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January 2023

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Rabbi's Message

I shared these words in January 2021. Regretfully, little has changed for the better since then... So I share these words again (edited to reflect 2022) with the hope that they bring us renewed strength and passion for the work of Tikkun Olam, repair of the world, and of our country.

There is an expression in Hebrew, a wish for Rosh HaShanah: תכלה שנה וקללותיה, תחל שנה וברכותיה

May the old year and its curses come to an end, and the new year and its blessings begin.

These wishes, respectively, appear in a piyyut, a medieval song, often recited in synagogue on Rosh HaShanah, and have become well known and well-used among Israelis, religious and secular alike. In the Babylonian Talmud, the sages explain that the first of the wishes relates to the reading of curses from the Torah:

It is taught in a *baraita*: [Rabbi Shimon ben Elazar](#) said: Ezra enacted for the Jewish people that they should read the portion of the curses that are recorded in Leviticus before *Shavuot* and the portion of the curses that are recorded in Deuteronomy before Rosh HaShana. The Gemara asks: **What is the reason** for this? [Abaye](#) said, and some say that it was [Reish Lakish](#) who said: **In order that the year may conclude** together with its curses, and the new year may begin without the ominous reading of the curses. (BT Megilot 31b)

The Academy of the Hebrew Language notes that the words תכלה, end, and תחל, begin, have a similar sound. This, they suggest, makes for an especially pleasant saying. And on its website, the Academy notes its appreciation for the idea of leaving a previous year's curses behind as a new year begins. I, too, appreciate this idea. But I must confess that I believe that this year, there may be some value in remembering the curses. By no means do I mean that we should dwell on those things that brought us so much pain and suffering this year, but I do think that some of the curses that accompanied us throughout 2022, may not be as time-bound as others. The pandemic will come to an end one day, and life will yet resume some sense of

normalcy, but the evils of racism, division, and antisemitism, are just a few of the curses that were here long before 2022 and will, sadly, be with us long after it ends.

Just as a few years ago, 2022 continued a trend of heartbreaking mass shooting after mass shooting and division among Americans. We saw unprecedented legal and political action resulting in the loss of rights, and we experienced hopelessness and bewilderment as the Pandemic dragged on into nearly a third year. The curse of antisemitism, that plagued our ancestors for centuries, sadly remains and torments us and our children. And yet, I strongly believe that all these are things worth remembering - even if they bring pain; even in spite of it. We would do well to learn the lessons of these curses, to remember what happens when we live our lives in such a way as to cause pain to another human being. The curse of baseless hatred will not disappear until we step up and do something to change the way we act toward one another. The curse of racism will always be with us unless we do our part to acknowledge our privilege, to learn from the past, and to change the future.

We are taught in the Mishna: It is not upon you to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it. (Pirkei Avot 2:16). Sage advice for such a year as we have just concluded. My wish for all of us is this: May the curses we can't control leave us with the year that has passed and may the blessing of the new year begin. But, in light of the year that has just ended, may we find ourselves ever conscious of the curses that still surround us, and do everything in our power to bring them to an end. May this new year, 2023, inspire us to work toward peace, safety, health, and blessing for all!

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you and yours!

Rabbi Carmit Harari



thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped to put together our December 4 mini-grant presentation, especially Irwin Friedman, members of our Adult Education Committee, the people who did the set up, and all of the bakers.

I really appreciated your help!

Ellen Kahn

January Presidents' Message

A Jew, living in America, with eyes on two calendars – one Jewish, one secular – marks, nonetheless, the turning of the secular New Year. With hope for continued freedom and the blessing of a better tomorrow, we might take a moment during our day to say:

Eternal G-d, we give thanks

For the gifts of life, wonder beyond words;

For the awareness of soul, our light within;

For the world around us, so filled with beauty;

For the richness of the earth, which day by day sustains us;

For all these and more we offer thanks.

Baruch Atah Adonai, hatov shimcha ul'cha na-eh l'hodot.

Blessed are You, Eternal, Your Name is goodness,

and to You we offer thanksgiving.

