

Orleans (post Mardi Gras) in March. For the rest of my time I'll take my cue from the 2 Jewish holidays I will miss in this year's Temple cycle. Tu B'Shevat is a reminder that the best time for planting is in the dead of winter. Any books I read in January and February may be seeds for sermons in September. The hilarity of Purim is also a good reminder that the month of Adar (February 10 – March 10) comes with the prescription to allow for some joy-boosters to combat any seasonal affective disorders.

I'll be back in the loop for the Congregational Seder Tuesday, March 26. In the meantime I'm very pleased that Rabbi Jerry Levy will be a regular rabbinic presence while I'm away. He is already familiar with our congregation and is more than willing to go beyond his contractual coverage to be a presence for any pastoral or family issues. Let me also thank Cantor Chabon who will field any Jewish concerns you may have while I'm away.

I look forward to seeing what new seedlings and opportunities await us all in the Spring.

Reflections...

By Cantor Jennie Chabon



Happy (secular) New Year!

Every year, I feel strange wishing people a Happy New Year at the beginning of January. It's almost as if I am violating Rosh Hashanah—or my observance of it—if I don't differentiate between the two holidays somehow. So I'm stuck with my awkward greeting: Happy (secular) New Year! Kind of takes the fun out of it, doesn't it?