



March starts the thaw of winter. It represents new life, a new beginning, and endless possibilities. Most importantly, March represents **SPRING TRAINING!**

The poem below, written by Lucas Brown, captures this magical time in baseball and the spring season. Enjoy the warm weather that's coming and a season of endless possibilities.

Twass the Night before Spring Training by Lucas Brown

Twass the night before Spring Training, when
all through the clubhouse
Not a creature was stirring, except the
managers.

The uniforms were hung in the lockers with
care,
In hopes that the season soon would be
there.

The rookies were nestled all snug in their
beds,
While visions of the Big League danced in
their heads.
And Nuke in his garter, and Crash in his cap,
Had just been rewound before the players'
nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a
clatter,
Cy Young was the pitcher, and Babe Ruth
was the batter.
Away to the window the players all flew,
To see the ghosts on the evening dew.

Shoeless Joe was in left on that moonlit
night,
Who was on second, oh wait, that's not right.
When, what to my wondering eyes should
appear,
Mighty Casey with a bat drawing near.

"Now Mickey! now, Willie! Now, Hammerin'
Hank!
On, Harmon! On, Reggie! on, Maris and
Frank!

To the top of the leader boards! to the top
of the Hall!
Show the young rookies how to play ball!"

They all admire the slugger named Roy
As he steps to the plate with his bat,
Wonderboy.
They'll pass him on the street, a tip of the
hat they will give,
'There goes the greatest player that ever
lived."

The rookies' eyes will twinkle in their first
at-bat.
The veterans will calm them and give them
a pat.
For it is only spring training with so much
to do,
Preparation for a season, a career to
pursue.

The young ones will play their best through
the spring,
With hopes of making the 40-man team.
They'll play their careers 'til they finally say,
"Tell them I'm through for love of the game."

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Shabbat Times

March

2/28 - 3/1

3/7 - 3/8

3/14 - 3/15

3/21 - 3/22

3/28 - 3/29

Candle Lighting

5:20 - 5:40 pm

5:28 - 5:48 pm

6:36 - 6:56 pm

6:44 - 7:04 pm

6:52 - 7:12 pm

Havdalah

6:45 pm

6:45 pm

7:40 pm

7:48 pm

7:56 pm

Announcements

March Birthdays

Rose Goldsmith	3/3
Maxima Wax	3/7
Joseph Eng	3/8
David Stern	3/10
Walter Richtman	3/12
Etta Katz	3/17
Irving Charnowitz	3/17
Emily Podurky	3/18
Nate Rubenstein	3/24
Timna Liberman	3/29

Welcome to Park Plaza

Corrine & Phil Cutler
Ken Behr















In Memoriam

Leonard Drucker
Rose Pergricht
Mimi Lederman



Mazel Tov

-  Seymour Lepp on the Bat Mitzvah of his great-granddaughter
-  Bonnie & R. Michael Myers on the engagement of their grandson
-  Rochel Stern on the birth of a great-granddaughter
-  Phyllis Reifer on the birth of a great-grandson
-  Shulamis & Benny Weinfeld on the birth of a great-grandson
-  Elaine Stein on the engagement of her grandson
-  Miriam Levinson on the birth of a great-grandson
-  Carol Mirell on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson
-  Seymour Lepp on the marriage of his great-grandson
-  Esther Lichtshein on the engagement of her great-granddaughter
-  Nancy Provorny on the birth of a granddaughter
-  R. Lee Glickman on the engagement of her grandson
-  R. Miriam Levinson on the recent marriage of her grandson
-  Faye and Earl Newman on the birth of a great-granddaughter
-  Leona Molotsky on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter

Someone You Should Know



Jeannine is from Boston and grew up there as an only child. She and her husband had four children and owned clothing stores in Massachusetts. Their main store was in Copley Square in Boston. When she got involved in the business, she helped expand the audiences they marketed to and helped on the floor with sales. Jeannine loves to entertain and would always have people over at her home in Massachusetts.

She moved to Park Plaza and Chicago because her daughter lives in Chicago and wanted her to be closer. At first, it was hard for Jeannine to move from her life and friends in Boston, but she has made many lovely friends here and enjoys the many interesting lectures at Park Plaza. Jeannine would love for there to be more painting classes or an art group at Park Plaza.

Many of Jeannine's poems are inspired by her surroundings and what is happening around her. Her inspiration for this poem came from driving in Massachusetts and looking at the roads and all the stone walls that line them. She started thinking about how they stay together and stay put and then started writing.

You know, the poem
"I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree?"

Well, it's stone walls that do it for me.

Whenever I see one, I stop and gaze
What does it take, a wall to raise.

Whether walking or driving, I stop and look,
My mind is flooded with the skill it took.

With a pile of stones out there to peruse,
Looking, analyzing, which ones to choose.

For size, for color, also for shape
A labor of love, that's what it takes.

