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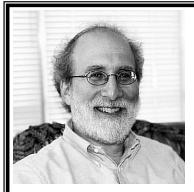
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#### **RABBI'S REFLECTIONS:**

#### Tension and Resolution at the Seder on Pesah



Rabbi Michael Rascoe

The Pesah seder is full of tensions, even in practice. For example, most of us think we need 3 matsot at the seder, but some only use 2. We have different kinds and styles of Jews present in the seder, including 4 children. Memory/history vs. present. Slavery vs. freedom. Matsah of affliction/poverty vs. redemption. How much matsah to eat,

how many cups of wine, 4 or 5, etc. We have haroset (the apple, nut, wine mixture) when the Talmud rules that it is not required. Why do we invite people in for the bread of affliction/poverty but don't mention the Pesah/Passover offering at all?

How many matsot do we need, and how much must we minimally eat? How we view them includes how we resolve them. Most of us know the midrash that 3 matsot stand for 3 kinds of Jews: Kohen, Levi, and Yisrael, but there are legal reasons. We break 1, so do we need 2 complete ones to bless motsi like every holiday (based on the double portion of manna that fell in the wilderness on Friday), and 1 for the blessing mat-

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zah? That makes 3 matsot, or is 2 enough; and since we started with 2, it's ok to have only 1 ½ for motsi. Ashkenazim use 3, and Sepharadim 2.

Ashkenazim eat a minimum amount of 2 olives' size worth of matzah: 1 for motsi, and 1 for blessing matsah, also due to manna. Sepharadim (and Rav Moshe Feinstein followers) say 1 olive's worth is enough, as we don't worry about the double portion of manna on Pesah.

Maybe the people who require 3 matsot say that the only way to get out of the broken human condition (i.e. ½ matsah/slavery) that Pesah symbolizes is to have a vision of wholeness, the future. This may explain why people who have lived here for a while easily break when things are rough, but immigrants who came with nothing often make do to ensure that, if not they, at least their children, will do better. If we have a vision of the future, we have a purpose to survive; so we find a way to survive, or at least for our children to thrive.

Rabbi Soloveitchik says that exile and slavery teach compassion. If we don't learn compassion, then the operative mode is to make the next generation suffer as we did, e.g. fraternity hazings, upper-class students look down on new students, bosses mistreat underlings. We keep haroset on the table to dip the bitter herbs in something sweet to show how we get over life's bitterness, and the whole matsah to let us see past the broken matsah of life. The bitter leads to the sweet, and we overcome life's difficulties with a future vision.

In order to overcome this, the seder requires two other things: present and dialogue. The seder commemorates a past event, but it will remain only history unless we follow the haggadah and require ourselves personally to feel redeemed from slavery. History and memory are not enough to keep us or Judaism going. Seeing ourselves as personally involved in it is preferable.

Each generation has its own problems, music, clothes, words, etc. The young know that the old don't get it and made the world worse. The seder brings us together for dialogue. We disagree, we misunderstand, maybe even distrust each other, but the seder tells us to communicate. When the seder becomes just a meal, we lose both making the history present, and this approach to life. We further the old-young gap. Yet the old still have an idea of what Judaism means, unlike the young. We don't just eat: we discuss the real issues that the seder raises. Maybe we will find that the young and old don't disagree as much as we think about what we want the world to be, and so might learn that the difference is more in how to get there. Maybe we will find that Judaism provides the long-term goals that started humanity on this path, and that the seder stands at the heart of this whole enterprise that for one to be free, we must all be free, and have obligations to make things better.

The story is told of a USA soldier who returned home from a prisoner of war camp. A reporter asked him about his thoughts during imprisonment. The soldier replied, "I spent much time wondering whether I would be worthy of freedom when I received it." By re-enacting the seder and reliving the past in such a way as to feel part of it, we give meaning to the present, and only by vision and dialogue will we continue it and find meaning in it.

Hag kasher v'same-ah, have a happy and kasher holiday.



