### PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER



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### Sisterhood Meeting

Breakfast Book Review
Chair Yoga!!
Sunday, March 2nd at 10:00am

SISTERHOOD NEWS BEGINS ON PAGE 28

### **HAMAKOM YINACHEM**

Zelda Polofsky on the passing of her sister, Riva Chipkin.

The family of Jack Weingarten.

### PJC MISSION STATEMENT

Plainview Jewish Center is a forward-looking, family-friendly, Conservative synagogue, which respects and incorporates traditional Jewish values. We are completely egalitarian and inclusive in all aspects of synagogue life.

We strive to provide a distinct, positive Jewish identity through worship, life-long education, enrichment, and community involvement. These practices ensure a congregation in which every member matters.

**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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### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Mon. thru Fri	. 7:30AM
Mon. thru Thurs	8:00PM
Sun. and Holidays	9:00AM
Sun. and Holidays	8:00PM
Friday Evening Services -	

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### MARCH CALENDAR

Rabbi Steven Conn will officiate at services

The Officers and Board of Trustees Extend a Hearty Mazel Tov to the Families of the Following Simchas

Saturday, March 1st	Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Shacharit Service9:00AM	Shacharit Service9:00AM
Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah 6:00PM	Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah7:15PM
Sunday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patio Players Show8:00PM
Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM	Sunday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>
Sisterhood Program	Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning MInyan9:00AM
Patio Players Rehearsal	Hey Class Workshop10:30AM
Monday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Patio Players Show2:00PM
Patio Players Rehearsal7:00PM	<u>Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup></u>
Tuesday, March 4th	Sisterhood Board Meeting7:30PM
Sisterhood Canasta Tournament6:45PM	Thursday, March 20th
Patio Players Rehearsal7:00PM	Ritual Committee Meeting8:30PM
Wednesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, March 21st
Hamentaschen Making7:00PM	Erev Shabbat Service
Patio Players Rehearsal7:00PM	Saturday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Thursday, March 6th	Shacharit Service9:00AM
Patio Players Rehearsal7:00PM	Shir and Share Shabbat10:00AM
Friday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah7:15PM
Erev Shabbat Service5:30PM	Sunday, March 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Saturday, March 8th	Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM
Shacharit Service9:00AM	Sandwich Making9:30AM
Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah6:00PM	Tuesday, March 25th
Patio Players Show8:00PM	Men's Club Board Meeting8:30PM
Sunday, March 9th	Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> Sisterhood Mah Jongg Tournament7:00PM
Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM	Thursday, March 27th
Shalach Manot Packing9:00AM	Author Talk & Book Signing with Michael Garb7:00PM
Religious School Purim Program10:00AM	Friday, March 28th
Patio Players Show2:00PM	Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM
Wednesday, March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, March 29th
Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Conn11:00AM	Shacharit Service9:00AM
<u>Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup></u>	Livestream Ma'ariv/Havdalah7:30PM
PJC Purim Celebration6:00PM	Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>
<u>Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Men's Club Irving Weingarten Morning Minyan9:00AM
Full Megillah Reading7:30AM	Sisterhood Women's Seder10:00AM
Musical Tot Shabbat5:30PM	Monday, March 31st
Erev Shabbat Service6:00PM	Teen Social Action

ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE PJC FACEBOOK PAGE.

EVENING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON

AT PJC AT 8PM MONDAY - THURSDAY

MORNING SERVICES ARE HELD IN PERSON AT PJC AND LIVESTREAM ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:30AM.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAM ONLY AT 7:30AM.

PLEASE NOTE: ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH
WE WILL HAVE AN INPERSON AND LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 7:00AM
WITH OUR MORNING SERVICE AND FULL MEGILLAH READING.



### FRONT DOOR SECURITY

To my fellow congregants:

As a part of maintaining a secure building at all times. especially when security personnel are not present (evening meetings and evening services), the front doors will no longer be open just prior to the start of a meeting or services. We will institute the policy below:

Commencing immediately, in order to gain access to the synagogue using the front entrance doors (again when there is no security personnel on site), everyone will be required to ring the video intercom button to the left of the doors. The doors will be unlocked by the remote control and you will be able to gain access to the building. For those requiring handicap access, an automatic door opener has been installed and the button is clearly marked. The right hand door will open by an automatic arm and close behind you.

Any questions or suggestions, email me: bhcpa@optonline.net. Bruce Hymowitz

In case inclement weather causes PJC to cancel in-person services, we will notify you at least one half hour before those services in the following ways:

- 1. An email will be sent;
- 2. A message will be posted on the PJC Facebook page;
- 3. A voice message will be on the PJC phone (516-938-8610)

In the event that the in-person services are canceled, we will still offer livestream services.

Power or Internet outrages may affect our ability to notify you. In that case use your discretion.

### FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn

Hate makes no sense.

Hate can drive us to do things that are not in our best inter est.

Hate can even lead to self-destruction.

Hatred is just as likely to destroy the hater as it is to destroy the hated.



The Purim story is about a lot of things; it is about courage and good fortune, about love and family. But the Purim story is also one of our tradition's deepest explorations of the hate that has been directed against our people ever since the beginning of our history.

