

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

Jan Stone
President

The Jewish Bulletin

Jenny Steinberg Kuvin
Rabbi



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Rabbi Emeritus

January 1, 2022

28 Tevet 5782

Candle Lighting Times

January 7, 2022.....4:20pm
January 14, 2022.....4:28pm
January 21, 2022.....4:36pm

Friday Evening Services

January 7, 2022.....**7:00pm**
January 14, 2021.....**No Services**
Scheduled
January 21, 2021.....**7:00pm**

Shabbat Morning Services - 9:30am

Saturday services are in-person

January 8, 2022
Torah portion of the week.....Bo
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Haftarah portion of the week.....Jeremiah
46:13-28

January 15, 2022
Torah portion of the week.....Beshalach
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Haftarah portion of the week.....Judges
4:4-5:31

Join us for Shabbat Services
Via Zoom - Saturday mornings - 9:30 AM

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THE MONTH OF SHEVAT:

HOPE AND KINDNESS IN THE WINTER

By

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Kuvin, JD CHT

"The highest form of wisdom is kindness." – Talmud,
Brachot 17a

As the sky turns gray and the trees expose their bones for all of us to see, we find ourselves in the Hebrew month of Shevat. Shevat, the 11th month after Nisan and the middle winter month of our Jewish calendar sends us strong messages of hope and kindness for things to come.

The message of "hope" comes from what the holiday Tu'B Shevat is probably best known. Tu'B Shevat, the Birthday of the Trees, is celebrated on the 15th day of the month. We may ask the question, "Why do we celebrate the birthday of the trees during a time when they are most bare?" Celebrating the abundant nature of trees and all they bring to use in their ripest form, gives us a moment of hope in the middle of winter. This brilliant weaving of hope in the *Rhythms of Life* is a common thread that runs throughout the Jewish calendar.

The second strong message we can extract from the month of Shevat, is kindness. Kindness comes from the name "Shevat." The acronym for Shevat is said by some to represent the Hebrew phrase, "Shenishma Besurot Tovot" which translates to "be blessed to share good things."

As we walk through Winter, separated from others by nature more than other times of the year, we are reminded of the gift of Acts of Kindness.

With my message for the beginning of 2022, I offer you the following challenge: Reach out, like the

branches of a tree, and drop your "fruit" on the plates of those around you. Use your kind words and actions to bring light, joy, hope, and abundance to those who find winter a troubling time. As you step outside of yourself and proceed in the direction of others, you will sense a shift away from your self-centered fear as you connect with the wholeness of humanity.

Wisdom is attained through kindness. Kindness is a builder of hope.

A Message from Jan Stone, JJC Board President

Meet your 2022 Board of Directors.

President	Jan Stone
Vice President.	Fred Lewin
Treasurer	Jim Kaplan
Financial Clerk	Jim Hillman
Secretary	Kim Floss

Our immediate Past President Mark Turk continues his valued role as "our" House Committee Chairperson.

The board meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month, zoom and in-person. The Board meeting date will also be posted on the Events At-a-Glance page on the JJC website.

I'm making the following—personal statement: We need everyone's PARTICIPATION!

The Joliet Jewish Congregation belongs to each and every one of you. We all know the saying "It takes a village to raise a child". This philosophy can also apply to your Synagogue. It takes each and everyone one of us to keep the Synagogue going and growing!

If you have Synagogue concerns, PLEASE come to a Board meeting and share your thoughts and ideas. Be part of the process. We welcome your active participation in-person or on Zoom.

I look forward to a great New Year. So, Everyone, I invite you, the JJC members, to "roll up your sleeves" to help us achieve our 2022 goals – and again, to keep our Synagogue *going* and *growing* into the future!

