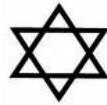


# JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

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Rabbi



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Rabbi Emeritus

November 1, 2021

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## **Candle Lighting Times**

November 5, 2021.....5:52pm  
November 12, 2021.....5:42pm  
November 19, 2021.....5:32pm

## **Friday Evening Services**

November 5, 2021.....7:30pm  
November 12, 2021.....7:30pm  
November 19, 2021.....7:30pm

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

### **Saturday services are also in-person**

November 6, 2021  
Torah portion of the week.....Lech-Lecha  
Genesis 12:1-17:27  
Haftorah portion of the week.....Isaiah  
40:27-41:16

November 13, 2021  
Torah portion of the week.....Vayyera  
Genesis 18:1-22:2  
Haftorah portion of the week.....III Kings  
4:1-37

## **Join us for Shabbat Services**

**Via Zoom - Saturday mornings - 9:30 AM**

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## SAY YES! A LESSON FROM REBECCA

By

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg Kuvin, JD CHT

And she said: 'I will go.'  
Genesis 24:58

Life is constantly presenting us with opportunities for new experiences, new relationships, new learning, and new growth. Our challenge is to walk into those new moments with faith and courage. Taking this walk is not an easy task. Often the let-downs of the past echo in our minds and freeze us in our tracks. This frozen reaction keeps us stuck in a cycle of fate and prevents us from reaching our destiny and dreams. We cannot seem to move past our preconceptions and wounds and therefore impede our ability to heal. How then might we move past our preconceptions and wounds? To break a cycle of fate and heal, one needs to move *forward*.

In walks Rebecca, the bride for Isaac. We can assume, based on history, that Rebecca had no real choice in her betrothal; the words of Torah give the implication, however, that there *was* a choice by allowing Rebecca to say aloud, "I will go."

The Torah shows us that Rebecca's voice mattered and with her voice, Rebecca, said, "Yes!" Rebecca embraced the journey and mystery in front of her with an open heart and an open mind. In doing so, this week, Rebecca becomes our greatest teacher in Torah.

As a community, November presents an opportunity to be a month of celebration, abundance, and joy. With our Spaghetti Dinner, Hanukkah Bazaar, Congregational Annual Meeting and Samantha Nayden's Bat Mitzvah, we are prime for new growth, friendship and healing. Let us look to Rebecca for strength as an example and say "YES" to all these opportunities! Let's not allow the background of COVID-19 to shadow our new adventure together.

Clarice Lispector, the Brazilian writer and Ukrainian born Jew, who fled with her family following the First World War said in one of her many acclaimed stories, "Everything in the world began with a yes. One molecule said yes to another molecule and life **was born.**"

Let's say "YES!"

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Respect is a word, an idea, and even an obligation. Respect is related to respect of self, respect of elders, respect of a hired and/or elected person, respect of your obligations to your area of employment, your co-workers and of any volunteer positions you accepted, and even respect to country and G-d.

Lately that word and its meaning seems to be losing ground in our society and closer to home in our synagogue family. Some people are treating other congregant members and staff with great disrespect whether it be in direct dialogue or spreading Lashon hora, or in not accepting their share of obligations they agreed to uphold, or by exhibiting disrespect of themselves by their actions.

Our teaching and our principals are full of reference to how we are to respect G-d, man, and each other. So let's make a concerted effort to treat G-d and each other with more respect, decency, and dignity.

The Talmud says, "Be as eager to secure thy fellow's honor as thine own, and yield not easily to anger."

Let's do better to respect ourselves and others and live better together.

Together we can, together we will, together we must.

Mark Turk



Please join us or Lunch & Learn as Rabbi Rubovits leads the discussion on Thursdays at Noon unless otherwise stated. Bring your own **dairy** sandwich unless otherwise announced. We'll provide water, chips & dessert. Attendees should be fully masked. You can still participate via Zoom.

## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

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Thank you to Myra for a lively discussion of Steph J. Dubner's book, **Turbulent Souls**. Thanks to Monica Wendy for running the Zoom and ordering several extra copies! Keep those numbers handy, we'll be using them again on Tuesday, Dec. 7th when we discuss **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr. Louise Freeman has volunteered to lead this discussion.