Haman, the villain of the Purim story, is a classic antisemite. He is offended by the lack of deference shown to him by Mordechai. Haman takes away from this interaction with a single Jew the idea that all Jews must be like Mordechai, disrespectful of the laws of the land and the officials who make them. Haman's hatred for Mordechai quickly transforms itself into hatred for all Jews. In Haman's mind, all the Jews of Persia are traitors and troublemakers. They all deserve to die.

Haman turns to the people of Persia for help in killing the Jews. He issues a proclamation, which the kings signs off on, instructing the people of Persia "to destroy, massacre, and exterminate all the Jews, young and old, children and women, on a single day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month—that is, the month of Adar—and to plunder their possessions."

Haman sends out his proclamation at least eleven months before the 13th day of Adar. No doubt, Haman wanted to give the royal messengers plenty of time to get the word out to all 127 Persian provinces. However, Haman also makes the classic movie villain mistake of giving his intended victims plenty of time to escape their predicament. By the time the month of Adar rolls around, Esther has revealed that she is Jewish, Haman is dead and Mordechai is a member of the king's court. Modechai had even sent out an order in the kings name that "permitted the Jews of every city to assemble and fight for their lives; if any people or province attacks them, they may destroy, massacre, and exterminate its armed force together with women and children, and plunder their possessions—on a single day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, namely, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar."

We might think that under the circumstances, even the most vicious Jewhaters would think twice about attacking the Jews of Persia. The Jews were ready to defend themselves. The king was on their side now. What chance could a disorganized, leaderless mob of antisemites possibly have under those circumstances?

### From The Rabbi (continued from Page 5)

Nevertheless, the enemies of the Jews attacked. And the Jews responded. "Throughout the provinces of King Ahasuerus, the Jews mustered in their cities to attack those who sought their hurt; and no one could withstand them, for the fear of them had fallen upon all the peoples." According to the Book of Esther, the Jews killed three hundred of their enemies in the capital city of Shushan. "The rest of the Jews, those in the king's provinces, likewise mustered and fought for their lives. They disposed of their enemies, killing seventy-five thousand of their foes; but they did not lay hands on the spoil."

Hatred is a powerful force. The enemies of the Jews must have known they could not conduct their massacre as planned. The smart thing to do was not to attack the Jews. But hatred makes no sense. Hatred can make us do things that are not in our self-interest. Hatred can easily lead to self-destruction. The strength of the hatred felt by the Persian antisemites overwhelmed whatever common sense they might have had. They hung on relentlessly to their hatred even at the cost of their lives.

It is impossible to understand the events of October 7, 2023 except through the prism of hatred. It is impossible to understand what has happened in Gaza since October 7th through the prism of hatred. After years of repeated attacks on Israel, Hamas had to know that their October 7th attack would be repelled within hours. They must have known that the attackers would suffer heavy casualties. And they must have known that Israel would retaliate forcefully, putting the lives and property of every person in Gaza at risk. Yet Hamas and their fellow terrorists attacked Israel anyway. Their hate was so strong that they were prepared to sacrifice their own lives and the lives of many other Gazans simply for the chance to kill as many Israelis as they could before they were stopped.

In the first few months of the Israeli invasion of Gaza, tens of thousands of Gazans were killed and large areas of the Gaza Strip were rendered uninhabitable. Yet, even in the face of so many casualties, Hamas persisted in fighting. Eventually, more than a million Gazans were displaced. Gazans experienced malnutrition and an acute shortage of medicines. Hamas's leaders were killed and much of its tunnel network destroyed. Still, Hamas broke the first cease fire agreement in December 2023 and continued fighting until January 2025. They may well resume fighting if the current cease fire lapses.

No rational leadership would choose to bring this kind of devastation and destruction upon the people it governs. To some extent, Hamas clings to power out of a concern for self-preservation. But the overriding motivation of Hamas is hate. Unadulterated, vicious hate has allowed Hamas to let Gaza be destroyed, to sacrifice tens of thousands of lives so that a few more Israelis can be killed or wounded. Like the ancient Persisans who came out to attack the Jews, Hamas and its followers are ultimately doomed by the hatred they carry in their hearts.

### From The Rabbi (continued from Page 6)

Mordechai's decree to the Jews of Persia allowed them to kill not just those who attacked them, but also the women and children in their families. The decree permitted the Jews to take spoil from their enemies as well. But the Book of Esther tells us that the Jews killed only their attackers. They kill no "civilians." They took no spoil. The Jews defended themselves to the fullest extent necessary. But they did not let their anger or hatred of their enemies carry them away. They exercised restraint. They focused on the task at hand. They responded to hatred with strength and determination, but not with hatred of their own.

Our tradition recognizes how destructive hatred can be. As we contemplate the possibility that the war in Gaza may resume, we can only hope that Israel's leaders will continue to be motivated by reason and not by passion, that securing the safety of the people of the State of Israel will always be the guiding principle that determines Israel's response to acts of violence and hate.



### COOK THE HOLIDAYS WITH PJC PART 2 Hamantashen Bake

CELEBRATE PURIM AT PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER & BAKE DELICIOUS HAMANTASHEN!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH AT 7PM

THIS IS THE SECOND OF A FOUR PART COOKING SERIES. IF YOU DID NOT PREPAY, RSVP AND PAYMENT OF \$36 MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO 2/26/25

ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED. EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL!

