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Message from the President



OK, so who is done with this snow and winter? My hand is raised high! I actually just finished shoveling for the 2nd time today and I'm totally over it. I have to admit, I'm really not sure where this article is going, since I don't have anything on my mind (no surprise there) or prepared to write about like I normally do. I do know that I can't believe how fast February went by and I am definitely behind schedule writing this. Nothing like feeling like a deer in the headlights of an oncoming car. So here goes.

I do know I was reminded earlier today that I only have 4 more months left of being your President and I that I may actually be missed, which is kind of cool. I keep reminding myself, I still have 4 months to mess everything up. I look at it as, in 4 months it will be sunny and warm and we'll all be wearing shorts once again. That being said, I do know we still have much to accomplish between now and then. No letting up or giving up now.

I know I'm looking forward to getting the first ever Men's Club Purim Gift Bags delivered this weekend. I know my "bright idea" gave several gentleman and even one woman a whole bunch of work to do. I don't apologize for this, because I think it was just the right thing to do. I do want to thank all of our M/C Purim DoorDash Delivery Personal for making this happen. A special Tov to Mitchell Kessler and Stewart Wasserman for making my vision come true (they actually did all the heavy lifting or should I say heavy packing on this one).

I do have to backtrack a bit to our triple header weekend; MC/SH Shabbat, World Wide Wrap and our Super Bowl Grid. Thank you, thank you and thank you to everyone who had a part in that weekend. It was busy, but it all went off without a hitch. I need to give Rabbi Conn a special thank you for working with the M/C on the "Build a Pair" program in conjunction with the World Wide Wrap and our Hebrew School students. I can proudly report that we had 22 participants via Zoom and another 35 or so viewing via Facebook and it was truly wonderful seeing the students' "Build a Pair" of Tefillin in use that morning. Tov! Tov! Tov! to everyone. As far as I know, that was a world record attendance for us.

And if by some chance you skipped past the front cover just to read this article, flip the page back, but just for a second, and check out the cover of this Hakol. The Patio Players are back for a limited one-night engagement "**FREE OF CHARGE**" for this year's edition of our show. Somehow, someway our producers Stu Haimes, Rob Cohen and yours truly will be making it possible. So please join us for our show, and when you do, sit back, relax and know that nothing stops your Men's Club from our annual traditions or new traditions, not even during the midst of this mess we find our world in right now.

As Always
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Steven
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Proposed Amendments to the PJC Men's Club Constitution

Proposed amendments in Bold:

Section 1 - Titles of Officers - ... **Financial Secretary,
Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.**

Section 9 – The Immediate Past President shall serve as an advisor to the Officers and to The Board of Directors of the Men's Club. He shall be entitled to appear at any and all meetings of the Officers, and regular and special meetings of the Men's Club and shall be entitled to vote at any and all such meetings as he may attend. The completion of either one term, where the President does not serve a second consecutive term, or the completion of two consecutive terms as President of the Men's Club, will automatically invest the outgoing President with the title, duties and privileges of Immediate Past President as described hereinabove. If he served for one term, The Immediate Past President shall serve for one (1) term; if he served for two consecutive terms, he shall serve for two (2) terms. There shall serve only one Immediate Past President per Term. Only the most recent outgoing President may become an Immediate Past President.

Section 10 – The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the presiding officer in maintaining order at all Men's Club Meetings.

Prior sections 9 and 10 shall be renumbered 11 and 12.

First draft, Jan. 20, 2021. Mitchell Kessler



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In Order of Appearance

Mara Kaplan & Matthew Natof ★ "Kids" from *Bye Bye Birdie*

Braidy Nidermaier ★ "My Favorite Things" from *The Sound of Music*

Olivia Winick ★ "Pure Imagination" from *Willy Wonka*

Ed & Julia Sollinger ★ "I Don't Need Anything But You" from *Annie*

Mitch Kessler ★ "Adolfo" from *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Ellen Teitelbaum & Fred Stern ★ "We're a Couple of Swells"
from *Easter Parade*

Michele Brickman ★ "Dona Dona" from *Esterke*

Molly Meyerson & Sage Moghaddam ★ will tap
dance to "A Friend Like Me" from *Aladdin*

Sarah Fitzgerald ★ "Lost in the Brass"
from the musical *Band Geeks*

Rob Hayman ★ "Proud of Your Boy" from *Aladdin*

Cali Alvarez ★ "I Don't Need A Roof" from *Big Fish*

Terry Hochler ★ "Just You Wait, Henry Higgins" from *My Fair Lady*

Gracie Greenberg ★ "If I Were A Bell" from *Guys and Dolls*

Rebecca Goldfarb ★ "Journey to the Past" from *Anastasia*

Shari LaVacca ★ "The Winner Takes It All" from *Mama Mia!*

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The Medrash recorded in Parashat Va'era claims that the plague of hail was unique, that melon-sized hail contained fire inside of it, a miracle from God as fire and water cannot co-exist in nature. What is the significance of this supernatural act found in the seventh plague?

The plague of hail was meant to demonstrate God's power. Boils are boils, lice are lice and pestilence is pestilence. But, creating a form of deadly precipitation that in Egypt's warm climate had never been seen before, was meant to show God's supremacy and to highlight the futility of resisting the requests of God's messenger, Moses.