This novel won both the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction in 2015. It is set in occupied France during WWII centering on a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths eventually cross. It's over 500 pages so, we have plenty of time to read it!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



#### Happy Birthday to:

- 11/5 Daniel Bradley
- 11/5 Claire Krieger
- 11/10 Belle Ann Cohen
- 11/10 Samantha Nayden
- 11/12 Francis Parker
- 11/15 Earl Starkman
- 11/18 Olivia Diamond
- 11/19 Terry Bradley
- 11/19 Sam Rosefsky
- 11/23 Celeste Turk
- 11/24 Jim Hillman
- 11/25 Dianne Parker
- 11/29 Beatrice Scholar



#### Happy Anniversary to:

- 11/1 Steve & Candy Orloff
- 11/5 Steve & Rebecca Pagano
- 11/14 Mark & Celeste Turk
- 11/26 Jim & Deena Hillman



A special Oneg Shabbat on Friday, November 12th in honor of Mark & Celeste Turk's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Please join us to celebrate this special occasion!



Please join us in celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Nayden on Saturday, November 13th at 9:30 AM.



**BAKERY BOOTH  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Please bring your bakery to the synagogue after 9:30 AM on Sunday, November 7th. Please have your items packaged and labeled (brownies, type of cookie, etc.) ready to go. Thank You!

Bakery Committee

**BEST KEPT SECRETS**

This month's best kept secret is not a physical item but rather a process. The honoring of yahrzeits is not well understood, based upon the number of questions about it.

If you will refer to the Yahrzeit section you will see that both common calendar and Hebrew dates are shown.

When someone passes the common calendar date remains the same but when translated to the Hebrew date it first depends on the passing time, whether before or after sunset, since Hebrew dates start at sunset. Additionally, Hebrew dates fluctuate compared to common calendar dates based on the position of the moon.

In our newsletter we indicate the person observing the yahrzeit and date (provided we have been given this information). During weekly announcements at services the person being remembered is read.

You will note that those names published in the newsletter, as remembered with a lit yahrzeit light, are only those who the family has purchased a Sanctuary or chapel yahrzeit plaque for.

Hopefully this explains the process but you can refer any additional questions to the office for assistance.

**A HEALTHY JEW IS A HAPPY JEW**

Join us for a fun, informative and challenging 8-week class presented by Dr. Monica Wendy Swire. Dates and times are listed on the calendar. RSVP to: jolietjewish1@gmail.com. See attached flyer for more information.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

A copy of the ballot for candidates for the Board of Directors is included in the newsletter. There are currently 2 positions open. So please consider volunteering to fill those positions.

**COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS:**

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE  
SYNAGOGUE REGARDLESS OF  
VACCINATION STATUS  
MUST WEAR A MASK.**

**THIS POLICY IS SUBJECT TO ANY NEW  
STATE OR LOCAL REGULATORY CHANGES**

**WELFARE CHEST**

This month we will inform you about Jewish United Fund (JUF) and Lightways Hospice (LH), formerly Joliet Area Community Hospice.



JUF as we know is a provider of funding and services both in the Chicago area, and in the US & Israel. JUF supplies services that assist with education, physical and mental health support and security & technology plus local support via CJC even down to us. JUF is now helping to neutralize the increased local and national forms of anti-Semitism that show up most everywhere. During the past year JUF has supplied our congregation members with programming and technology funding via grants, coats/hats/gloves, food & gift cards to families in need and has advised us on safety and security.



Lightways is our local hospice organization now covering 7 local counties serving over 350 people in personal homes, nursing & hospital centers, and/or at their newly expanded and remodeled stand alone Joliet hospice home. LH supplies not only physical but also mental and physical survivor support via workshops, events, and support groups.

Both providers are good stewards of our funding.

## Yahrzeits

(Week of October 31-November 6)

<b>Nancy Malmfeldt</b>	27 Cheshvan	November 3
<b>Rose Delrose</b>	27 Cheshvan	November 2
<b>Scott Stewart</b>	27 Cheshvan	November 2
<b>Ronda Lebold</b>	27 Cheshvan	November 2
<b>Harriet Barnett</b>	28 Cheshvan	November 3
<b>Mark Turk</b>	28 Cheshvan	November 3
<b>Harriet Barnett</b>	1 Kislev	November 5
<b>Joyce Orloff</b>	2 Kislev	November 6
<b>Steve Orloff</b>	2 Kislev	November 6

(Week of November 7-13)

<b>Roselyn Horwitz</b>	3 Kislev	November 7
<b>Nancy Malmfeldt</b>	9 Kislev	November 13
<b>Rose Delrose</b>	9 Kislev	November 13

