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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS Strangers in Egypt

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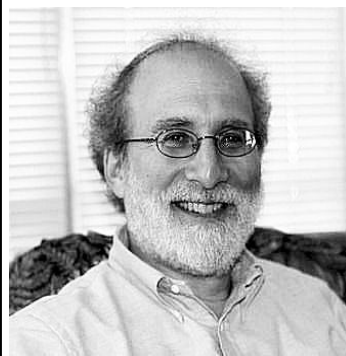
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Five verses specifically link our being strangers in Egypt, four of them noting: "For you were strangers in the land of Egypt", and urge us to recall this in how we treat strangers. Other verses obliquely refer to it. So do Kiddush and the Pesah seder haggadah. Judaism seems to say that being a stranger is one of the worst of the human conditions. Strange also forms the root of the word estranged, when we are isolated from former loved ones, from affection, etc. A stranger is alone, cut off. Isolation is like a mini death, other verses note. Conversely, belonging to a group strengthens us, makes us part of something, protects us, and satisfies us.

The Bible forced our ancestors to eat with others on Pesah, Passover, because they had to eat the whole lamb. They ate with others. They had no choice. Accordingly, everyone had to buy into the meal, since the lamb which they ate had to be theirs. To this day, we still eat as families.

(Rabbi—continued on page 2)

No matter how far removed most Jews are from traditional observance, they welcome strangers to the seder. I have counseled many interfaith couples where the non-Jewish spouse was furious that the Jewish spouse invited strangers to the seder without asking, while the Jewish spouse didn't understand why it was an issue. Strangers at the seder is so ingrained in us that the Jewish spouse simply did it and didn't understand why it was a problem. Nobody should be alone for a seder.

We start as a family. We add strangers, and become a group. We start at home, since it is the foundation of a group. We start by belonging to a small group, and keep growing that group larger. From a family,

we become a community, and then a people. We celebrate Pesah and its values at the same time, united in common purpose and goal, experience, and memory. We join, reenact, and become part of history. The seder binds us to something larger that is important and of value; universal and eternal. We belong in the fullest sense of the word, forever a part of a family, a community, a people, and a world in a way that transcends death, space, and time, by focusing on the Divine which commanded this.

Hag kasher v'same-ah, a proper and good holiday (Hebrew); (Yiddish) a koshern un freilikhin Pesah, a proper and happy Pesah, and a zissen Pesah, a sweet Pesah.

Reminder: Friday evening services begin at 7 PM. Saturday morning services begin at 9:30 AM. All services are available in-person and via Zoom.

Please note: The May bulletin will not be mailed. It will be emailed, and made available on our website.



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**Monday, April 22, 2024
6:45 PM short service followed by Seder**

**** Advance paid reservations required ****

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Passover

Services are in
person, or
online via Zoom



Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Tuesday, April 23rd, 9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 24th, 9:30 AM

Monday, April 29, 9:30 AM

Tuesday, April 30th, 9:30 AM, including Yizkor

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a special weekend as we celebrate 10
years with Rabbi Michael Rascoe!

Saturday, September 7, 9:30 AM

Shabbat services followed by a special luncheon.

Sunday, September 8, 4:00 PM

Celebratory cocktail party with music, dancing, and libations.

~ Invitation and details to follow ~

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**Memorial Day Weekend
BBQ**



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**Holiday Weekend Shabbat BBQ's/Dinners.
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Memorial Day BBQ and Raffle Drawing



Friday, May 24, 2024, 5:30 PM

BBQ sponsored by **Len Wasserman & Abigail Moore**

4th of July Weekend BBQ

Friday, July 5, 2024, 5:30 PM



Labor Day Weekend BBQ and speaker program featuring Brad Kolodny

Friday, August 30, 2024, 5:30 PM

BBQ & speaker program sponsored by **Nan Rachel & John Peel**

Each BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat.



Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend so
we can shop and prepare accordingly.

Sponsors needed: Contact **Jaime Siegel** to
sponsor a BBQ/Dinner at \$540 each.

