### JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

## The Jewish Bulletin

## Jan Stone President



#### Jenny Steinberg-Martinez Rabbi

Charles Rubovits Rabbi Emeritus

October 1, 2023 16 Tishri 5784

#### **Candle Lighting Times**

October 6, 2023......6:08*pm* October 13, 2023.....5:56*pm* October 20, 2023.....5:45*pm* 

#### **Friday Evening Services**

October 6, 2023......7:00*pm*October 13, 2023.....**No Services Scheduled**October 20, 2023.....7:00*pm* 

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

October 7, 2023

Torah portion of the week.....Shemini Atzeret Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17; Numbers 29:35-30:1

Haftorah portion of the week.....I Kings 8:54-66

October 14, 2023
Torah portion of the week.....Bereshith
Genesis 1:1-6:8
Haftorah portion of the week.....I Samuel
20:18-42

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

# <u>Live Stream via our website:</u> jolietjewishcongregation.com

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#### SUKKOT: THE GIFTS OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE

By

#### Rabbi Jenny

"The LORD said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites: 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD's Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.""

-Leviticus 23:33-34

There are two things that all humans desire: unconditional love and acceptance. Although this is *not* something we can always grant to each other, it is promised to us from our G-d. We may become distant from this truth in the rush of our everyday lives and so we stop at this time to celebrate the Festival of Sukkot.

Sukkot is a holiday layered with symbolism that reminds us how surrounded we are by the love of G-d and how that love is unconditional. We are first commanded to reconstruct the booths that our ancestors slept in as they traveled from slavery to freedom into the promised land. The Torah instructs us "to dwell in booths for seven days" (Leviticus 23:42-43) — that's entire week of looking up at the stars.

To the sages, sitting in the *sukkah* is likened to residing within G-d's loving embrace. They teach that these basic walls represent G-d's arm and the sukkah is His embrace. In Song of Solomon 2:6 we read: "his right arm embraces me." The kabbalist Rabbi Isaac Luria goes on to teach that "G-d's arm embraces us through the *sukkah*. The first wall is like G-d's arm, the second wall like G-d's forearm, and the third smaller wall is like G-d's hand. Together they surround us with a hug." By participating in the setting up and making time to sit in a Sukkah, we allow ourselves the space to connect to our G-d who may feel far

away from us at other times. Whatever your troubles or flaws, when one sits inside the Sukkah, one is accepted and held unconditionally.

The construction and decorating of the Sukkah is paired with another ritual that brings us into alignment with G-d's unconditional love and acceptance, the shaking of the Lulav and the Etrog. We are directed to "take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your G-d for seven days" (Leviticus 23:40). We bind the four elements together and bless them every day of the holiday.

How does this act symbolize unconditional love and acceptance? In two very clear and strong ways. The first way shows an unconditional love and acceptance for the way we practice our faith. According to the Jewish sages the four species of the lulav and etrog represents a different type of person. In the Midrash, the *etrog* represents a person who studies Torah and fulfills the mitzvot, the *lulav* represents one who studies Torah but does not perform mitzvot, the *myrtle* represents one who fulfills mitzvot but does not study Torah, and the *willow* represents a Jew who neither studies Torah nor observes mitzvot. By shaking all levels of observance and honoring us wherever we are at, G-d is showing us that G-d's love is not dependent on our perfection of study or practice.

The second way the lulay and etrog symbolize unconditional love and acceptance is in the four species represent parts of our body. Jewish mystics believe the lulay, with its three species, represents the human body's eyes, mouth and spine, while the etrog represents the heart that "the palm is like our spine, the willow leaf has the shape of our mouth, and the myrtle leaves have the shape of our eyes." When we shake the lulay and etrog in all six directions we celebrate all parts of our body with acceptance and love. We are released from judgment or criticism and acting in the truth that all parts of our body are worthy of love and acceptance, no matter the messages from the media or the collective about size or beauty. We are all loved and embraced and accepted unconditionally by God.

As we move forward into Sukkot this weekend, I invite all of our community who struggle with feeling unlovable and unaccepted to take some time in the Sukkah. To come shake the Lulav in the Sanctuary and feel the connection to G-d. Our religion is deeply rich with practices that not only synchronize our lives with the natural rhythms of nature, but they synchronize our heartbeat with the heartbeat of G-d. When two hearts beat as one, true healing can occur. When we awaken to our place in the world and in

feeling loved, accepted, and connected, we are then able to ignite our love of life once again.

