

# JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

## *The Jewish Bulletin*

**Mark Turk  
President**



**Charles Rubovits  
Rabbi**

March 1, 2020

5 Adar 5780

### **Candle Lighting Times**

March 6, 2020.....5:31pm  
March 13, 2020.....6:39pm  
March 20, 2020.....6:47pm

### **Friday Evening Services**

March 6, 2020.....7:30pm  
March 13, 2020.....7:30pm  
March 20, 2020.....7:30pm  
(preceded by potluck at 6:30 PM)

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

March 7, 2020  
Torah portion of the week.....Tetzaveh  
Exodus 27:20-30:10  
Haftorah portion of the week.....I Samuel  
15:2-34

March 14, 2020  
Torah portion of the week.....Ki Thissa  
Exodus 30:11-34:35  
Haftorah portion of the week.....Ezekiel  
36:16-38; Numbers 19:1-22

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

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### **From the Rabbi's Study**

Our Torah is not simply a 5 Book story about ancient Judaism. The Torah and the related books of the Talmud are a full compendium of rules and laws relating to how we humans act with and react to our world and our fellow mankind. There is a proper way to move through our lives with the insistence that we are to thank Gd for each and everything we do. Contained within the sentences and paragraphs of this wondrous work we find a few very simple laws about personal hygiene that, if followed properly, will allow us to avoid many of the illnesses that plague mankind. In the simplest of terms, the Torah commands us to wash our hands before we eat. I would take this a step further and say that we are to wash our hands before touching any food - period! We are commanded to stop, wash our hands thoroughly, recite the appropriate blessings, and then begin to eat.

The approaching plague of the Coronavirus or Covid-19 is a perfect example of what can happen to our societies when we forget the simplest of personal hygiene actions - regularly washing our hands. Is this activity foolproof? Not by a long shot, but it can go a long way to prevent contracting the illness in the first place and it will also go a long way to help contain the virus spread to others. It is also said that this virus can be spread through the air by coughing or sneezing so covering our faces during such times is also most important.

I'm sorry that I sound like your mother or your 1st Grade teacher but it is appalling to see what we do in public if we have to cough or sneeze. How many of us routinely wash our hands before we touch any food? Again, I must say that even with all these preventatives, we may still become ill but basic considerate health activities will go a long way to dampen down the spread of these and similar illnesses. I write all this because as your religious leader, I am worried about the health of each and every member of our Temple. If, by my words, we can prevent our mem-

bers from contracting this viral scourge, I will have done my job properly.

So, let's wash our hands regularly and properly especially before eating anything! Let's cover our faces if we have to sneeze or cough and wash those hands again. And if, by some unlucky chance you do contract a cold or worse, stay home and follow your doctor's orders! Yes, an apple a day will keep the doctor away but a regular bowl of hot chicken soup will do wonders for your recovery.

Rabbi Rubovits

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Spring may come soon, no matter what the groundhog said. With Spring comes rebirth, new beginnings, and along with it a more positive outlook.

We are an outstanding congregation with friendly congregants who are always looking for other friendly Jewish families to join us. We thus need to let all we come in contact with know that we wish others to join us.

The quote, "Perhaps the most important trip you will ever make is going the second mile." So let's work together to get the word out.

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.



Join us on Thursdays at Noon for 90 minutes of Lunch & Torah study. Rabbi will review and discuss the upcoming Torah portion of the week so come prepared to learn something new and exciting! Cost—\$5 per week.



Please join us on Friday, March 20th for dairy potluck at 6:30 PM followed by Shabbat Services at 7:30 PM. Please RSVP to the office. March congregant birthdays will be celebrated that evening.

Condolences to **Mrs. Carole Stewart** on the passing of her father, **Mr. Edmond Smith, Jr.** Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.

## HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

The Hadassah Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 12th at the home of Michelle Rubovits. The selection to be discussed is The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. It is historical fiction portraying the relationship between Mitza and Albert Einstein. It is available at the library and as an e-book.

#### CONGREGATION SEDER

We are trying to organize a Congregation Seder for Wednesday, April 8th. We need a minimum of 32 participants to hold this event. If you wish to attend please RSVP **by March 6th** to the office. Reservations must be paid in full by **March 20th**. Cost for members is—Adults (\$35), Child 6-12 (\$15) Child under 6 (Free). Guests of member—Adults (\$40), Child 6-12 (\$20), Child under 6 (Free). Non-members/Community members—Adults (\$45), Child 6-12 (\$25), Child under 6 (\$15). If you have any questions please contact the office.

