

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

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August 1, 2023

14 Av 5783

Candle Lighting Times

August 4, 2023.....7:48pm
August 11, 2023.....7:39pm
August 18, 2023.....7:29pm

Friday Evening Services

**No Shabbat Services
Scheduled in August**

Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30am

August 5, 2023
Torah portion of the week.....E'kev
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Haftarah portion of the week.....Isaiah
49:14-51:3

August 12, 2023
Torah portion of the week.....Re'eh
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Haftarah portion of the week.....Isaiah
54:11-55:5

Join us for Shabbat Services
Friday night & Saturday morning

Live Stream via our website:
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WHAT TO DO WITH SEVEN WEEKS?

By

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Martinez, JD CHT

"Let the walls come down."
-Rabbi Alan Lew

There are times in our lives when tragedy can be avoided and other times when we are powerless over change. Often, we resist change and hope that things will stay the same to no avail. How can we keep our center in a state of radical change when it feels like all the walls are coming down around us? Once again, our Jewish tradition provides a comforting and safe space for such moments.

Last week marked the honoring of our day of mourning, Tish B'Av. the ninth day of Av commemorates the destruction of the first Temple in 586 BCE by the Babylonians and the second Temple in 70 CE by the Romans. On this day we fast and begin a seven-week deconstruction of our own year until Rosh Hashanah. These days are referred to as the "days of awe" and may bring with them a heaviness of the heart. What will we do with these seven weeks? Will we remain frozen in awe of the speed of change in our life, or will we let these days shake us into a journey of personal growth and expansion?

Rabbi Alan Lew wrote a book about this time, entitled "This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation." In his book, Rabbi Lew urges us to *not* fight this period and to welcome it as a time to embrace suffering. By encouraging us to "let the walls come down," Rabbi Lew provides a space for us to grow through suffering into more of what God would have us be.

Rabbi Josh Feigleson, expands on this concept of stepping into suffering by reminding us to allow things to come up during this time and when they do,

one by one, "Let them come. Let the walls break. Don't fight it. Get clear. Because from clarity you can begin a journey — a journey of rediscovery, a journey of renewal."

So again, I pose the following questions: What will we do with these seven weeks? Will we remain frozen in awe of the speed of change in our life, or will we let these days shake us into a journey of personal growth and expansion?

I suggest the journey. This is a journey we can do together as a community. We don't have to wait for the services on Yom Kippur to face the way our life this past year changed or fell short. We don't have to bang our chest in a state of aloneness. We can allow ourselves to be vulnerable and expose our hearts to each other through prayer and fellowship. As we walk forward into the High Holiday season we will *not* be reaching to the past for broken structures, but we will be looking forward to what we can build anew.



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20th for our Open House.

Invite your family & friends to attend.

See flyer in the newsletter for more information.

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT SERVICES

There will be no Friday evening Shabbat services during the month of August.

Plan to join us on Friday, September 1st when they will resume.



Please join us in celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Cole Gaither on Saturday, August 5 at 9:30 AM.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

8/3 Jon Marshall
8/4 Cole Gaither
8/5 Caleb Stone
8/6 Dr. Matthew Kaplan
8/13 Roselyn Horwitz
8/13 Nancy Malmfeldt
8/14 Colleen Reiner
8/15 Scott Stewart
8/22 Alyssa Link
8/25 Harry Hillman
8/29 Isabella Pagano
8/30 Michael English



Happy Anniversary to:

8/2 Rabbi Jenny & Hector Martinez
8/3 Michael & Judy Block
8/9 Dr. Ellen & Michael Zakos
8/9 Jessica Tobacman & Terry Bradley
8/10 Daniel & Kimberly Floss
8/12 Jeremy & Judy Link
8/14 Michael & Robin English
8/14 Dr. Kevin & Debra Gordon
8/23 Dr. Bernard & Sandra Kliska



The Hadassah Book Club meeting will be re-scheduled. We will be discussing The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. It is available at the library, and as an e-book.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rubovits on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM-Noon **on Zoom.**



MAH JONGG

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

BOWLED OVER BY A SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL EVENT

On Sunday, July 30 fourteen Joliet Jewish Congregation families were represented at Bowlero in Romeoville for a fun and free early afternoon of bowling and snacks. Bowlero offered passes to Rabbi Jenny who was instrumental in coordinating this event with our Social Committee. Four children who came with their families and were old enough to bowl, bowled in their own "bumper-equipped" lane. JJC provided snacks and soda. All in attendance had an enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks to the following families and individuals for being part of this event:

Wendy Berman, Stephanie and Daniel Bradley and Raymond and Maya, Amy and Matthew Cohen, Lindsay Eller and Seth Stockl, Debbie and Kevin Gordon, Matt and Kelly Kaplan and Ruby and Ian, Jeanne and Fred Lewin, Rabbi Jenny and Hector Martinez, Becky and Bella Pagano, Toby Rohowsky, Jan and Marty Stone, Kathleen and William Szwed, Cantor Jessica Tobacman and Terry Bradley and Oliver, and Linda and Gary Trager.



