



*Plainview Jewish Center*

*Helena Danziger*

Helena Danziger is currently a senior at Plainview Old Bethpage John F Kennedy High School, where she is member of National Honor Society and Tri-M National Music Honor Society. She lives in Plainview, NY with her parents, Elizabeth and Larry, and brother, Philip. Helena has been an active member of Plainview Jewish Center (PJC) for the past eight years. Helena has held multiple board positions within PJC's United Synagogue Youth (USY) chapter, and is currently PJC's Chapter Co-President. In addition to volunteering with the Tironim and Kadima USY groups weekly, Helena has also served on multiple USY boards outside of the PJC family. Helena has held USY General and Regional Divisional board positions over the past four years. She has attended a multitude of Divisional, Regional and International USY conventions, events, and summer programs. Her involvement in USY led her to attend a summer program at the Jewish Theological Seminary this past summer, where she gained a deeper insight into the ideals of service, community, and leadership.

In our community, Helena has been horseback riding for a number of years and volunteered with special needs children at Horseabilty over two summers. She is also the Volunteer Coordinator of The Janoson Society for Autism Awareness, an organization that provides the autism spectrum population sensory friendly movie theatre experiences. Helena also spent two summers as a volunteer assistant counselor at the Oceanside Jewish Community Center's special needs summer camp.

Helena also has a love of singing, and is a member of HaZamir, an Israeli-American teen choir. HaZamir performs Hebrew songs and newly written pieces based on Jewish texts. She will be performing at Lincoln Center this March. She has been an active member of the high school choir and evening choir for the past four years, and hopes to continue singing in college and beyond.

Helena has been a part of the stage crew at her school for the past four years. She has had multiple positions within the club and currently is the Lighting President. She loves the lighting board and has run the lighting system when other organizations utilize the high school stage. Helena was a volunteer at the Cultural Arts Playhouse in Syosset for a year in the lighting tech department.

Aside from horseback riding and singing, she also loves animals and photography. In college she is hoping for a career that would allow her to both work with children and extend the ideals of "Tikkun Olam." Helena, along with her family would like to thank Plainview Jewish Center, the Men's Club, and Rabbi Conn for extending this meaningful honor upon her. Congratulations to all the other honorees as well on their awards.