PLEASE CALL THE TEMPLE OFFICE TO RSVP AT (516) 938-8610. ANY Questions, please contact lauren hymowitz at (516) 965-7909

> PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER 95 FLORAL DRIVE WEST PLAINVIEW. NY 11803

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by STACY MEYERSON

Hello, Friends,

The year seems to be flying by as we are already in the beginning of March. Purim and Pesach are on the horizon. Don't forget the Men's Club's amazing show coming up (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*) or the plentiful shalach manot bags organized and distributed by Sisterhood. We have our routine happenings in the



Rabbi's Lunch and Learn series, Teen Social Action program, events sponsored by Men's Club and Sisterhood, morning and evening minyans just to name a few. There are also some new programs coming up to look out for in the PJ Library Shabbat dinner for families with young children, an author talk and book signing event with Michael Garb on his father's book Emerald Ark, Memories of a Jewish Irish Youth, a hamantashan making program, and a full-day Canasta tournament (information on all events is in the weekly emails).

While we continue to move forward living our lives day by day, I feel that I would be remiss in not mentioning that we also passed the 500th day of the hostages still in captivity and the news of the murders of hostages Shiri, Ariel, & Kfir Bibas and Oded Lifshitz. While we mourn these disgusting and inhumane acts, we must also commit to keeping their memories alive and standing up for Judaism and the State of Israel. Educate yourselves, speak with your children (adult, young adult, and child (age appropriate) and speak out to let others know that we will not go away. May their memories be for a blessing.

This brings me to the next section of this article in which I am taking personal liberty to write. Some of you already know that my daughter, Molly, is the president of the Hillel Chapter at the University of Connecticut this year. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of anti-Zionist and outright hateful activity brought up in student government. While Molly is definitely a Zionist and a proud Jew, she has been called upon this semester to rise above and beyond and lead the fight against BDS and anti-Zionist activities on campus. To say this has been stressful and at times traumatic is an understatement and I just want to give Molly a huge shout-out for educating herself, standing up and speaking out against hatred. For being a leader and representative for the Jewish and Zoinist population on campus and a defender of Israel. She is strong and brave and doing an amazing job representing herself, her values, and her community. Like off-campus communities, just because it is not headlining in the news anymore with protests and encampments, it does not mean that the issue on college campuses has gone away. It is even more dangerous when it is not out in public and a rallying call for all to respond to. We need to be aware and vigilant of the activities of our oppressors and respond accordingly. Thank you so much to all of you who have been asking about her and sending hugs and regards. Knowing that her PJC community stands behind her and supports her is so important to her. I love you, Molly!

Wishing everyone a warmer spring full of flowers. Regards, *Stacy* xoxo



### PACKING SHALACH MANOT

We will be packing our beautiful Shalach Manot bags on Sunday March 9th starting at 9:30 AM until we finish - usually about 2 PM. Please come down and lend a hand. The more the merrier and the quicker we can get the job done. Plus it's a MITZVAH!

So if you have an hour or two to spare that day just come down to PJC- no need to sign up ahead of time.

If you have any question contact Barbara Berse.



### Religious School - Michal Fruchter, Principal

### Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." – W.B. Yeats

We know that education and learning are two of the most important ingredients to becoming our best selves. And education and learning don't just happen in the classroom.

At the PJC Religious School, we bring in special programming to supplement our curriculum. Our Vav class learned about Tefillin and different artifacts of Israel and Judaism from their homes. Lesson takeaways were to see and understand how to put on Tefillin and the importance of it as a Jewish boy and girl that will become Bar/Bat Mitzvah shortly.

Staff also challenge students to study and keep on practicing their prayers, not only at school, but at home. The Vav class, students learned the prayers in their Siddurs and also led the service for the World Wide Tefillin Wrap at PJC.

### Family Friendly Friday Night Services

Hello everyone! On February 7th, we celebrated the Gimmel students on their receipt of their siddurs. Mazel tov to our Gimmel students, Renee Elstein, Benjamin Wallenstein, Alis Haghighi, Talia Wayne, and Sam Pahl, and their families! Also, thank you for the sponsors of the service. Stay tuned for our next service this spring!

We are always looking for sponsors – \$20 for birthday, anniversary, any other simcha, or for any reason. Sponsors help us put together wonderful onegs after services. If interested, please contact Gail Kriss at (516) 932-5778 or krisses@aol.com.

Any questions, please contact the committee as follows:

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Rabbi Steven Conn – rabbiconn@plainviewjewishcenter.org

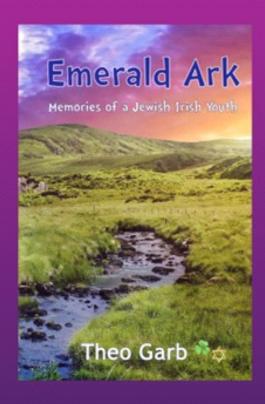
### Plainview Jewish Center presents

### An Author Talk and Book Signing Event

Emerald Ark, Memories of a Jewish Irish Youth by Theo Garb, with Michael Garb

Thursday March 27 2025 7 pm









Enjoy a multi-media presentation with Michael Garb as he shares his family's Irish Jewish heritage.