(by Rabbi Judith Z. Abrams)

We, at Shir Tikvah, have had many opportunities this past month to offer blessings. For one, we have Rabbi Harari, who will take time to listen to us and to respond emphatically, to teach us, to laugh with us. We have Kay, who runs the office so efficiently, and we have Bob, who keeps the buildings and grounds in beautiful shape, as well as watching out for us during services. We have our board members and other volunteers, who work on the numerous committees so that we seem to have more activities than we could have anticipated. We have each other, who together make Shir Tikvah a warm and accepting family, as well as a congregation.

This past month, we have had several chances to celebrate our community. We started off the month with Chase Levy's bar mitzvah, followed by a delicious kiddush luncheon. Thanks to a JUF mini-grant, Ellen Kahn gave a presentation about the history of the wimple that is in our showcase, as well as a discussion about Jewish genealogy. Then came the next highlight—our Chanukah party! Thanks to Rick Bloomberg, Sarah Goldberg, and their committee, we had about 85 people coming together for the first night of Chanukah. As we lit the candles and chanted the prayers, we felt a warmth as we looked around the room at the families and friends. We shared in a traditional latke and hot dog meal with, of course, delightful desserts. The weather prevented us from having our last celebration in December—Bob's birthday party. However, this party has not been cancelled; it has only been delayed until January 14, so mark your calendars. Speaking of calendars, please check Shir Tikvah's calendar, which is printed and posted by the door to the sanctuary, as well as referenced in the weekly "This Week at Shir Tikvah" that Kay sends out every Thursday. There is much going on, and we would love to see you.

Finally, to adapt the words of Rabbi Debra Nesselson:

"As we embark on this New Year of 2023, it behooves us to realize we are not helpless against the challenges we face. Has it ever been different? Alongside our many blessings, may we muster the wisdom and patience to address whatever challenges we face both as Jews and Americans, and to do so with a sense of gratitude to G-d that we are here to face them. Our warmest wishes for a healthy, productive and fulfilling New Year.

Keyn Yehi Ratzon. So may it be G-d's will. Amen"

Sherman Friedman and Sherry Dieckman

D'Var Torah by Chase Levy at his Bar Mitzvah

December 3, 2022



Shabbat Shalom!

This week's Torah portion tells the story of Jacob and his actions. Jacob was very ungrateful towards his family and angry with his twin brother, Esau, for having the birthright. Esau was much stronger and more athletic than Jacob, and their mother gave the birthright to Esau. Jacob was so angry about this that he tricked their father, who was old and blind, into blessing him with the birthright. Jacob changed his voice to sound like Esau and received the blessing. He then fled to new lands away from his immediate family. While fleeing to new lands, Jacob had a dream where he saw angels climbing a ladder. In this dream, G-d promises him that his descendants will be blessed and inherit the land. The next morning, Jacob put a stone (to represent G-d) under his head and poured oil on its top.

When Jacob arrived in the new land, he met his uncle, Laban, and his two daughters - Rachel and Leah. Jacob thought Rachel was much more beautiful than Leah, and he wanted to marry Rachel immediately. Laban told Jacob he would trust him with his daughter the most, but he had to work for seven years before marrying her.

Jacob worked for Laban for seven years. When the marriage was about to occur, Laban tricked Jacob by not letting him marry Rachel and sending Leah, the oldest daughter, to Jacob's tent. In those times, it was customary for the eldest daughter to be married first. Jacob was then informed that he must fulfill another seven years of work in order to marry Rachel. Jacob completed another seven years of work and was finally able to marry the one he wanted, Rachel.

Jacob had ten sons and one daughter with his other wives and maids - Leah, Zilpah, and Bilhah. However, his favorite wife, Rachel, could not give birth for many years. Rachel prayed, and G-d eventually blessed her with the gift of fertility. Their son, Joseph, was born.

Jacob strikes a deal with Laban to split the herd of sheep in exchange for working for 14 years. Jacob planned to return to his homeland after receiving his share of the herd. But before he

could leave, Laban's sons accuse Jacob of cheating them, and Jacob becomes afraid. He then comes up with a plan to secretly leave with his family and all of his animals. But while leaving, Laban pursues them and catches up with Jacob. The two men then worked out their differences, and Jacob was able to continue on his journey back to his homeland with his family and animals.

Within Jacob's family, there was a lot of jealousy among his children - especially toward Joseph, who was Jacob's favorite. His other children eventually threw Joseph into a pit and sold him due to this jealousy. Jacob was very upset by this because Joseph was his favorite son.