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



##### Happy Birthday to:

- |      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| 3/1  | Sarah Zakos          |
| 3/2  | Michael Freeman      |
| 3/3  | Ari Freeman          |
| 3/4  | Jordan Blew          |
| 3/5  | Mark Turk            |
| 3/8  | Janet Stone          |
| 3/8  | Dr. Ellen Turk-Zakos |
| 3/9  | Zach Berman          |
| 3/10 | Mike Zakos           |
| 3/15 | Ronda Lebold         |
| 3/16 | Lorelei Abrams       |
| 3/23 | Dan Floss            |
| 3/25 | Laura Brown          |



##### Happy Anniversary to:

- |      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| 3/17 | Glenn & Andrea Panner |
| 3/18 | Sam & Pat Rosefsky    |
| 3/27 | Lew & Wendy Berman    |

## SECURITY

As your President, dealing with security concerns whether it be physical or health related, I would rather be criticized for being too conservative than deal with an occurrence that turned out worse due to not taking preventative action.

Concerning physical security, the Board has taken action to improve physical security of the property, hire off-duty police when they are available which is most times for Saturday services, religious school, religious holidays, and Temple events. Additionally we have installed protective firewalls in our computer systems.

Health wise, especially currently, presents a more difficult problem. For years, on Mondays following religious school, our maintenance person has sanitized all classroom tables, chairs, door knobs along with both bathrooms and water fountain. With the advent of a more serious flu season it was decided to post a note on the entrance door suggesting that we refrain from hugging, kissing, and hand shaking with my agreement. (Notice that other houses of worship have also done the same). Although one Board member objected, some of this past weekend's Bat Mitzvah guests approached me and not only complimented us on how well and cared for our property was and not only how friendly and welcoming we were but also how they felt safer from both the health note and the presence of police.

Health officials have said to also wash hands often and use anti-bacterial lotion (we have them out in several locations), protect a sneeze or cough and if not feeling well, please stay home to protect others.

Being proactive is much more prudent than being reactive and/or being too late in doing so. It's my intent to continue to be proactive, to do my and our best to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Mark Turk



The Religious School Purim party will take place on Sunday, March 8th at 11:00 AM.

Megillah Reading will take place on Monday, March 9th beginning at 6:00 PM with a light meal. Everyone is invited to attend. Please RSVP to the office.



## 2020 Raffle Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the annual raffle and made it a success. Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize (\$1000)	Mark Horwitz
2nd Prize (\$500)	Dr. Gary & Linda Trager
3rd Prize (\$300)	Rose Delrose
4th Prize (\$200)	Jim Kaplan
5th Prize (\$200)	Ari & Zoey Freeman
6th Prize (\$200)	Joliet Noon Lions Club
7th Prize (\$200)	Howard Pollock
8th Prize (\$200)	Bob & Martha Friedman



## POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us on Friday, March 20th for Dairy Potluck at 6:30 PM followed by Shabbat Services at 7:30 PM. March birthdays will be celebrated after services. Janet Stone's students will participate in the services. Please RSVP to the office if you plan to attend.

As you are all aware by now Rabbi will be resigning from his current position as part time Rabbi with the Joliet Jewish Congregation at the end of November 2020. We are in the process of finding someone to become our part time religious leader. In order to help during this interim time period and beyond it would be great to have fellow congregants step up and assist on a part time basis to help conduct Services, Friday evening and or Saturday morning. Currently there are three of us who do this but by congregants not stepping up this puts the burden on the current three and no we do not get paid for doing this. Please do not say "I do not know how" there are numerous websites that you can learn from all you need is a Siddur to follow along and practice, I believe most Siddurs have the prayers in Hebrew and the English transliteration. I will make the websites that I have available to the Temple or you can search for your own, and as many of you know I taught myself. If you can come up with a better way of doing the Service, if necessary not as long but you can still do an effective Service, then we can change if appropriate.

Please step up and assist don't say let someone else deal with it.

Allen Pollock

## **Yahrzeits**

(Week of March 1-7)

<b>Bernard Pollock</b>	6 Adar	March 2
<b>Howard Pollock</b>	6 Adar	March 2
<b>Joyce Orloff</b>	6 Adar	March 2
<b>Kay Resis</b>	6 Adar	March 2

(Week of March 8-14)

<b>Sandra Kliska</b>	13 Adar	March 9
<b>Ken Pollock</b>	18 Adar	March 14

(Week of March 15-21)

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

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 1-7:** Dr. Charles Wollak, Paul Simon, Mrs. Anna Geller, Sarah Kristal, Lena Epstein, Joseph Dubin, Lawrence J. Schwartz, Mrs. Celia Hyman, Julius Fisch, Harry A. Rubens

**Week of March 8-14:** Mrs. Rose (Sklut) Patinka, Herman Kristal, Dr. Irving M. Cobin, Sidney Miller, Moses Solomon, Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, Morris Ratsky

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

## **Hattie & Harry Brown Happy Day Fund**

- **None**

## **Hattie & Harry Brown Memorial Fund**

- **None**

## **BEST KEPT SECRET**

Spring will soon be here and we will see new leaves. We too have leaves to share; tribute leaves on our Tree of Life honorary plaque in our extended foyer near the Gift Shop and Chapel.

