

JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

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Candle Lighting Times

April 17, 2020.....7:18pm
April 24, 2020.....7:25pm
May 1, 2020.....7:33pm

Friday Evening Services

Services Held at the Temple
Cancelled Until Further Notice

Join us for Shabbat Services
on Zoom on Friday evenings—7:30 PM

Shabbat Morning Services

Services Held at the Temple
Cancelled Until Further Notice

April 18, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Shemini
Leviticus 9:1-11:47
Haftorah portion of the week.....II Samuel
6:1-7:17

April 25, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Tazria-Metzora
Leviticus 12:1-15:33
Haftorah portion of the week.....Numbers
28:9-15; Isaiah 66:1-24

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From the Rabbi's Study

This year our world will mark April 20 as Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust. The 75th anniversary of the terrible events in Europe marks this date as the official end of WWII but we also know that the murder of innocent Jews and non-Jews began much earlier.

I often find myself drawn like a moth to a flame when it comes to reading various non-fictional accounts of what happened in Europe during the war and I find as I read that I learn just a little bit more about this terrible time in world history. I am trying, in my own simple way to understand what would motivate such abject hatred. Why would the Nazis focus so much of their military to the capture and the murder of Europe's Jews? It's a question to which I will never find an acceptable answer.

Annually, Yom HaShoah has been observed around the world and in Joliet with lectures, films, and presentations all designed to keep our minds aware of our history - we must never forget what happened to our people. Fifteen or twenty years ago, the organizers of these observance events could choose from a number of Holocaust survivors to step forward and tell the stories of their early lives but with the passage of time, most of these wonderful people have passed on and we are now faced with asking second generation survivors to assist us with their parents stories.

Before the onset of the Corona Virus problems, I had secured an excellent speaker for our Yom HaShoah event on April 20th but with the Shelter-in-Place orders from our Governor, we have had to postpone our event to the end of August or the beginning of September. Dr. Gizzi has studied the Holocaust and has visited many of the European Death Camps and will address the very interesting issue, "Can the Holocaust Happen Again?" Even though we must be patient until we can attend our rescheduled event, I suggest we all take the opportunity Monday, April 20 to pause and

remember our recent Jewish history. I further suggest we all light a memorial candle in our homes that day to pause and remember the events of the Shoah. A quotation from the late Elie Wiesel is appropriate here. He said, "For the dead and the living, we must bear witness."

Let us all obey the rules and stay inside, stay safe, and be patient - with Gd's help this virus problem will eventually go away.

Rabbi Rubovits

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To say we are going through difficult and trying times is an understatement. Again I'm quoting a church sign as seen in the Chicago Tribune, "We never intended to give up so much for Lent." This is so true for all of us for what we have had to give up in order to stay safe.

During these unique times our staff has stepped up to keep us as close to somewhat normal as possible.

Kudos to our religious school staff for offering online learning and for our Rabbi and Michelle for offering us online services and even a seder. First day of Passover we had 18+ and for the evening seder about 12. During this same time our administrative staff has produced a newsletter and was able to get our Homeland security grant request submitted, but on that we won't hold our breath. Also work is being done on multi-week event notifications, congregation directory, and a new cemetery donation project. Our maintenance person works every week continuing to clean and sanitize every inch of our building with about 95% complete so far. In the meantime, our Rabbinic Search Committee is working and has received many more applications than I foresaw and is communicating with the applicants to try to narrow a smaller group down and start the more in-depth interviewing process.

Considering what conditions we are working under, we are doing remarkably well.

Our degree of success is due to our competent and dedicated paid and volunteer staff and all of you for your support and participation.

Remember, It's not how far you fall, but how high you bounce that makes a difference." Life has us on a trampoline, so we must strive to bounce high and steady.

Mark Turk

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.

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.



Lunch & Learn has been cancelled for a few weeks. The tentative start up date TBD.

ZOOM! ZOOM! ZOOM!

I am very pleased with our congregations response and involvement with the Zoom program we are using to "broadcast" our religious services. In truth, I have seen more members attending our Friday night services on line than I have seen in our Chapel or Sanctuary. Members from Chicago, Lombard, California, and all our close by cities have tuned in and participated in the singing and the Torah discussions. Please do not get it in your mind that the Temple will replace services in our Sanctuary with weekly Zoom meetings. This is strictly a temporary situation until the Corona virus is put back into a bottle and is no longer a scourge on our population.