SCRIP PROGRAM

A new order form is included in the newsletter. Order forms due in the office by Tuesday, August 15th. Thank you 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.



HELP THE JOLIET NOON LIONS

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.

Yahrzeits

(Week of July 30-August 5)

Mark Turk	17 Av	August 4
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(Week of August 6-12)

Jim Hillman	19 Av	August 6
Harriet Barnett	24 Av	August 11
Dr. Gary Trager	24 Av	August 11

(Week of August 13-19)

Earl Starkman	28 Av	August 15
Kay Resis	30 Av	August 17
Belle Ann Cohen	1 Elul	August 18

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 July 30-August 5: Moe Goldstein, Jacob Witkin, Toby c. Balch, Anna Wollak, Kalman Shannon, J. Julius Turk, Eleanor H. Cohen, Mrs. Jennie Sohn

Week of August 6-12: Dr. Joseph H. Rubnitz, Abraham Sanders, Mrs. Rebecca Berman, Michael Freeman, Ralph Ordman, Albert W. Baskin, Charles Hanna Balch, Joseph Pollack, Henry S. Borkon, Mrs. Sarah D. Borkon, Mrs. Sylvia Bernstein, Alex Blum

Week of August 13-19: Albert Taub, Mrs. Pearl Sklut, Oscar Starkman, Emilia Dahab, Mrs. Jeannette Frank, Leonard Minkus, Morris A. Felman, Sam Resis, Alfred H. Moss, Mrs. Ida Brintz

Hattie & Harry Brown Funds

Recovery

- None

Happy Day

- None

Memorial

In Memory of **Mrs. Diane Kaiman**

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



OPEN HOUSE



Joliet Jewish Congregation

SUNDAY August 20, 2023
11 am - 1 pm



250 N. Midland Avenue; Joliet

Meet Rabbi Jenny & Cantor Jessica
Visit our Judaica Gift Shop
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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

8/30/23

Joliet Jewish Congregation

250 N. Midland Ave. Joliet

4:30pm- 6:00pm



The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a "drive thru" method to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain or shine!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION
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OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.**





Joliet Jewish Congregation

Medley--Hinei Mah Tov... - Cantor ...



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUF GRANT FUNDED Programs

NEW Date — Register NOW!

[Design your own Colorful Tallit](#)

Tues., August 8

Box Lunch selection \$12

RSPV & Lunch \$\$\$ due by

Aug. 1

[Create a Chagall-esque Masterpiece](#)

Sun., Oct. 15, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM

RSPV by Oct. 1, 2023

[Jeff and Janis Cabaret](#)

Sun., April 7, 2024

2:00 - 4:00 PM

RSPV by April 1, 2024

CONTINUITY

"ongoing projects at JJC"

GOING GREEN

See photos of

[Butterfly Garden in Courtyard](#)

JJC website ->

Events at-a-Glance ->
check-out 3 NEW fun
programs - all funded by
JUF grants.

Registration OPEN!

The links are live on the website
joilietjewishcongregation.com -
best viewed on a computer rather
than on a mobile device. Open
Events at-a-Glance -> first column
on left -> scroll down to the end of
June to view Upcoming Events

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JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION
2023/5784
High Holiday & Sukkot Schedule

Fri., Sept. 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah 6:30 PM

Sat., Sept. 16 Rosh Hashanah 1st Day 9:30 AM

Torah Service 10:15 AM

Musaf Service 11:30 AM

Family/Children's Service in Chapel 12:30 PM

Sun., Sept. 17 Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day 9:30 AM

Torah Service 10:15 AM

Musaf Service 11:30 AM

Sun., Sept. 24 Kol Nidre 6:30 PM

Mon., Sept. 25 Yom Kippur 9:30 AM

Torah Service 10:15 AM

Musaf Service 11:30 AM

Family/Children's Service in Chapel 12:30 PM



Fri., Sept. 29 Erev Sukkot 6:30 PM

Sat., Sept. 30 Sukkot 9:30 AM

Torah Service 10:15 AM

Musaf Service 11:30 AM

Family/Children's Service in Chapel 12:30 PM

Sun., Oct. 8 Simchat Torah **Family Service 9:30-Noon**

Torah Service 10:15 AM

Musaf Service 11:30 AM

Our FAMOUS Annual Spaghetti Dinner



*"HELP WITH food prep, table set-up, serving, clean up,
silent auction, raffle, ticket-takers. . . and more!"*

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

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(Midland at Campbell)



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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tickets

Adults \$12.00

Seniors & Children \$10.00

Carryout Available

RAFFLE — BAKE SALE — AUCTION

August 2023

Av-Elul 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM (Zoom)	2 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	3	4 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	5 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
6	7	8 Tallit Program 11:00 AM Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM (Zoom)	9 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	10	11 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	12 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
13	14	15 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM (Zoom) Board Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	17	18 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	19 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
20 Open House 11:00 AM	21	22 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM (Zoom)	23 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	24	25 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	26 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
27	28	29 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM (Zoom)	30 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	31		

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