Holocaust

Remembrance Day Program:

Sunday, May 5th, 1:00 PM

*What are we teaching our students
about the Holocaust??*

In-person and via Zoom.
Contact the Temple office for the Zoom link.
Followed by refreshments in the social hall
This is a free event. Kindly RSVP

Shavuot

Services are in-person, or online via Zoom



Led by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Learning Session:

Tuesday evening, June 11, 9:00 PM
details to be announced

Services:

Wednesday, June 12, 9:30 AM
Thursday, June 13, 9:30 AM., including Yizkor

Dear Temple Family and Friends:

This will mark the fourth year that we will be participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, after a 3 year COVID break. We hope that you will join with the other members of Temple Israel of Riverhead and your family on Sunday May 5th, erev Yom HaShoah, and light this candle. We light the candle in our homes in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

The act of kindling this flame, and reading the enclosed meditation, can be a moving ritual to remind us of what happened to our people not so long ago. Placing the candle in your window is a way to help remind the community. This moment can also be an appropriate opportunity to discuss the Holocaust with your children.

The **Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program** is a project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, in cooperation with the Men of Reform Judaism and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

It is our hope that the observance of Yom HaShoah, centered on the lighting of a Yellow Candle, will become an annual event in your home and in the homes of every member of our congregation. Many congregations have already made this commemoration an important day in their Jewish calendar.

We ask that you help underwrite the cost of this project. Funds received over and above our program cost will go directly to support future educational programs in our synagogue, helping to insure the future of our people. We ask that you consider gifts in multiples of \$18. The number 18 is *chai*, Life.

By remembering, by doing our part to insure our future, we celebrate the ongoing life of our people, even as we memorialize those destroyed in the Shoah. We welcome and appreciate your support of our efforts in this commemoration and our on-going education programs.

We hope that you and your family will participate on Sunday evening, May 5, in this small but meaningful project. If you have questions, you may call me at 631-653-3985. NEVER FORGET!

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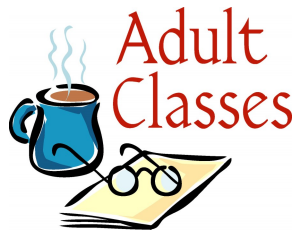
The Yellow Candle™ was created in 1981 by FJMC clubs in Canada, New England, and elsewhere to keep alive the memory of the Six Million who perished in the Shoah. The Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. A photo on the candle container shows young people visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This reflects the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million. In addition, the program logo is a yellow Magen David (Star of David) outlined with barbed wire, with the word "Jude" in the middle. This preserves the memory of the armband or cloth patch that Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

For Jewish people, remembering a victim is a great mitzvah.

Never Forget! Zachor!



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Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in April and May, except April 23 and 30. We will be discussing *Guide for the Perplexed* by Moses Maimonides.

Talmud Classes: *Tractate Megillah*

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue, via Zoom, at 6 PM on Wednesdays in April and May, except April 24 and May 1. There is always review, and no advance reading is required. The text can be found at: <https://www.sefaria.org/Megillah.8a?lang=bi>. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Bible Study: *Starting with Genesis*

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding these classes via Zoom, at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in April and May, except April 25.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom, on April 10 and May 8, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the link.

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. Contact Rabbi Rascoe for more information.

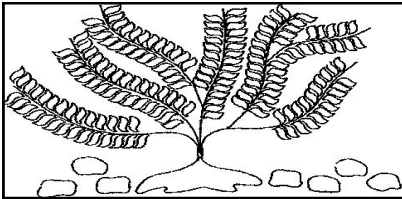
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Yahrzeit for Richard Katz—Harley Abrams.
Yahrzeit for Sophie Scheinberg—mother of Shep Scheinberg.
Yahrzeit for Pauline & Isaac Israel—parents of Richard Israel.
Yahrzeit for Jack Coladner—father of Ronald Coladner.
Trees for Israel, in memory of Richard Katz—Ladan Shalom-Murray.
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Friday night Oneg—Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mainzer.