As we can see, Jacob had a very troubled life - he was tricked by Laban, and his own children fought against his favorite son. Jacob had a very troubled life because he was ungrateful and jealous, and he tricked his father in order to steal the birthright from his own brother. **What goes around comes around! This is karma.** One of the lessons in this Torah portion is to be grateful and to be an honest person with good morals. Jacob's actions are the opposite of this, which is why he is tricked by Laban. In addition, his favorite child, Joseph, is mistreated by the other children.

Actions have consequences. I would like to use warfare as an example. If you start a war defending another country, you will still have consequences. Even if you do win the war, you will still suffer from the loss of civilians, or the military will become weakened as a result of the conflict. For example, Jacob was weakened in his life as a result of his selfish actions of lying and stealing at the beginning of the story. Jacob's actions led to consequences in the end. **What goes around comes around! This is karma.**

The military is something I think about often. In fact, I want to join the Air Force after graduating from college. To help with this, I am in a program called the Civil Air Patrol. This program is an auxiliary of the US Air Force. As you can see, I am wearing my Civil Air Patrol Uniform right now. Members of my Civil Air Patrol Squadron have even come here to celebrate with me today. In the Civil Air Patrol, I learn about leadership, safety, and what to do in emergencies. I'm also taught ethics and good morals.

In Judaism, becoming a Bar Mitzvah is a sign of becoming an adult. When I am an adult, I must lead, be safe, and know what to do in emergencies. I also need to have good morals and ethics. In this Torah portion, Jacob lied to his own father and stole from his brother. These are unethical and immoral behaviors, and Jacob suffered consequences because of these poor life choices. Jacob's actions in this Torah portion are examples of what not to do when you're an adult.

Thank you for being here with me to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat morning.



Shir Tikvah met in the Social Hall on Sunday, December 11, to celebrate Hanukkah together. There was a wonderful crowd and everyone had a fantastic time!



More Chanukah Party Photos!



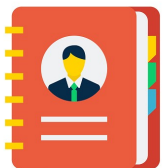


Women of Shir Tikvah News

The secular year that just ended decided to really hit us with a whopper of a storm. We experienced the coldest Christmas in almost 40 years. Sisterhood is going to work on restocking our kitchen with supplies for the remainder of the fiscal year. We are going to begin working on the Second Seder which will take place on Thursday evening, April 6.

There are two upcoming events that are sponsored by WRJ Midwest. On January 21, the third in a series of Zoom programs about Jews around the world will be presented on Zoom. There will be a Havdalah service and panel discussion about the Jewish Community of Canada. The second event will be the Midwest/Central district convention to be held at Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca on March 9-12. There will be workshops, luncheons and installation of new officers for the newly formed Heartland District. On Saturday night March 11, there will be a concert with Nefesh Mountain. These are just two of the upcoming events for the district.

Gayle Weil



Pick Up Your Ad Book!

The 2023 Shir Tikvah Ad Book is available for pick up in the office. Any directory not picked up by January 6 will be mailed.

ADBOOK CORRECTIONS

pg. 22: Halo Branded Solutions address is
1366 Holly Hock Lane, Schererville, IN 46375
and phone is 219-227-8528

pg.31: Mike and Ida Anger zip is 60601

pg. 38 Ben and Shelley Ritter home phone is
219-227-8528



BUILDING BRIDGES WITH JEWS AROUND THE WORLD: THE JEWS OF CANADA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023

7:30-9 P.M. ET

6:30-8 P.M. CT

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**



Join us as we visit the Jewish Communities of Canada, home of WRJ President Sara Charney.

Our Zoom Program will include:

- **The History of Jews in Canada:** Professor David Koffman, York University
- **Tikkun Olam: Social Action, Social Justice, and LGBTQ:** Len Bates, President, Reform Jewish Community of Canada, and Rabbi Dara Lithwick, Temple Israel, Ottawa
- **The Canadian Connection to Israel:** Lee Weisser, ARZA Canada President
- **The Rituals and Music of Canada:** Cantor Paula Baruch, Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton, Rabbah Gila Caine, Temple Beth Ora, Edmonton, and Cantor Rachael Littman, Temple Har Zion, Thornhill
- Our evening will conclude with Havdalah.

