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Message from the President



Hoping you and your families are well and enjoying the warmer spring weather. As we are all preparing for the holiday of Passover, we look forward to gathering together for the Seder meals.

March was a very busy month for our Men's Club. We had a wonderful Purim party in which everyone enjoyed the ice cream and toppings provided by the Men's Club and sponsored by the Lerner family. The Men's Club also participated in the Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat service. Many of our members had honors during the service and a delicious kiddish was sponsored by the Men's Club and Sisterhood. It is so wonderful, important and meaningful when both organizations come together to help make our synagogue welcoming and hamisher.

Our big event in March was the Patio Player's show, **GUYS AND DOLLS**. I hope you all had a chance to see this outstanding show. It was one of our best shows ever! I would like to thank our producers, Stu Haimen, Steven Adelman and Rob Cohen for creating such a professional production. I would also like to thank our director, Bruce Bider for crafting this wonderful musical performance. So many other people put in many hours and a lot of energy into making this show a great success. I would also like to thank our lighting designer Lenny Marks, our choreographer Tracy Sabbah, our production manager Ariana Marks, and our sound engineer Scott Haimen. In addition, I want to thank the members of our congregation who appeared in the show...Stu Haimen, Rob Cohen, Mitchell Kessler, Matthew Kessler, Jeff Kammerman, Andy Meyerson, Molly Meyerson, Sage Moghaddam, Rachel Dender, and Michele Brickman, as well as Gene Brickman, Tom Atlas, Rhonda Vertarano, Stuart and Barbara Wasserman, Michael Prospect, Michele Haimen, Jeff and Anita Reis and Hannah Dworkin for all their help in making this production a huge success. I would also like to thank all of the actors, production crew, and members of the orchestra including Men's Club Board member Howie Lampert. Our production would not have been a success without the many talented actors and production staff from the Long Island theater community who participated in this show. I would also like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who put ads in our playbill and supported this show in so many ways. I would like to give a great big "thank you" to all the people who bought tickets and came down to see this outstanding show.

Please watch for upcoming events for April and May. I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Happy Pesach.

In Brotherhood,
Andy Bader, President PJC Men's Club
516-884-5729

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Moses' "Spartacus Moment"

The episode of the Golden Calf represents one of the most tragic episodes in the history of the Children of Israel. A mere 40-days prior, the Jews stood at the very same Mount Sinai, after the miraculous redemption from Egypt, and heard God, their Savior, declare an absolute severe prohibition against any forms of idolatry. How could the people who heard and experienced Revelation create, or minimally, rally around the creation of an alternative leader? Furthermore, how could they ever recover from such a misstep?

The text of the story in parashat Ki Tisa states, (Exodus 32:19), "And it came to pass, as soon as he [Moses] came near to the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing; and Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets from his hands, and broke them beneath the mount." How could Moses break the most precious physical objects ever created? After all, God personally fashioned the tablets, as the Torah describes (Exodus 32:16). The sages offer many answers. Some suggest when the Jews worshipped the golden calf, the miraculous tablets lost their power. As such, Moses discarded them as useless, or, according to another version, was unable to lift them anymore, as the supernatural component that allowed him to hold them disappeared with the sin. Still others argue that Moses cast them down due to anger and disappointment over the Jews' errant behavior. One opinion in the Midrash proposes that Moses shattered the tablets as a betrothed man would sever the marriage contract in light of infidelity of their betrothed, as the consequences for adultery are much more severe. Moses too shattered the tablets, which symbolized the binding covenant with God.

One Midrash, however (Shmot Rabbah 46:1) uses the breaking of the tablets to highlight Moshe's role as leader. "Upon seeing the iniquity of the golden calf, Moses realized that the Children of Israel could not withstand the sin. Wanting to include himself with them, he broke the tablets. Moses said to the Almighty, 'They sinned and I sinned as well when I broke Your tablets. If You forgive them, you can also forgive me. If you will not forgive their sin, do not forgive mine. You can 'erase my name from Your Book' (Exodus 32:32)."

We can all learn an incredible lesson of leadership.