Amazon Review \*\*\*\*\* A Joyous Journey! Uplifting, amusing, and candid. With so much going on in the world, it was wonderful to escape into Theo's adventures.

### PJC Sisterhood invites you to our

### Debbie Zaglin (z1) Memorial Mah Jongg Tournament

### Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 pm at Plainview Jewish Center

Bring your own set and be EAST \$36 per person, make checks payable to Sisterhood PJC

> For more information or to make a reservation contact: Rose Weiner (516) 459-8506 or Rhonnie Diener (516) 433-4721 Remember to leave a message Please RSVP by March 23





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# JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Saturday, March 8th @ 8 pm/Sunday, March 9th @ 2 pm Saturday March 15th @ 8 pm/Sunday, March 16th @ 2 pm Performances will take place at Plainview Jewish Center 95 Floral Drive West • Plainview

Tickets go on sale in Sunday, January 12th @ 9 am

Price: \$27 ea./\$30 at the door

http://Bit.ly/plainviewjoseph



For more in formation call Stu Haimes: 516.319.9099







### Forever Young

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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.

Drop off donations at PJC or send by mail to: PJC, Attn: Men's Club, 95 Floral Dr. W., Plainview, NY 11803.



### SAVE THE DATE





Register to Join and March With

E Satti E Wall

## The Long Island Cluster March For Hope - Hatikvah Israel Day on 5th

Sunday, May 18, 2025 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Please join us for our first all-day

### Canasta Tournament

**Plainview Jewish Center** 

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

Sign-ups must be done in pairs

To register, email Arlene or Cheryl: sliceback@yahoo.com cheryl.dender@gmail.com

PJC Membership Discount: \$100 / Non-Members: \$118

Payment by check made out to Plainview Jewish Center Mail to: 95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803 ATTN: Canasta Tournament

9:30 a.m. - Check-in and light breakfast

10 a.m. - Cards

12 p.m. - Catered lunch

1 p.m. - Cards

3 p.m. - Tournament Ends

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!





### PJC BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

Please help us in raising money to upgrade, beautify and maintain our building and grounds. Our Walkway of Memories provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, a business or special occasion.

For further information please call: Larry Speiller at (516) 938-8610.

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

REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN
PURCHASE YARMULKES
FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH OR WEDDING
THROUGH OUR SISTERHOOD

**CONTACT:** MARGIE: 516-935-7831 or

MICHELE: 516-822-0704

### Musical Tot Shabbat

Ages 0 – 8 (Older siblings welcome)

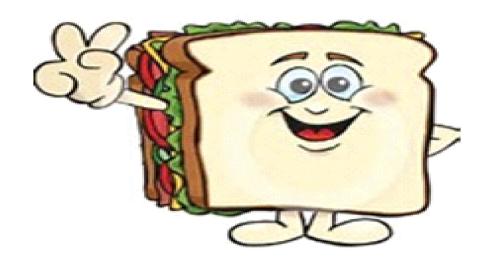
### Friday March 14th at 5:30pm



Led by Michal Fruchter with Shana Fruchter on keyboard

Join us for this exciting program with music, games, songs, stories, prayers and more!

### SANDWICH MAKING FOR LONG ISLAND CONNECTIONS



### **MARCH 23RD - 9:30AM**

JOIN OUR DEDICATED GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS

TO MAKE BAGGED LUNCHES
FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY OF LONG ISLAND

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PITCH IN AS WE CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN OUR AREA.

A special thank you to Brian Lew of Sandwich Express for his donation of brown paper bags and napkins and

Jimmy of Northeastt Banana Corp. for donating bananas

for our monthly sandwich making event that supports Long Island Connections!

### **PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER**

### Sisterhood

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### **Plainview Jewish Center Special Gifts**

Please consider becoming a permanent gift donor to the Plainview Jewish Center. The following is a list of suggested Special Gift items that can be dedicated to celebrate joyous events such as engagements, weddings, births, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, and anniversaries. Dedications can be made in the memory of loved ones or to acknowledge a special friend. **Brass inscriptions will be provided.** 

### **Synagogue**

### Bimah

Torah New Torah

Torah Crown
Torah Rimonim

Torah Breastplate

Megilah

Pulpit Chairs Kiddush Cup

**Havdalah Service Items** 

**Pew Seats** 

Torah Reader's Yad

Bimah Wall Candelabra

Flags on Bimah Memorial Boards Challah Cover

Mezuzahs

### **Lobby/Main Corridor**

**Presidents Plaque** 

Tree of Life Leaf (leaves)

**Trophy Display Case** 

**Tallit and Prayer Book Cabinet** 

**Bulletin Board** 

**Art Work** 

### **Religious School**

Classroom

Wall Artifacts

Library

New Computer Smart Board

**Display Case** 

For further information, please contact: Steve Glasser at:

516-660-0161 or

stevetg@aol.com

### REFUAH SHELAYMAH

Our Plainview Jewish Center Family wishes a refuah shelaymah to:

Michele Brickman Doris Cooper Howard Dworkin Bunny Finkelstein Marian Hershkowitz Andy & Stacy Meyerson

To our PJC members: if you would like to have a family member included in this section, please notify the temple office at: 516 938-8610 x101

### Shiva Set Up

A very special service that Sisterhood extends to our congregation is a shiva set-up for those who have, unfortunately, had a loss.

