

## Temple Israel of Riverhead Bulletin

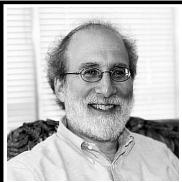
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## RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Purim's a joke, and it's on you

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

People take the Book of Esther too seriously, though it deals with serious themes. If it's history, it's not accurate. How we choose to commemorate it fascinates: we celebrate, not dwelling on possible deadly consequences in some grave manner. We treat it as a joke: Haman be-

comes a clown; Ahasueros already is one. We masquerade, even as Haman, create a hat and a cookie based on him. He is one character about whom we write musicals and parodies, have parades, and make noise. We didn't worry about its' effects, its' toll on life, and why be a Jew. Instead, it's a joke.

Humor is the best way to get through life, and to survive as Jews. Some people, including some Jews, say that persecution keeps us alive. Without anti-Jewish outbreaks, we would have disappeared like everyone else. Pogroms happen routinely. Jews are killed; slaughtered. We don't exist due to them. We survive despite them. We could have given up long ago (genealogy sites now make it difficult). We didn't. Persecutions don't strengthen us; they test our

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strength, our resolve to live according to God's way. As the Psalmist says, "Death's bonds encompassed me; Sheol's torments overtook me. I came upon trouble and sorrow, and I invoked the Lord's name....All the nations have beset me;...they surround me...like bees. I shall not die but live and proclaim the works of the Lord" (Psalms 116:3, 118:10, 11, 12, 17, in Hallel; Psalms we say on joyous occasions).

We produced the Bible as free Jews living in our own land. Great commentators (Rashi) and poets (Yehudah Ha-Levi and Sh'lomo ibn Gabirol) wrote when times were better, not worse, and see today's great works. We survive by concentrating on life's enduring aspects: Shabbat and holidays' joy, and a tradition that finds happiness in study, knowing that despite it

all we are part of a larger human family while we remain faithful to tradition, and to God. We nourish and sustain ourselves this way. With humor we accept what life throws at us, and don't give in or give up, despite it all. Humor puts things in perspective. Looking at the world and our condition with humor leads to the means to find the wellsprings of our tradition that sustain us and keep us dynamic, open to change and to grow. Despite it all, we keep a sense of humor, turning Haman into a laughingstock worthy of dressing up in costume, and into a hamentashen, a pastry, delightfully consumed in a mouthful. Antisemites try to destroy us. We're still here. With humor, we buttress lifestyle and tradition to remain true to ourselves and to God.



#### Purim!

## Monday, March 6th, 6:00 PM Wear your costume! We've got pizza & the whole Megillah!



Reservations are required. Vaccination card must be on file in the Temple office by noon on **March 6**.

Please contact the Temple office for the Zoom link to services, or if you have any questions.

Call us at 631-727-3191, or email to: TempleIsraelRH@optonline.net.

#### Join us for our final Shabbat Dinner of the season

Our final dinner will be on **Friday night, March 3**. Shabbat services will begin at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner, sponsored by **Graham Diamond** and **Hedy Campeas**.



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#### **REMINDER:**

## Friday night services return to 7:00 PM



#### starting on March 17

Please join us for services, in-person or via Zoom.

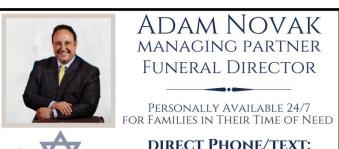
#### **Attendance Requirements:**

Reservations are mandatory. Vaccination card must be on file, in the temple office, by noon on Friday, for anyone wishing to attend.



#### **Hebrew School**

Remaining class dates for the current school year are: March 1, 8,15, 22, 29; April 19, 26; and May 3,10,17, 24, 31. Dates subject to change.



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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

#### Passover 2023



Services are inperson, by reservation only, or online via Zoom.

Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM Wednesday, April 12<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 AM Thursday, April 13<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 AM including Yizkor

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Conducted by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

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

#### Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:45 PM short service followed by seder

\*\*Advance paid reservations required.\*\*

#### Please reserve by March 24th. Call Lisa Israel, 631 727-5500

Reservations received after March 24th may not be accepted.

Complete the form below and send with your check payable to **Temple Israel of Riverhead** by March 24th.

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#### Shavuot 2023

Services are in person, by reservation only, or online via Zoom.

Led by Rabbi Michael Rascoe



#### **Learning Session:**

Thursday evening, May 25, details & time TBA.

#### Services:

Friday, May 26, 9:30 AM

Saturday, May 27, 9:30 AM, including Yizkor.

#### **Our Judaica Shop**

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**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.



