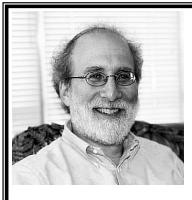


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## RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Purim Precedes Pesah



Purim, historically, does not precede Pesah\*. Yet spiritually, it does. By looking at several points of overlap between Purim and Pesah, when Purim actually falls, and a halakhah of Purim, we will see a connection. (I've written about other connections in previous columns.)

Rabbi Michael Rascoe

The story overlaps with Pe-

sah observance. In Esther 3:7, Haman talks about his plan with the king on the 1st day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, the month in which Pesah is observed, and in 3:12 the plan is published on the 13th day of Nisan. Accordingly, when Esther calls for her three-day fast, on Nisan 13, 14, and 15, it overlaps with Pesah. Tradition claims that Mordecai annulled Pesah due to Esther's request (Meg 15a, see especially Esther Rabbah 8:6 where Esther responds to Mordecai on fasting on Pesah: if there is no Israel, why should there be a Pesah!?) The commemorative fast is moved to the day before Purim, since subsequent generations cannot fast on Pesah.

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Esther's two feasts would have occurred during Pesah. After the feast, Haman is hung on the gallows he prepared for Mordecai, so it too would have been during Pesah. (The fighting and the hanging of the Haman's sons take place in Adar, eleven months later, when the Jews fight back as their response to the decree allowing Haman's sons to attack them.)

When a new month is added to the Jewish calendar, it is added to the end of the year; hence Adar is doubled<sup>^</sup>. This creates a problem: in which month, the first or the second, to celebrate Purim? The Talmud rules the second (Mishnah and Gemara in Talmud Megillah 6b).

The last point is that on Purim, we do not recite Hallel, the Psalms of Praise (Psalms 113-118). The Talmud (Megillah 14a) gives three reasons. Reading the Megillah is its equivalent. Hallel only commemorates miracles which take place in the land of Israel+. Finally, the Purim miracle does not fundamentally change the Jewish condition. Hanukkah led to freedom, but Jews under Ahashverosh relied on him before and after the miracle; in other words, nothing changed other than surviving, and they still relied on the ruler's protection. But with Pesah, the Israelites were redeemed and were able to rule themselves and enter the Land of Israel. Purim is about the precarious condition of Jews in the diaspora, ultimately needing to rely on others; while within the Land of Israel, Jews assume responsibility for their own survival.

This means that Purim precedes Pesah because it is an incomplete redemption. Jews still live in exile and rely on others. Purim teaches us about chances. We have another chance to keep going; it's status quo. Pesah is where we take destiny into our own hands and the world becomes a better place. Purim reminds us of the precariousness of life, that we must remember to move forward. Pesah tells of a better life in the future where everything is better. If we remember to work toward a better future, then God will see this and the messiah will come speedily and in our day.

Have a joyous Purim, and a happy and kosher Pesah.

\* It occurs much later in the timeline of history, perhaps 5th century BCE if one tries to date it historically, or much later if one looks for sources. (Mordecai's Day appears in 2 Maccabees 15:36, probably completed before 142 BCE.)

^ The new calendar year begins in Nisan according to Exodus 12:1-2 (see Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 1:1), even though the world was created in Tishri–I wrote about this in a previous column.

+ The Gemara has some objections to both of these, and the answers are not very convincing, including the fact that Pesah did not take place in the Land of Israel. The resolution is that before Joshua, Psalms of Praise could be said anywhere. Once Jews enter the Land of Israel under Joshua, they cannot. Since the Exodus was before, it is OK to recite Hallel on it, while Purim takes place afterwards, so it no longer is OK. Of course the Gemara does not deal with the Patriarchs having lived in the Land of Israel, and it's not like this is a halakhah in the Bible.

# Purim!



#### Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30 PM Wear your Costume! We've got the whole Megillah!



Reservations are required for anyone wishing to attend Purim Services in person at Temple Israel of Riverhead. You must have a copy of your vaccination card on file in the Temple office, and an advance confirmed reservation, due by noon on **Tuesday, March 15**. We reserve the right to deny entrance to anyone who does not comply.

You will need to follow all our rules for attending services, located at: <u>http://www.templeisraelriverhead.org/r rules covid.htm</u>

Please contact the Temple office at 631-727-3191 for the Purim Zoom link, or if you have any questions or concerns.