WRJ Midwest District Special Events Co- Chairs Carol Berger and Judy Lohr-Safcik have planned this program in conjunction with the Engagement Committee, building friendships prior to our consolidation as the new Heartland District in March.

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR IN- PERSON MIDWEST EVENT:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lev-el-lev-heart-to-heart-strengthening-one-another-tickets-359065633977>

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER FOR ZOOM CANADA EVENT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uduisrjgrHNMZkmNJDY1KS0jCtwfUKdDi>



WRJ Heartland District Convention

March 9 - 12, 2023

Eaglewood Resort & Spa
Itasca, Illinois



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Mark your calendars for the inaugural celebration of our new WRJ Heartland District!

Dynamic Workshops • Terrific Speakers • Awards
• Meaningful Worship • Seeing Friends
• Networking • Mahjongg • Canasta and more!
Plus, the fabulous music of Nefesh Mountain!



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

Register by 2/15/2023 for the \$299 Early Bird price.

After registration, a link will be provided to book your hotel room to get the special group rates:

Single-\$139 / Double-\$154 / Triple-\$169 / Quad-\$184
Breakfast included (taxes and fees additional)

Questions? Please contact convention co-chairs Rozan Anderson at andersonrozan@gmail.com or Sandy Adland at sandyadland@gmail.com





School News

We were so excited this month to help celebrate the bar mitzvah of one of our students: Chase Levy. We were thrilled to hear him lead part of the service, read from the Torah, give a D'var Torah, and read the Haftorah. At each of these events, we feel the strength of the Shir Tikvah family.

This month, the Sunday School continued the theme of tzedakah and then focused on the theme of Chanukah. The students learned about the different types of tzedakah and the obligation of everyone to give in some way. They read about tzedakah projects that other children their age have started. Besides discussing the history of Chanukah, we talked about the various meanings of the holiday in both ancient times and modern times, especially as we discussed the concept of antisemitism. Our activities included making their own chanukiyah and candles and baking sufganyiot. Of course, they had time to play dreidel for chocolate gelt.

The Hebrew School students learned the prayers for lighting the Chanukah candles. They also played games which focused on improving their fluency in reading Hebrew.

We, the teachers, continue to be thrilled with the enthusiasm that the students bring to each class.

Rabbi Carmit Harari, Sherry Dieckman, Carole Fefferman, Donelle Macey



The students recently participated in gathering and packing tzedakah items for distribution to the homeless in the south suburbs.



Sunday School Sufganiyot-Making 2022



Shabbat Shalom

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Week Three: Conservative Service

January 7 at 9:45 am

Week Four: Combined Reform and Conservative Service

January 14 at 9:45 am

Week One: Conservative Service

January 21 at 9:45 am

Week Two: Reform Service

January 28 at 9:45 am

**Every Friday night a Reform Service will be
held at 7:30 pm**

SERVICE TIMES

January 6

7:30 pm Reform Service

January 7

9:45 am Conservative Service

Parashat Vayechi

Torah Reading: Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

January 27

7:30 pm Reform Service

January 28

9:45 am Reform Service

Parashat Bo

Torah Reading: Exodus 10:1-13:16

Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28

January 13

7:30 pm Reform Service

January 14

9:45 am Combined Reform and Conservative Service

Parashat Shemot

Torah Reading: Exodus 1:1-6:1

*Haftarah: (Sephardic) Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
(Ashkenazic) Isaiah 27:6-28:13,
29:22-23*

January 20

7:30 pm Conservative Service

January 21

9:45 am

Parashat Va'era

Torah Reading: Exodus 6:2-9:35

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Candle Lighting and Havdalah Times

Homewood, IL

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| Jan. 6 | Candle Lighting— 4:16 pm |
| Jan. 7 | Havdallah— 5:22 pm |
| Jan. 13 | Candle Lighting— 4:23 pm |
| Jan. 14 | Havdallah— 5:29 pm |
| Jan. 20 | Candle Lighting— 4:31 pm |
| Jan. 21 | Havdallah— 5:37 pm |
| Jan. 27 | Candle Lighting— 4:40 pm |
| Jan. 28 | Havdallah— 5:45 pm |

