write: **Vivian Leber, 516-248-0891; cell 516-578-4153; VLRite@aol.com**

Note: Our mailing list is limited to the Sisterhood officers whose names were submitted to us. Please copy and share this flyer with the remainder of your Sisterhood board and your members.

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RESERVATION FORM

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- Or ___ \$70 I'm already a member of the NMAJH: reduced admission as part of group (bring member card)
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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ ___

Advance lunch order is required (check 1 box):

- My sandwich choice for the kosher boxed lunch is: **White Meat Tuna, Lettuce-Tomato on twist roll**
 Grilled Salmon on black bread/dill sauce **Grilled Veggies Hoagie/red pepper mayo**
A choice of beverage, a whole fruit, slaw, chips and cookie are included in the box lunch.

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- ___ A Brooklyn stop TBA- You will be contacted with the information
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- ___ Temple Beth Sholom Roslyn Hts. - *Bus departs 7:25 am*
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Please record your departure time and location. Arrive 10 minutes early. Check with your Sisterhood for updated info.

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- ___ I am a Sisterhood officer _____ and am willing to coordinate our group, if needed.(We will contact you.)
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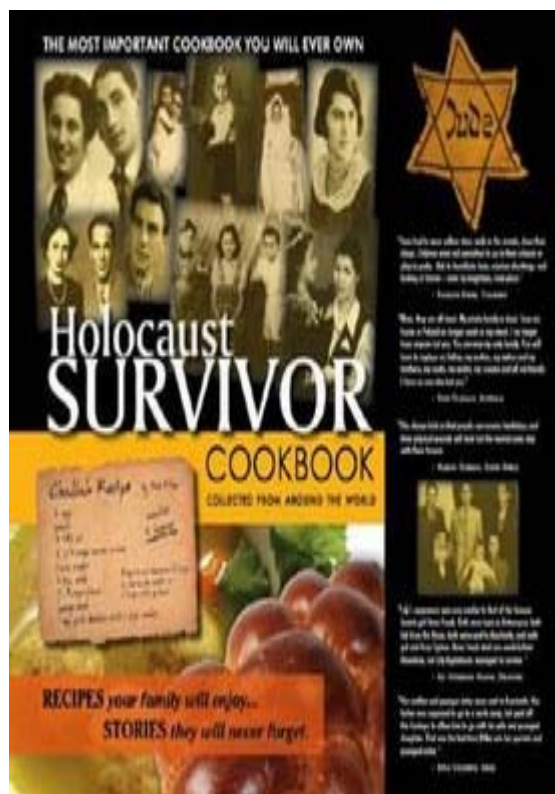
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Israel Affairs by Sharon Kunoff

As I sat down on 9/11/11 to write this article, I started comparing my thoughts about Israel ten years ago with those today. At that time, as the shock of the attacks diminished, I thought that maybe the world would realize that Israel deals with situations like this almost daily and would empathize with her more. Today though, the reality is very different. World opinion of Israel has deteriorated, Palestinian views have gained widespread credence on many college campuses, important global media exhibits pro-Palestinian bias in their reporting and the Palestinians have unilaterally declared statehood. They are set to petition the United Nations for membership as soon as their session opens later this month. Moreover, Israel is now at odds with two of its main allies in the middle east, Turkey and Egypt. How did this happen?

Even after the start of the so called *Arab Spring*, which grabbed world attention when peaceful demonstrators marched to demand democratic government and the end to the dictatorship of Hosni Mubarak, the situation only got worse. One would have thought that with their success and a history of peaceful relations with Israel, the demonstrators would court Israel as the only democracy in the area, especially one with a successful economy to interact with and emulate. Instead, on 9/10 these Egyptian demonstrators surrounded the Israeli embassy, putting many Israeli citizens at risk. It was not until late Saturday, our time, that Egypt finally intervened sufficiently for Israel to rescue its citizens by helicopter. It is clear that the demonstrators have been frustrated in their desires. Although Mubarak has been deposed, they have not achieved their demands. But why blame Israel?