#### Community Passover Seder

Conducted by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

### Join us for the first night of Passover at Temple Israel of Riverhead

# Friday, April 15, 2022 Shabbat Passover Services at 7:00 PM Immediately followed by Seder

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  - •Proof of vaccination must be submitted with your reservation.
    - ·Social distancing will be in effect.
  - ·Masks will be required at all times, except while actively eating.
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#### Passover

# Services will be in person, by reservation only; or online via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 AM

Saturday, April 23rd, 9:30 AM, including Yizkor

#### A Note Regarding the May Bulletin

In order to cope with steeply-rising printing costs, we will be printing and snail-mailing fewer bulletins. Specifically, the **May** and **November** bulletins will be emailed only. As always, we will continue emailing all bulletins, and making them available on our website. The remaining eight issues per year will be sent by snail mail. If this is a major inconvenience for you, please let us know, and we will try to accommodate your needs.

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# Hol a caust Remembrance Day



Please join us on Sunday, May 1, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM to be followed by refreshments

Guest speakers

Ms. Felice Katz

The Holocaust Tolerance & Memorial Center of Glen Cove

**Father Bohdan Hedz** 

St. John Baptist Ukrainian Church of Riverhead

This event will be held in person and via Zoom. Reservations and proof of vaccination are required.

RSVP to the temple office by noon on Friday, April 29th.

We hope to see you there!



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Temple Israel of Riverhead's Memorial Day Weekend BBQ and Speaker Programs return, presenting:



#### **Brad Kolodny**

Friday, May 27th, 5:30 PM



Brad Kolodny has photographed more than 600 synagogues in 13 countries over the last 30+ years including every synagogue building from Great Neck to Montauk. He has worked for The New York Times since 1996, is president of the Jewish Historical Society of Long Island and an active member at Midway Jewish Center in Syosset, NY. Brad's second book, **The Jews of Long Island: 1705-1918** published by SUNY Press, was recently released.

This speaker program is generously sponsored by **Nan Rachel Peel**, a gift to the congregation of Temple Israel of Riverhead "for their warmth and kindness in welcoming me as a new member".

The Memorial Day Weekend Barbecue is generously sponsored by **Mitchell Schechter**, in celebration of his daughter Arielle's graduation from the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

Reservations are mandatory.

Vaccination card must be on file in the temple office by noon, May 27<sup>th</sup> for those wishing to attend.

#### **Hebrew School**

Remaining class dates for the current school year:

April 6, 13, and 27; May 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Dates subject to change.



For information, please contact the Temple Office at 631-727-3191.



### Book Club

#### **All About Me**

by Mel Brooks April 11, at 7:00 PM, online via Zoom.

#### **Upper West Side Story**

by Susan Pashman May 16, at 7 PM, online via Zoom.

Contact Harley Abrams at <a href="mailto:hpa.aia.architect@gmail.com">hpa.aia.architect@gmail.com</a> or Barbara Smith for information.



#### **Rules for Attending Saturday Services In-person**

Reservations are still required, as are proof of vaccination and masking. For the complete list, visit our website at:

http:/www.templeisraelriverhead.org/r rules covid.htm



Friday July 1, 2022 5:30 PM

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#### With Rabbi Rascoe

#### Jewish Mysticism

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** to explore the topic of Jewish mysticism, especially the Kabbalah and its variations. Classes are held from 6:00-7:00 PM on Mondays in April and May, except April 18, via Zoom.

#### Book Discussion: Between God and Man

**Rabbi Rascoe** will continue discussing *Between God and Man: An Interpretation of Judaism* by Abraham Heschel, with a new introduction by David Hartman (1997). The group meets at 6 PM on Tuesdays in April and May, except April 19, via Zoom.

#### Talmud Classes: Tractate Megillah

**Rabbi Rascoe's** Talmud classes continue at 6 PM on Wednesdays in April and May, except April 20, via Zoom, There is always review. No advance reading is required, and the materials studied may be found in the Shabbat Prayerbook. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

#### Bible Study: Starting with Genesis

**Rabbi Rascoe** will be holding this class at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in April and May, except April 14 & 21, via Zoom.

Please note: Congregants will receive emailed instructions for attending Rabbi Rascoe's classes via Zoom. Classes may be cancelled when the class decides to take a break, and you may come late or leave early.