If you need this service, call the temple office to request the set-up. Dorit will contact us and we will discuss the different options with you.

A donation to Sisterhood to defray the cost of the set-up would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is interested in helping with the shiva set-ups, please call the office and leave your name and number.

Thank you, Bunny Finkelstein



Moishe Houses and Moishe Pods are groups of Jewish young adults who live together and host programs for their community. Moishe Houses (locations with 3, 4, or 5 residents) and Moishe Pods (locations with 2 residents) exist to build community. Connect with your community and discover why so many call Moishe House home. For More Information go to moishehouse.org.

MOISHE HOUSE LONG ISLAND is what being Jewish in your 20s is all about. It's a space where young Jewish professionals can come together and connect through all kinds of events. The programs, such as Shabbat dinners, movie nights, projects to help the community, etc, are free of charge to attend!

Follow on Instagram for activities: https://www.instagram.com/moishehouselongisland/

The memorial plaques
in our temple sanctuary
help us to remember our loved ones
who are no longer with us.
For questions or information,
contact the temple office: 516-938-8610

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Barbara Berse

The annual Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat was on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Gene and Michele Brickman, Shea Lerner and all the participants it was a huge success. It was so nice to see so many members of Sisterhood and Men's Club participating in the service, or just in attendance. If you didn't have a part this year, there's always next year!



I was going to reprint my entire D'Var Torah for those people that were unable to hear it live. But, I decided to only give you the highlights.

"Today's Parsha, "Beshalach", is read on what is considered to be a special Shabbat, "Shabbat Shirah", "the Sabbath of Song". Just as we tell the story of Passover, "we were slaves, now we are free, let's eat", I wanted to use the Cliff Notes version of this week's parsha: "Moses leads the Israelites into the wilderness after their escape from Egypt, God sends manna and quail to feed them and miraculously produces water from a rock and Amalek attacks the Israelites and is defeated." But, I was told that wasn't good enough and I needed to be longer.

The Israelites left Egypt in a hurry and set up camps by the shores of the Red Sea. Pharaoh changed his mind and pursued the Israelites with his huge army. With the Egyptians on their tails, the only escape was to cross the sea. God tells Moses to raise his staff over the water. The sea splits to allow the Israelites to pass through. The Israelites were able to cross just ahead of the Egyptian army. After safely arriving at the other shore, Moses again lifts his outstretched arms and the sea quickly rushes back, drowning the Egyptian army. Now the Israelites can rejoice their freedom. Moses and the children of Israel sing a song of praise and gratitude to God. Miriam leads the women in song and dance to celebrate their faith in God and their freedom. In the wilderness, the wandering Israelites constantly complained to Moses about running out of food. Moses tells them to believe, and God will provide them with food. He causes manna to rain down from the heavens before dawn each morning, and quails to appear each evening. The Israelites' journey continues, and along the way they were attacked by the Amalekites. Moses sends Joshua with an army to defend the Israelites, and after a long battle, the Israelites are victorious. Although the Israelites faced numerous hardships during their journey, with Moses' leadership and their faith in God, they were able to continue on their journey through the wilderness to the promised land." See what you missed?!

You are invited to attend Sisterhood's monthly meeting on Sunday the 2nd at 10:00am for a morning of Chair Yoga. There has been some discussion on having more meetings on Sunday mornings, rather than Tuesday nights. Sisterhood has always met on Tuesday nights. We have several meetings on Sundays, especially in

### Sisterhood President's Message (continued from Page 28)

the cold, winter months as well as our Women's Seder. With the increasing number of our members who can't drive at night, having more Sunday meetings is an option for those individuals who otherwise could not attend. Please let me know your opinion on increasing the number of Sunday meetings.

I hope you remembered to place your order for Shalach Manot for Purim. We will be packing on Sunday March 9th at 9:30 am. Come down and lend a hand. The more the merrier and the quicker we can get the job done.

Hopefully everyone planning to attend our Canasta Tournament has already signed up - it is on Tuesday evening, March 4th.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

<u>Book Club</u> meeting on Wednesday March 19th at 7:30pm. The book for our discussion is "Time and Again" by Jack Finney. Even if you haven't read the book, everyone is welcome to join us anyway to hear what it's all about.

We have the Debbie Zaglin z"l Memorial Mahjongg Tournament on March 26th

Our Women's Seder is on Sunday morning March 30th.

There will **not** be a general meeting in April.