I want to thank everyone who have been so patient with me as I discover how best to lead our religious services via the Internet. It has been a steep learning curve but I think I now have most of the bugs worked out of the system.

Please keep an eye on your emails for this week's Zoom schedule. The times and the code numbers are essential to tune in. Let's continue Zooming!!

Rabbi Rubovits



MT. MORIAH CEMETERY

The flower circular is included in the newsletter so you can honor your loved ones and/or friends with silk bouquets to brighten up their resting places.

If you have any questions please contact Beth at the office 815-741-4600 or jolietjewish@att.net

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The Hadassah Book Club will meet at the home of Linda Trager, **date to be chosen later**. 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.

DUES

We are mostly stuck at home and bummed out, so keeping our dues up-to-date for some has not seemed important; but it is. 2nd quarter statements are being sent out and it shows that some did not remember to pay 1st quarter. The synagogue, other than a very slight reduction in utility costs, still has the same obligations to cover, so please do your best to get your dues brought up-to-date. Please help us to keep a good credit rating.

RECIPE

This month, since we celebrate Passover, it's appropriate to include another Passover recipe, this time the Farfel Pudding recipe by Shirley Fish.

Shirley Fish, of Blessed Memory, was an extraordinary person, highly intelligent and educated in both Judaic and world history, customs, and traditions, a world traveler, an outstanding wife, mother and grandmother, a great friend to many, and a great cook.

Enjoy her recipe and as you savor each taste remember Shirley and her sweet memory.

FARFEL PUDDING

Shirley Fish

1 lb box farfel	3/4 tsp salt
2 cups whole milk	1 cup sugar
7 eggs	2 large cans sliced peaches in heavy syrup
1 tsp vanilla	Syrup from canned fruit
3/4 lb margarine	

Preheat oven to 375°F, grease 2 lasagna tins. Put farfel in strainer and pour hot tap water over to moisten and drain. Pour into large bowl. Beat eggs and add to farfel. Melt margarine and add to farfel mixture. Add peach syrup and all other ingredients except fruit. Pour 1/2 mixture into each tin, top with 1/2 of the fruit (1 can). Cover with remaining farfel mix. Add rest of the fruit (second can). Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 375°F for 1 hour. This can be made ahead and frozen. Makes 2 large lasagna pans.

May be used for Passover.

SCRIP

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

Yahrzeits

(Week of April 12-18)

Janet Stone	22 Nisan	April 16
Beatrice Scholar	24 Nisan	April 18

(Week of April 19-25)

Mark Horwitz	25 Nisan	April 19
Jim Hillman	26 Nisan	April 19
Judy Block	26 Nisan	April 20
Judy Krockey	26 Nisan	April 20
Louise Freeman	26 Nisan	April 20
Sheldon Lebold	27 Nisan	April 21

(Week of April 26-May 2)

Robert Freeman	2 Iyar	April 26
Judy Krockey	4 Iyar	April 28
Mark Turk	6 Iyar	April 30
Harriet Barnett	8 Iyar	May 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 April 12-18: Mrs. Edythe L. Lester, Benjamin Kristal, Clarence Lipman, Archie H. Krugman, Mrs. Nancy Rubnitz Bernstein, Mrs. Ella Slack Neeman, Mrs. Sophie Scholar, Mrs. Annette Lipman

Week of April 19-25: Philip H. Horwitz, Danny Hillman, Isadore Schulkin, Joseph Price, Maurice M. Rubens, Morris Sklut, Irving J. Berkman. Marc Pufeles, Benjamin Arbeitman

Week of April 26-May 2: Michael H. Freeman, Archie S. Kerr, Anna R. Trackman, Benjamin Polackoff, Mrs. Sarah Turk Shapiro, Mrs. Rose Moss, Raphael Feitell, Mrs. Anna Schulkin, Morton D. Barnett

Hattie & Harry Brown Happy Day Fund

- None

Hattie & Harry Brown Memorial Fund

- None

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.

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.

*Now you can express your respect and decorate
the graves of your loved one (s) at*

Mt. Moriah Cemetery



2020 Spring/Summer Bouquets*

2020 Fall Bouquets+

Name of Deceased	Spring/Summe. & Fall \$60	Spring/Summer \$35	Fall \$35
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Enclosed is the sum of \$_____ to pay for the grave remembrance decoration(s) at a cost of ONLY \$60 per grave for all Spring/Summer/Fall or \$35 for the Spring/Summer and \$35 for Fall Decoration for year 2019 only.

All checks or money orders should be made payable to *Joliet Jewish Congregation*

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