

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

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President



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Candle Lighting Times

August 20, 2010.....7:28pm
August 27, 2010.....7:17pm
September 3, 2010.....7:06pm

Friday Evening Services

August 20, 2010.....7:00pm
August 27, 2010.....7:00pm
September 3, 2010.....7:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services - 9:00am

August 21, 2010
Torah portion of the week.....Ki Thetze
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Haftorah portion of the week.....Isaiah 54:1-10

August 28, 2010
Torah portion of the week.....Ki Thavo
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Haftorah portion of the week.....Isaiah 60:1-22

September 4, 2010
Torah portion of the week.....Nitzavim-Vayyelech
Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30
Haftorah portion of the week.....Isaiah 61:10-63:9

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From the Rabbi's Study

A few days ago, a Joliet Rotarian who shall remain unnamed, approached me with a comment and question. The comment went something like, "Boy, you Jewish people are really lucky because you get two New Year's celebration opportunities each year!" His question was, "How can I get in on some of that?"

This is not the first time I've been asked that question and I know my fellow Rotarian was not being malicious in his inquiry but I sensed he was genuinely curious. So I did the best I could to explain our holiday in a paragraph or two. At the end, he was somewhat disappointed that there would be no party hats or horns or popping champagne corks in our synagogue next month. Instead, as I explained, it is a time for personal introspection and one-on-one discussions with Gd, and I think he understood.

Dear friends, we are approaching our beautiful High Holy Day season with great anticipation - with the hope for personal spiritual renewal and involvement with Gd and with the Temple. The weather is moderating somewhat and our senses tell us that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are just around the corner.

I truly hope everyone is making plans to attend our services this year. We are expecting a great attendance, there will be Children's Services and we will have greater involvement in our services by congregation members plus Dr. Kranzler will be returning to help lead our liturgy. Everything is in place awaiting both the calendar and you.

Please be sure to attend as many services as you can and stay with us as long as you can. We are a growing and active community. More and more congregants are getting involved in Temple planning and activities and all this creates an energy that is infectious so don't be left out. Join us, pray with us. Don't do it for me, do it for yourself! You'll be very glad you did!

Rabbi Rubovits

President's Message

Just when you think the sun can't shine any brighter ... well the Ice cream Social comes along. What a great evening with a very, very full house of happy smiling very satisfied adults and children. Thank you **Bill Lipsey** as it was you who several years ago said we need to have a party to celebrate our members. Thank you to **Karen Luksa** and **Robin English** who made it so much fun and delicious. Thank you to everyone who helped from baking cookies to decorating the classrooms. It was great fun and a huge success.

Brighter yet, can it happen? Well we missed YOU at services Saturday morning. There was only one empty seat. Come and force us to move into the large sanctuary. "Make our Day" and it would certainly make Rabbi and Bob's smiles much brighter!

Thank you once again **Louise Freeman** for keeping the *Lunch and Learn* so delicious and **Kim Libman** for preparing the delectable food for the Kiddush lunches. Thank you Louise for Torah Yoga on Wednesday nights and Rabbi for continuing all the study classes over the summer.

Reminders:

1. If you haven't sent in your Yizkor Book information, do so immediately.
2. If there are any changes for the Temple Directory, please let Beth know. Last call.
3. Send in your scrip order.
4. Send in your children's religious school registration.
5. Make reservations for sitter for High Holidays.
6. Make reservations for the Break the Fast.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

Friday, August 27th 6:00 PM- Family Dairy Potluck Dinner. The children will once again be taking part in the services. Call your reservations in to the office, Rick Kovitz or Wendy Berman.

Sunday, August 29th - First day of Sunday school

September ... Activities of the High Holidays. Check the calendar, the bulletin, and the letter you should have received.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Dianne

OPEN HOUSE

Wishing all our members a happy and healthy New Year. Please join us for sweets to usher in the New Year at our condo, Sept. 13 from 2-5 PM. Rabbi & Michelle Rubovits - 1421 Woodbridge Rd. #2E, Joliet.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Friday evening services will take place at **7:00 PM** every Friday of the month unless otherwise indicated

NOTES

We need your eyes and ears. If you know a congregant is ill, in the hospital or nursing home, please notify the office.

YIZKOR BOOK

The Yizkor book will be going to print very soon. Call Beth at 815-741-4600 now and reserve your space - you owe it to your loved ones.

LUNCH & LEARN

Join us on Thursdays each week at Noon for 90 minutes of lunch and Torah study. Rabbi will be reviewing and discussing the upcoming Torah portion of the week so come prepared to learn something new and exciting! Cost—\$5 per week.