I look forward to seeing you at any of these activities. (Flyers for these events are in this issue of Orbit.) *Barbara Berse* 

### PROGRAM Rose Weiner - Program Vice President

Our next Sisterhood general meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2nd at 10::00 AM. Mark your calendar!!! Come join us for Chair Yoga which is the latest and most popular form of exercise. Sneakers or shoes are fine. You will feel great and relaxed after you participate in this activity. Healthy refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 30th for our annual Women's Seder led by our Cantor Judy Merrick. Daughters and granddaughters are welcome to join us. Details to follow

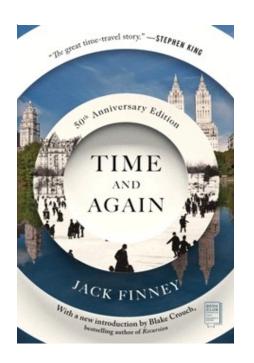
### Rose Weiner

### **EDUCATION Michele Brickman - Education Vice President**

You can buy your tickets now for the amazing Torah story being acted out in our very own PJC stage in March. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, by Andrew Lloyd Weber is one of the best shows we have ever put on. It is playing on March 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th, Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

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### MEN'S CLUB by Stuart Haimes

February was another great month for Men's Club. We began with the Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat on Saturday, February 8th. I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Gene Brickman for organizing the Men's Club's portion of the service. This includes assigning all the readings, prayers, haf-torah reading, torah related honors, etc. To Geno, a job well done!



Just a few days before the Super Bowl on February 9th, we sold out our Super Bowl Pools. We were fortunate to sell two complete grids. Many thanks and yasher koach to our 2nd Vice President, David Dender for coordinating the pool and making sure everyone was paid in a timely manner. Congratulations to Howard Lampert, Andrew Meyerson, Stacy Meyerson, Stu Wolf, Shea Lerner, Andrew Bernstein, Mike Chad and an undisclosed member of the Dender family. Thanks for supporting this valuable fundraiser and making it such a great success.

Also on Sunday, February 9th, we had a great turnout of many Men's Club members to assemble the set pieces for our production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Likewise, on Sunday, February 16th, the crew came forward again to erect our stage extension.

Later in the afternoon on Sunday, February 16th, seventy-five people gathered for our dinner/movie night. Dinner was a simple combination of pizza, pasta and salad. Many, many thanks to Jeff Kaden for his selection of White Bird as our feature presentation. You could hear a pin drop as everyone's attention was directed toward the screen and was fully engrossed in this compelling story. While not a true story itself, the movie was a telling of many survivor's similar stories.

As we closed out the month of February, our focus has turned to putting the finishing touches on Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. I hope you have your tickets by now! If you do not already have tickets to the show, I highly encourage you to get them now. You do not want to miss this Patio Players Production. As you know, the telling of Jacob and his twelve sons is read in the torah in December. Our cast and crew is excited to act out this story for you in person and in full technicolor! The production features a seven piece orchestra, professional lighting and sound and an amazing cast who will sing and dance their hearts out for you!

### Men's Club (continued from Page 33)

In just a couple of weeks we are celebrating Purim. On Thursday, March 13th, we will gather once again to tell the story of the victory of the Jewish people over the evil Haman. We will enjoy hamantashen and Men's Club will once again sponsor the make-your-own sundae party with all the toppings. Dress in costume and be prepared to have a great time.

We are now in the month of March. With any luck, the coldest weather is behind us and warmer days are not too far away. Personally, I look forward to getting outside, working in my back yard and sprucing up my house for the spring and summer season. Fishing season will soon be here and I look forward to that as well. Whatever you enjoy during the warm weather months, please do it in a safe and healthy manner. Get outside, take a walk, ride your bike and before long I will see you at the Plainview pool!