(Week of November 14-20)

<b>Bea Scholar</b>	11 Kislev	November 15
<b>Dr. Gary Trager</b>	11 Kislev	November 15
<b>Mark Reiner</b>	14 Kislev	November 18
<b>Judy Krockey</b>	15 Kislev	November 19
<b>Janet Stone</b>	16 Kislev	November 20

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 October 31-November 6: Albert A. Rubnitz, Rev. Bernard Lewis, Freda Sanders, Miriam Rosenberg Olken, Dorothy Freeman, Harry Brown, Adolph Bernstein, Louis Schreibman, Samuel Lehman, Charles Edward Wollak, Jacob Melcher, Juell Delrose, Frieda Jacobs, Jacob Melcher, Benjamin H. Orloff**

**Week of November 7-13: Ruth Hirsch, Albert M. Cohn, Michael Kristal, Celia Klein, Sue Lewis, Elaine Markle, Esther Solomon, Mrs. Celia Grossman, Mrs. Sylvia Jaffe, L.M. Rubens**

**Week of November 14-20: Mrs. Kathryn (Kay) Fisher, Russell Hyman, Morris Wiener, Sidney Maddis, Mrs. Helen Lipman, Joe Starkman, Mrs. Eda Baskin, Mortimer Berkovitz, Miss Ruth Berlinsky, William Rose**

### BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

Want to give back to your synagogue? Apply to be a Board member. Contribute your time and talents to help your congregation thrive.

If you are interested, please call President Mark Turk, 815-922-4065, for a copy of what is expected of a Board member.



## Hattie & Harry Brown Funds

### Recovery

For the Recovery of **Mr. Bruce Woyna**

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

### Happy Day

- None

### Memorial

In Memory of **Mr. Robert Lewin**

- **Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Kliska**
- **Mrs. Bea Scholar**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Turk**



### SCRIP

A new order form is included in the newsletter. Order forms due in the office by Monday, November 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 leave in the office.

Help the Lions help those in need.



### GIFT SHOP

Shop our gift shop. New items have arrived, come check them out! Shop for you, for a gift, or for a special occasion.

Contact Jan at 630-531-7885 or Beth during office hours M-F from 11 AM-3PM. Cash and checks only.



# Our **FAMOUS** Annual Spaghetti Dinner **IS BACK!**

**JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION**  
250 N. Midland Ave.  
(Midland at Campbell)



**Sunday, November 7**  
**3 pm - 7 pm**

**TICKETS**

**Adults \$10.00**

**Seniors & Children \$9.00**

*Carryout Available*

**RAFFLE - BAKE SALE - AUCTION**

## **BALLOT**

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION  
November 16, 2021

The By-Laws were amended in 2020, stating each Board member must attend at least six (6) Board meetings per year in order to be eligible to run for re-election the following year. Eligible candidates for Board of Directors of the Joliet Jewish Congregation are herein listed.

5 Board members will be elected. Please vote for no more than 5 nominees.

- Barnett, Harriet\*
- Orloff, Steve\*
- Stone, Janet\*
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\*2020-2021 Incumbent Board Member

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The following are Past Presidents and, as such, are automatically members of the Board: MICHAEL BLOCK, MRS. NANCY FREEMAN, WILLIAM KAPLAN, DR. BERNARD KLISKA, FRED LEWIN, DIANNE PARKER and MARK TURK.

In the past, a member needed to be on the Board 18 years to become a life-member. The members who were so designated are as follows: MICHAEL FREEMAN, ROBERT FREEMAN, JAMES HILLMAN, MARK HORWITZ, ABE ORDMAN, MRS. JOYCE ORLOFF, MRS. LINDA RUDMAN, BEA SCHOLAR, LEA STUHR, and DR. GARY TRAGER.