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

Generation to Generation. From Parent to Child. We light remembrance candles on Yom HaShoah to honor the memory of Holocaust victims.

Each family that belongs to the Plainview Jewish Center will receive a box in the mail containing a Yom HaShoah yellow candle. The package your family will receive will contain a letter with the name of a child who died during the Holocaust and who likely has no surviving relatives to light a candle in his/her memory.

Your Yom HaShoah yellow candle is to be lit on Monday night, April 17, 2023.

This program is brought to you and your family courtesy of The Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club.

The Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Project was established in 1981 by The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Donations in support of the Men's Club Yom HaShoah candle program are welcomed.

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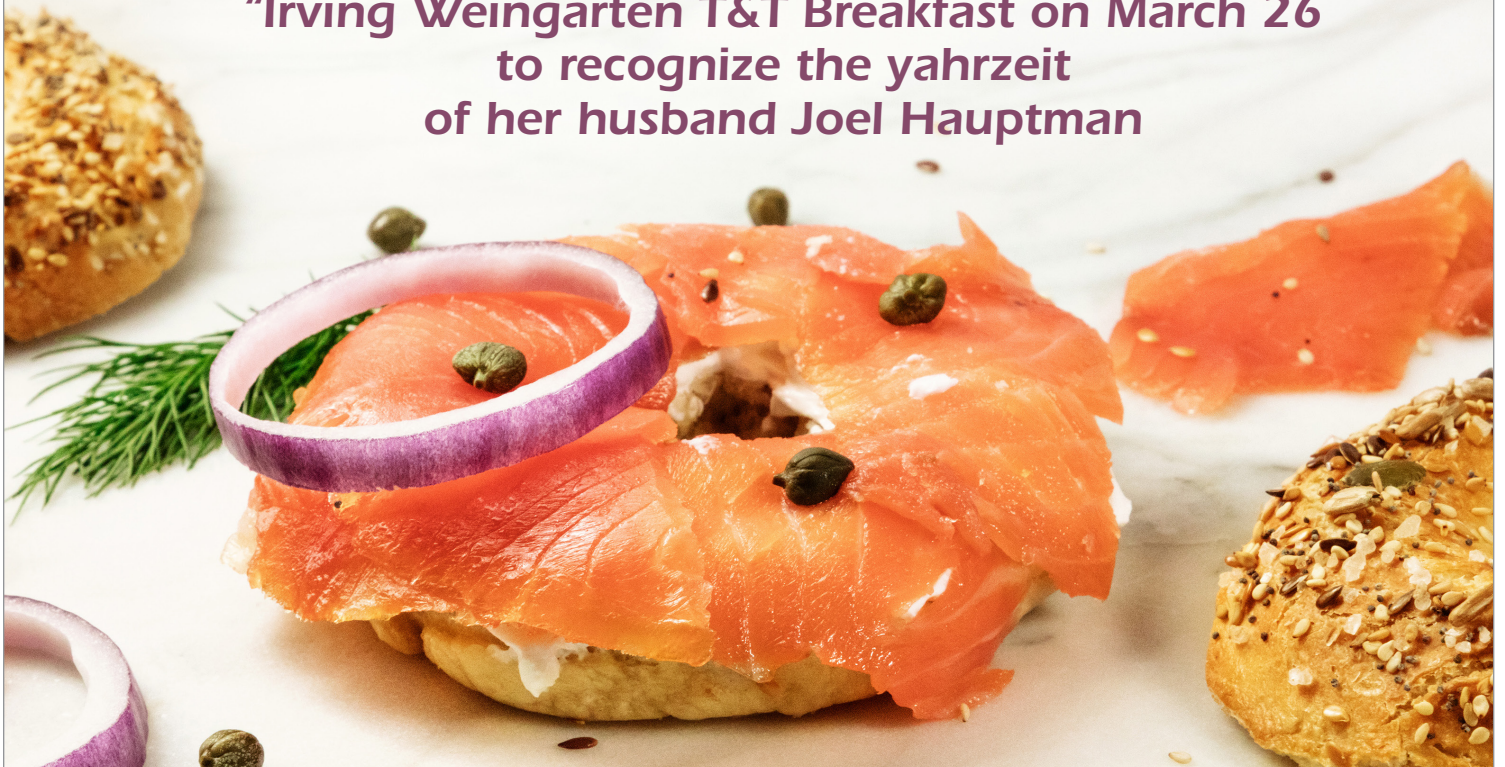
The State of Israel's independence, as well as its continued survival, is a modern day miracle. But, it has come at great cost in human lives to its citizens. (There have been over 23,741 fallen soldiers and 3,150 victims of terror since the State of Israel was founded.) Therefore, before Israel celebrates Yom Ha'atzma'ut, its Independence Day, Israel honors the memory of those who gave their lives for their country. On the 4th of Iyar, Yom Ha'zikaron, Memorial Day is observed.