It is also hard to understand the rift with Turkey. Last year a ship originating in Turkey, but not under Turkish government offices, refused to stop for the Israeli blockade which has been in place to prevent arms from reaching Gaza which would be used against Israel. Usually, if Israel stops a ship because of the blockade and if arms are found, the captain is asked to dock at an Israeli port where the contraband is removed and the remaining objects are offloaded under Red Cross observation and are delivered by land to Gaza. The ship and personnel are sent back to the originating country. This time, when the Israelis boarded the ship, they were met by force and in the return fire, nine Turkish nationals were killed. Afterwards, the usual procedure prevailed. Israel's actions have been exonerated by the world court, although she was chided for excessive force. But Turkey is demanding an apology and compensation. Israel has refused. Why, at this time, is Turkey so adamant especially since they shouldn't have allowed the ship to leave for Israel initially?

I believe the tide in world opinion turned decisively against Israel after the fraudulent al-Dura photo was printed worldwide in March, 2001. Despite the fact that shortly thereafter photos were shown of Palestinians staging deaths for the camera and, that this photo too, was proven to be fraudulent, many people still believe the situation depicted what really happened. This negativity continued despite many concessions made by Israel which were designed to help the situation. This was mitigated a bit after the start of the second Intifada. A prolonged period of violence against Israel, notable for many horrific suicide bombings, began in late 2000 after the failed summit meeting at Camp David. Many people had hoped that the summit would ultimately lead to peace. However, as the Intifada continued, the world lost interest.

This violence continued until late 2005 or early 2006 after death of Yasser Arafat and when Israel, under the leadership of Ariel Sharon, unilaterally transferred all Jewish settlers from Gaza and turned Gaza over to the Palestinian Authority with businesses and homes ready for occupation and use. Even this transfer, much of which was forced on the settlers didn't seem to alter the media view of Israel. Very little was reported on the wanton destruction of the real estate. Especially since the end of the Intifada, and the completion of the separation wall which effectively ended the suicide bombings, the media tends only to react when Israel builds a few more homes in existing neighborhoods. It is interesting that publicity is never given to the fact that Palestinians living in the disputed areas have also illegally expanded settlements, perhaps because in general Israel doesn't make much of a fuss about it. The

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separation wall was often criticized even though it achieved its purpose of effectively preventing suicide attacks. However, even today Qassam rockets continue to pour down on Sderot almost daily. Moreover their range and quality have improved so that they have reached as far as Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Bersheva This is certainly not a tenable situation.

Just an aside to further stress the lack of sympathy given to Israel by world media, I want to again highlight the plight of Gilad Shalit who was kidnapped by Gaza in the summer of 2006, just before some renewed fighting with Gaza. In all that time, his family has only received two letters and one video. The International Red Cross has never been able to see Gilad and there has been no word in recent years. There are sometimes demonstrations in the US and Israel for his release, but there has been very little mention in world media. A similar situation occurred with Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwassser who were kidnaped by Hezbollah at about the same time as Shalit. Their fate was finally known when Israel was able to negotiate a return of their bodies in July of 2008 in return in for five Hezbollah convicted prisoners, one of whom who had murdered a child and two other Israelis, and 200 bodies of soldiers killed in the Lebanon war. It was not even known that they were dead until Israel received the bodies!! The articles I read stressed how happy the Lebanese were to get the prisoners back, but not much was made of Israel's loss or the fact that no information was forthcoming for so long a time.

In general, most Israelis are opposed to a Palestinian state recognized by the United Nations before mutual agreement of borders. But, there are those who feel there may be some good possible, which might make the P.A. think again about actually going to the UN. First, if such a state is recognized, it should give Israel recognized borders. It is hard to know what effect this will have on Jerusalem and environs since Jerusalem was a problem even in 1948. Second, Hamas is now a partner with the P.A. but the US considers Hamas a terrorist organization and it is believed that Congress will not allow any money to be turned over to Hamas. If this occurs, it will surely hurt their economy. President Obama has pledged to veto the bid at the Security Council but the outcome at the General Assembly is problematic. It is also believed that this would make the question of right of return go away since if Palestinians want to return, it would be to their state, not Israel. Something to think about! Still, Israel would rather negotiate borders that she feels comfortable and safe with. Perhaps the P.A. will see the light.