JANUARY TRIBUTES

General Fund

Bev and Brad Sokol in memory of Pearl Kliff

Harlene and Irwin Friedman in memory of Betty Portman

Roz and Oren Conway in memory of Dorothy Weinberg

Roz and Oren Conway in memory of Hertsell Conway

Clifford and Robin Wolf in memory of Greta H. Wagner

Clifford and Robin Wolf in memory of Dorothea Wolf

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Paulette Williams, Francine Voight, Jeanine Novak, Larry Wolf in memory of Pauline Wolfson

Sharon and Henry Lorsch in memory of Simon Kaufman

Sharon and Henry Lorsch in memory of Curt Lorsch

Sharon and Henry Lorsch in memory of Baruch Lorsch

Terri Palomaki and Lori Sugarman in memory of Annette Rosenbaum

Terri Palomaki and Lori Sugarman in memory of Jim G. Rosenbaum

Julie Gutfreund in memory of William Frisch (Zev Jacov Ben Yehudah)

Lynn Brown in memory of Louis Turken

Iris Blumenthal in memory of Stanley Blumenthal

Marianne and Stuart Switt in memory of Karen Switt

Ellen and Richard Kaplan in memory of Ruth Kaplan

Laura and Jake Eisenwasser in memory of Miriam Eisenwasser

Elena Morone in memory of Estrella Abadi

Tributes

Bea Kamen- Get Well Card to Elyse Miller

Dan and Debbie Greenberg— Siddur Lev Shalem book dedication in memory of Lloyd Goldman

January Sisterhood Tributes

(None to report for this month.)

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| Jalussee Miller | January 2 |
| Evelyn Rappaport | January 3 |
| Fern Katz | January 7 |
| Cathy Burnett | January 8 |
| Daniel Blumenthal | January 9 |
| Amy Berk | January 9 |
| George Uhlmann | January 9 |
| Sherman Susman | January 10 |
| Edith Feldmann | January 12 |
| Merle Hurowitz | January 15 |
| Katherine Fishman | January 16 |
| Bernie Heilicser | January 19 |
| Amy Elias | January 21 |
| Jodie Virene | January 22 |
| Bennett Fishman | January 27 |
| Donelle Macey | January 27 |
| Sandra Stelzer | January 29 |
| Rori Narter | January 30 |



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| Lana Rogachevskaya & David Golland | Jan. 19 |
| Roy & Dale Robinson | Jan. 19 |
| Nancy & Larry Burrows | Jan. 24 |
| Ed & Evelyn Rappaport | Jan. 30 |

JANUARY YAHRZEIT LIST

1/6/2023

Lea Adler
Gertrude L. Bardige
Marian Berman
Gene Bernstein
Harry Block
Marie Brower
Libby Cohn
Menachem Eisenwasser
Edmund Elend
Pink Feinberg
Meyer Friedman
Sidney Friedman
Louis Gershowitz
Nathan Goodman
Arthur Hahn
Hyman Levine
Jerome Levitt
Esther Levy
Emma Mansfield
Rose Marks
Frederick Naschauer
Morris Pomerantz
Hyman Reznick
Max Roven
Isaac Lawrence Rubin
Joel Bernard Runes
Ida Sager
David Shaw
Alexander H. Shore
Isadore Srulevitz
Magrit Sugar

Sydney Switt
Ada A. Toll
Hermine Weiseberger

1/13/2023

Tat'yana Abramov
Ella Abrams
Rose Adelman
Ernest Bartczak
Anne Brodsky
Samuel Cerier
Harriet Lazarus Cohen
Hertsell Conway
Robert J Corbin
Gretl Diamant
Morris Eisen
Leo Elliot
Donald Fiterman
G Gilbert
Willard Gilbert
Renee Goldberg
David Goldschmidt
Harry Goldstein
Rose Gould
Helen Hartman
Florence Heiss
Robert Heller
Anna Herman
George Horewitch
Julius Kahn
Norman Kaplan
Maurice M. Kraft
Jacob Kwilecki

Miriam Lazow
Harry Merkin
Lester Mosbacher
Isador Offenbergl
Fabian Pincoffs
Henry Riffer
Sadie Roamie
Irving Rose
Bill Rosen
Mike Safcik
Stanley Schoenberg
Pearl Schwartzberg
Celia Miller Schwedel
Roy Slovenko
Rose Weil
Bernard Wiss

