

**JOIN PJC FOR  
VIRTUAL ZOOM SEDERS**

**APRIL 8TH & 9TH 7:00 PM**

**Plainview Jewish Centers invites you and your family  
to join us for virtual Zoom seders this year.**

- Rabbi Conn and Cantor Berkson will be leading the seders.
- You and your family can join in via Zoom, the web-conferencing platform.
- The seders will be lively, interactive and song filled.
- Every family that RSVPs will be sent an invitation to join the Zoom seder and a Haggadah to download.
- It will be approximately 60-75 minutes from start of seder to the seder meal.
- Participation is free.
- Kids are welcome to attend and participate.
- Attendance is limited, for now, to PJC members and their extended families. We will open up spots to the community at large later if possible.

**Using Zoom is simple.**

- **On a computer**, click the link on your seder invitation and you will be asked to download Zoom. In under 60 seconds, you will be able to join the meeting. Make sure to allow Zoom to use computer audio and camera.
- **On a smartphone or tablet**, you will need to download the Zoom app. Once you do, clicking on the link to the invitation will take you right to our seder. Make sure to allow Zoom to use device audio and camera.

**HAMAKOM YINACHEM**

**Donald Ingram on the passing of his wife, Myrna Ingram.**

**Chana Jacobs on the passing of her mother-in-law, Miriam Jacobs.**

**Alan Guthertz on the passing of his mother-in-law, Dolores Provenzale.**

**Jack Weingarten on the passing of his sister, Gloria Appel.**

**Marsha Elowsky and Barbara Berse on the passing of their husband and father, Joe Elowsky.**

**Michael Chad on the passing of his father, Herbert Chad.**

**Ervi Farkas on the passing of his brother, Edward B. Farkas.**

**MAZEL TOV**

**Judy and Stuart Forman on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Ally Yagaloff, daughter of Dana and Jeffrey Yagaloff.**

**Louise and Seth Pollack on the birth of their grandson, Jake Axel, son of Torie and Ben Pollack.**

**Doris Cooper on the engagement of her granddaughter, Emily Dart, daughter of Amy Dart, to Jeff Buchman.**

**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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## **Plainview Jewish Center**

### **516-938-8610**

### **WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**Mon. thru Fri..... 6:30AM**

**Mon. thru Thurs.....8:00PM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 9:00AM**

**Sun. and Holidays..... 8:00PM**

**Friday Evening Services -**

**Check Calendar for Times**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB**

**[WWW.PLAINVIEWJEWISHCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.PLAINVIEWJEWISHCENTER.ORG)**

**FROM THE RABBI by Rabbi Steven Conn**

As children, my brother and sister and I were fascinated by the “magic trick” of pulling the tablecloth out from under a fully set table. We saw the trick performed many times on television. After a while we became so curious that we decided to try the trick ourselves. I am not sure which one of us actually pulled on the tablecloth. But suffice it to say, we all got in trouble over the mess that resulted.

It turns out that the time honored trick of pulling the tablecloth out from under a fully set table plays a small role in the development of the Passover Haggadah.



The rabbis wanted to make sure that participants in the seder asked questions throughout the night. Therefore, they made a rule that the seder meal could not proceed until someone had asked a question. In the early days, some rabbis went to great lengths to ensure that there would be questions at the seder. In the Talmud, the great teacher Abbaye tells the story that his teacher Rabba had his servants literally “upend the table” before the seder meal had even begun. While most commentators suggest that the servants merely cleared the table of dishes, the verb the Talmud uses suggests a quicker and more dramatic action. In my imagination, the only gesture that would warrant use of such a powerful verb would have been to actually pull out the tablecloth from under the table settings. If Rabba really wanted to provoke questions at the seder table, nothing would have worked better than the old pull out the table cloth from under the set table trick.

As time went on, the seder became routine enough that the rabbis mandated four specific questions to be asked at the beginning of the seder. These questions became known as the *Mah Nishtanah*. The recitation of the Mah Nishtanah, usually by the youngest child, ensured that there would always be at least four questions at the seder.