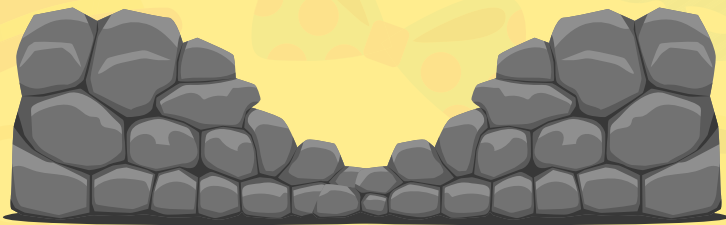
So many thoughts come to my mind
A metaphor for life, that's what I find.

Supporting each other, staying together
Whatever the weather.

Hugging, snuggling, getting along
Human bonding, staying strong.

A lovely poem. A beautiful tree,
It's still stone walls that do it for me.

By Jeannine Simon



From the Rabbi's Desk



Rabbi Eitan Allen

Welcome to March! This month, we will celebrate Purim, a joyous and festive day whose excitement and holiness will take us right into Passover. Purim represents a triumph of Jewish people over their adversaries and a recommitment to Jewish observance. One of the primary Mitzvos of the day is the reading of the Megillah of Esther. We recount the wondrous story of the Persian court where the Jews were miraculously saved from the wicked Haman. Possibly the most celebrated and famous character of the Megillah is Queen

Esther. We don't often have Holidays where the primary hero is a woman. Yet, Esther, with her faith, cunning, and providential placement, was able to be a vehicle for G-d's salvation of the Jewish people.

We often make the mistake of thinking that Men have a more primary role in Judaism than women. Although Men lead services and have certain obligations that women do not, women are no less valuable than men. In fact, our sages tell us that it was because of the righteous women in Egypt that the Jewish people merited the Exodus and the events of Passover. Queen Esther is a prime example of a Jewish heroine, and she reminds us that women play a key role in Jewish life and destiny.

In these last few months of hostage releases, we have been overjoyed to see some of our hostages come back alive. Although they endured unspeakable horrors, they have been blessed to survive. I have been particularly amazed by the strength of the young female Jewish hostages that endured captivity. Twenty-year-old Agam Berger spoke openly about her faith and her dedication to observing Judaism under hellish conditions. She certainly portrays the modern spirit of Esther and represents the greatness of Jewish women.

As we look forward to Purim, I hope you will join us for our celebration. We will read the Megillah both night and day, have a festive meal, and give gifts and charity to our fellows. All this will happen before we go into another beautiful Shabbat at Park Plaza.


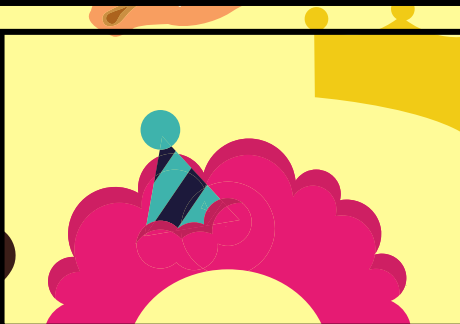

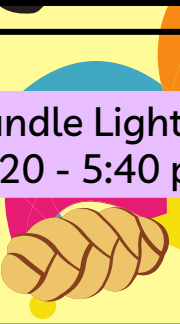


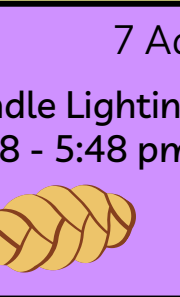


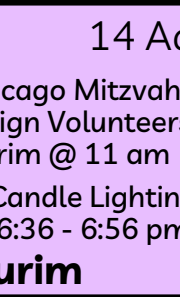


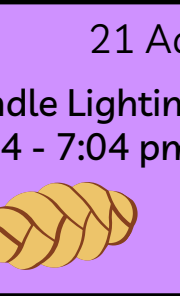


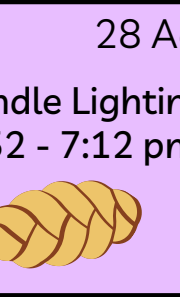





Wishing you a wonderful month and a Happy Purim
Rabbi Allen



Caregiver Appreciation Party



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
			
2 2 Adar Daniela Bisenius Duo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room The 2025 Academy Awards @ 6 pm - Activity Room 104	3 3 Adar	4 4 Adar Vaccination Clinic @ 9 am - Activity Room 104	5 5 Adar Afternoon Dis... Author Ronal... Oakton Commu... 12:30 pr... Stu Frank @ 6... Dining
9 9 Adar Ezra Habonim: Double O-Chai Lincense to Shpiel - Bus Departs: 12:15 pm Pianist Yan Skladman @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room Marcy's Music Center @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room Daylight Savings Time Starts	10 10 Adar	11 11 Adar Food Craft - Hamantaschen Making @ 2:30 pm - Front Dining Room	12 12 Adar Hillel Torah S... hand out Mish... @ 11:30 ar... Tel Aviv Pizz... Tree Outing - ... 12:30
16 16 Adar Ridgeville Band @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room Family Purim Party @ 3 pm - Multipurpose Room	17 17 Adar	18 18 Adar Professor Charlie Abrams Lecture: New Research on the Chemistry of Asteroids @ 3:30 pm - Room 104	19 19 Adar Rak Shalom Jew... Group from U... Maryland @ 6... Dining Orchid Show a... Botanic Gard
23 23 Adar Four Star Brass Band @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room Park Plaza's Purim Shpiel: Queen Esther in Purimland @ 3 pm - 2nd Floor Aviary Lounge	24 24 Adar Music Performance with Lauren Lustig & Kids @ 3 pm - TV Room	25 25 Adar	26 26 Adar
30 1 Nissan Vocalist Jennifer Hall @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room Marcy's Music Center @ 3 pm - Multipurpose Room	31 2 Nissan		