### Interfaith Bible Class

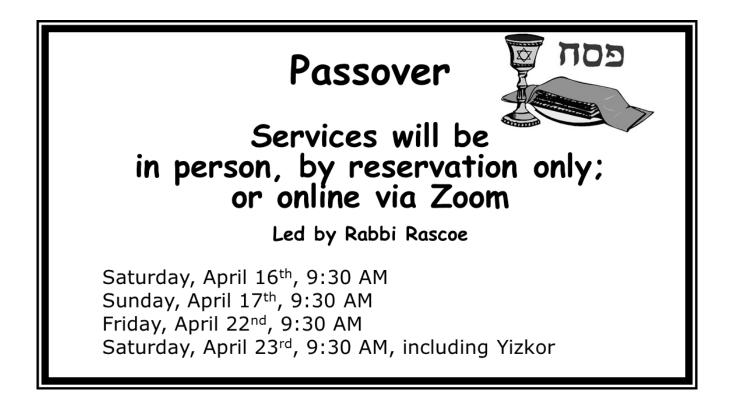
The Interfaith Bible Class will meet on Wednesdays, March 9 and April 13, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the Zoom link.

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#### 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 March and April, 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 March and April, except April 19, via Zoom.

#### Talmud Classes: *Tractate Megillah*

**Rabbi Rascoe's** Talmud classes continue at 6 PM on Wednesdays in March and April, except March 16 and 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 March and April, except March 17 and April 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.

# Hebrew School

Remaining class dates for the current school year: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25. Dates subject to change.



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

## **A Little Passover Humor**

A British Jew is waiting in line to be knighted by the Queen. He is to kneel in front of her and recite a sentence in Latin when she taps him on the shoulders with her sword. However, when his turn comes, he panics in the excitement of the moment and forgets the Latin. Then, thinking fast, he recites the only other sentence he knows in a foreign language, which he remembers from the Passover Seder:

"Ma nishtana ha layla ha zeh mi kol ha laylot."

Puzzled, Her Majesty turns to her advisor and whispers, "Why is this knight different from all other knights?"

What kind of shoes did the Egyptians wear during the plague of frogs? Open-toad!

What was the name of the secret spy for the Jews in Egypt? Bondage, James Bondage.

What did the teddy bear say when he was offered the afikomen? No thanks, I'm stuffed.

From: https://www.aish.com/j/fs/Worlds-Greatest-Passover-Jokes.html



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<b>Upper West Side Story</b> by Susan Pashman Details to be announced		
Contact Harley Abrams at <u>hpa.aia.architect@gmail.com</u> or Barbara Smith for information.		
Candle Lig	ghting Times 3/25 6:50 PM	

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

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

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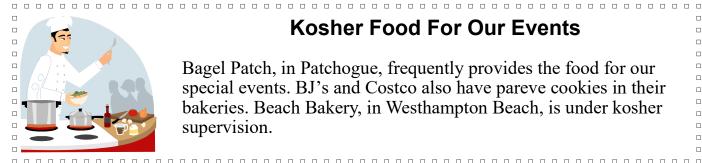
You can have a tree planted in Israel for a donation of \$18. Contact **Carole Jones** at the TIR office, 631-727-3191. All checks should be made out to Temple Israel of Riverhead, or you can use PayPal from our website.



#### **Our Judaica Shop**

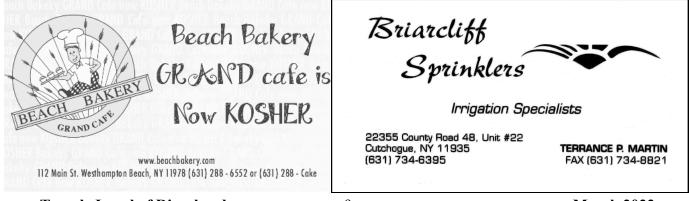
If you need Shabbat or holiday items for yourself, or for a gift, you will find them right in the Temple. Our Judaica Shop boasts a large inventory of beautiful items, many of them displayed in the Social Hall's glass cases. Kiddush cups, glass platters, Shabbat-to-go, kipot, Seder and matzoh plates, menorahs, children's books and toys, cookbooks, and candlesticks are all there.