I am wishing you all a happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely,

Jan Stone



Please join us or Lunch & Learn as Rabbi Rubovits leads the discussion on Thursdays at Noon. **For the time being, we will be on Zoom only. We will notify everyone when Lunch & Learn will be back in-person.**

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

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Thank you to Monica Wendy for directing the Zoom on last week's book club meeting to Louise for leading the discussion! The next meeting of the Book Club is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The next book is called "The Matzah Ball" by Jean Meltzer. It's described as heartwarming, hilarious and a joy to read! It has a scene stealing bubbe! What more could we ask for?

THANK YOU

I wish to thank all of you for the privilege and honor of having served 2 terms, one for 8 years, and one for almost 6 years, 15 years in total as president of this fine congregation.

I thank you for the respect, patience, and support that you showed me during many difficult periods.

Moving forward, a new energized administration is taking over who will usher us all into a new ear of growth while furthering our religious observance and our Jewish education while helping us to become a more cohesive congregation.

We have tough decisions, along with hard work, dedication and maybe even some sacrifice ahead. Through all this we will come through and come out as a better, more dedicated and more compassionate congregation family.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have served you. Together we can, together we must, and together we will improve and grow together to become a great congregation for the future.

Mark Turk
Imed. Past President

PLEASE NOTE: TIME CHANGE FOR FIIDAY EVENING SHABBAT SERVICES. THEY ARE NOW AT 7:00 PM.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

1/4	Emmanuel Joloy
1/7	Nathan Cohen-Marshall
1/8	Thomas English
1/10	Raymond Bradley
1/11	Jeremy Link
1/13	Aaron (AJ) Lyp
1/15	Abe Ordman
1/20	Dr. Robert Friedman
1/23	Ashley Freeman
1/23	Amy Turk
1/24	Jim Kaplan
1/28	Rebecca Pagano
1/20	Mark Fisher



Happy Anniversary to:

1/18	George & Lea Stuhr
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SCRIP PROGRAM

A new order form is included in the newsletter. Thank you to all who participate in this program



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

Help the Lions help those in need.



Yahrzeits

(Week of January 2-8)

Michael Freeman	29 Tevet	January 2
Dianne Parker	29 Tevet	January 2
Mark Turk	2 Shevat	January 4

(Week of January 9-15)

Ronda Lebold	8 Shevat	January 10
Abe Ordman	9 Shevat	January 11
Jim Kaplan	10 Shevat	January 12
Rabbi C. Rubovits	10 Shevat	January 12
Bea Scholar	12 Shevat	January 14

(Week of January 16-22)

Kay Resis	14 Shevat	January 16
Bernard Pollock	19 Shevat	January 21
Howard Pollock	19 Shevat	January 21
Jim Kaplan	20 Shevat	January 22
Mark Reiner	20 Shevat	January 22

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 2-8: Mrs. Bess Freeman, Mrs. Rose Berlin, Mrs. Florence Deutsch, Louis Turk, Jennie Noriansky, Mrs. Adeline E. Kamin, Mrs. Bessie Wolensky, Leslie Bonn Erck, Lena Herzog, Arnold J. Hartman, Harris Lewis, David Balch

Week of January 9-15: Mrs. Ida Ordman, David Press, Isadore Wolensky, Ernest H. Klafter, Mrs. Yetta Schneider, Beatrice Finestone

Week of January 16-22: Fannie Singer, Shirley fish, Sina Fishman, Maurice Greenberg, Louis Geller, Max Schwartz, David Kristal

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Recovery

- None

Happy Day

- None

Memorial

- None

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January 2022

Tevet-Shevat 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
2 No Hebrew/ Religious School Scheduled	3	4	5	6 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon Zoom Only	7 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	8 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
9 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	10	11	12	13 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon Zoom Only	14 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	15 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
16 No Hebrew/ Religious School Scheduled	17	18 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon Zoom Only	21 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	22 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
23 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	24	25	26	27 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon Zoom Only	28 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	29 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
30 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	31					

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My name is Mark Brown, CFP®, AIF® (pictured lower-right). I am a long-time member of the Joliet Jewish Congregation. We invite you to visit us, or I will be happy to visit you.

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