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Message from the President



January saw another successful month for Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club. On Tuesday, January 14th, we held our annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament. It was a huge success.

As we are now in February and with March right around the corner, we are gearing up for a busy 2nd half of the year. By the time you read this, our 2nd Super Bowl Pool grid should be completed. Until it is sold out, look for daily emails announcing how many boxes remain. We are sure to sell it out so make sure you get in before it's too late.

On Saturday, February 8th, we are going to participate in Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat. If you have not yet signed up with Gene Brickman to participate in the service, you can rest assured that you will soon be asked to take a role in the service. On the very next day, Sunday, February 9th, it's not only Super Bowl Sunday, it's the annual World Wide Wrap. This is a day when Men's Clubs and congregations across the country, as part of their weekly Sunday morning service, will wrap tefillin all at the same time. At the Plainview Jewish Center we have made it a tradition to include our Hebrew School students and other young children, and teach them the art and meaning of putting on tefillin. I encourage you all to attend. The service begins at 9:00 AM and is followed by the Irving Weingarten Tallis & Tefillin breakfast which is sponsored by Men's Club.

On Sunday, February 16th, at 9:00 AM we are erecting the stage extension in preparation for the opening of our production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. All hands are needed to make this project a success. We need all the help we can get in order to make the work easier on those who are participating. The whole project should take no more than 2 hours and we will have bagels, coffee and juice available.

Later in the day on Sunday, February 16th, Men's Club is sponsoring its annual movie night. Yes, Sunday, not Tuesday. We are going to begin at 5:00 with pizza, pasta and salad for everyone. The movie will begin at 6:00. The next day is President's Day so with no school or work on Monday, this is the perfect opportunity to bring the whole family and friends. This year's movie is White Bird. Thanks to Jeff Kaden for making the recommendation. The movie stars Helen Mirren and is based on the book by R.J. Palacio. It is centered on a Jewish women recounting how she survived the Holocaust in Vichy, France thanks to the kindness of a classmate with a disability. This movie is suitable for families with children over the age of 10. So come on down, enjoy some pizza, pasta and salad. Watch a great movie and don't worry about having to get up early Monday morning.

As I am sure you are well aware by now, this year's Men's Club show is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Show dates are Saturday, March 8th at 8:00 PM, Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 15th at 8:00 PM and Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 PM. Tickets are only \$27 each and can be purchased at www.bit.ly/plainviewjoseph. This is going to be a phenomenal production and stars many of your favorite PJC *continued on page 4*

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members such as Cantor Merrick, Rabbi Conn, Andrew Bader, Allan Furman, Rob Cohen, and Michele Brickman.

Stay tuned for our next issue of Hakol where you will read all about Plainview Jewish Center's Purim activities including Men's Club's famous make-your-own sundae bar.

If you are vacationing during President's week, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a fun, safe and fulfilling vacation. As for me, my school holiday vacations are over since my wife, Michele retired from teaching and my kids have been out of the school now for many years. I took my vacation the week after New Year's when we celebrated our 40th anniversary with a trip to Disney World.

I look forward to seeing you at all of the events I've written about in this article in this edition of our award winning publication, Hakol

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What Are Tefillin?

“And you shall bind them [the words that I command you today] for a sign upon your arm, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes...(Deuteronomy 6:8)”.

The above verse refers to the mitzvah of tefillin (although the word tefillin does not actually appear anywhere in the text of the Torah). While mention of this mitzvah is repeated four times in the Torah, this very limited text is the way the mitzvah is described. Our entire understanding of tefillin’s physical form comes from the Oral Law, passed down from Moses to Joshua and onto the elders and the sages.

Tefillin are small black leather boxes that are strapped to the arm (tefillin shel yad) and to the head (tefillin shel rosh). The box of the tefillin shel yad (arm) has a single compartment in which is placed a single scroll containing the four Torah passages that refer to this mitzvah: Exodus 13:1-10, Exodus 13:11-16, Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and Deuteronomy 11:13-21. The box of the tefillin shel rosh (head) has four separate compartments formed from one piece of leather—each of the four Biblical sections is written on a separate scroll and placed in its own individual compartment.

