

# JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

## *The Jewish Bulletin*

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### **Candle Lighting Times**

January 20, 2023.....4:35pm  
January 27, 2023.....4:43pm  
February 3, 2023.....4:52pm

### **Friday Evening Services**

January 20, 2023.....7:00pm  
January 27, 2023.....7:00pm  
February 3, 2023.....7:00pm

### **Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30am**

January 21, 2023  
Torah portion of the week....Vaera  
Exodus 6:2-9:35  
Haftarah portion of the week....Ezekiel  
28:25-29:21

January 28, 2023  
Torah portion of the week....Bo  
Exodus 10:1-13:16  
15; Numbers 7:42-47  
Haftarah portion of the week....Jeremiah  
46:13-28

### **Join us for Shabbat Services** **Friday night & Saturday morning**

**Live Stream via our website:**  
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### **HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY!**

Let's Stand Together!



What are you doing for others?

By

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Martinez, JD CHT

"Life's most persistent question is: What are you doing for others?"

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Act while you can: While you have the chance, the means, and the strength."

—The Talmud, Shabbat 151b

There are no coincidences in Torah. Torah is the code of the soul. And the rhythm of the wisdom of Torah moving with the rhythm of the world around us never ceases to amaze me. This Monday is Martin Luther King Day, a day in celebration of a man who dreamed of inclusion, peace and freedom. Martin Luther King was a champion of social action, not just for his own people but for ALL people. His life is marked by the quote, "Life's most persistent question is What are you doing for others?"

Our own Talmud poses this same idea in the statement:

"Act while you can: While you have the chance, the means, and the strength."

— The Talmud, Shabbat 151b

How does this tie into Torah so beautifully and rhythmically? This week we begin the book of Exodus or Shemot (Names). We all know that every word, letter and choice in Torah has significance. This week the book is titled Names and yet after the names of the Patriarchs from Genesis, connecting the lineage to Moses, only three other names make the story. It's a story we all know. Moses was placed in the river by his sister and then raised by the Pharaoh as his own; Moses then moved to act in the interest of the Hebrews.

What, then, are the three names and how do they connect to what we are doing for others? The names are not Pharaoh nor Miriam. The three names are the names of Moses and Shifrah and Puah, the two midwives, who refused to follow the orders of Pharaoh and kill the Hebrew male children. Shifrah and Puah are cited as fearing G-d, not Pharaoh but G-d. Shifrah and Puah are argued as Egyptian by many scholars and as Hebrew converts by others. Either way, these two women and Moses made a choice to act in the interest of others.

Therefore, this week we are encouraged to ask what are we doing for others and under whose direction are we deciding what we doing. Are we leading with our heart or our head? Are we choosing with fear or hate or with love? Are we remaining silent or still, when something for someone could be done? No one understands the ill of this more than Jew. Elie Wiesel reminded us of this challenge in his quote "Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

Martin Luther King echoed Elie Wiesel's thought when he wrote "In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

What are we doing for others? Using the inspiration of Shifrah and Puah and Young Moses, can we answer the call of injustice when witnessed? We can let the words, "Not my problem" leave our vocabulary and in doing so, we can take up the commandment of social action in the interest of unity and peace and love.

Like Rabbi Heschel and Dr. King walking hand in hand for civil rights, we can also be motivated to act on the behalf of others.

In conclusion, I turn to the well-known quote by Rabbi Hillel, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?"

Let's choose to act for others. Let's allow To-

rah this week, the names of Moses, Shifrah and Puah inspire us and light our way to a more realized and satisfying life of caring for others and the world around us.

Let's Stand Up and Stand Together!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### JJC At a Glance

CJC Shabbat was huge success. Two guests came to me during the Oneg, to say that they didn't eat dinner knowing that JJC puts out an incredible spread! They said that they couldn't wait until we host the next CJC event!

It was wonderful seeing the Synagogue alive with people laughing and talking and mingling.

I want to thank these special ladies for all their hard work: Jeanne Lewin, Barbara Shuster, Nancy Malmfeldt, Wendy Berman, Kathleen Szwed and Amy Cohen. I could have never done setting up the Oneg and afterwards, clean up without them.

Please check the website to see all the wonderful pictures Jeanne Lewin took—click the link under CJC SHABBAT on the first page!