If there were ever a year where we did not need the four questions, it is 5780–2020 on our secular calendars. This year, our seders will not be routine. Our lives have been upended by the rapid spread of the dangerous Coronavrius COVID-19. We will not be congregating in the synagogue for our typically large community seders. We will not be gathering with extended families and friends in our houses. We will be having our seders alone, or with just a few other people. For the first time, some of us will be connecting to our seders remotely, using the internet to join with our loved ones or members of our community who are isolated in their own homes. For many of us, our Passover preparations will have been rushed and perhaps not as meticulous as usual. We may not have been able to get all the Passover foods we are used to having. And we will be unsure of what the future will bring in a way that we may have never been in our lives. We will not have to rely on the Haggadah as a source for questions. The very act of celebrating a seder under these unusual and stressful circumstances will raise enough questions on its own.

For the rabbis, questions are the gateway to learning. The more questions we ask, the more we understand. For us too, there may be something to be learned from all the questions we are asking this year. Perhaps we will gain a new perspective on our lives and how much we have taken for granted.

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*From The Rabbi ( continued from Page 3 )*

Perhaps we will develop a greater appreciation of the strength we draw from our families and our communities. Perhaps we will come to understand better just how important Judaism is as a source of values, identity and spirituality. But right now, it is hard to look at our questions as anything other than a source of anxiety and a measuring stick for just how much our lives have been turned upside down. If there is any antidote to all of our questions, it is not learning. Learning is good, but no one wants to learn the hard way. The only antidote to our questions right now, our tradition teaches us, is hope, Not faith, but hope. Faith is the naive certainty that God will miraculously save us from whatever dangers we face. But hope is the knowledge that whatever happens, we cannot afford to give in to despair. We must remain open to the possibility that things will get better, and do what we can to move things in the right direction.

The Israelites in the Passover story maintained their hope for redemption, even after many generations of slavery. Our ancestors opened the door for Elijah every year during the Passover seder to express their hope that redemption would come to our people even when they themselves faced persecution and oppression. Hope has gotten us through the most difficult times as a people. Hope is one of the most powerful tools we have at our disposal during the difficult time that we find ourselves in today. Let us dedicate our Passover seders this year to fortifying our souls with hope and making sure we keep our vision of a better future in sight. In the words of the Psalmist "Hope in Adonai, be strong and take good courage, hope in Adonai."

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## *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.***

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT *by MICHAEL PORTNOY*

When everything comes to a halt, literally, there are certain main components and issues that need immediate attention. For example, if we suddenly are faced with the death of a loved one, everything else stops. Our main concern then becomes the departed and all that has to be done at that point. Sadly, our daily lives seem as if we are dealing with a similar type of halt. My heart goes out to those who have the illness or have lost a loved one during this time.



This virus, or shall I say plague, has hit our world recently. COVID-19 is just that, a plague! Whether some are able to withstand its force or not so much for others, we are living what our ancestors dealt with. Ironically, it has come during Passover.

At Plainview Jewish Center, it has been quite the experience. Without a warning, who knew we could have this type of an issue and challenges? I must say that decisions had to be made and are still being made without time to waste. We thoroughly cleaned up our building and stopped all traffic through it. Sadly, for the Men's Club, and the rest of us, the show came to an abrupt halt leaving everyone in total dismay. "Is it that bad?" many were texting me, calling me, face timing me. Add to that, family, friends, clients and even my grandkids and my children questioned me to the point where I felt, and am still feeling, overwhelmed. Decisions had to be made. I conferred with Board members. Our decisions disappointed some and made others more comfortable. Please believe me, it hasn't been easy. If not for our Leadership and our Rabbi, things wouldn't be going so smoothly. I cannot even begin to mention names right now but please know that all those that have helped so much in an effort to keep things going are truly appreciated. Those in the Hebrew School, on the Ritual Committee, on the Board, from the bottom of my heart, Thank you!

We are moving forward and are on "top of things," including our finances. Please rest assured and have faith that even though we are not seeing each other on a regular basis and our physical location remains closed, there is plenty of work and care behind the scenes. Let's unite and pray together for the sake of our loved ones, our congregation and the return to normality as we know it.

In the meantime, hopefully, everyone has read the updates in our emails and are following our Facebook page and group on social media. Our website has a link to our Facebook page and if you need assistance in accessing social media, please let us know. Someone will happily walk you through it. Our daily online services are a breath of fresh air! Some of us who were unable to attend our Synagogue on a daily basis, can now be a part of it.

