

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

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March 15, 2023

22 Adar 5783

Candle Lighting Times

March 17, 2023.....6:43pm

March 24, 2023.....6:50pm

March 31, 2023.....6:58pm

Friday Evening Services

March 17, 2023.....7:00pm

March 24, 2023.....CJC Community

Shabbat—7:30 pm at Anshe Sholom

March 31, 2023.....7:00pm

Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30am

March 18, 2023

Torah portion of the week.....Vayyakhel-
Pekudey

Exodus 35:1-40:38

Haftorah portion of the week.....Ezekiel
45:16-46:18; Exodus 12:1-20

March 25, 2023

Torah portion of the week.....Vayyikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Haftorah portion of the week.....Isaiah
43:21-44:23

Join us for Shabbat Services
Friday night & Saturday morning

Live Stream via our website:
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PAUSE, PRAY AND THEN PROCEED

By

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Martinez, JD CHT

“The seventh day is like a palace in time with a
kingdom for all.

It is not a date but an atmosphere”

Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*

Six says of work may be done, but on the seventh day
you shall have sanctity,

a day of complete rest to the Lord.

Exodus 55:2

This week in Torah we begin the building of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). It is a detailed arrangement of artisan, beauty and skill. However, prior to the building instructions, the chapter begins with an initial reminder to honor the Shabbat.

Why are we first reminded of Shabbat prior to the construction of the Tabernacle? As we have learned previously, there are no coincidences in Torah. Torah is the code of the Soul. Torah consistently reminds us to live by a sacred rhythm of ebb-and-flow, and of action-and-rest. It holds the wisdom of slowing down.

With the quickening of Spring, we may be tempted in our own lives to rush forward with new creations. It is in these moments that we can remember the wisdom of Torah this week.

Shabbat offers us a sacred time of reflection and prayer. When we connect with G-d on Shabbat, we find new inspiration for our actions and often avoid mistakes from moving too fast. Although we wish for the flowers to bloom, we understand that the seeds must rest in the soil to absorb the nutrients before reaching upward to the sun.

So, too, must we take our time to make decision our lives and rest into the rhythm of all our ideas and creations. With this time, all we put out in the world will be

effective as it beams with maturity and wholeness.

Rushing and flailing about in fear is unnecessary when we take the time to rest on Shabbat. Shabbat is a place of beauty to behold as we spend time with our hearts separate from the *outer* world. Abraham Joshua Heschel reminded us, "The seventh day is like a palace in time with a kingdom for all. It is not a date but an atmosphere,"

Let us honor the Shabbat this week in all our choices. Let's stop rushing and pushing. Let's give good ideas time to simmer as we open to inspiration and guidance from our prayers and study.

Let's Pause, Pray, and then Proceed!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JJC At-a-Glance...The Purim Carnival was an absolute success. A huge thank you goes out to the following helpers:

Jeanne Lewin for taking all the fantastic pictures; Robin English for making the Hamentashen with all the kids; Wendy Berman & Ashley Freeman for buying great prizes; Samantha & Sarina Nayden and their cousin for setting up most of the games; Louise Freeman for buying all the goldfish; Becky Pagano for buying prizes; and Kelly Kaplan for buying prizes.

A big THANK YOU TO Hector Martinez for dressing up as Mordechai and Rabbi Jenny as Queen Esther. Rabbi thank you for the Purim Puppet play with the Religious School students.

A shout out to all the parents who ran the games. The kids had a fantastic time.

Everyone went home with goldfish. Check out the website to see all the Purim Carnival photos.

Friday, March 11th, the Religious School students did an outstanding job running the Family Shabbat Service.

March 12th, Kathleen Szwed, an AP world History teacher at Minooka High School, presented a Holocaust program to Ms. Arwen's class. Kathleen did an outstanding job explaining to the kids about the Holocaust. The kids asked great questions. The presentation is in preparation for the class trip to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie in April.

March 19, Sun.—11:00 AM Tu B'Shevat Celebration (Birthday of the trees). Cantor Jessica will have a program for children 5 and under and their siblings.

If you would like to attend the *Americans and the Holocaust* at Prairie State College, contact - Amy Bloomberg@juf.org The Uber cost from JJC will be about \$5.00.

We have many events popping up in the near future. Check the website Events-at-a-Glance for up-to-date information.

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 meeting in March was postponed. It will be re-scheduled for a later date.. We will be discussing The Rose Code by Kate Quinn. This novel effortlessly evokes the frantic, nervy, exuberant world of the Enigma codebreakers through the eyes of three extraordinary women who work in tireless secrecy to defeat the Nazis. It is available at the library, and as an e-book.



MAH JONGG

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



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Rubovits on Tuesdays from Noon-1 PM **on Zoom**.

Treasure's Me\$\$age

First of all, I need to extend the world's largest "Thank You" to Jim Kaplan for all of his time helping me to become familiar with our Treasurer's position and covering the job until my return from vacation.

There is a new "reimbursement form" in Beth's office which I would greatly appreciate everyone filling out completely when funds are due to you for items or services purchased for JJC.

Please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns about our Treasurer's position. I am serving for every congregant with a goal of protecting our financial assets, paying our vendors and staff on a timely basis and doing the best job possible.

Condolences to the family and friends of **Jason Gaither** on his recent passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



Where are all the Raffle Tickets? Do we have your check and your ticket stub? Only 25% of our congregants have returned their raffle tickets as of today, **and it is just over one month until our Annual Raffle.**

As I have written previously, our Raffle is our second largest fund-raiser, next to our Spaghetti Dinner (thank you Dianne Parker!) and we need everyone's support. Buy a ticket, sell a ticket, split a ticket with friends and neighbors. Please do all you can to help make our Raffle successful.