Chag Sameach!!!!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JJC at a glance....

First of all I want to mention how proud we all are of AJ Lyp for blowing the Shofar. What an incredible job he did.

We had a very generous anonymous donor who provided the funds for the Break the Fast. We had great food and it was wonderful to see so many people participating.

**A BIG THANK YOU to** Nancy Malmfeldt and Barbara Shuster for all their help. I thank my husband Marty, for going grocery shopping with me and double-checking the labels to make sure everything was kosher.

A shout out to the clean-up crew, Marty Stone, Fred and Jeanne Lewin, Nancy Malmfeldt, Barbara and Al Shuster. I could not have done any of this without your help and support.

Jan Stone President



We would like to welcome Steve & Kim Stone and their son Caleb as new members of Joliet Jewish Congregation.



Services for Shemini Atzeret will take place on Saturday, October 7th at 9:30 AM and will include Yizkor service.



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

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



#### Happy Birthday to:

- 10/2 Lindsay Eller
- 10/9 Bonnie Freeman
- 10/11 Steve Pagano
- 10/14 Rose Delrose
- 10/16 Nancy Freeman
- 10/16 Lea Stuhr
- 10/18 Bernard Pollock
- 10/23 Steve Orloff
- 10/27 Kimberly Floss
- 10/27 Candy Orloff
- 10/30 Dr. Monica Wendy Swire



#### <u>Happy Anniversary to:</u>

10/1 Mark & Laura Brown 10/16 John & Rose Delrose



Our upcoming bake sale is just around the corner, and we're looking for bakers to whip up some delicious treats. If you have a passion for baking and would like to contribute to our cause, we'd love to have you on board. You can drop off your sweets at the synagogue early to be frozen or on the day of the spaghetti dinner.

November 5th from 3-7 PM in conjunction with our famous spaghetti dinner.

Bring your favorite goodies sale ready! There will be nowhere to frost cakes on-site. Feel free to price your own creations. Every dollar raised will make a difference. To sign up as a baker or worker or more information, please contact Barbara Shuster, bshus46@comcast.net or cell 815-953-5403.

Let's make this bake sale the sweetest one yet. Barb Shuster



#### Mark Your Calendar 2023 Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, November 5 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Planning and "doing" are well underway for this year's Spaghetti Dinner, thanks to the "blueprints" from our long-time chairperson Diane Parker. A big THANK YOU if you have already volunteered to help. Now we need everyone else to help *keep moving forward*.

Watch your mail in the next few days for your Spaghetti Dinner tickets and Raffle Tickets. Please return your payments to the synagogue office as soon as possible.

If you have been one of our financial sponsors in the past, we need your help again this year. Please let us know of your continued support with your sponsorship donation of \$125.00 or more.

Contact us to volunteer; or if you have questions, concerns and encouragements! 2023 Spaghetti Dinner Steering Committee

Janet Stone (630) 531-7885 JJ5353@comcast.net

Jeanne Lewin (815) 258-5526 jjc.webdesigns@gmail.com

Fred Lewin (815) 534-0313 <a href="mailto:fredjlewin@gmail.com">fredjlewin@gmail.com</a>



For the Spaghetti Dinner, we need 21 two-liter bottles of pop — Coke, Pepsi, 7-Up, plain Seltzer water, Lemonade, Orangeade.

Please leave your donation in the Social Hall or the Office.

Thank you.



The Spaghetti Dinner Silent auction is Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Do you know local merchants who might donate items or services for the Silent Auction? Or, are you able to donate an item or service for the Silent Auction?

Only NEW items, please, to sell as stand-alone items or to be put into a gift basket with other items. Suggestions: gift certificates from hair salons, museums, restaurants, a spa, florists. Gift baskets with themes are a "hit" such as candles, dog/cat items, home décor, sports totes, sporting events tickets, autographed sports memorabilia.

Drop off Silent Auction items at the JJC Office. Please mark each item with your name and the item's value.

Questions? Please contact Beth (815) 741-4600.

Thank you for supporting your synagogue!

#### CREATING A CHAGALL-ESQUE PAINTING

Join us on Sunday, October 15th at Joliet Jewish Congregation. See flyer in the newsletter for more details.