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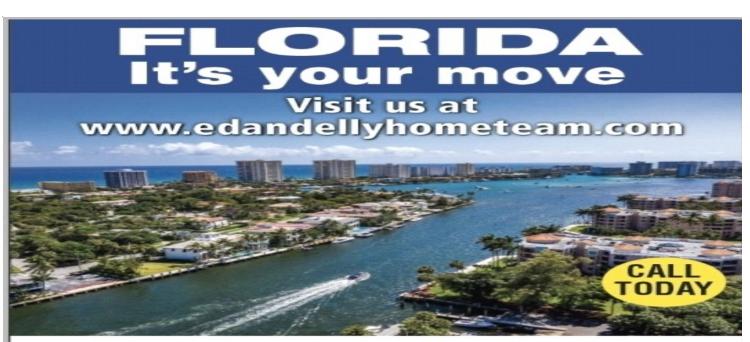
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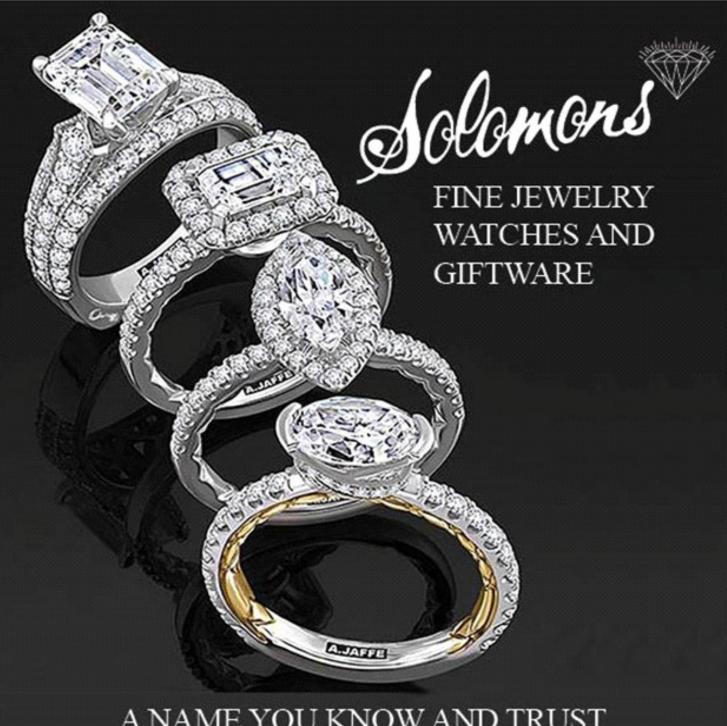
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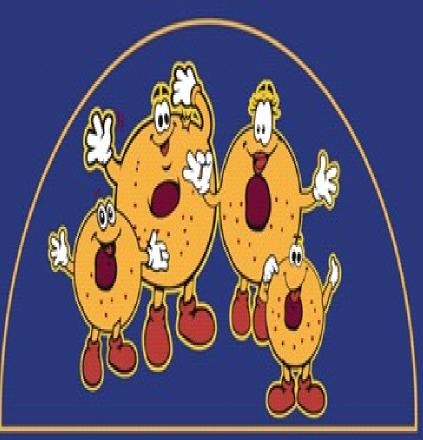
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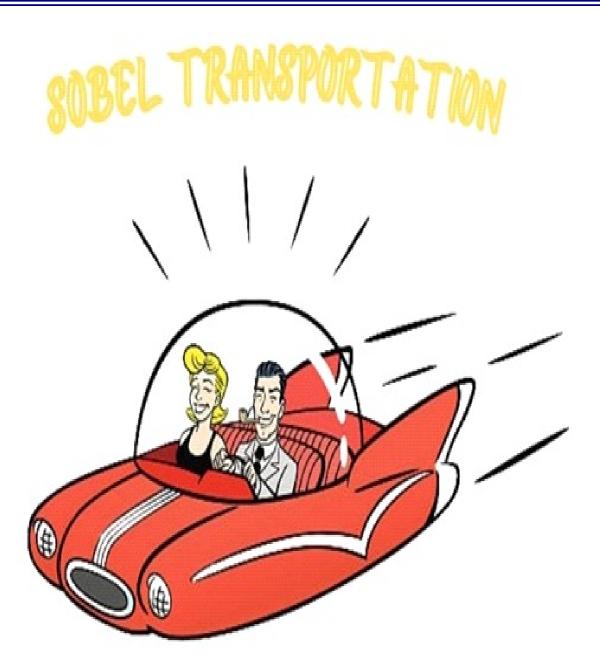
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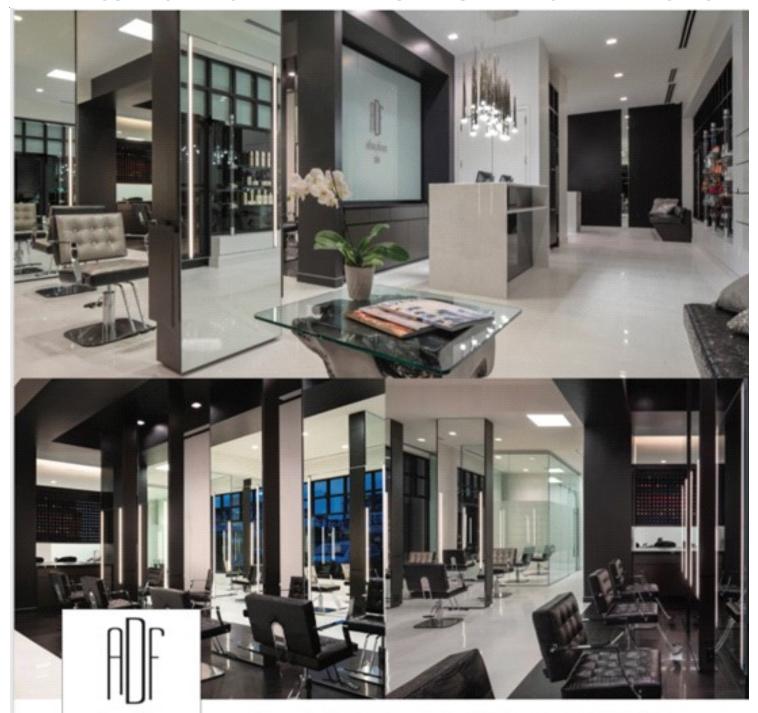
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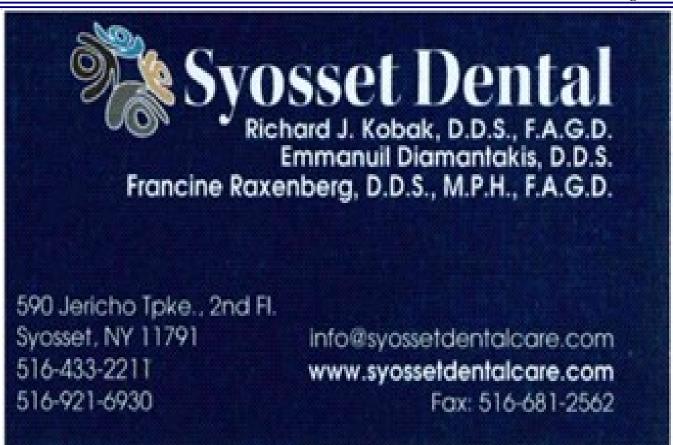
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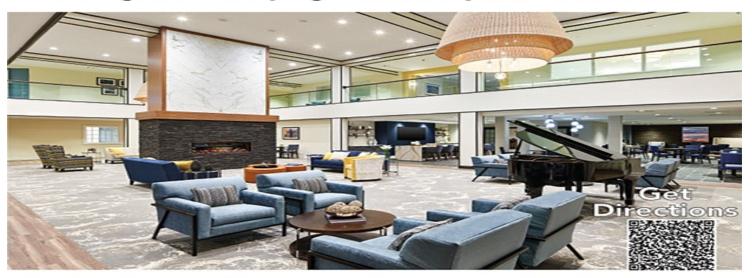
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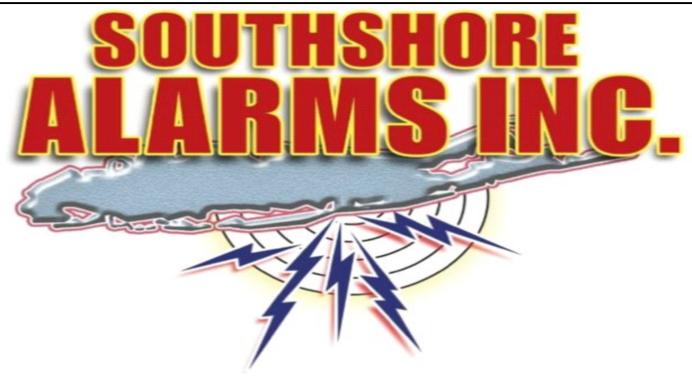
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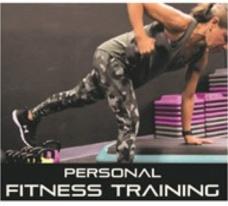
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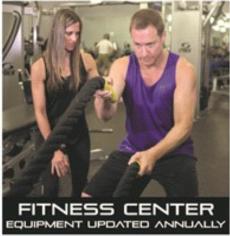
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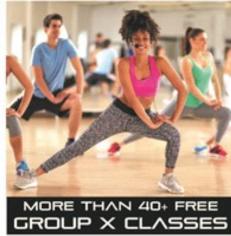
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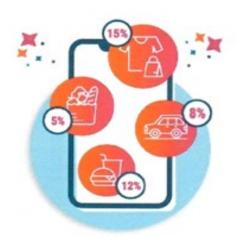
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- 1. Download Box Tops for Education in the App Store.
- 2. Create an account and search for PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER as the school you are supporting.
- 3. Using the app, snap a photo of your grocery receipt and the eligible items will automatically be credited to our PJC account!

