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Message from the President



Done, goodbye, adios, been there and done that and a very long time coming. We can finally look at 2020 from the rearview mirror and kiss it goodbye with hopes of better times ahead. Happy New Year everyone and a toast to a much better year, a much better 2021 for everyone.

It's sad to think that I don't know of anyone who hasn't experienced personal challenges on some level or another over this past year. I think that will forever sum up 2020. A year's worth of challenges, changes, new buzz words, phrases and how we go out in public or not go out in public all

based on a word and number Covid-19. Just crazy.

We have a brand spanking new year ahead of us, and rest assured your Men's Club Executive Board is not asleep on some remote Zoom meeting somewhere without our pants on (well maybe one or two of us are). Just to confirm, we may not be producing this year's Patio Players "Show" in March, our live Texas Hold'em this month is a total bust, Movie Night, well that will remain unseen and our Purim Ice Cream Social is melting away before our eyes...BUT...

There is a big **but** here. Did you know that we've been having monthly virtual Texas Hold'em Tournaments every 3rd Tuesday of every month hosted by Jeremy Rice? Did you also know, as of this writing, we are planning to present Seltzertopia via Zoom on January 12th instead of in May? Did you realize that the World Wide Wrap will go Zoom on Sunday morning, February 7th? And, as of this writing, the Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat on February 6th is all systems go, BUT...?

I bet you did not know that the Patio Players did not go into hibernation until next year but they are actually back! Back you ask? Yes, entitled "Bringing Back the Best: A Musical Revue" brought to you live via a computer screen, iPad or cell phone nearest you. This will be a one-off live event via Zoom (date, time and Zoom link to follow) taking place in February in which Patio Players performers will be performing songs they've done from previous shows or perform songs they wished they could have done from previous shows but didn't or couldn't due to circumstances. Knowing how talented our Patio Players performers are, and a chance to sing their very favorite song(s) can only be a recipe for a wonderful night of entertainment. Oh the viewing cost you ask? Not a penny and everyone is welcome. The best part, the viewers and performers will have the opportunity to voluntarily make a donation in any amount they feel comfortable with to the Hatzilu Rescue Organization. This will be a fantastic evening for a fantastic cause, so please keep a lookout for further information to support our Patio Players and our community as a whole.

So you thought your Men's Club was going to slow down until the weather gets a little warmer out, not quite. I would just like to remind everyone that we are in a very unique situation, we have the wherewithal, the talent, will and strength of our Club to make any new event or activity a reality. I ask you, is there something or anything you would like to see your Men's Club

participate in? I feel the sky is the limit as to what we can do. There is a reason I include my cell # at the end of this article and every email I send out. Call me. Let's hear your idea(s). Your Executive Board is proactive and would love to hear your thoughts, call me or anyone on the Executive Board. I dare you. Remember this is your Men's Club as well as mine.

I have never strayed from using my monthly article for anything other than Men's Club related issues, but just this one time please indulge me. The last month and a half has been very challenging for my family and me and I just want to thank everyone, actually I don't think I can thank everyone enough for your thoughts, prayers, most of all kind words and support for my family and me.

Once again, I wish each of you a safe, happy and very healthy New Year.

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"Do You Believe in Miracles? Yes!"

The word "miracle" brings to mind Biblical stories, spiritual epiphanies, theological fervor, and religious symbols and icons. Hardly anyone would associate the term "miracle" with ice hockey. But on February 22, 1980, the word was used by the celebrated sportscaster Al Michaels, to describe the unlikely victory of the U.S. hockey team against the Soviet Hockey team, recognized as the best team in the world, in the 1980 Winter Olympics, held in Lake Placid, NY. The win placed the U.S. team into the finals, which they won and earned the coveted gold medal. "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" was the spontaneous and now-iconic extemporaneous reaction by Michaels as the clock ticked down to the end of the game. The 2004 movie about the scrappy group of amateur ice hockey players who beat the Soviet behemoth was entitled, "Miracle."

The Hebrew word for miracle is "nes." Yet the very same word also means "pole" in Hebrew. What can we learn about the Jewish concept of miracles from a pole?