For as little as \$250.00 you can purchase a leaf honoring someone for a life cycle event such as birthday, bar/bat mitzvah, job or personal milestone, retirement or any other happy event.

Just call the office at 815-741-4600 so it won't be a great secret.



## **GAME NIGHT**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 21st for Game Night at 7:00 PM. There will be an adult event in the Social Hall with mahjong, card games & everyone is encouraged to bring their own favorite game as well. There will also be a children's game event that will be run separately in the Board Room. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the office.

## **KIDDUSH**

The Kiddush fund is in need of refreshing. How about sending a donation to help defray the cost of both Shabbat treats?

## **WELFARE CHEST**

Monthly you see the social service providers we assist, but we can only accomplish this with your help. Please send your donations in so we can better assist those in need. Thank you.



Picture of our chapel showing items received from Anshe Knesseth Israel in Iron Mountain, Michigan.

We sent them a copy of the above and received this reply -

Thanks very much, Mark. It is nice to see the things in place. I will share these with the people on our mailing list with connections to our former congregation.

Your email arrives the day before we close on the sale of our building, so we really are nearing the end of winding things down.

Warm regards,  
Jim

## WELFARE CHEST

This month we will discuss Magen David Adom (MDA) and Will-Grundy Medical Clinic (WGMC).



MDA touches the lives of almost everyone who lives in and/or near Israel. MDA has more than 25,000 EMT's throughout Israel of which 80% are volunteers. These brave and talented men and women operate in Israel and its border areas. We see pictures of their ambulances and medi-cycles, but providing sufficient supplies and vehicle maintenance is a daunting task. MDA provides blood and blood related services through its extensive national blood bank to all who need their help. Last year MDA treated over 825,000 people. MDA's motto is "Serving lives. It's in our blood."



WGMC has supported the community for over 31 years and was always the free clinic for the uninsured. Recent changes in the healthcare community brought about changes so that they now partner with other low income clinics who do get some government and grant funding. Now WGMC operates as a referral clinic performing testing, diagnosis, and wellness and coordinated support and then sends the patient to a service provider for care. WGMC serves over 1800 people per year, providing access to primary, specialty, and ancillary care, dental, hearing and vision care plus medication.

We agree that both service providers are worthy of our continued support.

## 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.



## SCRIP

A new order form is included in the newsletter. Don't forget to order for your Passover shopping. 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.



## 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.



MARCH 26, 2020

Joliet Jewish Congregation  
Scrip Program Order Form

**ORDER FORM DUE:  
Friday, March 13th**

Our profit from Last Month:  
**\$78.74**  
THANK YOU!

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Clothing & Accessories			
Product	%	QTY	Total
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8%		\$
Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lane Bryant \$25.00	8%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%		\$
T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods/Sierra Trading Post \$25.00	7%		\$
Department Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25.00	8%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$

Dining - Casual			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$
Buona Beef \$10.00	8%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Fisherman's Wharf \$25.00	9%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria \$10.00	8%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00	11%		\$
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$
Rock Bottom Restaurant \$25.00	6%		\$
Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Dining - Fine			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$25.00	12%		\$
Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00	10%		\$
Shaw's Crab House \$25.00	12%		\$
Dining - On The Go			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$

Dining - On The Go			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Einstein Bros. Bagels \$10.00	10%		\$
Great Harvest Bread \$10.00	6%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	9%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Potbelly Sandwich Shop \$10.00	8%		\$
Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Discount Store			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$

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ORDER FORM DUE:  
**Friday, March 13th**

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Electronics & Office			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$
Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Entertainment			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Gas & Auto			
Product	%	QTY	Total
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Circle K \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$
Shell \$100.00	1.5%		\$
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Sheli \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
Grocery			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Berkot's Super Foods \$25.00	4%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$100.00	4%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$
Jewel Osco \$100.00	4%		\$
Jewel Osco \$25.00	4%		\$
Mariano's (IL Only) \$25.00	4%		\$
Mariano's (IL Only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Meijer (not AK and HI) \$25.00	3%		\$
Strack & VanTil \$100.00	2%		\$
Strack & VanTil \$25.00	2%		\$

Health & Beauty			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$
ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$
Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Home Decor			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$
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 & Catalog			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$
Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$
iTunes \$15.00	5%		\$
iTunes \$25.00	5%		\$
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%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$
Oberweis \$10.00	8%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Sporting Goods			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Universal Prepaid Cards			
Product	%	QTY	Total
Discover Universal Gift Card \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Discover Universal Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$

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## Adar-Nisan 5780

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 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon	20 Dairy Potluck 6:30 PM followed by Shabbat Services 7:30 PM Birthday Celebration	21 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
22 NO HEBREW/ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	23	24	25	26 Lunch & Learn 12:00 Noon	27 Shabbat Services 7:30 PM (**)	28 Shabbat Services 9:30 AM (**)
29 NO HEBREW/ RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	30	31				

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