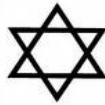


JOLIET JEWISH CONGREGATION

The Jewish Bulletin

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July 15, 2020

23 Tammuz 5780

Candle Lighting Times

July 17, 2020.....8:04pm
July 24, 2020.....7:58pm
July 31, 2020.....7:51pm

Friday Evening Services

**July 17-Outdoor Musical Shabbat
(Weather Permitting)
No Service scheduled—July 24 & 31**

**Join us for Saturday morning
Shabbat Services on Zoom
at 9:30 AM**

**In-Person Services—9:30 AM
July 18
July 25**

**NO FRIDAY SHABBAT SERVICES (VIA
ZOOM) ARE SCHEDULED IN JULY & AUG.**

July 18, 2020
Torah portion of the week.....Chukat-Balak
Numbers 19:1-25:9
Haftorah portion of the week.....Micah
5:6-6:8

July 25, 2020
Torah portion of the week....Pinchas
Numbers 25:10-30:1
Haftorah portion of the week.....Jeremiah
1:1-2:3

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From the Rabbi's Study

The Torah portion this Shabbat is the last of the Parshiot of the Book of Numbers. The entire Book of Numbers has taken us on an adventurous journey with the Children of Israel as they move ever closer to crossing into the Promised Land. To many of us, it seems as though Moses is dilly-dallying as the tribes move but in reality, he knows that he must wait until all the survivors from Egyptian slavery have passed away. This was Gd's order and must be met correctly.

This Shabbat, as we listen and follow along with the Torah reading, we find a rather curious entry into the process of keeping a Kosher kitchen. The Torah clearly states that any kitchen utensil that can withstand being purified by fire can become Kosher for proper use in our kitchens. So our pots, pans, flatware, and other important metal kitchen utensils fall under this part of the law. But, items like kitchen wash cloths, towels, tablecloths, wicker baskets and any wood bowls or wooden utensils cannot be kashered in this manner. Think in the following terms: A large metal kitchen fork or spoon used as a meat (fleshy) utensil, however if, for some reason, that utensil was accidentally used in the preparation of a milk (milchig) meal, it has to rekasher by burying it in soil for up to 30 days, then washed thoroughly and returned to meat preparation. Should this situation happen with a wooden spoon, the spoon would have to be discarded. This is the basic process for Kosher utensils in our kitchen. Now there is much more to the process of kashering or rekashering kitchen materials, but I think you have the general gist of what is happening here.

All of us know that food is essential to life but in religious Judaism, the treatment of our kitchen utensils ratchets up our approach to preparing and serving food in our homes and synagogues. Very basically we acknowledge that, "Just because Gd created food for our bodies does not mean we are allowed to simply kill any animal, prepare it and enjoy a meal." Those of us who keep the Kosher commandments read every label

in the grocery store looking for a Hechsher, an indication on the package label that the food inside the package has been rabbinically inspected and is considered Kosher. All of this helps raise our religious observance.

Obeying the Kashrut rules puts our minds into a more inclusive approach with Gd and His gifts to we humans. The cleanliness of foods from our markets has always been a bit suspect The USDA inspection is fine, but Jews place a higher standard upon the food we eat. We read each label on the foods we purchase. We use extra care during both the preparation, the serving and consuming foods at our meals. In short, the foods we prepare and consume plus all the utensils we use causes us to be more aware of Gd's creations and laws. We remain mindful at all times that Gd is the source of everything in our lives.

The laws of Kashrut are extensive and require us to be mindful of all of Gd's creations even during the mundane action of preparing and eating food. All meals in a kosher kitchen are planned and prepared with a great deal of advance thought. Maybe that's why they're always so good!

Rabbi Rubovits

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We have now resumed in-person Saturday Sabbath services. It feels really good. One more piece in returning to normalcy. Due to the warm weather, we plan to stay casual through August which means no coat or tie, but also no shorts and/or flip-flops. Also we must require masks, we must ask for you to pre-register to the office if you're going to attend, and pre-assigned seating, prayer books, etc. plus social distancing is required. For Kiddush all items are partitioned and pre-packaged and you must keep social distancing in the Social Hall. We may have bumps along the way, but we will learn to adjust.

Besides all the physical discomfort, social distancing, and financial concerns a significant amount of mental health issues are starting to show up. From what I've read this is not unusual and may be with us for a significant period of time. If you are experiencing these concerns please reach out to Rabbi, not only for counseling, but also for professional referrals.

Think about this thought, "The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping-stones is how you use them." So lets look for the stepping-stones in life and we will prosper and not stumble.

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.



Lunch & Learn has resumed via Zoom, but now it's lunch-less. Meeting information is sent by email. Please join us!

ZOOM BINGO

B	I	N	G	O
4	26	43	59	70
9	30	41	55	68
7	23	32	50	63
8	20	31	60	75
13	18	34	52	69

No Bingo scheduled for this Saturday, July 19. Bingo will resume the following Saturday via Zoom. Sign in info will be emailed to members.