If you look at a group of people that had faith, it's the Jews. We followed Moses through the desert for 40 years without a map. There had to be a guy in the back thinking, I don't think He knows where he's going. Well, here at PJC we know where we are going and my vision is that we will pick up where we left off! With positiveness, health and a newfound appreciation for family, friendship and our Synagogue, we will survive this challenge.

In memory of our beloved congregant, mentor, volunteer and all-around great guy, Joe Elowsky, may your family and friends at PJC remember you with the smiles and love that you always had. We will miss you dearly! Sending my very best wishes to each and everyone of you and please contact me if you need assistance during these trying times.

***Michael Portnoy, President***

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# ***Virtual Happenings***

**Virtual Morning and Evening Services** 9:00 AM Sunday, Monday, Wednesday-Friday (8:30 AM Tuesdays) and 8:00 PM Saturday-Thursday. Find these services on Facebook.

**Do You Need Help With Shopping or Other Necessities?** Olga Portnoy has created what we are calling, for now, the PJC Caring Committee to help those who need assistance with essential tasks during this crisis. If you need help, please contact Olga by phone, text or email at (516) 383-8314 or oportnoy@aol.com. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Olga at the phone number or email address above.

**Passover Seders:**

Rabbi Conn and Cantor Berkson will be conducting virtual Zoom seders on both nights at 7:00 PM.

**RSVP for the April 8th Virtual First Seder via the PJC email from 3/31.**

**RSVP for the April 9th Virtual Second Seder via the PJC email from 3/31.**

All those who are signed up for the seder will receive an invitation to participate via Zoom and a Haggadah to download prior to the seder. **Participation is absolutely free and open to all.** Unfortunately, we will not be able to supply any seder food.

**Once again, here are links to various siddur downloads.**

Shabbat Morning Shacharit

Shabbat Musaf

Weekday Evening

Weekday morning

To all those members of our PJC family who are ill, we wish you *refuah shelemah*, a speedy recovery.

To everyone, we wish you good health and good spirits.



PLAINVIEW JEWISH CENTER IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE...

## **FREE ALEPH & BET CLASS**

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2020!



**Children in Kindergarten, First, or Second Grade  
can attend Sunday Hebrew School for FREE\*!**

\*Free membership given to families who have a child in Aleph and Bet  
ONLY and no other child enrolled in our religious school.

For more information, please contact Bonnie Novak, PJC Membership VP at (516) 650-7068

Visit us online: [PlainviewJewishCenter.org](http://PlainviewJewishCenter.org)

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## ***Plainview Jewish Center***

**Please join us as we celebrate  
Our Plainview Jewish Center congregants  
who have been members for 30 plus years!**

**A brunch in their honor will be held  
on Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 AM.**

**Please RSVP by March 20th.  
Mail checks to: Plainview Jewish Center  
95 Floral Drive West, Plainview, NY 11803**

***\$36 per person,  
\$18 for children 13 years and younger.***

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**Yes, excited to celebrate!**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**I/we are unable to attend, but would like to contribute  
to this wonderful celebration**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Credit cards are also accepted  
Call the PJC Office: 938-8610**

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Please help us honor our loyal and supportive congregants who have been members of Plainview Jewish Center for 30 plus years. From now until April, you can purchase a leaf on the Tree of Life in celebration of these PJC Members. Inscribe your name(s) on a leaf and show your support.

Special member appreciation leaves are only \$90.00 until our April brunch! Please send inscription to the temple office with your check or credit card information. You can also pay online at

[www.plainviewjewishcenter.org](http://www.plainviewjewishcenter.org)



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***Celebrate our Honorees for \$18 each.***

***Please add the name of those you'd like to include on our***

## ***Scroll of Honor***

***Name(s) :*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Watch for new date &  
details!***

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**Plainview Jewish Center Sisterhood Presents:**