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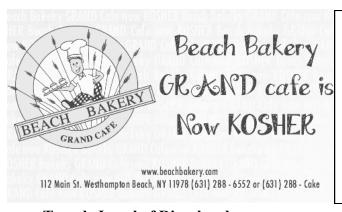
#### Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet on Wednesdays, April 13 and May 11, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the Zoom link.



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#### Shavuot Services

Led by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

In person (following the Shabbat rules of attendance), and via Zoom



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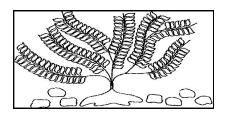
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4/1	Novidoff, Raymond	Adar-II 29
4/2	Bartick, Albert	Nissan 1
4/3	Goldsmith, Pearl	Nissan 2
4/3	Grossman, Brucha	Nissan 2
4/4	Schmalz, Ruth R.	Nissan 3
4/6	Schackman, Janet	Nissan 5
4/7	Fishtahl, Max	Nissan 6
4/7	Harding, Morris	Nissan 6
4/8	Cohen, Herman	Nissan 7
4/8	Froehlich, Irving	Nissan 7
4/9	Levinton, David Jeffrey	Nissan 8
4/9	Lowenthal, Martin	Nissan 8
4/9	Schulman, David	Nissan 8
4/9	Spitzer, Morris	Nissan 8
4/9	Weixelbaum, Hilda	Nissan 8
4/11	Gradus, Milton	Nissan 10
4/12	Fierro, Louis	Nissan 11
4/12	Hahn, Carra	Nissan 11
4/12	Mainzer, August	Nissan 11
4/13	Gradus, Hilda	Nissan 12
4/13	Siskind, Louis	Nissan 12
4/13	Tepper, Milton	Nissan 12
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4/14	Lustig, Celia	Nissan 13
4/14	Weixelbaum, Jesse	Nissan 13
4/15	Brown, Sarah	Nissan 14
4/15	Nevins, Jenny	Nissan 14
4/16	Chizever, Danny	Nissan 15
4/16	Gradus, Gilda	Nissan 15
4/16	Leon, Samuel	Nissan 15
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4/17	Alpert, Ted	Nissan 16
4/17	Slaw, Harry	Nissan 16
4/19	Silver, Max	Nissan 18
4/19	Victory, Sasha	Nissan 18
4/19	Warner, Julia	Nissan 18

4/20	Korosteshevsky, Levi	Nissan 19
4/21	Brander, Abraham	Nissan 20
4/21	Edelman, Isidore	Nissan 20
4/21	Golding, Ruth	Nissan 20
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5/4	Schneider, Sheila	lyar 3
5/5	Rosen, Albert	lyar 4
5/5	Spitzer, Sam	lyar 4
5/6	Berk, Arthur	lyar 5

# April 2022

Please check your email and our website for information about using Zoom to attend these events.

Sat	2 9:30 AM Services	9 9:30 AM Services	16 9:30 AM Services; First day of Pass- over	23 9:30 AM Services & Yizkor; 8th Day of Passover	30 9:30 AM Services
Fri	1 7:00 PM Services	8 7:00 PM Services	15 First Night of Passover; 7 PM Services fol- lowed by Seder	9:30 AM Sevices 7:00 PM Services; 7th Day of Pass- over	29 7:00 PM Services
Thu		7 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	14	21 Passover	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)
Wed		6 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	13 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	20 Passover	27 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)
Tue		5 6 PM Class: Be- tween God and Man (Zoom)	12 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom); Bulletin submis- sions deadline	19 Passover	26 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)
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Wed	4 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	11 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class; 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	18 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	25 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	
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Mon	2 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	9 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom); 7 PM Board meeting	16 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom); 7:00 PM Book Club	23 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	30 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)
Sun	1 1 PM Holocaust Remembrance Day Program	80	15 Bulletin sub- missions dead- line	22	29

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April 11	Book Club meets
April 15	First Night of Passover, Seder & Services
May 1	Holocaust Remembrance Day Program
May 27	Memorial Day BBQ & Speaker
Mondays in April and May, except April 18.	Adult Ed—Jewish Mysticism
Tuesdays in April and May, except April 19	Adult Ed—Between God and Man
Wednesdays in April and May, except March 16 & April 20	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes Tractate Megillah
Thursdays in April and May, except April 14 & 21	Adult Ed—Bible Study Class