DUES NOTICE

During this Covid period we have all experienced frustration and as such some of us are forgetting to pay our Temple dues. The Temple must pay its bills not only to staff but also to vendors and regular payment of dues allows us the cash flow to accomplish this. 3rd quarter statements are going out, so by now we should have all paid 1st & 2nd quarters. If you have neglected to fully pay any owed dues, please do so now. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Since it is summer, how about a Bettie Berest, of Blessed Memory, Cold Fruit Pizza. Bettie, besides being a good cook and a good friend, was an avid supporter of all those who needed help, so let's make her fruit pizza and think sweet thoughts of her as we enjoy her treat.

FRUIT PIZZA

Bettie Berest

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| 1 pkg crescent rolls | 1/2 kiwi fruit, sliced and halved |
| 8 oz pkg cream cheese, softened | 1/2 cup blueberries |
| 1/2 cup sugar | 1 banana, sliced |
| 1/4 tsp vanilla | Glaze: |
| Topping: | 2 Tbsp cornstarch |
| 1/2 cup mandarin oranges | 1 cup orange juice |
| 1/2 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced | 1/4 cup sugar |

Preheat oven to 375°F. In pizza pan or on cookie sheet, spread crescent dough together sealing edges to form crust. Bake for 10 minutes. Beat together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. When crescent dough is room temperature, spread cream cheese mixture over dough. Arrange fruit over cream cheese mixture. In small saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch and orange juice. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Remove from heat at first sign of thickening. Spoon over pizza. Refrigerate until serving.

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.

URGENT WANT AD

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SABBATH & HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Usher to ensure social distancing, distribute disposable masks, yarmulkes. Disinfect prayer books and wipe down seating area after services. Different shifts available. Sorry, no pay, but you help keep us all safer. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping. Thank you.

Yahrzeits

(Week of July 12-18)

Linda Trager	22 Tammuz	July 14
Robert Freeman	23 Tammuz	July 15
Nancy Freeman	24 Tammuz	July 16
Dr. Robert Friedman	26 Tammuz	July 18

(Week of July 19-25)

Sheldon Lebold	27 Tammuz	July 19
Dr. Eric Bass	28 Tammuz	July 20
Sheldon Lebold	29 Tammuz	July 21
Naomi Hershman	1 Av	July 22
Toby Rohowsky	1 Av	July 22
Jeanne Lewin	2 Av	July 23
Judy Krockey	4 Av	July 25

(Week of July 26-August 1)

Bea Scholar	5 Av	July 26
Bea Scholar	6 Av	July 27
June Becker	6 Av	July 27
Sandra Pollock	6 Av	July 27
Lew Berman	8 Av	July 29
Ron Galowich	10 Av	July 31
Nancy Freeman	11 Av	August 1

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 July 12-18: Goldie Schapiro, Max Noriansky, Maurice Greenfield, Abraham R. Gray, Nathan Gordon, Sidney Bernard Friedman, Mrs. Minnie Reich

Week of July 19-25: Morton Bass, Mrs. Rose Singer, Mrs. Sylvia Zabo, Rabbi Morris M. Hershman, Mrs. Cecile Gray Ericsson, Ruben Minkus, Lena Genenda Witkin, David Fisher, Julius J. Gross

Week of July 26-August 1: Morris E. Saper, Sam Scholar, Mrs. Sarah Dubin, Nathaniel James Ruben, Jacob Sanders, Anna Brown, Mrs. Belle R. Kristal, Leah Galowich, Mrs. Frances A. Gordon

Hattie & Harry Brown Happy Day Fund

For the Recovery of **Mr. Ronald Cohen**

- **Mrs. Harriet Barnett**

Hattie & Harry Brown Memorial Fund

In Memory of **Dr. Ray Fish**

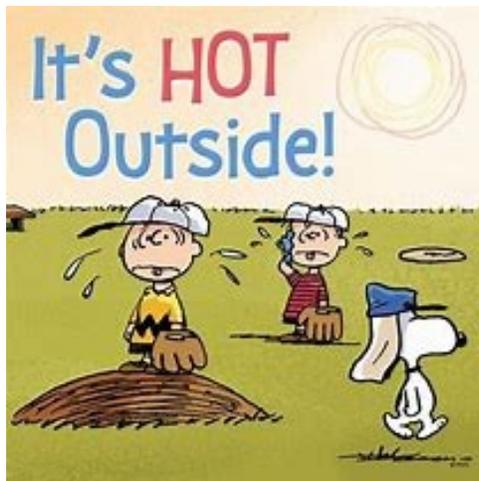
- **Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hillman**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Fred Lewin**
- **Dr. & Mrs. Gary Trager**

KIDDUSH FUND

Now that we are re-starting in-person services, it is apparent that our Kiddush fund is low. If you're a regular service attender or not, any donations to the fund would be appreciated.



"And now I just step back and let the grilling process destroy any nutritional value it might have had."



SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE

During July and August we will temporarily suspend Friday evening Shabbat services (via Zoom) unless otherwise noted. **Saturday morning services (via Zoom) will continue at 9:30 AM and in person.** Sign in information will be emailed weekly to all members.



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.



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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.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT

IN-PERSON SERVICES
HAVE RESUMED ON
SATURDAYS AT 9:30 AM

FOR THE NEAR FUTURE
ALL IN-PERSON SERVICES
WILL REQUIRE WEEKLY RESERVATIONS
FOR ANYONE PLANNING TO ATTEND

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AND WEAR MASKS

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