***MAH JONGG  
Tournament***

***Wednesday, April 22nd  
7:30pm at PJC***

***Refreshments! Great Cash Prizes!  
\$25 Entry Fee - Must be paid in advance by 4/17***

***If you want to play East, bring your own set.  
Reserve your spot ASAP***

***Make check payable to: PJC Sisterhood  
95 Floral Drive, West, Plainview, NY 11803***

***Questions? Contact Debbie Zaglin  
(516) 822-8478 / debzaglin@gmail.com***

# **YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM**

Dear Plainview Jewish Center Members:

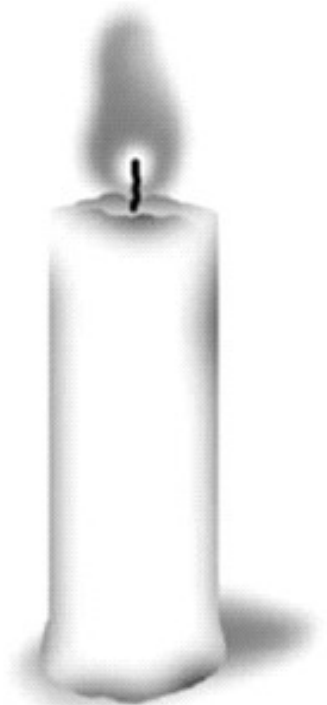
As you all know, the coronavirus pandemic has had a significant effect on all of our lives. Sadly, it has resulted in the temporary closure of our synagogue and has impacted the ability of the Men's Club to process and send out this year's Yom Hashoah Yellow candles.

The annual lighting of the yellow candles serves to help us remember and pay respects to the six million of us who perished in the Holocaust. Providing the candles is one of the most important functions of our PJC Men's Club and it is unfortunate that we will be unable to do so this year.

Yom Hashoah takes place on April 21st and we will be emailing a prayer which you will be able to recite at home on the evening of April 20th.

Our Men's Club takes great pride in sponsoring this program and hopefully next year we will be able to do so in a more traditional way.

Tom Atlas  
Committee Chairman  
PJC Men's Club



## Plainview Jewish Center Sisterhood Presents:



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**Monday, April 27th**

**7:30pm – Kirschner Room**

**\$25 includes refreshments and 1 Bingo card**

**\$1 for each additional Bingo card**

**RSVP to Debbie Zaglin 822-8478 or 236-0812**

**[debzaglin@gmail.com](mailto:debzaglin@gmail.com)**

**Make checks out to PJC Sisterhood mail to:**

**PJC 95 Floral Drive Plainview, NY 11803**

**ATTN: SISTERHOOD BINGO**

## **PJC SISTERHOOD SERVING OUR COMMUNITY**

**Let's support our local community by donating gently used/wearable clothing, housewares (nothing breakable), blankets and towels to ACLD.**

**ACLD is an organization that supports and provides services for adults and children with learning and developmental disabilities.**

**The phone number to call for pick-up is: 516-822-0028.**

**You can also drop off your clothing items at:  
837 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage NY**

**You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.**

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## **Support PJC when shopping on Amazon!!**

**Please visit: [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Sign in with your Amazon user name and password. Then select Plainview Jewish Center as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon Smile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation!**

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## **SHABBAT AFTERNOON STUDY**

**Most weeks during the Mincha/Ma'ariv Service on Shabbat Afternoon. During the fall and winter season, we will study selections from the Midrashic collection, Pirkei D'Rabbe Eliezer, relating to the weekly Torah portion.**

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***Coming soon:***

***TORAH ON TAP WITH RABBI CONN  
Watch this space for more details!***

## A NEW WAY TO SAVE ON YOUR PJC DUES AND MORE!

Dear Congregants,

I am pleased to share with you that your Board of Directors has approved the use of Gift Card Purchases to offset your financial obligations to Plainview Jewish Center. Here's how it works:

- Starting June 1, 2019, purchase gift cards at the Synagogue Office.
- Use cash or check to make purchases and 2% of your purchases will automatically be applied to your 2019/2020 financial obligations (Dues, Kol Nidre Appeal, Journal, etc).
- Participating vendors include ShopRite, CVS, Starbucks, Macy's, The Gap, Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, Bed Bath & Beyond and many more.

**Purchases by credit cards for this special program cannot be applied.** This will not affect the payment of the balance of your dues or other balances for which credit card payments will continue to be accepted.

