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**PJC Men's Club is hosting its**

# Annual Chanukah Party

**Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 am**

- **Menorah Lighting by Rabbi Conn**
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## Message from the President



I hope you and your families had a very happy Thanksgiving. Your Men's Club continues to plan some great events for December, January, and beyond. First, I would like to thank our Walk For a Cause co-chairmen, Steven Adelman and Jeff Kaden for planning another successful fundraiser. On Sunday, November 6th, we had 48 participants on what turned out to be an unseasonably warm day. We provided hot chocolate and swag bags filled with healthy treats to the participants. We raised over \$2,600 which will be used for our charitable sandwich making that provides lunches to needy individuals on Long Island.

On Sunday, December 18th, we will be holding our annual PJC Men's Club Chanukah Party starting at 10:30am in the synagogue's ballroom. All congregants, Men's Club members, and Hebrew school students and their families are invited to participate. We will have gift bags filled with dreidels and Chanukah gelt, latkes and apple sauce, and jelly donuts. Rabbi Conn and Cantor Merrick will lead us in Chanukah songs and lighting of the menorah. We will once again have Vinny the Magician entertain us. Some great toys and gifts will be raffled off for children of all ages.

Some other great events will be coming up in January. On January 17th, we will be holding our Texas Hold 'Em Night and our Men's Club Paid Up Membership Brunch will take place on Sunday, January 29th at 10:00am. Please watch for more information regarding these two events.

Rehearsals for the Men's Club Patio Players spring show, Guys and Dolls, are in full swing. Show dates and ticket sales will be available soon. Also, boxes are currently being sold for our annual football pool.

I would like to give a special "Thank You" to our Board member, Jeff Kaden, who generously made a \$720 donation to the Stella Marcus Fund to be used for Holocaust Programs in honor of Nanette Strenger z"l, beloved wife of past Men's Club President, Sandy Strenger. These funds will be used for Hebrew school programs and education.

\*\*\*HOT OFF THE PRESS\*\*\*...I am very happy to announce that Shea Lerner has been selected as the FJMC Man of the Year by our Club. This is a well deserved honor for Shea as he does so much for our synagogue and Men's Club. Congratulations to Shea and his family!

Wishing you and your family a very Happy Chanukah!

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



L to r: Men's Club President Andy Bader, Jeff Kaden and Sandy Strenger

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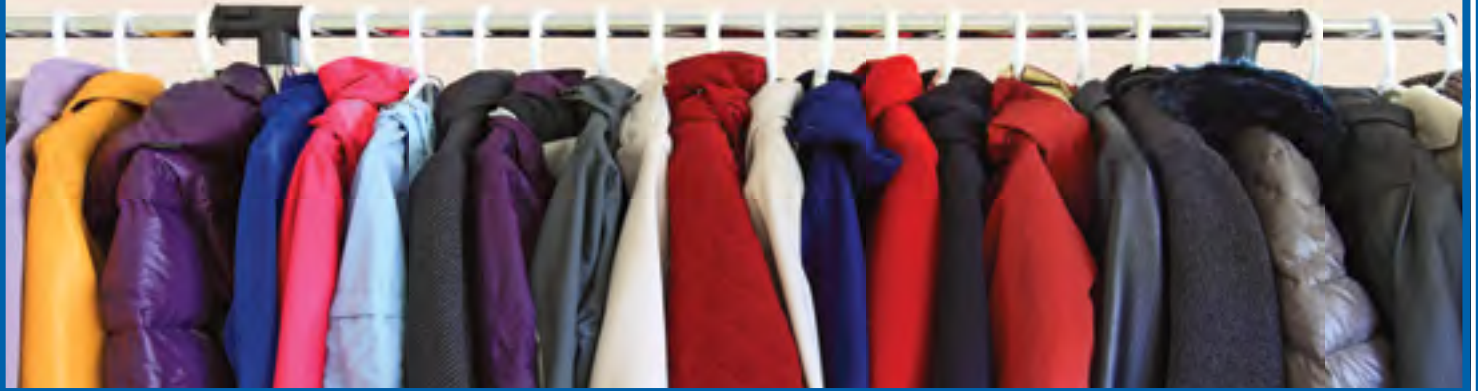
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through the registry will be delivered to PJC.

# Men's Club 2022 Coat Drive

The leaves are starting to fall, the nights are getting longer, the temperature is getting colder, it must be time for the annual Men's Club Coat Drive.

Even though we are still in the pandemic, there are people who need our help to keep warm. Please check your closets and bring any clean coats that you no longer use to the Temple. Instead of just hanging on a hanger in your closet, the coat will be of use to someone who needs it.