In order to be kosher:

- 1) The scrolls with the Torah verses must be written on parchment from a kosher animal with ink from a kosher source, bound by the hair of a kosher animal and wrapped in a strip of cloth.
- 2) The black boxes (made from the hides of kosher animals) and their stitches (sewn with the sinew of a kosher animal) must be perfectly square with an opening made for the straps. The tefillin shel rosh must have the letter shin embossed on both its right and left sides.
- 3) The straps must be colored black.

The common translation of tefillin is “phylacteries,” which is a Greek word meaning amulet. According to the Talmud (Yoma 9b), the first Temple was destroyed because the three cardinal sins: idol worship, licentiousness and murder were rampant in Jewish society.

The destruction of the First Temple was a massive trauma for the Jewish people, for the nation was now bereft of its spiritual epicenter.



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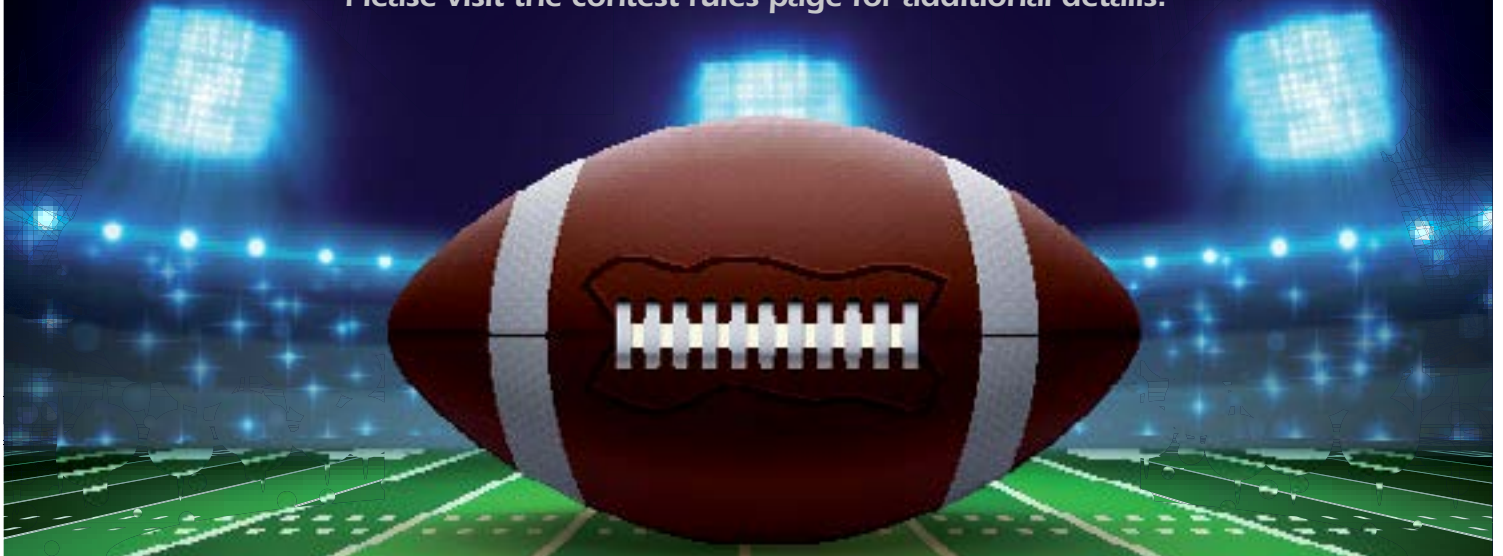
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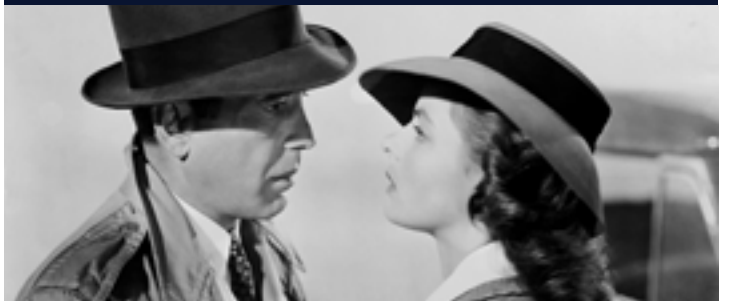
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Sisterhood Mishloach Manot