**Gift Cards can still be purchased by credit card. However those credit card purchases will not be applied to reduce your financial obligations.**

If you have already fulfilled your financial obligations for the current year, you can still take advantage of this new Voluntary Financial Obligation Offset Gift Card Purchase Program by purchasing the gift cards and having the applicable amount reduce your future obligations.

Additionally, I am delighted to announce that there has been no limit placed on this program. Buy as many or as few Gift Cards as you like. **For every dollar purchased through this program, two percent will be applied to your financial obligations.**

Please see the chart on the next page to see how to take advantage of the Voluntary Financial Obligation Offset Gift Card Purchase Program.

## By supporting the Gift Card Program you support PJC!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support the Plainview Jewish Center every time you shop. We offer a great variety of brands, in addition to your weekly grocery purchases. From dining and entertainment to home improvement and beyond we can have all your shopping needs covered from many best-selling national retailers.

**Do you have a favorite restaurant or store you go to?**

**Purchase gift cards and help yourself while supporting PJC!**

Use cash or check to make your gift card purchase and 2% will automatically be applied to your current financial obligations.

Credit cards are accepted, but not eligible for this program.



Many gift cards are available in the PJC office, at many meetings and activities, or even delivery.



BANANA REPUBLIC



Call or stop by the office to see about ordering other gift cards - There are hundreds of choices available

For further information contact:

Temple Office - (516) 938-8610 ext. 0

Barbara Berse - (516) 946-2255 / [bbcbarb5@aol.com](mailto:bbcbarb5@aol.com)

Robin Kaufman - (516) 935-8390 (for delivery)

## *Religious School - Mrs. Shira Ornstein, Education Director* *Open Minds Open Doors*

The Vav class had their class service. The students led many parts of the Saturday morning service and everyone in attendance was so proud of their leadership. After the service our students, parents and other congregants enjoyed a light lunch.



Students learned about the ultimately joyous holiday of Purim and the mitzvah of giving mishloach manot (food packages). Pictured below are the Daled and Hay classes with the mishloach manot that they put together. The custom is to give this package to someone you know. Can you guess who these packages went to?



PJC Men's Club presents

# SELTZER TOPIA



Meet Barry  
Joseph, author of

"Seltzeropia:  
The Extraordinary Story  
of an Ordinary  
and..."



**POSTPONED**

APRIL 5,  
2020  
10:00  
A.M.

**FREE EGG  
CREAMS FOR  
EVERYONE!**

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## The Lend a Hand Project (formerly M'yad L'yad)

Sisterhood is continuing to sponsor our recipient family for the Lend a Hand Project. She is a single parent for a 19 year old daughter and a 4 1/2 year old son. She would appreciate any clothing for her son (sizes 6 to 7) and boy's toys, games and books that are appropriate for a preschooler. So, if you have any gently used clothing, toys games or books you can donate, please contact Rhonnie Diener at 433-4721 to arrange a time to drop off the items.

Sisterhood usually sends between 3-4 packages per year and one will be sent out soon. She would also appreciate gift cards to movies, Target, Stop and Shop and Walmart.

Thank you *Rhonnie Diener*

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### FAMILY FRIENDLY FRIDAY NIGHT - SERVICES SPONSORS NEEDED



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR THE ONEG, THE COST OF SPONSORSHIP IS \$20  
PLEASE CONTACT JUDY AT : [PJCFAMILYED@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PJCFAMILYED@GMAIL.COM).**

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

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**REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN  
PURCHASE YARMULKES  
FOR YOUR BAR/BAT MITZVAH OR WEDDING  
THROUGH OUR SISTERHOOD  
CONTACT: MARGIE: 935-7831 or MICHELE: 822-0704**

## Family Education Corner by *Judy Alper*

I've decided to keep my article light and positive and meaningful to me. I hope you will find it meaningful as well. In January my husband found out he was going to need a very difficult surgery. (If you're interested he had a "whipple" and you can google it ).

We went to all the right doctors, called in favors, got our second opinions and found a doctor of "excellence" at Mount Sinai. We put my husband's Hebrew name on several shul lists and friends paid for different organizations to pray for him. We even brought in the best "night nurse" ... my daughter from Israel who happens to be exactly that, a night nurse in an abdominal surgery ward.