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Change your life

Become Healthier

Connect to your spirituality

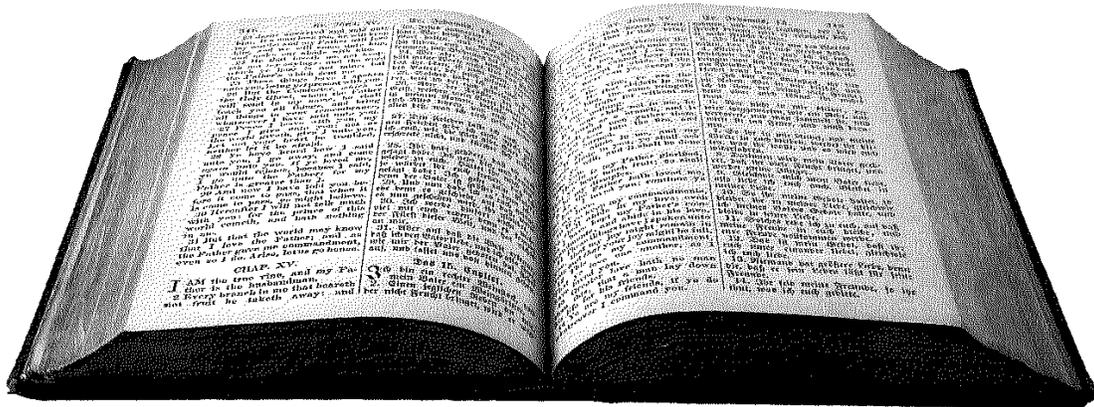
**Did God give us the blueprint for health, happiness and Wellness? Are all the modern Gurus following a trail that we already have?**

**Curious????**

**Then come join us for a fun, informative and challenging 8-week class free on Zoom/Live starting on Thursdays, September 30,2021 at 6/7 PM (time changes on specific dates).**

**Presented by Dr. Monica Wendy Swire ND.**

**RSVP: [JolietJewish1@gmail.com](mailto:JolietJewish1@gmail.com) See you there!**



**A partner with the JUF in serving our community.**



## Joliet Jewish Congregation Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 19 & 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

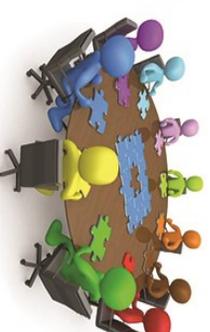
Please plan to attend, in person,  
our Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us for Dessert & Beverages

RSVP by November 10 by contacting Beth (815) 741-4600 or  
email to [jolietjewish1@gmail.com](mailto:jolietjewish1@gmail.com)

We hope to see you on Nov. 19

*Best regards,  
JJC Board of Directors*



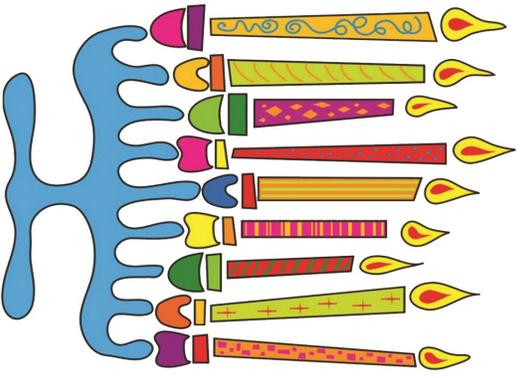
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# HANUKKAH BAZAAR

**HOURS**  
 Mon - Fri. 11 am - 2 pm  
 NO SATURDAY Hours  
 Sunday 9 am - Noon

**STARTING** Monday,  
 Nov. 8 through Sunday  
 Nov. 28

**SHOP EARLY**  
 Wrapping Paper  
 Gift Bags  
 Hanukkah Candles  
 Menorahs by  
 Garry Rosenthal  
 Coffee Mugs  
 Children games &  
 much much much  
**MORE!**



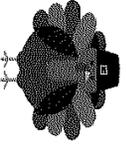
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- Mom
  - Dad
  - Grandparents
  - Sisters
  - Brothers

**! SURPRISE !**  
 Hanukkah is early this year!  
 Hanukkah starts November 28



# November 2021

## Cheshvan-Kislev 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon "A Healthy Jew is A Happy Jew" <b>6:00 PM</b>	5 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM	6 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
7 Hebrew/ Religious School 9/10 AM Spaghetti Dinner 3-7 PM	8 Hanukkah Bazaar Starts	9	10	11 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon "A Healthy Jew is A Happy Jew" 7:00 PM	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM	13 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM Samantha Nayden Bat Mitzvah
14 Hebrew/ Religious School 9/10 AM BBYO Social 4:30 PM	15	16 Annual Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon "A Healthy Jew is A Happy Jew" 7:00 PM	19 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM	20 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
21 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	22	23	24	25  Thanksgiving	26 <b>No Shabbat Services Scheduled</b>	27 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
28 <b>No Hebrew/ Religious School Scheduled</b>	29	30				

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