Memorial Day in Israel is not a day of picnics, fairs and fireworks. To honor the fallen soldiers, sirens are sounded simultaneously throughout the entire country, once in the evening and once in the morning. As the alarm pierces the air, all traffic comes to a halt and everyone stands for a moment of silence in honor of those who have fallen.

What is the purpose of silence? Speech is one of humankind's most powerful tools and is one of the traits that humanity "shares" with God. It was with the power of speech that God created the world. ("And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.") People use their power of speech to connect with each other. Observing a minute of silence forces us to disconnect from those around us and to reflect on both the void created by these great losses, and the miracle of our own survival.

This year Yom Ha'zikaron is observed on April 25th and Yom Ha'atzma'ut on the 26th.

**The PJC Men's Club
would like to thank Lee Hauptman for sponsoring the
"Irving Weingarten T&T Breakfast on March 26
to recognize the yahrzeit
of her husband Joel Hauptman**



The Irving Weingarten Tallis & Tefillin Breakfast

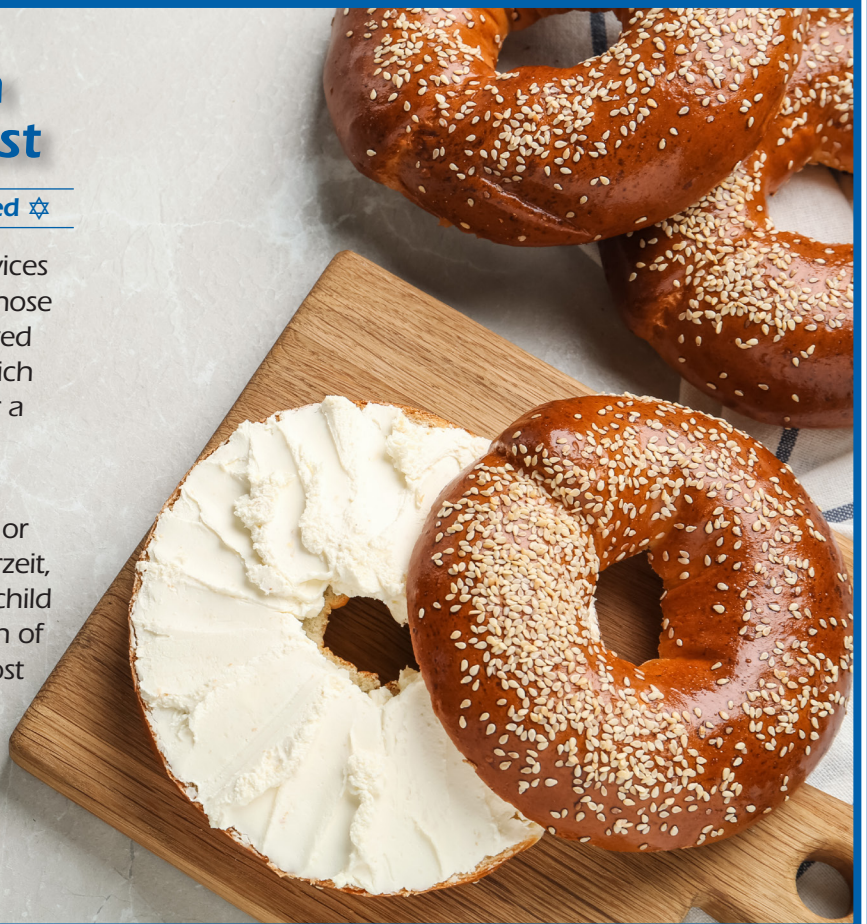
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Every Sunday morning after the morning Services have been concluded, breakfast is served to those who attended. This meal is prepared and served under the auspices of the PJC Men's Club, which offers you the opportunity to be a sponsor for a special event in your life.