On the day of the surgery, my husband was particularly calm and he commented on it. He said, I've gotten the best doctors and medical care. I'm in a great hospital and everyone I know is praying for me. There's nothing more I can do. It's totally in God's hands. He was right and perhaps that is the first lesson we should all learn, but that's not what this article is about. I will give you the end of the story first... my husband went through the 7 hour surgery successfully and will be, G-d willing, leading our seder soon. But that's also not what this article is about.

A week before my daughter came in, she called us up to prepare him for what would happen when he woke up and she gave me a special assignment. Every day that he was in the hospital I was to bring two packages of treats to give to the nurse. One for the day shift and one for the night shift. I thought she was crazy, Fourteen days in the hospital and two treats a day was easily over \$100. Isn't that overkill? I asked her. In a voice that I used to use on her, she said, "No. Nurses do a lot for their patients and most people don't show them any appreciation. Remember, a special treat every day with a note saying thank you from the Alper family in room 120B. They will always do the work well, but it makes a big difference when they are shown some appreciation." She was right, but not in the way I expected.

Off to ShopRite to buy candies, cookies, teas and more; enough to fill a suitcase! As soon as I walked on the floor I dutifully handed the nurse a package of cookies, put on my best smile and said, "we appreciate what you're going to be doing for my husband." I did that every shift for two days. On the third day we were getting ready for Shabbos and I got a nicer treat and started to write out my post it note and instead of a simple thank you, I started to write, "In gratitude for the kindness your showing my husband" ..from the Alper family. At that moment it was no longer my charming them (or bribing them as I sometimes thought), I was really grateful for everything that they were doing for him, watching over him and anticipating his needs before he did. The little box of cookies was a gift to me, it was allowing me to be gracious to them and have a chance to thank them for a gift I could never repay. They did enjoy the gifts, but not as much as the goodness we all felt giving to them.

The nurses on that floor gave everyone wonderful care, but the care my husband got was the best because that little gift gave us the opportunity to show our thankfulness to them. And those notes... they were easier to write each day because I meant every word of every thank you. Thank God he is doing well and we will have a seder for two this year, but it will be a well appreciated one!

That was the second lesson, feeling grateful. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Passover, one where we can treasure our loved ones and, God willing, look forward to a healthy future.

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## 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

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### *REFUAH SHELAYMAH*

*Our Plainview Jewish Center Family wishes a refuah shelaymah to:*

*Marilyn Cohen    Doris Cooper  
Bunny Finkelstein    Michael Brooks  
Sheryl Fischer    Abe Alper*

*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*

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*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*

## 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 Rimmonim  
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  
Library  
New computer  
Smart Board  
Display Case  
Wall Artifacts

### Garden

Name memorial  
Garden Benches

*For further information, please contact: [stevetg@aol.com](mailto:stevetg@aol.com)  
Steve Glasser at: 516-938-3069 or*



## FREE MONEY

Please help our Religious School earn free money  
Save Box Tops from General Mills brand items

Ziploc – Kleenex – Hefty – Cheerios – Scott Paper  
Gogurt – Kix – Betty Crocker  
and many more !!

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# SISTERHOOD NEWS

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *Rose Weiner & Rhonnie Diener - Co-Presidents*

Spring is finally here. We ended winter with our successful Shalach Manot project. We would like to thank the entire Shalach Manot committee for all their hard work in getting the orders, collating them, purchasing all the food, assembling the bags and distributing them to the congregation. Also we wish to thank all the volunteers who came down to help set up and pack all the bags. A big thank you goes to the men from Men's Club who helped so much by shleping and helping to set up. This experience of camaraderie and cooperation makes this event even more special.

Now that Purim is over, we are beginning to prepare for Passover and the Seders. This is the time when families to come together not only for a delicious meal but to pass on our identity and Jewish awareness to the next generation. This year is a major challenge for all of us. With the corona virus in full swing, we must all learn to practice in small, confined circumstances. We will probably not have the joy of celebrating with family and friends. But we can still keep our traditions alive. We can Facetime with family or share the community seders from the temple via Zoom. It may be different, but we will protect our families and neighbors by following the recommended health advice to stay inside and to be fastidious about washing our hands.