I recently read an article on Israel's legitimacy as a nation. Certainly she shouldn't still have to justify her existence after 63 years. Still, at first when I saw it I thought it was written by a non-partisan group. After reading further, I discovered it was a pro-Israel group. The points though, are still good ones, if after all these years we or our children or grandchildren need information to refute the bad publicity, I will conclude with some of the salient facts.

"The Balfour Declaration, issued by the British Government in 1917, in which the Jewish people were promised a national home did not qualify as international law. However, the San Remo Resolution of 1920, which incorporated the Balfour Declaration, made the pledge binding under International Law. The San Remo Declaration, together with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations and Article 80 in the Charter of the United Nations, are still applicable today. Pressurizing Israel to go back to 1967 lines and dividing Jerusalem would thus be a serious breach of International Law", said Jacques Gauthier, international human rights lawyer at a meeting of the European Coalition for Israel (ECI) on July 18, 2011. Dr Gauthier explained how the Old City of Jerusalem was promised to the Jews and how the Jewish claim to its capital is valid under International Law. He reminded Britain of the good things they had done for the Jews and then of some broken promises. "Just imagine how the world could have been a different place if the White Paper of 1938 which prevented Jews who tried to flee Germany from entering Palestine, had not been issued by the British." And then he asked Britain not to pressure Israel to accept indefensible pre 1967 borders. Unfortunately, I must submit this article before knowing what will happen at the UN. My hope is that the New Year 5772 will be good for Israel and all of us and that next month I will have good things to say about the events at the end of September, 2011, 5771! Meantime keep Israel and Gilad Shalit in your prayers!! ***Shana Tova u'metukah!***

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

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And, if you have not yet joined Men's Club for the new year, it is not too late. Just send a check for \$54 or leave a message in the office for Sandy Strenger, our new president. You can also bring a check to the Paid Up Membership Dinner. Hope to see you all at several or all of these upcoming events.

Dear Congregants,

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

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

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

Brianna Breger



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Fall classes will take place this year at Jericho Jewish Center. Registration and the first lecture are on October 24th. Classes begin on October 31st. Rabbi Conn will be teaching “The Jewish Lens.” Below is the course description:

Digital Cameras and cell phone cameras have made it possible for us to take photographs whenever and wherever we want. In this course, we will use this common experience to creatively explore Jewish identity, values and peoplehood. *The Jewish Lens* is based on an innovative program created by world renowned photographer Zion Ozeri. In this course, we will use Ozeri’s work and traditional Jewish texts as a starting point for our study. From there, we will begin taking our own photographs and, ultimately, mounting an exhibition based on our work. A digital camera will be required for this course.

- October 24** Prof. Pamela Nadell *America’s Jewish Women and the Civil War*
- October 31** Rabbi Manny Gold *Magic, Mezuzahs, and Spice Boxes*
- November 7** Prof. Sarah Regeur *The Jordan River: The Politics of Water*
- November 14** Rabbi Marvin Tokayer *Unknown Jewish Heroes in Mongolia, Manchuria and Siberia*
- November 21** Sarina Roffe *From Aleppo to the Americas: An Overview of the Syrian Community*
- November 28** Prof. Samuel Heilman *The Rebbe: The Life and Afterlife of Menachem Mendel Schneerson*
- December 5** Marc Courtade *The Music of Barbra Streisand*
- December 12** Rabbi Moshe Shur *Kabbalah from Moses to Madonna*
- December 19** Yale Strom *A History of Klezmer—from Medieval Troubadour to the 21st Century*

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

Women for All Seasons – by Rabbi Moshe Edelman

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

PSSST! IT'S OKAY TO TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE

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

In our community, the Rabbi and Cantor provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi and Cantor know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

Rabbi Conn and Cantor Wolk can be reached at PJC at (516) 938-8610.

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