Sponsoring one of the breakfasts can be your way of expressing any sort of announcement or occasion, such as a commemoration of a Yahrzeit, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a wedding, a birth of a child or grandchild or a graduation, etc. A donation of \$72 or more to Men's Club helps defray the cost and supports Men's Club's charitable activities.

For more information and to reserve a date, please call:

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The following is the schedule of which Men's Club member is responsible for a particular date as well as the officer of the month.

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4/2 Mitchell Kessler
4/9 Passover
4/16 Bruce Hymowitz
4/23 Howard Lampert
4/30 Robert Cohen

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5/7 Steve Glasser
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5/21 Mark Hochberg
5/28 Tom Atlas

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6/18 Michael Portnoy
6/25 Al Karo

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2-Rebecca Richter and Stu Haimes aka Big Jule
3-Rob Cohen as Arvide



1-Mitchell Kessler, Joseph Bebrý
(Sky Masterson) and Stu Haimés

2-The Hot Box Girls (l to r): Rachel Dender, Daniela
Valdevenito, Rebecca Richter, Michelle McDonald,
Molly Meyerson, Julia Sollinger and Alyssa Calabrese

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1-Rachel Dender, Shari Lavacca (Adelaide),
 Rebecca Richter, Alyssa Calabrese, Julia
 Sollinger and Michelle McDonald
 2-Joe Slater, Andy Meyerson, Mike Drance,
 Brad Schlossberg, Jerry Schwartz and
 Jonathan Geffner



1-Ann Morelli, Ellen Teitelbaum, Jocelyn Weston (General Cartwright), Yelena Mirsakova, Rob Cohen and Mara Kaplan (Sarah Brown)
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1-Jeff Kammernan
2-Kevin Knight and Daniela Valdevenito



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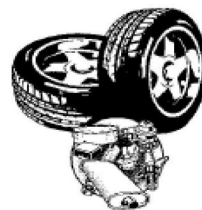


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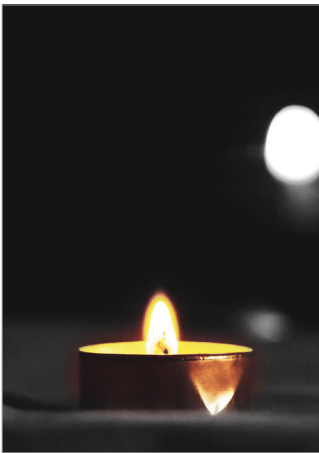
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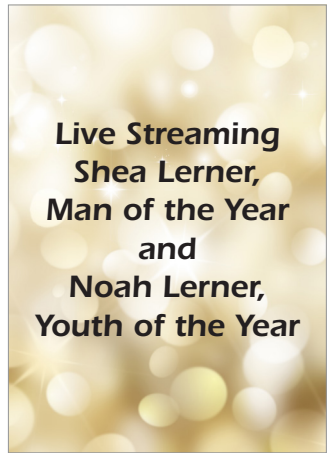


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	7	3	8		1			9
8			6		9			
				7		5		1
1			4		3	6		
6		2				3		
	3				7			

Last Month's Answers

3	7	6	4	2	8	9	5	1
9	4	1	3	7	5	6	2	8
5	2	8	9	6	1	3	7	4
1	8	4	5	9	2	7	3	6
7	5	2	8	3	6	1	4	9
6	3	9	1	4	7	5	8	2
2	9	5	6	8	3	4	1	7
4	1	7	2	5	9	8	6	3
8	6	3	7	1	4	2	9	5

Here's How It Works

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! For tips on how to solve Sudoku puzzles go to: <https://www.howcast.com/videos/202656-how-to-solve-a-sudoku-game>