During this time we retell the story of our history going from slavery to freedom by reading the Haggadah. The word Haggadah means telling and comes from the Biblical phrase "and you shall tell it to your children." We can also add the contributions from the heroic women from the Haggadah, which helped the Jewish people in their quest for freedom. Also the Seder revolves around the big question Why? During the Seder the children usually ask the 4 questions asking "Why is this night different from all other nights?" The answers have been recited over and over again for centuries to teach it to the next generation and all the following generations. This is part of our history and is about what it means to be Jewish. In this way, we can truly be a free people. As we retell the Passover story, let's make it our own story this year.

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**MEN'S CLUB by Steven Adelman**

I'm really not sure where to start with this article. No one could have imagined a month ago all the changes in our lives and the events that would take place. As you all know by now, the third and fourth shows of "Meet Me in St. Louis" and our Purim festivities were canceled due to precautionary measures taken by Plainview Jewish Center. As gut-wrenching a decision as it was, to close the show halfway through, it was absolutely the correct decision to make. To all those who had a hand in any part of this year's show and on behalf of the show producers, thank you all so very much for your time, dedication and hours spent away from your families in helping make this year's show the best yet. The sudden end to the show left a sense of uncompleted business, emptiness and disappointment for everyone. This was a very difficult decision, but one that had to be made.

As mentioned in the past, our Men's Club is so dependent on the show's outcome (putting all our eggs in one proverbial basket) that when something happens as it did this year, we have issues. We missed out on two shows' worth of ticket sales along with raffles and concession sales. The upside is that the show was profitable up until we closed.

As you may know, your Executive Board had an Emergency Financial Meeting on March 12th. As the show's future hung in the balance, we reviewed all our expenses until the end of our fiscal year, June 30th. I really need to thank the guys on the Executive Board for that meeting, for attending last minute and making the difficult but correct decisions for the Men's Club. It really makes me proud to be a part of this group. You guys are great. Thank you.

A fax was sent out on March 13th to all Board members outlining the changes, which included adds, cuts or status quo to our actives until year-end. The good news is, our worst case scenario will get us there, just barely. This is based on the assumption that all outstanding monies owed to us will be paid and that is a very critical point. So I ask all those who owe monies for tickets, Playbill ads, Hakol ads and Purim costs to take the time and drop the check in the mail.

As most of you by now know, we are mourning the loss of our dear friend, Joe Elowsky. Joe Elowsky was a past FJMC Man of the Year and was honored last year as receiver of the second Plainview Jewish Center Men's Club Life Time Achievement Award. Joe was a dedicated and very active Men's Club Board member for 40 plus years. He was very active with POB Cares helping the elderly in our community. I've had the pleasure of working alongside Joe for the past 15 years as a Patio Players member, a passion I know he always carried. May Joe's memory be for a blessing.

Personally, can I ask each one of you to please heed the warnings of our government officials in the days and weeks ahead? One life is much too much to lose, we can't bear anymore. PLEASE STAY SAFE!!!