Yellow Candle Program

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Candle Light- ing Times

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| 4/5 | 7:02 PM |
| 4/12 | 7:09 PM |
| 4/19 | 7:17 PM |
| 4/26 | 7:24 PM |
| 5/3 | 7:31 PM |
| 5/10 | 7:39 PM |

Y A H R Z E I T S

*We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.
May their memories be a blessing.*

April

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| 4/4 | Jaeger, Fred | Adar-II 25 |
| 4/8 | Klein, Sari | Adar-II 29 |
| 4/8 | Novidoff, Raymond | Adar-II 29 |
| 4/9 | Bartick, Albert | Nissan 1 |
| 4/9 | Tockman, Mildred | Nissan 1 |
| 4/10 | Goldsmith, Pearl | Nissan 2 |
| 4/10 | Grossman, Brucha | Nissan 2 |
| 4/11 | Schmalz, Ruth R. | Nissan 3 |
| 4/13 | Schackman, Janet | Nissan 5 |
| 4/14 | Fishtahl, Max | Nissan 6 |
| 4/14 | Harding, Morris | Nissan 6 |
| 4/15 | Cohen, Herman | Nissan 7 |
| 4/15 | Froehlich, Irving | Nissan 7 |
| 4/16 | Levinton, David Jeffrey | Nissan 8 |
| 4/16 | Lowenthal, Martin | Nissan 8 |
| 4/16 | Schulman, David | Nissan 8 |
| 4/16 | Spitzer, Morris | Nissan 8 |
| 4/16 | Weixelbaum, Hilda | Nissan 8 |
| 4/18 | Gradus, Milton | Nissan 10 |
| 4/19 | Hahn, Carra | Nissan 11 |
| 4/19 | Mainzer, August | Nissan 11 |
| 4/20 | Gradus, Hilda | Nissan 12 |
| 4/20 | Siskind, Louis | Nissan 12 |
| 4/20 | Tepper, Milton | Nissan 12 |
| 4/21 | Korus, Edward | Nissan 13 |
| 4/21 | Lustig, Celia | Nissan 13 |
| 4/21 | Weixelbaum, Jesse | Nissan 13 |
| 4/22 | Brown, Sarah | Nissan 14 |
| 4/22 | Nevins, Jenny | Nissan 14 |
| 4/22 | Prizer, Rebecca | Nissan 14 |

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| 4/23 | Chizever, Danny | Nissan 15 |
| 4/23 | Gradus, Gilda | Nissan 15 |
| 4/23 | Leon, Samuel | Nissan 15 |
| 4/23 | Zaglin, Lottie | Nissan 15 |
| 4/24 | Alpert, Ted | Nissan 16 |
| 4/24 | Slaw, Harry | Nissan 16 |
| 4/26 | Silver, Max | Nissan 18 |
| 4/26 | Victory, Sasha | Nissan 18 |
| 4/27 | Korosteshevsky, Levi | Nissan 19 |
| 4/28 | Brander, Abraham | Nissan 20 |
| 4/28 | Edelman, Isidore | Nissan 20 |
| 4/28 | Golding, Ruth | Nissan 20 |
| 4/29 | Gattegno, Morris | Nissan 21 |
| 4/29 | Sanders, Sarah | Nissan 21 |
| 4/29 | Siskind, Jeannette | Nissan 21 |
| 4/30 | Harding, Bessie | Nissan 22 |
| 4/30 | Rosenfeld, May | Nissan 22 |
| 5/1 | Rosenblatt, Bernard | Nissan 23 |
| 5/1 | Schmalz, Paul | Nissan 23 |
| 5/2 | Anker, Douglas Jay | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Catania, Elizabeth | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Frank, Sidney | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Lefkowitz, Ruth | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Mathews, Sophie | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Segal, Meyer | Nissan 24 |
| 5/2 | Shaw, Jerry | Nissan 24 |
| 5/3 | Fivel, Pauline | Nissan 25 |
| 5/3 | Goldman, Sheppard | Nissan 25 |
| 5/4 | Brown, Walter | Nissan 26 |
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| 14 Bulletin Dead-line | 15 | 16 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom) | 17 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom) | 18 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom) | 19 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat | 20 9:30 AM Services |
| 21 | 22 First night of Passover; 6:45 PM Services followed by Seder | 23 9:30 AM Passover Services | 24 9:30 AM Passover Services | 25 Passover | 26 Passover | 27 Passover 9:30 AM Services |
| 28 Passover | 29 9:30 AM Passover Services | 30 9:30 AM Passover Services including Yizkor | | | | |

May 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 5 1 PM Yom HaShoah Program | 6 | 7 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom); 7 PM Board Meeting | 8 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom) | 9 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom) | 10 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat | 11 9:30 AM Services |
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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| April 22 | Passover Community Seder |
| May 5 | Yom HaShoah |
| May 24 | BBQ and Raffle |
| June 11 | Shavuot |
| Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details. | |