1/20/2023

Josephine Alpert
Patricia Berkowitz
Sylvia Cohen
Anna Ephron
Esther Goldberg
Joseph Greene
Anne Jacobson
Molly Kamins
Max Kaplan
Ida Levinson
David Lorsch
James Lorsch
Cecile Lukas
Scott Lustig
Herman Mandell

Sam Marks
Rose Mozer
Harvey Nachenberg
Linda Robson
Albert Rubin
Dora Salk
Henrietta Schapiro
Maurice Schulman
Filis Gitlitz Settle
Ann Shiff
Frances Shulein
William Singer
Mathilde Tigay
Delores Ulrich
Alan Warady
Regina Washington

1/27/2023

Jacob Barton
Shurley Brandes
Howard Brenner
Meyer Bruder
Jacob Calisoff
Hyme Cohen
Sophie Davidson
David Davis
Isadore J. Dietch
Mary Dietch
Renee Dolin
Louis Dworkin
Ludwig Falkenstein
Ida Feldman
Rose Gershowitz
Seymour Golub

Ruth Hare
Gerda M. Isacson
Peter Kaminsky
Rudolph Kohn
Louis Kosafsky
Leonard Lang
Roberta Levitt
Meyer Lippert
Harold Magid
Wolf Manilow
JoAnne Mathias
Josef Pfeffer
Joseph Podwol
Richard Robinson
Bessie Rohde
Gertrude Safcik
Ruth Seewald
Elaine R. Shapin
Sophie Simon
Lester Solomon
Barbara Sporn
Angelina Tejada
Jerome Weil
Julius Wolf





MI SHEBERACH LIST

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| Stu Argentar | Millie Kruglick | Steve Siegel |
| Melissa Aronesti | Arie ben Leah | Carol Spector |
| Pam Bernstein | Mike Larks | Carrie Virene Spitz |
| Cathy Burnett | Carolyn Lassiter | Carolyn Swierczyna |
| Gayla Cahan | Judy Lieb | Luke Turim |
| Eugene Cohen | Ken Lipkin | Michael VanHeron |
| Belta Gitel Bat Sima v' | Diane Lorsch | Isa Ben Miral (Eric Walters) |
| David | Michael Lotz | Linda Wilkins |
| Reuven ben Feivel | Janet Muchnik ²³ | Pat Wilkins |
| Marilyn Fleischer | Amy Nathan | Vera Wilkins |
| Arnold Freifelder | Rochelle Nyer | Beckham Wilkins |
| Aaron Fuller | Kelsye Orlich | Margie Wuski |
| Amy Fuller | Marty Rabinovitz | Hudel Bat Yehoshua |
| Ginny Gilbert | US Congr. Jamie Raskin | |
| Ronnie Hamad | Richard Sanchez | |
| John Jenson | Johnny Schmit | |
| Linda Kelly | Sarah Schwartz | |

Please notify the office at 708-799-4110 when someone is ready to come off the Mi Sheberach List.

Thanks!



Come join our knitting (crochet, needlepoint) circle! Bring your current project OR make a project for someone in need.

Join us as we come together to catch up and maybe even learn some new skills!

Join us:

**Wednesday, January 11 at 1:30pm
in person at Shir Tikvah**

Completed projects for someone in need will be donated to:

NCJW South Cook's Albine Gerson Layette project or

JUF TOV Volunteer Network's Nourish our Neighborhoods program

For more details: amybloomberg@juf.org





SOUTH SUBURBAN CHICAGO
Cooperative Jewish Council

Cooperative Jewish Council Shabbat

Friday, January 13, 2023

hosted by

Joliet Jewish Congregation

250 No. Midland Avenue, Joliet

6:45 Check-In; 7:00 PM Service

**Joliet Jewish Congregation, Shir Tikvah,
Temple Anshe Sholom & Temple Beth-El,**

WELCOME YOU TO WELCOME IN SHABBAT TOGETHER!

Rabbi Jenny Steinberg-Martinez, Joliet Jewish Congregation

Rabbi Carmit Harari, Shir Tikvah, &

**Rabbi Gidon Issacs, Temple Anshe Sholom & Temple Beth-El
will lead the Service**

For Security of all Guests — Please REGISTER

Contact Beth, JJC Office (815) 741-4600 or

Mindy, TAS Office (708) 748-6010 or Kay, Shir Tikvah Office (708) 799-4110

**Service will also be LiveStreamed; access link on
www.jolietjewishcongregation.com**



Come Help Us Celebrate Bob's Special Birthday!