Each year we have provided more coats than the year before, hopefully this year will be our best year yet!



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## Jewish Boxing Days?

In many countries, especially those associated with the United Kingdom, December 26th is known as Boxing Day. There are divergent views as to the source of this day and the origin of the name of this secular holiday.

The Oxford-English Dictionary claims the observance denotes that on this day workers sought out holiday gratuities, or gift boxes. For some, it was a day to celebrate Christmas, since they worked on December 25th. In appreciation of their working on a holiday, the workers were given gift boxes to take home on their day off. Indeed, in the United States, it is common for people to give tips to bus drivers, teachers, door-men, newspaper deliverers, sanitation collectors, domestic help and the like.

Others claim the “box” does not refer to one’s laborers and service employees, but to the alms box found in places of worship, to provide funds for the needy. Finally, in some countries, Boxing Day is a shopping day featuring huge price reductions (similar to Black Friday in the United States). Some have even opted for Boxing Week.

The two primary goals of Boxing Day, i.e. tipping loyal employees and service providers, and offering alms to the poor, may have an early Jewish source as we find Jewish practices regarding the poor and service employees that are associated with holidays, which were instituted centuries prior to Boxing Day.

The custom among Ashkenazic Jews to recite Yizkor on the holidays (Yom Kippur, Shmini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot) is connected to the tzedakah Jews are mandated to share with the poor to enable them to experience joy on the holidays. Maimonides (Mishneh Torah, laws of Yom Tov 6:18) writes that those who rejoice on a holiday without helping to provide joy to the Jewish poor are really celebrating hedonistically. Only later, did the practice begin to dedicate tzedakah to the memory of one’s loved ones. A critical component of Yizkor is committing funds to tzedakah. This practice parallels the alms box that was prominent on Boxers Day.

The genesis of Chanukah gelt (“Chanukah money” in Yiddish), finds its source in 17th century Poland, where the children were given coins to be distributed to their Torah teachers. This parallels the practice of offering gratuities on Boxing Day.

Happy Boxing Day to one and all. Jewish Treats encourages one and all to tip and offer charity generously.

**PJC Men's Club  
invites you to our  
3rd Annual  
Paid-Up Membership**

# BRUNCH

**Sunday, January 29th 10:30 am  
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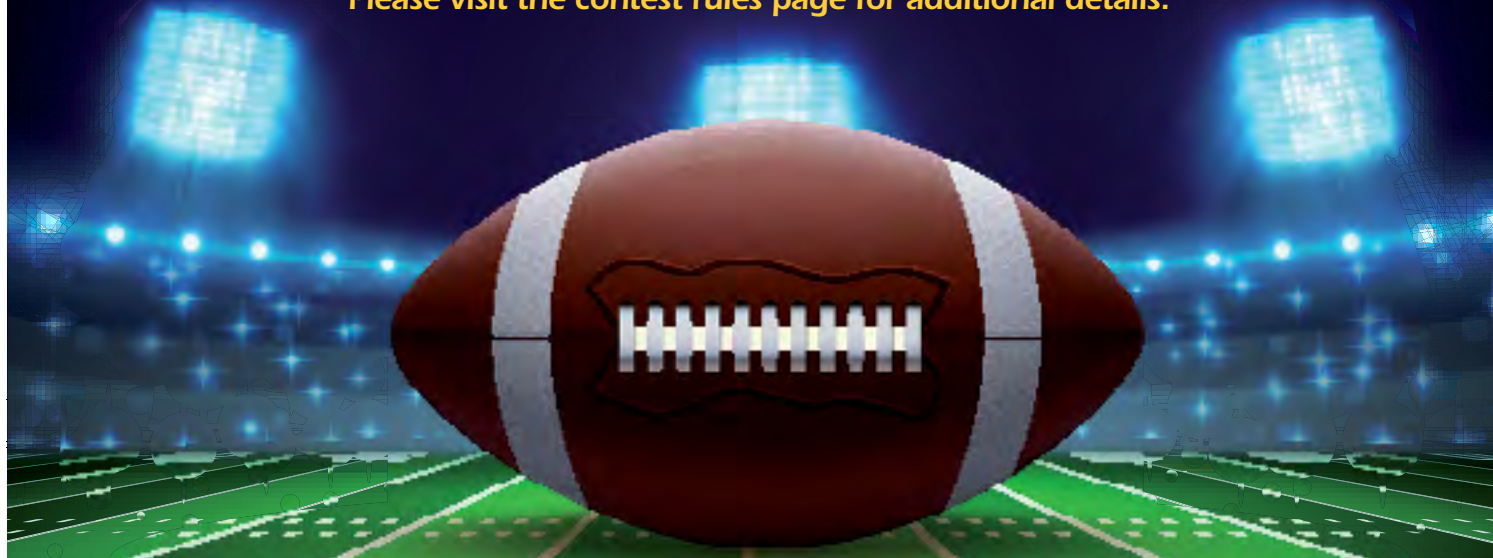
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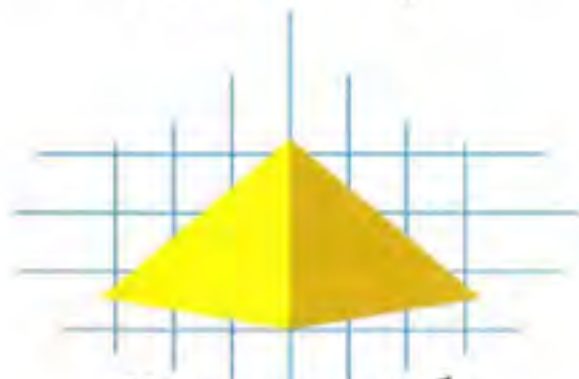
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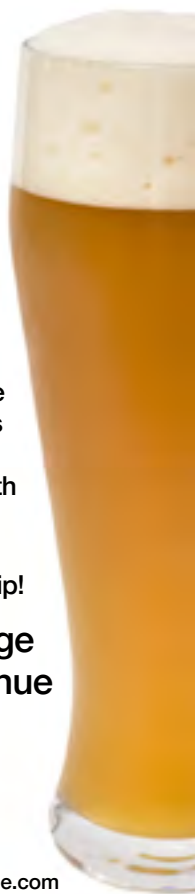