#### MAH JONGG

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

#### **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.

Yahrzeits									
(Week of October 1-7)									
Rose Delrose	16 Tishri	October 1							
Nancy Malmfeldt	16 Tishri	October 1							
Judy Krockey	18 Tishri	October 3							
Alvin Shuster	19 Tishri	October 4							
Robert Freeman	22 Tishri	October 7							
Rabbi C. Rubovits	22 Tishri	October 7							
Michelle Rubovits	22 Tishri	October 7							
(Week of October 8-14	1)								
Naomi Hershman	24 Tishri	October 9							
Michelle Rubovits	25 Tishri	October 10							
Judy Block	28 Tishri	October 13							
<b>Barbara Shuster</b>	28 Tishri	October 13							
Janet Stone	28 Tishri	October 13							
(Week of October 15-2	21)								
Mark Turk	1 Cheshvan	October 16							
Judy Krockey	1 Cheshvan	October 16							
Dr. Gary Trager	3 Cheshvan	October 18							
Linda Rudman	4 Cheshvan	October 19							
Lea Stuhr	5 Cheshvan	October 20							
The Yahrzeit light is	lit on the even	ing before the							

Yahrzeit lights will be lit on our Memorial Tablets in memory of:

<u>Week of October 1-7:</u> Mrs. Theresa Jerri Lipsey, Mrs. Beckie Wahlberg, Mrs. Mollie Wiltbaum, Jerry Delrose, Esther Berlinsky, Mrs. Sophie Wollak, Abraham Brown

<u>Week of October 8-14:</u> Mrs. Geraldine Witkin Bork, Israel Weinberg, Louis Reinschreiber, Edward S. Schneider, David Pollack

Week of October 15-21: Mrs. Mae Gross Faye Pollack, Marie Shannon, Myles Jacobs, Mrs. Belle Gordon, David B. Eisenberg, Mrs. Florence Schulman, Joseph W. Mesirow, Mark Ordman

#### **Hattie & Harry Brown Funds**

Recovery

None

date noted above.

**Happy Day** 

None

**Memorial** 

None



#### SCRIP PROGRAM

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

JJC Invites You to an Afternoon of CREATING A CHAGALL-esque PAINTING
just "for the health of it"\*
\*a nod to Dr. Joel Goodman, Humor Project/Saratoga Springs, NY

Nosh, Drink & Be Merry! Spend the afternoon with a professional artist from Pinot's Pallette. She will guide you step-by-step to create a Chagall-inspired painting

Painting supplies & smocks included Easy clean-up acrylic paints Event opens with an interactive warm-up activity "Who was Marc Chagall, the world renowned Jewish Artist?"

WHEN: Sunday, October 15, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 pm

WHERE: Joliet Jewish Congregation 250 N. Midland Avenue

Joliet, IL 60435

RSVP by October 1, 2023

ONLY at www.jolietjewishcongregation.com
Events & Bulletins -> Events at-a-Glance -> Mark Your Calendar

Joliet Jewish Congregation is pleased to partner with JUF in serving our community through the South Suburban Mini-Grant Kehillah Program

## 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 250 N. Midland Ave. (Midland at Campbell)



Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Tickets** Adults \$12.00 Seniors & Children \$10.00

(815) 258.5526

Carryout Available

RAFFLE - BAKE SALE - AUCTION

# Joliet Jewish Congregation Scrip Program Order Form

Our profit from Last Month: **\$41.04** THANK YOU!