Mishloach Manot (sometimes referred to as Purim baskets) are gifts of food that friends (and prospective new friends!) exchange on Purim. We are instructed in the scroll of Esther (9:19) to send gifts to one another. Jewish families make or purchase mishloach manot and distribute them to friends. Often presented in baskets, mishloach manot include at least two different types of food, including hamantaschen, the traditional three-sided pastry eaten on Purim. Mishloach manot may also include a wide variety of foods and treats.

Are mishloach manot/manos and shalach manot/manos the same thing?

Yes. It wouldn't be Jewish if it didn't have multiple names!

Why order mishloach manot through PJC Sisterhood?

We make it easy for you!

1. While some people enjoy making and distributing their own mishloach manos, some want to partake in the tradition but don't have the time to bake, buy, assemble and distribute mishloach manot. When you order through Sisterhood, Simply select your recipients and pay online. Sisterhood does the rest for you!

2. This is one of Sisterhood's annual fundraisers. Profits from the sale of mishloach manot allow Sisterhood to continue the good work and programming it does for PJC and the surrounding community.

What happens when I order mishloach manot through Sisterhood?

Sisterhood makes one box of Purim treats per family/child from all the people who send them a box. Each box will have a card attached with the names of those who sent them Purim greetings. The boxes are available for families to pick up from PJC after the megillah reading on March 14, 2025 and during the week of Purim.

If I want to order additional bags to give to family/friends outside of PJC is that possible?

When placing your order using the online system or the paper order form, you can tell us how many additional Purim boxes you want. We will make them and have them available at PJC during the week of Purim for you to pick up and deliver personally to your family/friends.

What is HappyPurim.com?

Sisterhood uses an online ordering site called HappyPurim.com to process mishloach manot orders.

This online tool makes it easy for our members to place orders and pay online.

Every PJC member will receive an email with details and a personalized link to order online. If you can't find your personalized email, contact Barbara Berse at bbcbarb5@aol.com or (516) 946-2255, and we'll resend your email with your personalized link to order.

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I want to order, but I don't want to order online?

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I still have questions. Who can I contact?

We know this can be confusing, so we are here to answer your questions or help you with your orders. Email bbcbarb5@aol.com or call (516) 946-2255.



If not using on-line ordering, please mail this order form with your check payable to Sisterhood PJC to: 95 Floral Drive, Plainview, NY 11803
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The Tournament is Coming

The 4th Annual Men's Club March Madness Tournament is coming!

Sunday March 9:

Be on the lookout for your
personal email invitation
to join us

More dates to watch for:

Sunday March 16, 8:00 pm:

Invite your family and friends to
create their own bracket(s).

Thursday March 20, Noon:

Games begin

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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 Wednesday night, April 23, 2025.

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.

Make checks payable to PJC Men's Club and write Yom HaShoah in the memo section.