#### With Rabbi Rascoe

#### Jewish Mysticism

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** to explore the topic of Jewish mysticism, especially the Kabbalah and its variations. Classes are held via Zoom, from 6:00-7:00 PM, on Mondays in March and April, except March 6 and April 10.

#### Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in March and April, except March 7 and April 11. He will be discussing *Strauss, Spinoza, & Sinai: Orthodox Judaism and Modern Questions of Faith* by Jeffery Bloom, Alec Goldstein, and Gil Student. This book is a collection of seventeen essays from a wide variety of thinkers and doers, discussing various aspects of Judaism.

#### Prayer: Structure, and Meaning

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and study **prayer** via Zoom. We will look at the structure of the service, the meaning of the individual prayers, and ritual actions when they are involved. Classes will be held at 7:30 PM on Tuesdays in March and April, except March 7 and April 11.

#### Talmud Classes: Tractate Megillah

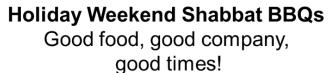
**Rabbi Roscoe's** Talmud classes continue, via Zoom, at 6 PM on Wednesdays in March and April, except April 5 and 12. There is always review. No advance reading is required. The text can be found at: <a href="https://www.sefaria.org/Megillah.8a?lang=bi">https://www.sefaria.org/Megillah.8a?lang=bi</a>. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

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#### Bible Study: Starting with Genesis

**Rabbi Rascoe** will be holding these classes, via Zoom, at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in March and April except April 6 & 13.

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





## Shavuot / Memorial Day Memorial Day Weekend Dinner

Friday, May 26, 2023, 5:30 PM



Friday, June 30, 2023, 5:30 PM

#### Labor Day Weekend BBQ

Friday, September 1, 2023, 5:30 PM

Each BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat



Contact Jaime Siegel to sponsor a BBQ

Candle Lighting Times		
3/3	5:25	PM
3/10	5:33	PM
3/17	6:41	PM
3/24	6:48	PM
3/31	6:56	PM
4/7	7:03	PM



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#### **Some Passover Humor**

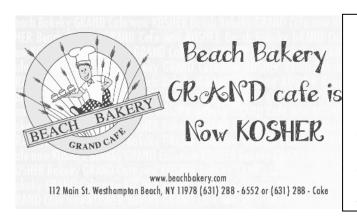
My five-year-old daughter excitedly greeted her mother: "Guess what we made in Jewish school today, Mommy. We made unleaded bread!"

Q: What do you call someone who derives pleasure from the bread of affliction? A: A matzochist.

What army base is off limits on Passover? Fort Leavenworth.

Why did Shlomo not do his homework on pesach? Because his teacher said it was a piece of cake.

What's the difference between matzoh and cardboard?? Cardboard doesn't leave crumbs on the floor.





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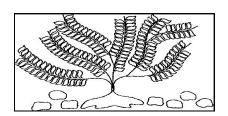
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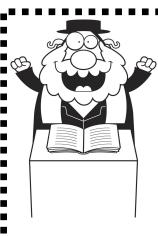
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Kiddush in honor of Harris Lipschitz—grandfather of Bruce Kagan.

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Kiddush—Linda & Ruth Prizer.

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Yahrzeit for Yetta Hagler—mother of Stanley Hagler.

Yahrzeit for Pauline Siegel—mother-in-law of Sharon Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Andrea Siegel—sister-in-law of Sharon Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Lana Zarbhanelian—sister-in-law of Sharon Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Bernard Besserman—father of Amy Csorny.

Yahrzeit for Woody Goldstein—uncle of Karen Wolfson.

Yahrzeit for Mercedes Diamond—grandmother of Isaac Israel.

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Yahrzeit for Laurence Kleidman—friend of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Milligan.

Yahrzeit for Philip Schneider—grandfather of Terri Milligan.

Yahrzeit for Adam Rossano—cousin of Bruce Kagan.

Yahrzeit for Robin Jacobs—sister of Kelly Rosati.

Yahrzeit for Carole Roth—sister of George Sandberg.

Yahrzeit for Joseph Knopfler—grandfather of Charles Raffe.

Yahrzeit for Steven Zaglin—brother of Barbara Smith.

Yahrzeit for Raymond Zaglin—father of Barbara Smith.

Yahrzeit for Charles Raffe—husband of Olivia Raffe.

Yahrzeit for Herschel Rolnick—Jaime Siegel.

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May their memories be a blessing.