ORDER FORM DUE: Monday, October 16th

Name	Customer#
Check#	Order Date

Clothing & Accessories			Dining - Casual			Discount Store & Outlets					
Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle® \$25,00	10%		\$	Buona Beef \$10.00	8%		\$	Walmart \$100,00	2.5%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
DSW (Designer Shoe	8%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25,00	10%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Warehouse) \$25.00 Famous Footwear	8%	-	\$	Cheesecake Factory	5%	l	\$	Electronics & Office			
\$25.00			<u> </u>	\$25.00 Chill's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%	ļ	<b> </b>	Product Best Buy \$100.00	% 4%	QTY	Total
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$				<u> </u>	ļ <b></b>		ļ	\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$	Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%	<u> </u>	\$
L.L.Bean \$25,00	16%		\$	Fisherman's Wharf \$25.00	9%		\$	Entertainment			
Lane Bryant® \$25.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Product	%	QTY	Total
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$	Lou Malnati's Pizzeria	8%	ļ	\$	Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Men's Wearhouse	8%	-	\$	\$10.00	076			Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
\$25.00 Old Navy \$25.00	14%		8	Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00	11%		\$	Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4%		\$
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%	<b> </b>	s	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	Fast Food			
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%	-	\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Product	%	QTY	Total
T.J.	7%	<del> </del>	18	Outback Steakhouse	10%	<del> </del>	8	Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Maxx/Marshalls/HomeG oods/Sierra \$25,00			,	\$25.00				Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Department Store			Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%	ļ	\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	
Product	%	QTY	Total	Red Lobster \$25.00	8%	<u> </u>	\$	Cold Stone Creamery	11%	<u> </u>	\$
JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$	Red Robin \$25,00	8%	<u> </u>	\$	\$10.00	- 08/		
JCPenney \$25,00	5%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25,00	8%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%	<u> </u>	\$
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%	<del>                                     </del>	\$	Dining - Fine			1	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Product	%	QTY	Total	Finstein Bros. Bagels \$10.00	10%		\$
Dining - Casual	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$25.00	12%		\$	Great Harvest Bread \$10.00	6%		\$
Product	%	QTY	Total	Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00	10%		\$	Long John Silver's	8%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Shaw's Crab House	12%	$\vdash$	\$	\$10.00 Panera Bread \$10.00	8%	ļ	\$
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Boston Market \$10,00	12%	<u> </u>	\$	Burlington \$25,00	8%	<u> </u>	\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%	ļ	\$	Sam's Club \$190,00	2.5%	<u> </u>	\$	Potbelly Sandwich Shop \$10.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings®	8%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
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Make Checks Payable To: Joliet Jewish Congregation

Total Due All Columns:

## ORDER FORM DUE: Monday, October 16th

	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Fast Food			
Product	0/_	QTY	Total
teak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%	Q11	\$
Subway Restaurants	6%		\$
10.00			
aco Bell \$10.00	5%		<b> </b> \$
Vendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
3P \$50.00	1.5%		\$
ircle K \$25.00	1.5%		\$
xxon \$50.00	1%		\$
iffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
/lobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Shell \$100.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
erkot's Super Foods 25.00	4%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$100.00	4%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$
lewel Osco \$100.00	4%		\$
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Mariano's (IL) \$25.00	4%		\$
Mariano's (IL) \$50.00	4%		\$
Meijer \$25.00	3%		\$
Strack & VanTil \$100.00	2%		\$
Strack & VanTil \$25.00	2%		\$
lealth & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works 10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$

Health & Beauty									
Product	%	QTY	Total						
ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$						
Home Decor									
Product	%	QTY	Total						
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$						
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$						
Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$						
Pottery Barn Kids \$25.00	8%		\$						
Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$						
Home Improvement									
Product	%	QTY	Total						
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$						
Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$						
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$						
Menards \$100.00	3%		\$						
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$						
The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$						
The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$						
Online Shopping									
Product	%	QTY	Total						
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$						
Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$						
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$						
Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$						
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$						
Specialty Retailer									
Product	%	QTY	Total						
Binny's Beverage Depot \$100.00	3%		\$						
Binny's Beverage Depot \$25.00	3%		\$						
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$						
Fannie May Candies \$10.00	25%		\$						
Guitar Center \$25.00	4%		\$						
Hallmark \$25.00	4%		\$						

Specialty Retailer							
Product	%	QTY	Total				
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$				
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$				
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$				
Sporting Goods & O	utdoors						
Product	%	QTY	Total				
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$				
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$				
Universal Prepaid Ca	ards						
Product	%	QTY	Total				
Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$				
Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$				

# October 2023 Tishrei-Cheshvan 5784

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Religious School 9:00 AM	2	3 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM	4 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	5	6 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	7 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM w/Yizkor Service Shemini Atzeret
8 Simchat Torah Service 9:30 AM	9	10 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM	11 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	12	13 No Shabbat Services Scheduled	14 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
15 Religious School 9:00 AM	16	17 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM 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 Religious School 9:00 AM	23	24 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM	25 Mah Jongg 1:00 PM	26	27 Shabbat Services 7:00 PM	28 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
29 Religious School 9:00 AM	30	31 Lunch & Learn 11:00 AM				

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