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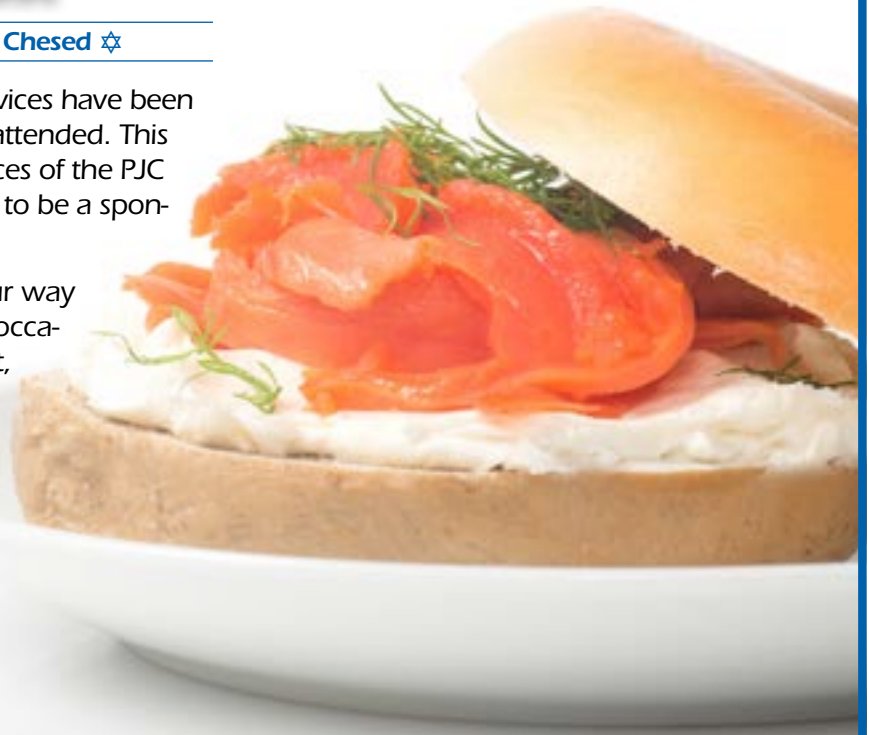
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Every Sunday morning after the morning Services have been concluded, breakfast is served to those who attended. This meal is prepared and served under the auspices of the PJC Men's Club, which offers you the opportunity to be a sponsor for a special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

Stewart Wasserman
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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.

Feb. Seth Pollack 516-695-2565

- 2/3 Seth Pollack
- 2/9 David Dender
- 2/16 Jeff Reis
- 2/23 Rob Cohen

Mar. Bruce Elowsky 516-445-2026

- 3/2 Joel Moskowitz
- 3/9 Stephen Taub
- 3/16 Jeff Kaden
- 3/23 Bruce Elowsky
- 3/30 Steven Adelman

Apr. David Dender 917-273-6668

- 4/6 Bruce Hymowitz
- 4/13 Passover
- 4/20 Passover
- 4/27 Howard Lampert

Help Make a Minyan

Now more than ever we need people to participate in the minyan.

The morning minyan is at 7:30 am.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays: in-person and live stream;

Wednesdays and Fridays live stream only;

Sundays 9:00 am in-person and live stream

The evening minyan is at 8:00 pm.

Sunday through Thursday

Sundays live stream only; Monday through Thursday in-person and live stream

Erev Shabbat in-person and live stream check the calendar for the time

Shabbat 9:00 am in-person and live stream

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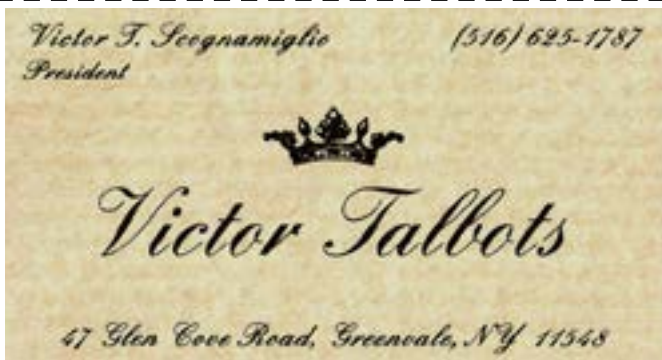
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Date of request: _____

Person's Name (M/F) Hebrew: _____

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Men's Club Dates to Watch For

FEBRUARY

Saturday

8

9:00 am

Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat



Sunday

9

9:00 am

FJMC World Wide Wrap



Sunday

16

5:30 pm

Movie Night: White Bird



25

8:30 pm

Board Meeting



MARCH

Saturday

8

8:00 pm

Patio Players Opening Night



Sunday

9

2:00 pm

Patio Players 1st Matinee



Thursday

13

6:30 pm

Purim Ice Cream Social



Saturday

15

8:00 pm

Patio Players 2nd Eve. Perf.



Sunday

16

2:00 pm Patio Players Matinee (Fin'1 Perf.)



Tuesday

25

8:30 pm

Board Meeting



APRIL



Tuesday

22

8:30 pm

Board Meeting



Sudoku Puzzle

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

Last Month's Answers

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