Jan Stone  
President

### ADULT HEBREW CLASS

Adult Hebrew class with Rabbi Jenny takes place on Thursdays, at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The Hadassah Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 24th 7:00 PM on Zoom. We will be discussing Lessons in Chemistry: A Novel by Bonnie Garmus. Elizabeth Zott is an ambitious and accomplished scientist and is determined to be just that—and only that. But as we all know, life has a way of upending plans, and that's exactly what happens to the inspiring (and at times, hilariously infuriating) Zott: cupid's arrow hits and the next thing you know she's a mother and a TV cooking star. But in changing the kitchens of 1960's America, Zott also challenges the status quo and that's not exactly welcome in some circles. The book is available online and at the library.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rubovits on Tuesdays from Noon-1 PM **on Zoom**. Zoom information will be sent to everyone.



### MAH JONGG

Come join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM to play Mah Jongg.

All are welcome!

### Yahrzeits

(Week of January 15-21)

<b>Dr. Gary Trager</b>	24 Tevet	January 17
<b>Bea Scholar</b>	24 Tevet	January 17
<b>Jim Kaplan</b>	24 Tevet	January 17
<b>Ken Pollock</b>	24 Tevet	January 17

(Week of January 22-28)

<b>Michael Freeman</b>	29 Tevet	January 22
<b>Dianne Parker</b>	29 Tevet	January 22
<b>Mark Turk</b>	2 Shevat	January 24

(Week of January 29-February 4)

<b>Abe Ordman</b>	9 Shevat	January 31
<b>Jim Kaplan</b>	10 Shevat	February 1
<b>Rabbi C. Rubovits</b>	10 Shevat	February 1
<b>Bea Scholar</b>	12 Shevat	February 3

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 January 15-21:** Joseph Deutsch, Ruth Festenstein, Mrs. Sara H. Singer, Mrs. Rae Cohen, Samuel W. Fisher, Leonard Saper, Irwin Eisen, Louis Markle, Augusta Freeman, Joseph Lewis, Daniel Mann, Lilian Lewis, Irving Hirshfield, Maurice Press

**Week of January 22-28:** Mrs. Bess Freeman, Mrs. Rose Berlin, Mrs. Florence Deutsch, Louis Turk, Jennie Noriansky, Mrs. Leslie Bonn Erck, Mrs. Lena Herzog, Arnold J. Hartman, Harris Lewis, David Balch

**Week of January 29-February 4:** Mrs. Ida Ordman, David Press, Isadore Wolensky, Ernest H. Klafter, Mrs. Yetta Schneider, Beatrice Finestone,

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### Recovery

- None

### Happy Day

- None

### Memorial

- None



### SCRIP PROGRAM

A new order form will be included in the next newsletter. Thanks to all who participate in this program.



### ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Joliet Jewish Congregation collects inkjet cartridges & cell phones to recycle. Please drop them off at the office.

We also have a newspaper recycling container at the Campbell St. entrance.



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Please bring in pop top tabs, old keys, used glasses & hearing aids, and cell phones and leave in the office.

Help the Lions help those in need.





# JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION



Let's Create a Better Environment & Community  
in which we live!

Help us fulfill the  
*Commandment of Tikkun Olam*  
(Repair of the World)

Join our **FIRST** Green Team Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, January 29, 2023  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

WHO: JJC Religious School Students & Parents & JJC Members  
WHERE: Social Hall, JJC

RSVP to Toby Rohowsky (708) 543-3327  
by Jan. 20, 2023



# January 2023

## Tevet-Shevat 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>No Hebrew/ Religious School Scheduled</b>	2	3	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	5	6 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	7 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
8 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM-Noon	9	10 Lunch & Learn Noon-1:00 PM (on Zoom)	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	12	13 CJC Community Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	14 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
15 <b>No Hebrew/ Religious School Scheduled</b>	16	17 Lunch & Learn Noon-1:00 PM (on Zoom) Board Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	19	20 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	21 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
22 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM-Noon	23	24 Lunch & Learn Noon-1:00 PM (on Zoom)	25 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	26	27 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	28 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
29 Hebrew/ Religious School 9 AM-Noon Green Team Mtg. 10-11 AM	30	31 Lunch & Learn Noon-1:00 PM (on Zoom)				

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