TORAH YOGA

The Torah Yoga class will meet on Wednesday evening—August 18th & 25th at 6:15 PM at the synagogue.

SCRIP PROGRAM

A new order form will be included in the next newsletter. Order ahead for special occasions or for vacation. If you have questions, please call Beth at 741-4600. Our August profit is **\$81.55**. Thank you to all who participate in this program.

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The Hadassah book club will meet on Thursday, August 26th at 7:00 PM at the home of **Ros Horwitz**. We will be reading The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. The true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. It is available in paperback and at the library. The next selection will be The Three Weissmans of Westport: A Novel by Cathleen Schine.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream! What a wonderful night we had on Tuesday. The ice cream social was a huge success. Everyone ate cookies and ice cream, socialized and had a great time.

A special thank you to Dianne Parker, Ros Horwitz, Michelle Rubovits, Celeste & Mark Turk, Amy Maniatis, Dayna Lytle, Louise Freeman, Joyce Orloff, Jim Kaplan, Wendy Berman, and Julie Kinker for all your help. A big thank you everyone who came and helped to make this a fun night. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Robin & Karen

Yahrzeits

(Week of August 15-21)

Myles Jacobs	7 Elul	August 17
Allan Pollock	8 Elul	August 18
Larry Pollock	8 Elul	August 18
Jim Hillman	10 Elul	August 20
Mary Ellen Hillman	10 Elul	August 20
Sandy Kliska	10 Elul	August 20
Jael Aguilar	11 Elul	August 21

(Week of August 22-28)

Alvin Pollock	15 Elul	August 25
Beatrice Scholar	18 Elul	August 28
Mark Horwitz	18 Elul	August 28
Helen Ordman	18 Elul	August 28

(Week of August 29-September 4)

Mark Turk	20 Elul	August 30
Judy Krockey	21 Elul	August 31
Kay Resis	23 Elul	September 2
Barry Kloper	23 Elul	September 2

The Yahrzeit light is lit on the evening before the date noted above.

Yahrzeit lights will be lit on our Memorial Tablets in memory of:

Week of August 15-21: Maurice Singer, Jules Jacobs, Meyer Festenstein, Samuel Wolensky, Harry Pollock, Mrs. Gitla Pufeles, Pinkus Selig Pufeles, Adolf Frank, Mrs. Idelle Cobin, Harry Hillman, Joseph Bobin, Milton J. Lewis

Week of August 22-28: Mrs. Eva Pollack Glaser, Mary Rachel Horwitz

Week of August 29-September 4: Mrs. Anna Pollack, Mrs. Nettie Saper, Mrs. Josephine Taub, Mrs. Sarah Resis, Mrs. Lillian Rubens, Maurice J. Field

Hattie and Harry Brown Happy Day Fund

In Honor of **Mrs. Ros Horwitz** on her birthday

- **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Turk**

In Honor of **Mr. & Mrs. Dan Luksa** on their anniversary

- **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Turk**

For the Recovery of **Mrs. June Becker**

- **Dr. & Mrs. Bernie Kliska**

For the Recovery of **Mr. Lou Fish**

- **Mr. & Mrs. Nate Resis**
- **Mrs. June Rest**

Hattie and Harry Brown Memorial Fund

In Memory of **Mrs. Shirley Ordman Crocker**

- **Mr. & Mrs. Abe Ordman**

In Memory of **Mrs. Mildred Kenter**

- **Dr. & Mrs. Gary Trager**

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Attention Parents - Just a reminder that Religious School starts on Sunday, August 29th at 10:00 AM so that we can meet before Rosh Hashanah. For those attending Hebrew School the first class will meet on Wednesday, September 15h at 4:00 PM. Registration forms were mailed out but are available in the Synagogue office or on opening day. We look forward to seeing YOU!

BABY SITTER AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY SERVICES

We have a volunteer to watch the children during services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah (Thursday, Sept 9) and the day of Yom Kippur (Saturday, September 18). The sitter will be available from 9:30 until needed. If there are requests, we will try to find someone for the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah (Friday, Sept 10).

Please **parents, call the office** and let us know if you will be using the sitter, the ages of the children, and if you will need a sitter on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. It is hoped that older children will attend services with their parents. Children services will be at approximately 10:45 on Rosh Hashanah and 11:00 on Yom Kippur.

BREAK THE FAST

You are invited to share in our Break the Fast at the Temple on Saturday evening, Sept. 18th after the afternoon/evening services. The light meal is sponsored by the Dennis Gaeta Family and is being organized by Mark Turk. The children and anyone who would like to will once again be taking part in the shofar service at the conclusion of the service. Mark always does an outstanding job at guessing how many will attend but **please help by calling the office and let us know** if you will be attending. It is very difficult to plan the amount of food without some kind of count. And we do want you to come!