One interpretation tries to keep the hail within the realm of nature, and suggests that the ice contained the fire until it burst forth from the ice and descended like a bomb over Egypt (Moses warned the Egyptians to bring everything and everyone indoors as everything outdoors would be destroyed – see Exodus 9:19). Another opinion suggests that the pelting of Egypt with hail was meant to parallel the experience of the wicked in purgatory, which, according to tradition, are punished simultaneously with both ice and fire.

Rabbi Don Isaac Abrabanel suggests that each plague served as a measure-for-measure punishment to the Egyptians for evil actions they perpetrated upon the Israelite slaves. The Egyptians abused the Israelite slaves with fists, rocks and screams; hail punished the perpetrators by pelting them and their possessions, while deafening and frightening sounds injected fear into the Egyptians.

The only reason Pharaoh did not release the slaves after the hail was due to God hardening his heart. Any other mortal would have capitulated due to the show of force and the massive damage.

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As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That's why we are encouraging your family to light just one yellow candle on the night of April 8th, for the 27th day of Nisan.

When each family lights a yellow candle, it will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetuate our commitment to our people.

The memory is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. Sadly, 20% of all high school students have no knowledge of the Holocaust. They are ripe for the revisionist history we wish to avoid.

Yom Hashoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

The Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club is distributing Yom Hashoah yellow candles to our congregation to ensure that the light of freedom and tolerance continues to shine.

David Kubrick,
Committee Chairman
PJC Men's Club



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Where in the World is Moses?

The centerpiece of Parashat Yitro is the Decalogue, the Revelation at Sinai, where the Aseret Hadibrot, the Ten Utterances (also known as the Ten Commandments) were declared. But you may need some Dramamine if you try to identify Moses' location during this most seminal moment in human history.

Chapter 19 of Exodus describes the preparations for Revelation as the Children of Israel arrived in the Sinai wilderness. Verse 3 informs us that Moses climbed Mount Sinai to receive a message from God for the Children of Israel, describing their chosenness and the miracles God performed on their behalf. Verse 14 states that Moses descended the mountain.

On the day of Revelation, the Children of Israel saw lightning, heard claps of thunder and the enduring sound of the shofar, and the nation of Israel trembled. In the midst of these tremendous natural phenomena, God descends upon Mount Sinai (verse 20) and summons Moses to the top of the mountain. In the very next verse (verse 21), God commands Moses to "go down to the people" and enforce the Divine imperative not to approach the mountain. In verse 24, once again, God commands Moses to, "Go, get you down, and you shall come up, you, and Aaron with you; but let not the priests and the people break through, to come up to the Lord..." The next verse states: "So Moses went down to the people, and spoke to them." Immediately thereafter (Exodus 20:1), God spoke the words of the Decalogue, the "Ten Commandments."

Why does God ask Moses to ascend and descend Mount Sinai so many times prior to Revelation?

A Midrash (Sh'mot Rabbah 28:3) advances the notion that had Moses been atop Mount Sinai during the Revelation, the Israelites may have been unclear if the statements emanated from God or from Moses. Moses was therefore dispatched to be with the people so there would be no ambiguity. Why then all the instructions from God for Moses to ascend and descend Mount Sinai, despite being 80 years old and in great shape? Rabbi Shmuel Goldin suggests in his *Unlocking the Torah Text* that his sorties up and down Mount Sinai were meant to teach Moses a lesson about leadership: Ultimately, the leader is the representative of the people that he or she represents. During the greatest moment in human history, consummating God and the Children of Israel's relationship, Moses needed to be with those whom he represented and for whom he cared. God wanted Moses to learn this lesson on his own, by going up and down Mount Sinai.



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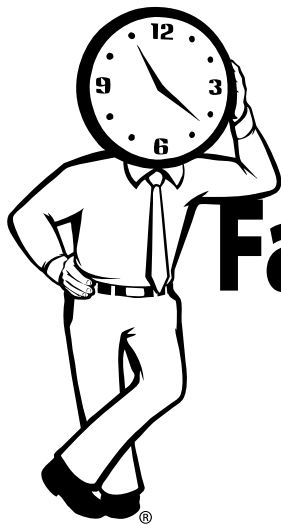
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In order to help our Jewish poor and elderly, please make a donation to **Hatzilu**. A volunteer from Men's Club will send a certificate to honor the name and the occasion you want. This is an ideal way to express a "Simcha" or "Sympathy" and help **Hatzilu** in their mission to help our fellow Jews and others in our community. Please e-mail Steve Glasser at: stevetg@aol.com or call him at: 516.938.3069 to order a certificate.

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By _____

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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:

◆ *Ervie Farkas* ◆ *Mitchell Kessler* ◆ *Andy Meyerson* ◆ *Jeff Miller* ◆

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

Men's Club Dates to Watch For

MARCH

Saturday
13
7:30 pm



Patio Players

Tuesday
16
8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Sunday
21
10:00 am



Packing Yom Hashoah Candles

Tuesday
23
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

APRIL

Thursday
8
7:30 pm



Yom Hashoah

Tuesday
20
8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

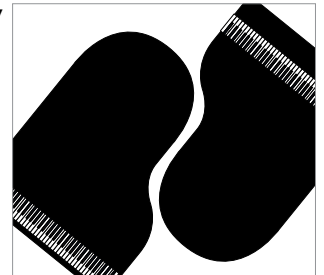
Tuesday
27
8:30 pm



Board Meeting

MAY

Saturday
15
8:30 pm



Dueling Pianos

Tuesday
18
8:30 pm



Texas Hold 'Em

Tuesday
25
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

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

Last Month's Answers

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

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>