Saturday, January 14
after Shabbat Services

Please RSVP for the rescheduled date to Eila Koltun as soon as possible! Please inform Eila if you will be eating Kosher or vegetarian. Thanks!

Email: ekoltun6@gmail.com **Phone:** 708-799-5590

(Lunch sponsored by Bob and Tina Oros)

DISCOVERING JEWISH SCIENCE FICTION



A Look at the Jewish Influences in
Star Trek, Star Wars, Doctor Who,
DC, Marvel, and so Many More...
VALERIE ESTELLE FRANKEL

Shir Tikvah Presents Dybbuks, Robots, and Golems: Exploring Jewish Science Fiction

Sunday, February 19th

11:00 am

ZOOM only

Did you know that Darth Vader's breastplate is inscribed in Hebrew? Or that Spock's world is based on Israel with his famous salute coming from the Kohanim's blessing?

That Israel is the only country created from a fantasy

novel? Or that Tolkien's elves and dwarves speak Hebrew? That the comic book was a Jewish invention, and so was nearly every superhero? We'll explore how Frankenstein is based in the legend of the golem and Kafka's cockroach story is a metaphor on Jewish alienation. Then we'll move on through America: with Bugs Bunny, a few Muppets, and Mel Brooks channeling Borscht Belt performers, with robot morality originating in Jewish philosophy, with Captain America and Superman punching out Hitler. We'll explore the Jewish sensibility and creators behind Doctor Who, The Twilight Zone, and 2001: A Space Odyssey. And we'll travel up to today, when an Orthodox superheroine pauses for Shabbat, a girl time travels with a magic tallit, and hot Jewish vampires take to the screen.

Valerie Estelle Frankel has won a Dream Realm Award, an Indie Excellence Award, and a USA Book News National Best Book Award for her Henry Potty parodies. She's the author of over 80 books on pop culture, including Hunting for Meaning in The Mandalorian; Inside the Captain Marvel Film; and Who Tells Your Story? History, Pop Culture, and Hidden Meanings in the Musical Phenomenon Hamilton. Many of her book focus on women's role in fiction. Her Chelm for the Holidays (2019) was a PJ Library book, and now she's the editor of Jewish Science Fiction and Fantasy, publishing an academic series. Outside academia, she published the popular overview, Discovering Jewish Science Fiction: A Look at the Jewish Influences in Star Trek, Star Wars, Doctor Who, DC, Marvel, and so Many More. She teaches at Mission College and San Jose City College and speaks often at conferences.

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CJE SeniorLife's Winter Virtual Book Club

Our Book Club facilitators, Renee Hochberg and Linda Ring, will lead us in conversation about these intriguing books!

December 15, 2022 • 11 am–12:15 pm—*Klara and the Sun* By Kazuo Ishiguro

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From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans. In *Klara and the Sun*, Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator to explore a fundamental question: what does it mean to love?

January 19, 2023 • 11 am–12:15 pm—*The Sweetness of Water* By Nathan Harris

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Brothers Prentiss and Landry—freed by the recent Emancipation Proclamation—seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm. Prentiss and Landry plan to journey north and reunite with their mother, who was sold when they were boys. Parallel to their story runs a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers. When their secret is discovered, the resulting murder unleashes repercussions on the entire community. Nathan Harris creates an unforgettable cast of characters, depicting Georgia in the violent crucible of Reconstruction.

February 16, 2023 • 11 am–12:15 pm—*Violeta* By Isabel Allende

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From the start, Violeta's life will be marked by extraordinary events of the Great War and Spanish flu. The family will come through unscathed, only to face the Great Depression. Her family is forced to retreat to a remote part of the country. There, Violeta tells her story in the form of a letter to someone she loves, recounting heartbreak and passionate affairs, times of poverty and wealth, terrible loss and immense joy. Her life will be shaped by some of the most important events of history: women's rights, tyranny, and two pandemics. Isabel Allende brings us an epic that is both fiercely inspiring and deeply emotional.

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