FAMILY DAIRY POTLUCK DINNER

Join us on Friday, August 27th at 6:00 PM for Family Dairy Potluck Dinner. Services will take place at 7:00 PM. The children will once again be taking part in the services. Call your reservations in to the office (741-4600), Rick Kovitz (309-269-7678) or Wendy Berman (941-1579).

WELFARE CHEST APPEAL

Funds are badly needed. You have received our appeal letter and some of you have responded. To those who have responded with funds, thank you and bless you. Some of you have not yet sent a check - please do it now. Our agencies desperately need the funds, so please do your part and help us to help others.

Invitations went out last week for the "Celebration Dinner" Fundraiser on Sunday, October 3. If you didn't receive yours, please let the office know. We are so pleased to be honoring Celeste and Mark Turk and Dee and Duane Krieger. As we wrote last time, Celeste and Mark are lifelong members of Joliet. Celeste has been a well known educator in the community and presently volunteers at St. Jude's Church of Joliet as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector. In addition she donates time at Fairview Care Center as well as assisting and supporting all of our endeavors at the synagogue. As you know, Mark is a Past-president of the congregation, President of the Joliet Jewish Welfare Chest, administrator of Mount Moriah Cemetery, and all the around administrator of our building. He is also very active in the Joliet Community having served the Joliet Noon Lions Club as its president and at the present time is President of the Joliet Township High School Foundation. Many Joliet organizations can thank Celeste and Mark for their support.

Dee and Duane Krieger have lived in Joliet for their 52 years of marriage. Dee is a recognized educator having taught elementary school in Rockdale (24 years), University of St Francis and Illinois State University. She has been actively involved in many philanthropic organizations including the Visitation and Aid Society, Holly Club, Joliet Area Community Hospice Guild and is a lifetime member of the Provena St. Joseph's Women's Auxiliary. She is an active member of St. Raymond's Cathedral parish and has served on the Administration Commission. Duane graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Radiologic Technology and began his career as an x-ray technician at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center. Subsequently, he became the manager of the radiology department, a position he held for 25 years. He was elected Coroner of Will County in 1988 and coordinated operations during the Plainfield tornado in which 29 people lost their lives. In 1992 he was selected as the Executive Officer of the Joliet Area Community Hospice. After raising 4 million dollars from the greater Joliet area, his vision to create the first hospice home in the State of Illinois came true. The doors were opened in 1994.

Please send in your reservations and join us in honoring these two outstanding couples.

BAKERY BOOTH

Ladies & Gents - It isn't too soon to start looking for great recipes for the Bakery Booth at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Thanks,

Joyce & Bea

Annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Sunday, October 24th from 3:00-7:00 PM.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Joliet Jewish Congregation is doing its part to help the environment and collects inkjet, laser cartridges and cell phones to recycle. Drop them off at the office.

Please use the paper recycling bin in the parking lot. Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, paper, paperback & hardcover books (covers removed) can be placed in it. **PLEASE NO CARDBOARD BOXES.**

SCRIP PROGRAM

It's easy, and it's a way to help yourself and help your synagogue! Use Scrip cards for groceries, fuel, drug stores, restaurants and retailers.

Simply fill in the form and return it with a check to Beth at the synagogue office.

Please do it now!

HONORARY & MEMORIAL MEMORIES

The Happy Day Fund & Memorial Fund are always available to accept donations of \$10.00 or more for each listing.

Further venues are also available. The Tree of Life has leaves available to honor happy events such as honors, births, marriages, anniversaries or significant accomplishments for \$250.00 each.

A new venue, to honor the departed is in the process of being investigated and finalized. Cost is \$250.00 each.

In the Sanctuary, lighted Yahrzeit brass plaques are available for \$500.00.

Kindly contact Beth at 741-4600 for more details.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

But This Is It—the final appeal for you to be included in sisterhood's Birthday & Anniversary Book.

Please participate in this fundraiser for Sisterhood. Sisterhood does so much for our Temple and we need your financial support. Everything costs money and in order to keep our promise to the Temple we need your help.

Please return your form or call the office for another copy and send your check payable to Sisterhood [cost is \$5.00 per name] to me (Bettie Berest—% Joliet Jewish Congregation) and I will get the Birthday/ Anniversary Book done ASAP.

We are fortunate to have so many new members, and we really need this new group of members to help make this book a success—Please Please.

Please join us in making this book something we will all use every month when we congratulate each other on birthdays and anniversaries.

I want to thank everyone who has joined in and now I personally ask the rest of the congregation to join in—you will love being a part of this endeavor.

Bettie Berest for Sisterhood