Adar/Nissan 5783 March/April

3/1	Glickstein, Fanny	Adar 8	3/16	Michaelson, Sarah	Adar 23
3/1	Levine, Samuel	Adar 8	3/17	Hochheiser, Jacob	Adar 24
3/1	Sigal, Anna	Adar 8	3/17	Raffe, Esther	Adar 24
3/1	Weiss, Dora	Adar 8	3/17	Silver, Miriam	Adar 24
3/2	Cohen, Ida	Adar 9	3/18	Jaeger, Fred	Adar 25
3/3	Goldberg, Eva	Adar 10	3/20	Kaiserman, Leona	Adar 27
3/3	Krasnow, Reva	Adar 10	3/22	Coladner, Jack	Adar 29
3/3	Sandberg, Sadie	Adar 10	3/22	Gradus, Hannah	Adar 29
3/3	Sigal, Joseph	Adar 10	3/22	Klein, Sari	Adar 29
3/4	Kaplan, Mollie	Adar 11	3/22	Novidoff, Raymond	Adar 29
3/5	Edelman, Israel	Adar 12	3/23	Bartick, Albert	Nissan 1
3/5	Rothenstein, Shirley	Adar 12	3/24	Goldsmith, Pearl	Nissan 2
3/6	Raffe, Solomon	Adar 13	3/24	Grossman, Brucha	Nissan 2
3/6	Steiner, Samuel	Adar 13	3/25	Schmalz, Ruth R.	Nissan 3
3/7	Finkelstein, Helena	Adar 14	3/27	Schackman, Janet	Nissan 5
3/7	Schmalz, Ernest	Adar 14	3/28	Fishtahl, Max	Nissan 6
3/7	Smith, Lillian	Adar 14	3/28	Harding, Morris	Nissan 6
3/8	Sturm, Neddie	Adar 15	3/29	Cohen, Herman	Nissan 7
3/9	Israel, Miriam	Adar 16	3/29	Froehlich, Irving	Nissan 7
3/10	Davis, Harry R.	Adar 17	3/30	Levinton, David Jeffrey	Nissan 8
3/10	Gordon, Lynne	Adar 17	3/30	Lowenthal, Martin	Nissan 8
3/10	Katz, Max	Adar 17	3/30	Schulman, David	Nissan 8
3/10	Segal, Frances	Adar 17	3/30	Spitzer, Morris	Nissan 8
3/10	Tobin, Lenore Kutlow	Adar 17	3/30	Weixelbaum, Hilda	Nissan 8
3/11	Abrams, Harry	Adar 18	4/1	Gradus, Milton	Nissan 10
3/11	Scheinberg, Sophie	Adar 18	4/2	Fierro, Louis	Nissan 11
3/12	Heller, Lewis	Adar 19	4/2	Hahn, Carra	Nissan 11
3/12	Press, Benjamin	Adar 19	4/2	Mainzer, August	Nissan 11
3/12	Scheininger, Sadie	Adar 19	4/3	Gradus, Hilda	Nissan 12
3/13	Lipetz, Fannie	Adar 20	4/3	Siskind, Louis	Nissan 12
3/14	Dresher, Barbara	Adar 21	4/3	Tepper, Milton	Nissan 12
3/14	Karlin, Rose	Adar 21	4/4	Korus, Edward	Nissan 13
3/14	Prizer, Ray	Adar 21	4/4	Lustig, Celia	Nissan 13
3/14	Schroeder, Paul	Adar 21	4/4	Weixelbaum, Jesse	Nissan 13
3/15	Levine, Samuel	Adar 22	4/5	Brown, Sarah	Nissan 14
3/15	Saffer, Louis	Adar 22	4/5	Nevins, Jenny	Nissan 14
3/16	Israel, Pauline	Adar 23	4/5	Prizer, Rebecca	Nissan 14

## March 2023

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

Sat	4 9:30 AM services	11 9:30 AM Services	18 9:30 AM Services	25 9:30 AM Services	
Fri	3 5:30 PM Services & Dinner (Zoom)	10 5:30 PM Services (Zoom)	17 7:00 PM Services (Zoom)	24 7:00 PM Services (Zoom)	31 7:00 PM Services (Zoom)
Thu	2 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	9 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	16 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	23 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	30 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)
Wed	1 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	8 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class; 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	15 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Tal- mud Class (Zoom): Bulletin submissions due	22 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	29 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)
Tue		7 Purim	14 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy; 7:30 PM Class: Prayer (both Zoom)	21 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy; 7:30 PM Class: Prayer (both Zoom)	28 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy; 7:30 PM Class: Prayer (both Zoom)
Mon		6 6:00 PM Erev Purim, Megillah reading	13 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	20 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	27 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)
Sun		ις	12 Daylight sav- ings time returns	19	26

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March 3	Shabbat Dinner
March 6	Purim
April 5	First Night of Passover.
May 25	Shavuot
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