The first appearance of the word "nes" in the Torah appears not in the context of miracle, but regarding its cognate, pole. God had just said to Moses, "Make a venomous serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live." After the Children of Israel fought a successful battle against the Canaanites, the nation became embittered, complaining that there was no bread or water, and how they were becoming tired of the manna which sustained them. God sent venomous snakes to the Israelite camp, who bit many people who died from the injuries. The nation approached Moses, admitted that they had sinned and asked Moses to pray to God to remove the snakes. It is here where God instructed Moses to make this pole.

Regarding this cryptic response of constructing a pole, the Mishnah (Rosh Hashana 3:8) asks, "Does a snake give life, or cause death? Rather, what the text means is that when the Israelites looked up, they subjugated their hearts to God in heaven and were instantly healed."

Jewish wisdom is telling us that a miracle is like a pole, on which is flown a banner or flag. We rally around a banner, and the banner is often a means to inject pride and faith. So too with miracles. Supernatural Divine events are not themselves the source for inspired faith; they are occurrences that we can rally around, helping us grow in our trust in the Almighty.



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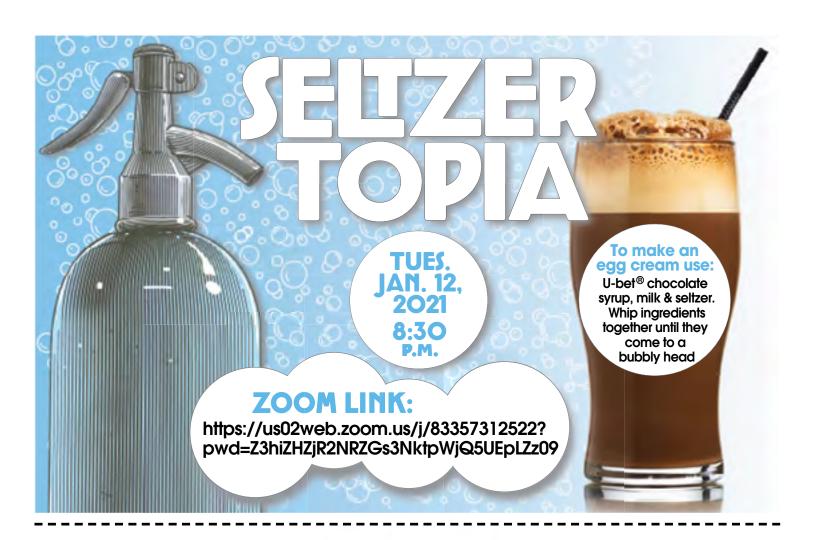
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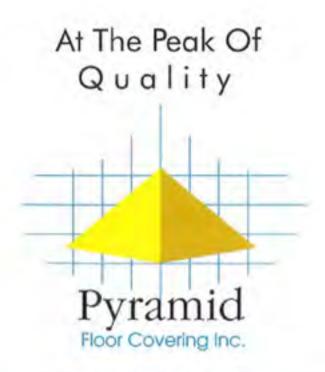
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From Midnight to Noon

Frank Sinatra famously sang that New York is a "city that never sleeps." However, of all the sleepless nights, New Year's Eve is Gotham's most awake night, as tens of thousands often stand in frigid temperatures waiting for the ball atop a building in Times Square to descend. At the stroke of midnight, those in Times Square and everyone beyond, ring in the new year with embraces, songs, drinks and best wishes.

Midnight is the official demarcation point, as the day of the week, date of the month, and year change at that moment.

Midnight, also has various Jewish legal ramifications. There is also Jewish wisdom about Midday, or noon - midnight's polar opposite, which is also the time of day many New Year's eve revelers wake up. The famed super-commentary Rashi, notes three places where the phrase "the midst of the day" is employed in the Bible and how they are connected. First, Noah and his family entered the ark "in the middle of the day" (Genesis 7:13), in broad daylight. The people living at the time of Noah had sworn to physically block Noah and his family from entering the ark. God purposely resolved to instruct Noah and his family to enter the ark in the presence of everyone, to highlight the people's inability to stop what God decreed.

Second, God liberated the Jews from Egyptian slavery in the "middle of the day" (Exodus 12:51). The Egyptians vowed to stop the Jews from leaving Egypt, even with axes and other weapons. God took the Israelites out in the middle of the day and dared anyone to try to stop Him. Finally, when describing Moses' death (Deuteronomy 32:48), the term "in the middle of the day" is once again used. The Jewish people claimed that they would not allow Moses, the man who delivered them from Egypt, split the sea for them, provided the Manna and quail from heaven, hydrated the nation with water found in the desert, and gave the Torah to the Children of Israel, to die. Nevertheless, God summarily took back Moses' soul in the middle of the day.