2025			
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <div>Candle Lighting 5:20 - 5:40 pm</div> 	<div>1</div> <div>1 Adar</div> <div>Havdalah 6:45 pm</div> 
<div>5 Adar</div> <div>Discussion with Ed H. Balson - Community Center @ 5 pm - Free</div> <div>6:45 pm - Back Room</div>	<div>6</div> <div>6 Adar</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7 Adar</div> <div>Candle Lighting 5:28 - 5:48 pm</div>  	<div>8</div> <div>8 Adar</div> <div>Havdalah 6:45 pm</div> <div>Turn clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep</div> 
<div>12 Adar</div> <div>Students to Shloach Manot 5 pm - Lobby Pizza & Dollar Bus Departs: 6 pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>13 Adar</div> <div>5:43 am Fast Begins Ta'anit Esther 7:29 pm Fast Begins Erev Purim</div>	<div>14</div> <div>14 Adar</div> <div>Chicago Mitzvah Campaign Volunteers for Purim @ 11 am</div> <div>Candle Lighting 6:36 - 6:56 pm</div> <div>Purim</div>  	<div>15</div> <div>15 Adar</div> <div>Havdalah 7:40 pm</div> <div>Shushan Purim</div> 
<div>19 Adar</div> <div>Jewish A Capella University of Chicago 6:45 pm - Back Room</div> <div>at The Chicago Jewish Community Center @ 2 pm</div>	<div>20</div> <div>20 Adar</div>	<div>21</div> <div>21 Adar</div> <div>Candle Lighting 6:44 - 7:04 pm</div>  	<div>22</div> <div>22 Adar</div> <div>Havdalah 7:48 pm</div> 
<div>26 Adar</div>	<div>27</div> <div>27 Adar</div> <div>March Birthday Party @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room</div> <div>Fall Prevention Clinic with Julie @ 3:30 pm - Activity Room 104</div>	<div>28</div> <div>28 Adar</div> <div>Candle Lighting 6:52 - 7:12 pm</div>  	<div>29</div> <div>29 Adar</div> <div>Havdalah 7:56 pm</div> 
			

Ice Cream Edible Craft



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Let's Tango!



Tu B'Shevat



Happy Birthday!



February Birthday Party



-  **Sunday, March 2nd**
Daniela Bisenius Duo @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room - Bessie's Harris's 100th Birthday Bash
The 2025 Academy Awards @ 6 pm - Activity Room 104
-  **Tuesday, March 4th**
Vaccination Clinic @ 9 am - Activity Room 104
-  **Wednesday, March 5th**
Outing: An Afternoon Discussion with Author Ronald H. Balson- Bus Departs: 12:30 pm
Stu Frank @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room
-  **Sunday, March 9th**
Pianist Yan Skladman @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room
Music Performer: Marcy's Music Center @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room
-  **Tuesday, March 11th**
Food Craft - Hamantaschen Making @ 2:30 pm - Front Dining Room
-  **Wednesday, March 12th**
Hillel Torah Students to hand out Mishloach Manot @ 11:30 am - Lobby
Outing: Tel Aviv Pizza & Shopping at Dollar Tree - Bus Departs: 12:30 pm
-  **Friday, March 14th**
Chicago Mitzvah Campaign Volunteers for Purim @ 11 am
-  **Sunday, March 16th**
Ridgeville Band @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room
Family Purim Party @ 3 pm - Multipurpose Room
-  **Tuesday, March 18th**
Professor Charlie Abrams: New Research on Chemistry of Asteroids @ 3:45 pm - Activity Room 104
-  **Wednesday, March 19th**
Botanic Gardens' Orchid Show - Bus Departs: 2:15 pm - Sign up & Pay \$14 at the Front Desk
Rak Shalom Jewish A Capella from University of Maryland @ 6:45 pm - Back Dining Room
-  **Sunday, March 23rd**
Four Star Brass Band @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room
Park Plaza's Purim Shpiel: Queen Esther in Purimland @ 3 pm - 2nd Floor Aviary Lounge
-  **Monday, March 24th**
Music Performance with Lauren Lustig & Kids @ 3 pm - TV Room
-  **Thursday, March 27th**
Fall Prevention Clinic with Julie @ 3:30 pm - Activity Room 104
-  **Sunday, March 30th**
Singer Jennifer Hall @ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room
Music Performer: Marcy's Music Center @ 3 pm - Multipurpose Room

HAPPY PURIM



Thursday, March 27th
March Birthday Party
@ 1:45 pm - Back Dining Room

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