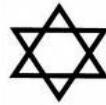


JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

Mark Turk
President



Charles Rubovits
Rabbi

March 15, 2020

19 Adar 5780

Candle Lighting Times

March 20, 2020.....6:47 pm
March 27, 2020.....6:55 pm
April 3, 2020.....7:02 pm

Friday Evening Services

Services Cancelled

March 20, 2020
March 27, 2020
April 3, 2020

Shabbat Morning Services

Services Cancelled

March 21, 2020
March 28, 2020
April 4, 2020

March 21, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Vayyakhel-
Pekudei
Exodus 35:1-40:38; Exodus 12:1-20
Haftarah portion of the week.....Ezekiel
45:16-46:18

March 28, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Vayyikra
Leviticus 1:1-5:26
Haftarah portion of the week.....
Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Isaiah 43:21-44:23

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From the Rabbi's Study

Human life on our big planet has been turned on its head these past couple of months due in large part to the contagion known as the Corona virus. This viral scourge has implanted itself into societies around the world. Whole countries have closed their borders and hunkered down all in an effort to protect its citizens. Regrettably, the most vulnerable segment of the world population to this illness are the elderly – literally those who have the least resistance to illness and, who, for a variety of reasons, are less mobile and therefore are more apt to contract an illness from any bug flying around. Most authoritative organizations have advised to close schools and houses of worship and have suggested that any work be conducted from home if possible.

Essentially, our beautiful Temple has shut its doors until this emergency blows over. Our Sunday/Hebrew school has cancelled classes through April 5. Religious services have been temporarily halted as well. All of this has been done out of an abundance of caution for all our members and visitors. We will keep a skeleton crew in the building including myself and our secretary so the 'business' of our Temple will continue into the foreseeable future.

If you are thinking, "Why is Gd doing this to us?" your question is very valid but I'm afraid no one has a definitive answer. We have found that most of our societies and governments are not prepared to deal with a pandemic so we have been forced to learn on the fly. The best thing we can do to avoid the illness is to stay at home if we can; regularly wash our hands; avoid crowds; and whatever you do, don't panic! If you need some assistance, call the Temple and we will try to assist you. A few of our members have volunteered to do some grocery shopping or errand running for shut-ins. Just call the Temple for a name and phone number.

And within all this we must remember that Gd is still

with us so a bit of personal prayer now and then can't hurt. We will get through this and enjoy the Spring and Summer.

Rabbi Rubovits

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Paranoia and anxiety levels are rising sharply due to our current world health issue.

At the March Board meeting, your Board developed a policy of physical protection and what would and did trigger the immediate physical containment shut-down.

All of us need to work together and support each other while respecting each persons rights during these difficult times. Together, as a community we can weather this difficult storm.

Keep in mind, "Fear wants you to run from something that isn't after you." Together we can get through these challenging times.

Mark Turk

NOTES

We need your eyes and ears. If you know a congregant is ill, in the hospital, or a nursing home, please let the office know.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

To any members who are unable to get to the store for groceries, prescriptions, etc., we have 2 volunteers who will assist you.

Please contact the office and we will provide the contact information for you.



Lunch & Learn has been cancelled for a few weeks. The tentative start up date is Thursday, April 23rd.



POTLUCK DINNER

The Potluck dinner scheduled for Friday, March 20th **has been cancelled.**

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The Hadassah Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 29th at the home of Linda Trager. The selection to be discussed is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. The book is about Kaya, a wild and unkempt girl that follows the ups and downs of her life. Her story is a hopeful one as well. It is available at the library and as an e-book.



Game Night scheduled for Saturday, March 21st has been **postponed**. We will notify you when it has been rescheduled.

Yahrzeits

(Week of March 15-21)

Belle Ann Cohen	20 Adar	March 16
Amy Cohen	20 Adar	March 16
Mark Turk	20 Adar	March 16
Kim Floss	22 Adar	March 18
Mark Turk	24 Adar	March 20
Sheldon Lebold	24 Adar	March 20
Dr. Eric Bass	25 Adar	March 21

(Week of March 22-28)

June Becker	26 Adar	March 22
Robert Freeman	26 Adar	March 22
Dr. Gary Trager	28 Adar	March 24
Marc Freeman	29 Adar	March 25
Abe Ordman	2 Nisan	March 27
Harriet Barnett	2 Nisan	March 27

(Week of March 29-April 4)

Kimberly Floss	4 Nisan	March 29
Michael Block	5 Nisan	March 30
Judy Krockey	8 Nisan	April 2
Ronda Lebold	8 Nisan	April 2
Mark Horwitz	8 Nisan	April 2

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 15-21: Mrs. Anida Rudman, Irving Turk, Marsha Schwartz, Mrs. Sarah Cohn, Mrs. Elizabeth Turk, Mrs. Clara K. Bass

Week of March 22-28: Samuel B. (Kelly) Freeman, Max Klein, Jackson Jarvis Cohen, Max Shapiro, Mrs. Jessie Kristal, Mrs. Thelma Schwartz, Ernest Freeman, Jacob Ordman, George Hartman, Mrs. Hanna Kaplan

Week of March 29-April 4: Max J. Block, Mrs. Else Frank Mayer, Nathan Adelston, Mrs. Sarah Festenstein, Louis Trackman, Joseph Simon, Mrs. Ethel Glazner Rudman, Abe Frank, Edna Berest, Mrs. Lottie Engel

CONGREGATION SEDER

The Congregation Passover Seder tentatively planned for April 8th was cancelled due to not enough reservations needed to hold the event.

FAVORITE RECIPES

This month we will remember and celebrate our former long time member, Bettie Berest, of blessed memory.

Bettie was a faithful and caring wife and mother, a great person, an educator, a restaurant owner, and of course a great cook.

We can remember and honor Bettie's memory by making one of her great recipes.

PASSOVER PUFFS

Bettie Berest

1/4 cup shortening	1 cup boiling water
2 tsp sugar	1 cup matzo cake meal
1/2 tsp salt	3 large eggs

Add shortening, sugar and salt to boiling water. Stir in cake meal when fat has melted. Stir rapidly until well blended. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until dough is smooth. Drop from tablespoon onto well greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325°F for 40 minutes. Fill with gefilte fish, chicken salad or tuna.

Hattie & Harry Brown Happy Day Fund

- None

Hattie & Harry Brown Memorial Fund

- None



SCRIP

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



ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

Joliet Jewish Congregation collects inkjet/laser cartridges & cell phones to recycle. Please drop them off at the office.

We also have a newspaper recycling container at the Campbell St. entrance.

TAX FORM LETTER

If you would like a letter from the synagogue substantiating 2019 contributions, please email the treasurer at kaplanjim@comcast.net or call 815-744-8688. Remember Scrip and raffle tickets are not deductible per IRS rules.



HELP THE JOLIET NOON LIONS

Please bring in pop top tabs, old keys, used glasses and hearing aids and leave in the office. Help the Lions help those in need.

Sometimes life gets weird.
Hang in there, it gets better.

Tanner Patrick



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	2	3	4	5 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon	6 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM	7 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
8 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM Purim Party 11 AM	9 Megillah Reading 6:00 PM	10	11	12 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon	13 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM (**)	14 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM (**)
15 Hebrew/Religious School 9 AM/10 AM	16	17 Board Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED	20 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED	21 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED
22 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED	23	24	25	26 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED	27 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED	28 ALL EVENTS CANCELLED
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