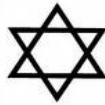


JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

Mark Turk
President



Charles Rubovits
Rabbi

April 1, 2020

7 Nisan 5780

Candle Lighting Times

April 3, 2020.....7:02pm
April 10, 2020.....7:10pm
April 17, 2020.....7:18pm

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 4, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Tzav
Leviticus 6:1-8:36
Haftorah portion of the week.....Jeremiah
7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

April 11, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....1st Inter-
Mediate Day of Pesach

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From the Rabbi's Study

The current medical scourge racing around the world and causing havoc on the populations of countries large and small makes me wonder if Gd is just playing around with us or if He is trying to teach us something about our societies. This microscopic single cell virus known as Covid19 is threatening to bring whole countries to their medical and even economic knees. Is this Gd's way of getting our attention?

When faced with economic disasters or plagues, our ancient ancestors ran to the Kohen Gadol, the High Priest to intercede with Gd and restore health back to the nation. Today our physicians and scientists are able to identify the microscopic culprit making us sick and are creating methods to destroy the bug and get our societies back on a more even keel and for all their efforts we are most grateful. I, for one, am very proud of our nation. We have listened to our health professionals and have sheltered in place to prevent catching the disease or spreading it to others around us. It is certainly not a perfect system but it's far better than simply going about our day with no regard for any other human being.

Getting back to my original question; is Gd using the Corona Virus to just play around with humanity? I think not. I think this is Gd's way of saying to us, "wake up! There are problems in society and we're not addressing them! We have made grievous mistakes and we're not working together to find the proper solutions!" Gd is trying to talk to us but are we listening? I don't think so. There are times when humanity will simply forget about Gd and instead we focus on materialism. I suggest the current virus attack is an example of Gd working to get our attention turned back to what is right. That said, as most of us remain home bound, why not pick up a prayer book or a book of Psalms and read a bit. A simple daily prayer at night or in the morning would certainly help. Let's get our attention refocused upon doing what is right for ourselves and for mankind. The dollar will take

care of itself.

In the meantime, let's use our heads and remain sheltered as best we can. Our scientists and physicians will solve the Virus battle and our societies will return to some degree of normal and I pray we will have learned a lesson about ourselves and about Gd.

Rabbi Rubovits

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Due to the current virus concerns, we will come out of this situation into a new world possibly unlike the one we enjoyed before.

What's our schedule going forward, no one knows. Will our closings and restrictions continue in the immediate future, most probably? Will we do things different in the future, possibly yes but we will attempt to get back to our old normal as soon as conditions and state and federal regulations allow. Most of all together we will survive and prosper.

In the meantime, the Rabbi and maybe even the Cantor are collaborating to try to keep us as religiously connected and informed as possible.

A thought to consider, "Long-term goals keep you from getting discouraged with short-term failure." Our long-term goal is to recover and grow smarter and stronger.

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 TBD.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sydney (Bea) Scholar** on the birth of a great-granddaughter.

Covid 19 Tutorial

As many congregants know, I have recently retired from medical practice. I have been a board certified internist since 1978 and a board certified infectious disease specialist since 1980. I have witnessed AIDS, toxic shock, H1N1 swine flu, tuberculosis, measles and on and on. What follows is a brief tutorial on our pandemic.

Covid 19 began as an animal coronavirus that, presumably, mutated in the live animal markets of Wuhan, China, in late 2019 so that it could also infect humans. After an unremarkable start, the virus, presumably, mutated again to allow for human to human transmission. The epidemic in China then started. The illness is for the most part a respiratory one with fever, body aches, cough and, in severe cases, pneumonia and respiratory failure. As more people have become ill, other facets have surfaced such as mild gastrointestinal symptoms and rarely, no fever. Because this is of animal (and not human) origin, no one has any pre-existing immunity. This accounts for the high attack rates. There is no specific anti-viral therapy although several established drugs are being evaluated. Of note, serum therapy (a transfusion to an ill person with the plasma of a recovered patient) is also being tested. This is how bacterial pneumonia was treated prior to the invention of antibiotics in the 1940's.