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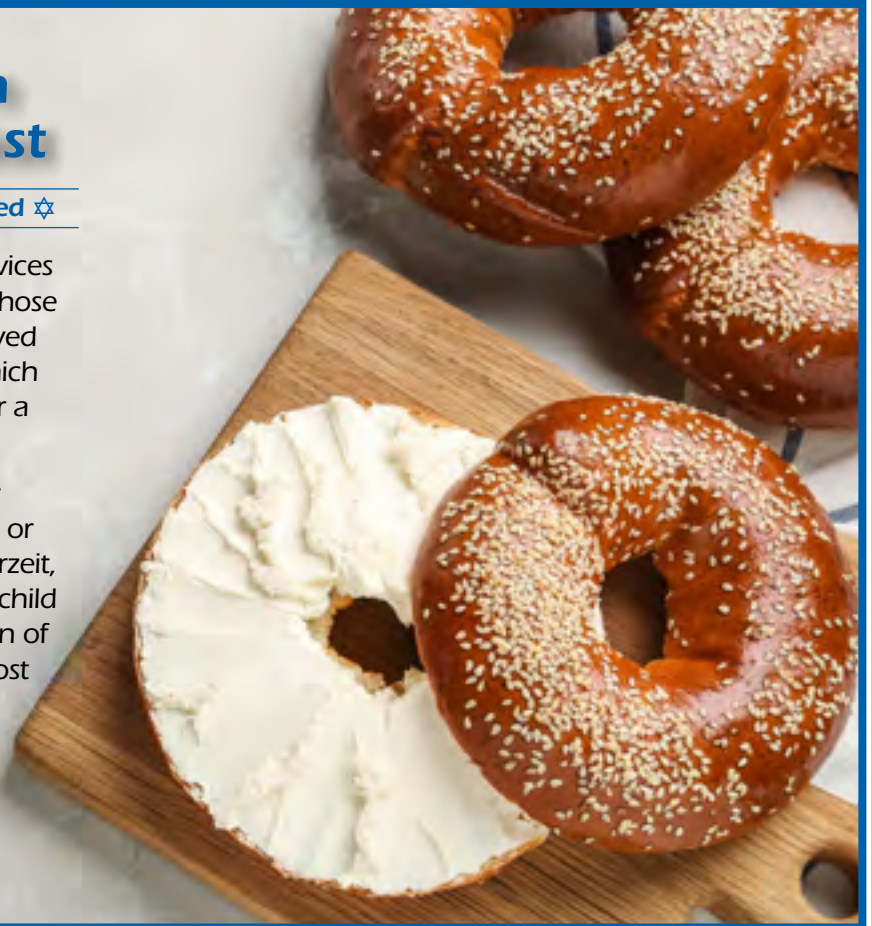
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Every Sunday morning after the morning Services have been concluded, breakfast is served to those who attended. This meal is prepared and served under the auspices of the PJC Men's Club, which offers you the opportunity to be a sponsor for a special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