Thank you for helping us raise money for our school!

Plainview Jewish Center has Shoprite gift cards for purchase to help with your shopping needs while supporting our synagogue at the same time.



Gift cards may be picked up at the PJC main office.

Deliveries of gift cards to your home can be arranged if necessary. Other gift cards are available upon request. Please check with the main office at 515-938-8610 for other gift card availability.

Credit cards or checks only.

#### **HATZILU**

IN ORDER TO HELP OUR JEWISH POOR AND ELDERLY,
PLEASE MAKE A DONATION TO HATZILU.
MEN'S CLUB WILL SEND A CERTIFICATE
TO HONOR THE NAME OF MEMORY OF WHO YOU CHOOSE.
THIS IS AN IDEAL WAY TO EXPRESS A "SIMCHA" OR "SYMPATHY"
AND TO HELP OUR FELLOW JEWS.

PLEASE EMAIL STEVE GLASSER AT: STEVETG@AOL.COM OR CALL HIM AT: 516-660-0161 TO ORDER A CERTIFICATE

### HATZILU

An organization devoted to aiding the Jewish poor and aged

A contribution has been made to honor:

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PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER
MEN'S CLUB
95 FLORAL DRIVE
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

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#### **ATTENTION ALL CONGREGANTS:**

OUR WEEKDAY EVENING MINYANS
ARE IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!

WEEKDAY MINYAN IS AT 8PM AND LASTS 15 MINUTES.
ANY DAY YOU CAN COME DOWN
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
THANK YOU

#### PJC BUY A BRICK PROGRAM

Please help us in raising money to upgrade, beautify and maintain our building and grounds. Our Walkway of Memories provides a permanent way to honor or memorialize a family member or friend, a business or special occasion.

For further information or additional order forms, please call: Larry Speiller at (516) 938-8610.

# PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER CEMETERY GROUND

**Cost:** Single Graves available at \$1800 each grave.

**Terms:** Payable in full within 6 months of purchase.

Eligibility: Available to PJC Members in good standing ONLY.