As Always, in Brotherhood, **Steven Adelman**  
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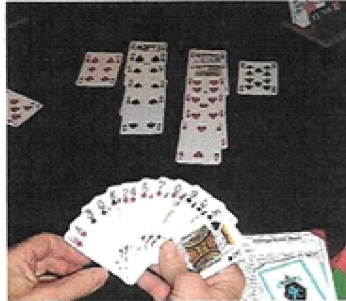
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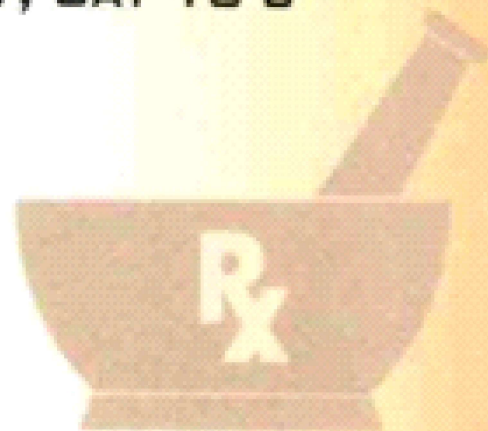
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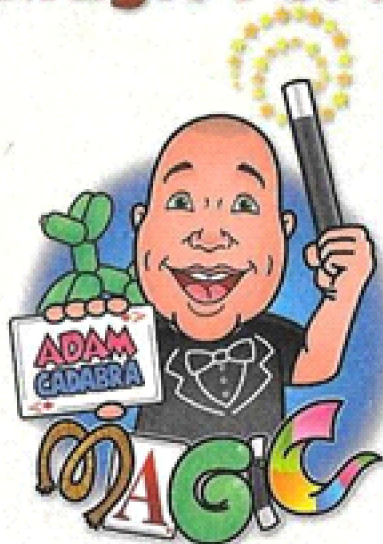
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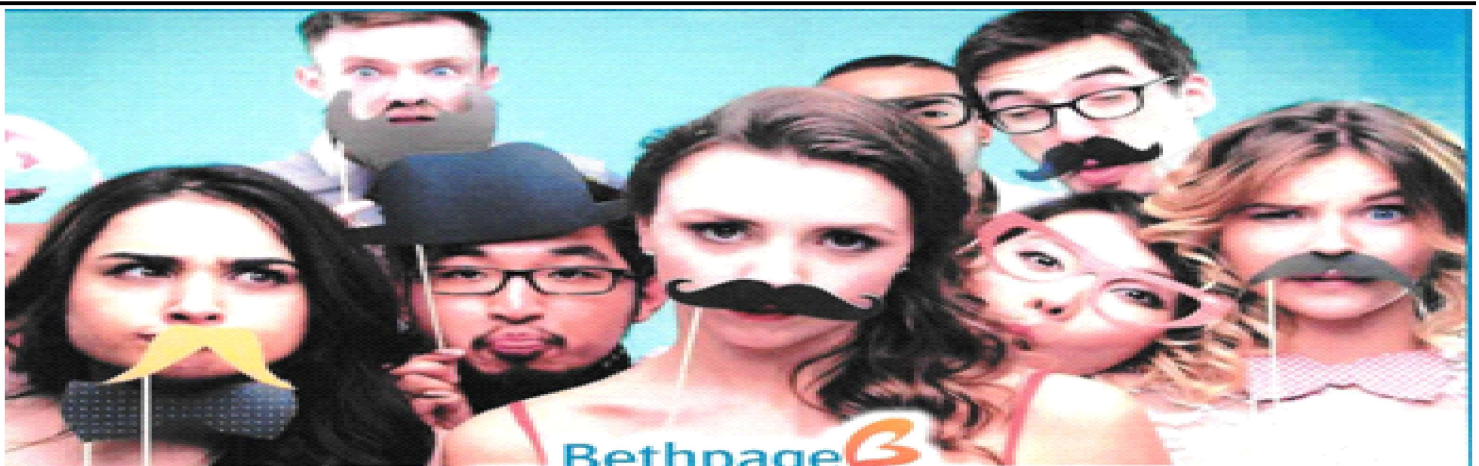
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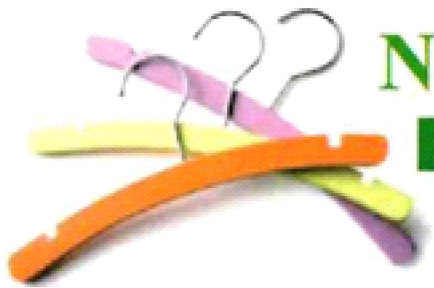
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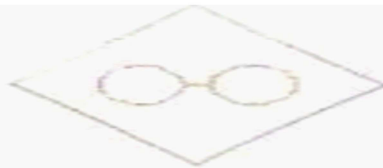
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In our community, the Rabbi provide pastoral support to individuals and families who are suffering illness and those who need emotional support. The Rabbi also serves as the liaison to our newly formed Bikur Cholim Committee; which provides additional visits and support to those who request it.

Please let the Rabbi know when someone in our congregation is ill; or when a family is dealing with a crisis. Only when they know can they reach out to individuals and families in need. Only when they know can they mobilize our Bikur Cholim committee to provide additional support. Don't worry that they might already have the information. Don't worry that you are "bothering" these busy people. The information you provide will be vital to helping our congregation to serve the needs of those who need us the most.

**Rabbi Conn can be reached at PJC**  
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