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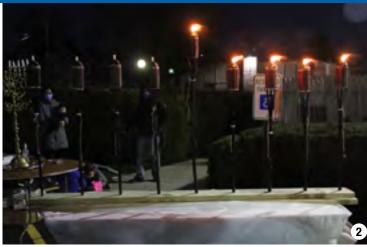
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- 1-The Medwed Family Menorah
 2-The Freddy Franco Menorah
 3-Cantor Judith Berkson
 4 & 5-Members of Cantor Berkson's band: Kevin Zubek on drums; Yoshie Fruchter on guitar; Evan Rapport on saxophone

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Drive-in Menorah Lighting • December 13



- 1-Two women who stopped by to join the fun
 2-Bruce Elowsky and Sherry Elowsky
 3-Joyce Eckstein, Andy Meyerson, Stacy Meyerson, Shea Lerner behind Sigmund Vogl, Sabrina Hymowitz, Molly Meyerson holding Saul Vogl and Lauren Hymowitz



Drive-in Menorah Lighting • December 13



- 1-Aidan Kaplan, Stephanie Kaplan, Jodi Schinz, Beverly Kepke and Joseph Schinz 2-Mark Wieselthier and Lydia Wieselthier 3-Michele Haimes and Stu Haimes





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Drive-in Menorah Lighting December 13







- 1-Our security director Bob Nardo with Jason Hymowitz and Noah Lerner 2-Bob Friedman and Merry Lewin with service dog-in-training, Obsidian 3-Shari, Emily and David Kubrick with Benji 4-Liz, Philip, Helena and Larry Danziger with Hunter 5-Rabbi Steven Conn and Hanuk Cat





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- 1-Lucas and Zachery Dubrow in front of Marc Medwed, Tali Medwed, Stacey Dubrow holding Lila Dubrow, Ilene Medwed Brooks, Evy Rothman, Jerry Rothman, Alice Glasser and Steve Glasser
 2-Rabbi Steven Conn preparing to light the Freddy Franco Menorah





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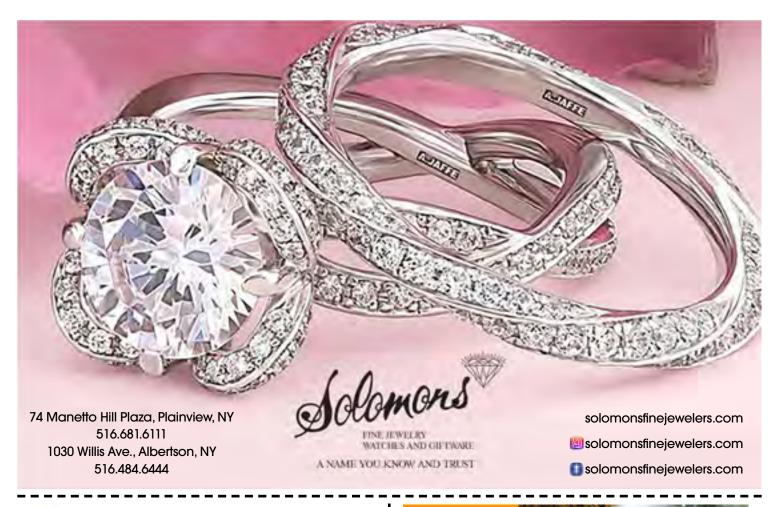
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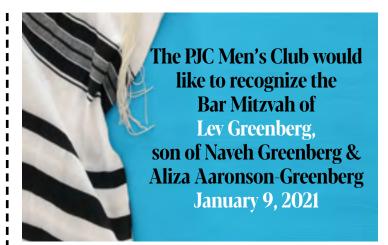
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JANUARY

12 8:30 pm



Seltzertopia via Zoom

19 8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday
26
8:30 pm



Board Meeting:

FEBRUARY

Saturday

6 9:00 am



Men's Club/Sisterhood Shabbat

Sunday 9:00 am



FJMC World Wide Wrap

Tuesday **16** 8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday **23** 8:30 pm



Board Meeting:

MARCH

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Board Meeting

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4	9	2	5	1	7	6	8	3
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