Please contact Beth in the JJC office if you need additional tickets, have lost or misplaced your ticket or if you have any questions. Remember, our Raffle drawing will be held at the April 18th Board meeting and all congregants are invited to attend – **wouldn't it be great if we drew your name for the \$1000 Grand Prize?**

Fred Lewin, 2023 Raffle Chairman



SCRIP PROGRAM

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



ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

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Yahrzeits

(Week of March 12-18)

Belle Ann Cohen	20 Adar	March 13
Amy Cohen	20 Adar	March 13
Mark Turk	20 Adar	March 13
Kimberly Floss	22 Adar	March 15
Mark Turk	24 Adar	March 17

(Week of March 19-25)

Robert Freeman	26 Adar	March 19
Dr. Gary Trager	28 Adar	March 21

(Week of March 26-April 1)

Kimberly Floss	4 Nisan	March 26
Michael Block	5 Nisan	March 27
Judy Krockey	8 Nisan	March 30
Mark Horwitz	8 Nisan	March 30

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 March 12-18: Mrs. Anida Rudman, Irving Turk, Marsha Schwartz, Mrs. Sarah Cohn, Mrs. Elizabeth Turk

Week of March 19-25: Samuel B. (Kelly) Freeman, Max Klein, Jackson Jarvis Cohen, Max Shapiro, Mrs. Jessie Kristal, Mrs. Thelma Schwartz, Ernest Freeman, Jacob Ordman, George Hartman, Mrs. Hannah Kaplan

Week of March 26-April 1: Mrs. Else Frank Mayer, Max J. Block, Nathan Adelston, Mrs. Sarah Festenstein, Louis Trackman, Joseph Simon, Mrs. Ethel Glazner Rudman, Abe rank, Edna Berest, Mrs. Lottie Engle

Hattie & Harry Brown Funds

Recovery

For the Recovery of **Mr. Allen Pollock**

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

Happy Day

- None

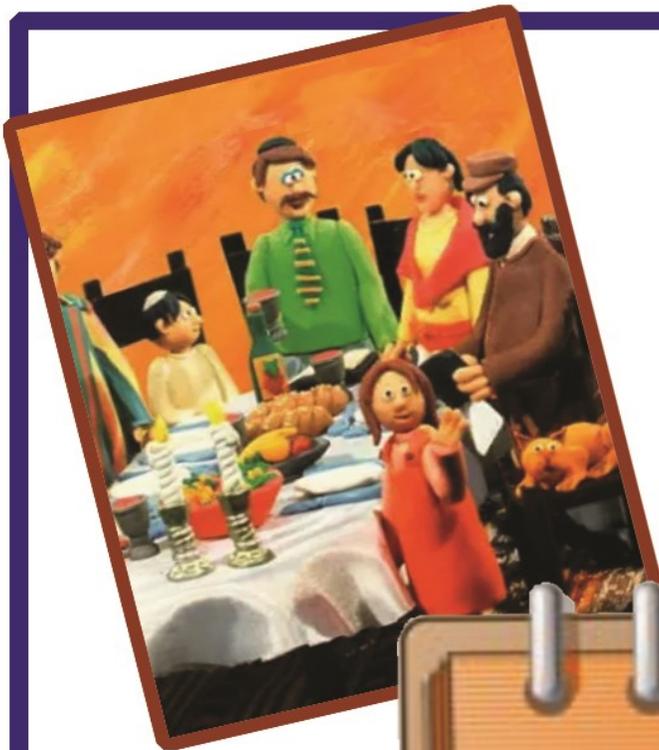
Memorial

In Memory of **Mr. Abe Ordman**

- **Rita Ludwig & Family**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Scott Stewart**
- **Dr. & Mrs. Gary Trager**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Turk**

In Memory of **Mrs. Bea Scholar**

- **Mr. Marshall Sanders**



FAMILY SHABBATS

Fridays

March 10
April 28
May 19

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

*JJC Religious School Students,
Parents & Family and Congregants*

JJC Family Shabbat

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: JJC

Please plan to attend





JOIN JJC's Green Team's Program
to
SAVE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLIES 

DID YOU KNOW THAT monarch "moms" lay their
eggs ONLY on milkweed plants?

In cooperation with
Toby Rahowsky,
JJC GREEN TEAM Leader,
Kay MacNeil
is the source for milkweed seeds

Send \$3.00 + a self-addressed stamped envelope
to: SAVE THE MONARCHS; 689 Golf Club Lane
Frankfort, IL 60423





Families with children 5 and under
are invited (and siblings, too!)
Join us for a program celebrating
Tu B'Shevat, the birthday of trees!

Sunday, March 19

11:00 AM

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250 N. Midland Ave

Joliet, Illinois

Program needs a minimum of 8
children to run. Deadline for
registration is March 12.

To register email:

jolietjewish1@gmail.com

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March 2023

Adar-Nisan 5783

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	2	3 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	4 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
5 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM-Noon	6 Purim Celebration 7:00 PM (On Zoom)	7 Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM (Zoom)	8 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	9	10 Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM	11 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
12 Hebrew/ Religious School 9 AM-Noon Kulam Program 1:00-2:30 PM	13	14 Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM (Zoom)	15 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	16	17 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	18 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
19 Hebrew/ Religious School 9 AM-Noon PJ Library Prog. 11:00 AM	20	21 Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM (Zoom) Board Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	23	24 CJC Community Shabbat 7:30 PM (Munster, IN) No Service Here	25 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
26 NO HEBREW/ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL (Spring Break)	27	28 Lunch & Learn 11:30 AM (Zoom)	29 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	30	31 No Services Scheduled	

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