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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- 12/4 Jeff Kaden
- 12/11 Dave Dender
- 12/18 Stew Wasserman
- 12/25 Al Karo

**Jan. Mitchell Kessler 516-633-9733**

- 1/1/23 Allan Furman
- 1/8 Michael Prospect
- 1/15 Fred Skolnik
- 1/22 Mitchell Kessler
- 1/29 Tom Atlas

**Feb. Seth Pollack 516-695-2565**

- 2/5 Seth Pollack
- 2/12 David Dender
- 2/19 Jeff Reis
- 2/26 Robert Cohen

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2-Andrew Guttman, Noah Leibowitz, Jason Leibowitz, Steve Guttman, Melissa Guttman, Margie Richter, Margie's granddaughter Lila Richter and Margie's daughter-in-law Rori Richter

## Walk For A Cause ■ November 6



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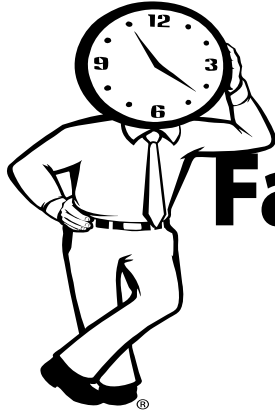
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In order to help our Jewish poor and elderly, please make a donation to **Hatzilu**. A volunteer from Men's Club will send a certificate to honor the name and the occasion you want. This is an ideal way to express a "Simcha" or "Sympathy" and help **Hatzilu** in their mission to help our fellow Jews and others in our community. Please e-mail Steve Glasser at: [stevetg@aol.com](mailto:stevetg@aol.com) or call him at: 516.660.0161 to order a certificate.

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### Make a Mishaberach, It's a Mitzvah!

Someone under-the-weather and you can't get to the Temple to make a Mishaberach? We've made it simple! Just complete this form and either call in the information to the Temple at 516.938.8610 or fax it to the Temple at 516.938.2737 before 4p.m., Monday-Thursday or Friday before 3 p.m. and we will make sure the Mishaberach is made that evening. Kindly provide the Hebrew names if possible.

#### Mishaberach Information Form

Date of request: \_\_\_\_\_

Person's Name (M/F) Hebrew: \_\_\_\_\_

English: \_\_\_\_\_

Their Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mishaberach Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

The Mishaberach will be said for a period of 2 weeks. If you want it to be said longer you need to call the Temple office to update the request form. Follow up your request, by mail or bring this form & your donation to the Temple office: Plainview Jewish Center, 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803-2899. Please make checks payable to: Plainview Jewish Center.

*Note: If you make a Mishaberach at a minyan it is customary to put gelt into the Pishka. It's a Mitzvah!*

**The PJC Men's Club Board & Members wish to extend a Refuah Shelama to:**

- ◆ Michele Brickman ◆ Jack Levine ◆ Andy Meyerson ◆
- ◆ Olga Portnoy ◆ Robert Schaarschmidt ◆

To update this list send information to: [hakolpjcmc@aol.com](mailto:hakolpjcmc@aol.com).  
For Hatzilu certificates call/e-mail Steve Glasser (details above)

# Men's Club Dates to Watch For

## DECEMBER

Sunday  
**18**  
10:30 am



Chanukah Party

Tuesday  
**20**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

## JANUARY

Tuesday  
**17**  
7:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday  
**24**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

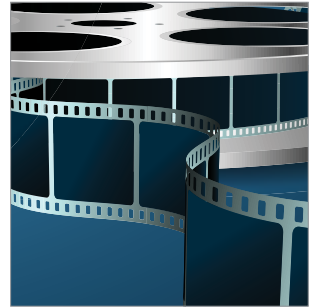
Sunday  
**29**  
10:30 am



Paid-Up Members' Brunch

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday  
**14**  
7:30 pm



Movie Night

Tuesday  
**28**  
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

## Sudoku Puzzle

### Why Play Sudoku

Preliminary evidence suggest that staying mentally active may be associated with preservation of cognitive function. Science tells us that children and young adults may build up brain "reserves" by reading and undertaking mental challenges, and older adults can continue to build these brain connections through stimulating activities. In fact, building these cognitive reserves is a lifelong process in which some nerve cells (neurons) form, some die, and others interconnect. For more information, please visit [brightfocus.org/ADR](http://brightfocus.org/ADR)

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

### Last Month's Answers

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

### 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>