**Phyllis Van Dyne** operates the Temple's Shop, acquiring new items several times a year. She will also fill special orders; if you see something you'd like, she can get it for you. Or, if you need ideas for a gift, she will be happy to suggest something in your price range, perfect for your occasion and recipient. For more information and personal service, just call Phyllis at 631-734-7511.



#### Kosher Food For Our Events

Bagel Patch, in Patchogue, frequently provides the food for our special events. BJ's and Costco also have pareve cookies in their bakeries. Beach Bakery, in Westhampton Beach, is under kosher supervision.



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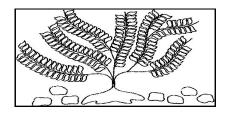
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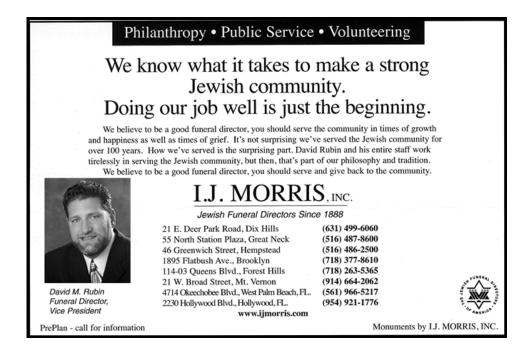


### **YAHRZEITS**

We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing. May their memories be a blessing. March Adar I/Adar II 5782

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3/4	Starkman, Jeanette	Adar-II 1
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3/6	Weixelbaum, Milton	Adar-II 3
3/8	Israel, Isaac	Adar-II 5
3/10	Oppenheimer, Harry	Adar-II 7
3/11	Weiss, Dora	Adar-II 8
3/14	Lockman, Margaret	Adar-II 11
3/17	Smith, Lillian	Adar-II 14
3/18	Sturm, Neddie	Adar-II 15
3/20	Davis, Harry R.	Adar-II 17
3/21	Abrams, Harry	Adar-II 18
3/23	Lipetz, Fannie	Adar-II 20
3/24	Dresher, Barbara Sue	Adar-II 21
3/24	Prizer, Ray	Adar-II 21
3/28	Jaeger, Fred	Adar-II 25

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4/1	Novidoff, Raymond	Adar-II 29
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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



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Sat	5 9:30 AM Services	12 9:30 AM Services	19 9:30 AM Services	26 9:30 AM Services	
Fri	4 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	11 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	18 7:00 PM Services	25 7:00 PM Services	
Thu	3 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	10 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	17 Purim	24 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	31 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)
Wed	2 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	<ul> <li>9 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class;</li> <li>4 PM Hebrew School;</li> <li>6 PM Talmud Class</li> <li>(Zoom)</li> </ul>	16 4 PM Hebrew School; 6:30 PM Erev Pu- rim, Megillah reading	23 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	30 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)
Tue	1 6 PM Class: Be- tween God and Man (Zoom)	8 6 PM Class: Be- tween God and Man (Zoom)	15 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom); Bulletin submis- sions deadline	22 & PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)	29 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)
Mon		7 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom); 7 PM Board meeting	14 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	21 & PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	28 & PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 PM Services	2 9:30 AM Services
m	4 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom	5 6 PM Class: Be- tween God and Man (Zoom)	6 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	7 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	8 7:00 PM Services	9 9:30 AM Services
2	11 & PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	12 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom); Bulletin submis- sions deadline	<ul> <li>13 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class;</li> <li>4 PM Hebrew School;</li> <li>6 PM Talmud Class</li> <li>(Zoom)</li> </ul>	14 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	15 First Night of Passover	16 9:30 AM Services; First day of Passover
17 9:30 AM Services; Passo- ver	18 Passover	19 Passover	20 Passover	21 Passover	22 9:30 AM Ser- vices; 7:00 PM Services; 7th Day of Passover	23 9:30 AM Ser- vices & Yizkor; 8th Day of Passo- ver
24	25 & PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	26 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)	27 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	29 7:00 PM Services	30 9:30 AM Services

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April 11	Book Club meets
March 16	Purim—Megillah reading
April 15	First Night of Passover
Mondays in March and April, except April 18.	Adult Ed—Jewish Mysticism
Tuesdays in March and April, except April 19	Adult Ed—Between God and Man
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