Because the virus is very contagious and because there is not yet a specific treatment, we have only prevention. Since it is passed from person to person, avoiding people avoids the virus. A social distance to non-house hold contacts of 6 feet (two meters) should be the minimum adhered to. Hand washing is critical, as is now widely known. Wash (for 20 seconds) with soap or hand sanitizer after every contact with the outside world, such as getting the mail. At the grocery, wash the cart handles and sanitize your hands after each product touch (or at least as soon as you unload the bags into your car). Put all produce in the plastic bags provided by the store. Don't use cloth, earth friendly bags since they are much more porous and, theoretically, can harbor more virus particles. Toss all store bags in the trash when home. Sanitize the counters on which the bags and groceries had been placed. You don't need to wipe the individual products if they will sit on your shelf for a few days since the virus won't last that long. If products are to be used that day, simply wash your hands after handling the packages.

There is much, much more and many questions have been raised. Feel free to ask.

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To: All members of the Congregation

It is hoped that you and yours are all healthy and remain such.

Based upon the continued Federal guidelines, the Joliet Jewish Congregation will continue its policy of no in person religious, educational and/or social activities at least through the month of April or until such restrictions are lifted.

Our in person religious school will not reopen for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, but Rabbi, Michelle and the teaching staff will attempt to hold classes online.

Friday evening services will be planned to be online at 7:30 PM. Last Friday we had over 28 families and upwards of 50 total participants, so please join us. There will be a separate notice from Rabbi with the information to connect online for this Friday's service. There are plans for a Torah study on Saturday morning to be held online.

Rabbi will continue with his inspirational messages as time allows.

All committee meetings and/or Board meetings will be held either online and/or by email.

Mark Turk

(Reprint from email sent 3/31/2020)

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 Crowds 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.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

- 4/1 Mark Horwitz
- 4/4 Tyler Floss
- 4/6 Judy Krockey
- 4/7 Tom Lyp
- 4/8 Judy Block
- 4/9 Marc Freeman
- 4/9 Arwen Lyp
- 4/10 Cailyn Bass
- 4/20 Jill Krieger
- 4/21 Arin Gaither
- 4/29 Wendy Berman
- 4/30 Toby Rohowsky



Happy Anniversary to:

- 4/22 Marc & Nancy Freeman
- 4/23 Dr. Eric & Ruth Bass

Form for Sale of Hametz

Pesach begins Wednesday, April 8th. It is a Torah prohibition for a Jew to own hametz (leavened articles) during Pesach.

Thus, in addition to cleaning the house from hametz, it is an ancient Jewish tradition to also "sell" our hametz to a non-Jew before Pesach.

Hametz which we intend to keep for after Pesach (such as non-Passover alcohol, etc.), must be sold to a non-Jew before Pesach. All hametz sold should be stored out of sight during Pesach.

We recommend that you perform the sale of hametz through the Temple via Beth Lilek.

If possible, all hametz – food not acceptable during Pesach (Passover), dated from 14th Nisan, to 23rd Nisan, 5780, or materials containing such unacceptable food should be destroyed or given away before the holiday begins. Should this be impossible, the hametz may be stored in such a way that we are sure not to use it during the holiday and its actual ownership is transferred to a non-Jew until the holiday ends. Please sign the form below.

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Joliet, Illinois 60435
815-741-4600

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Date _____

Yahrzeits

(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

(Week of April 5-11)

None

(Week of April 12-18)

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

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 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

Week of April 5-11: Ludwig Mayer, Henry Levin, Mrs. Yetta Weinberg, Mrs. Bessie Schwartz, Florence B. Freeman, Bennie Leonard Sklut, Mrs. Joseph Price, Meyer Morris, Morris Blum, Mrs. Mathilde Ullman Frank, Louis Hyman Witkin, Aaron Cohen, Louis Rudman

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

Hattie & Harry Brown Happy Day Fund

- None

Hattie & Harry Brown Memorial Fund

- None

BEST KEPT SECRETS

Well, this secret is clean, in fact super clean. Using this time off, our maintenance team, took our clean and sanitized property and completely went back through the building top to bottom, carpet and walls, lights, all surfaces re-cleaned and sanitized it all. You can now almost eat off the floors, but that's not recommended. Our building is now even safer than before for your safety and convenience.

WELFARE CHEST

This month we will chat about Hadassah and Guardian Angel Community Services (GACS).

Hadassah, which is the Hebrew name of Queen Esther, is 100 years old. Hadassah's story is one of "resilience, strength and overcoming impossible challenges" which is similar to Queen Esther's story and similar to what we are experiencing with the virus pandemic. Hadassah's mission is to save lives and provide compassionate care. Queen Esther and the story of Purim flow along with the 100 year story of Hadassah. Hadassah serves all those in need whether they be Israeli or not.

Hadassah recently established another first, a center for cardiogenetics which is meant to be a one-stop team to coordinate all necessary intervention from cardio to genetic testing and counseling. The center hopes to be able to identify new genetic abnormalities and thus explain and prescribe treatments to better treat heart disease.

GACS is a local agency that includes Groundwork, a domestic violence initiative that served 5200+ people last year. Also included is adult protective services who assisted 3600+ last year, sexual assault center who helped 950, partner abuse helping 295, foster care with 127, and Suzy's Place and the Exchange Club center together totaling 116.

Obviously, both providers are worthy of our support.



SCRIP

A new order form is included in the newsletter. Order forms due in the office by April 15th. 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.

Joliet Jewish Congregation
Scrip Program Order Form

Our profit from Last Month:
\$45.07
THANK YOU!

ORDER FORM DUE:
Wednesday, April 15th

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$
Berkot's Super Foods \$25.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$
Binny's Beverage Depot \$100.00	3%		\$
Binny's Beverage Depot \$25.00	3%		\$
Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$
Bonefish Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$
Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$
Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8%		\$
Buona Beef \$10.00	8%		\$
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$
Burlington \$25.00	8%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen \$25.00	8%		\$
Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	8%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$
Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$
Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4%		\$
Circle K \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$
Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
Discover Gift Card \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Discover Gift Card \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Einstein Bros. Bagels \$10.00	10%		\$
Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Family Video \$10.00	12%		\$
Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Fannie May Candies \$10.00	25%		\$
Fisherman's Wharf \$25.00	9%		\$
Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Gap \$25.00	14%		\$
GNC \$25.00	8%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$100.00	4%		\$
Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$
Great Harvest Bread \$10.00	6%		\$
Groupon.com \$25.00	7%		\$

Product	%	QTY	Total
Guitar Center \$25.00	4%		\$
Hallmark \$25.00	4%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$
iTunes \$15.00	5%		\$
iTunes \$25.00	5%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$
JCPenney \$100.00	5%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$
Jewel Osco \$100.00	4%		\$
Jewel Osco \$25.00	4%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores \$25.00	6%		\$
Kohl's \$100.00	4%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$
Lane Bryant \$25.00	8%		\$
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$25.00	12%		\$
Long John Silver's \$10.00	8%		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25.00	8%		\$
Lou Mainati's Pizzeria \$10.00	8%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00	11%		\$
Marathon \$25.00	3%		\$
Mariano's (IL Only) \$25.00	4%		\$
Mariano's (IL Only) \$50.00	4%		\$
Marshalls \$25.00	7%		\$
Meijer (not AK and HI) \$25.00	3%		\$
Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Menards \$100.00	3%		\$
Menards \$25.00	3%		\$

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Wednesday, April 15th

Name	Customer #
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Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7%		\$
Noodles & Company \$10.00	8%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	7%		\$
Oberweis \$10.00	8%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8%		\$
Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$	Strack & VanTil \$100.00	2%		\$
Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$	Strack & VanTil \$25.00	2%		\$
Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	6%		\$
Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods/Sierra Trading Post \$25.00	7%		\$
Overstock.com \$25.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Panera Bread \$25.00	8%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	9%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$	The Home Depot \$100.00	4%		\$
Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9%		\$	The Home Depot \$25.00	4%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	4%		\$
Potbelly Sandwich Shop \$10.00	8%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Pottery Barn \$25.00	8%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Pottery Barn Kids \$25.00	8%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9%		\$	Walmart \$50.00	2.5%		\$
Red Lobster \$25.00	8%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Red Robin \$25.00	8%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	8%		\$
Rock Bottom Restaurant \$25.00	6%		\$				
Ruth's Chris Steak House \$50.00	10%		\$				
Sam's Club \$100.00	2.5%		\$				
Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$				
Shaw's Crab House \$25.00	12%		\$				
Shell \$100.00	1.5%		\$				
Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$				
Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$				
Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5%		\$				
Shutterfly \$25.00	9%		\$				
Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$				

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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*

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Questions: Call Temple Office at (815) 741-4600

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