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July/August 2025

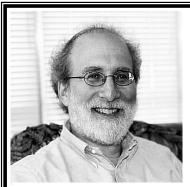
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS One Day at a Time





Rabbi Michael Rascoe

In homiletics class, we were taught everything in life can be grist for a sermon: a book, a movie, life. Rabbi Sidney Greenberg told a story long ago about how once on a trip he stopped for coffee, and decided he would get back

on the road quicker ordering at the counter. The waitress' name plate read, "Tex." With few patrons around, and Tex's warm, friendly smile beckoning, they began chit-chatting.

Soon she poured out her story: she was raising two young boys alone after her husband's accidental death caved in her world. She felt loss and desolation but still had to take care of two young boys alone. Panic and helplessness gripped her as she realized she now was both father and mother to her children with this awesome responsibility looming for many years ahead. She worried how she'd manage the frightening times and how she'd be able to care for herself and her two boys.

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For a long time she brooded and worried at home. "Then one night," she said, "as I tossed sleeplessly, it came to me. I realized that I didn't have to solve all my problems at once. All I had to do was get through one day. For one day, I could be strong enough, smart enough, and tough enough. One day at a time. That thought saw me through."

When asked what happened to her sons, he was told one became a doctor and the other was in medical school.

As Tex poured coffee she passed on an important life lesson: Life often does not go as planned, and we often add to our anxiety and pain in times of trouble and travail. Life often seems full of many hurdles that come one after another and we wonder how we'll jump them. Luckily, we aren't hurdlers, so we can look at just one hurdle and one day at a time. This way we muster the courage to go on, and usually we

are up to the task.

Emerson once wrote: "The hero is no braver than an ordinary [person], but ... is brave five minutes longer." We become heroes by lasting just five minutes longer. Five minutes eventually becomes an hour, an hour, a day, a day a week, a week a month, a month a year, a year into years.

Rabbi Greenberg also notes that Psalm 23 states we "walk" through deepest darkness (or shadow of death). We "walk" by taking one step at a time. We can neither go around deepest darkness, nor run through it. It takes walking one step at a time to get through it. Or as Tex put it, one day at a time.

This is what we do as Jews. The Romans destroyed the Temple almost 2,000 years ago and we became an even larger exilic community. Some didn't want to go on, mourning excessively and denying much of life. To live life, we had to find a balance be-

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2025 High Holidays 5786

Our High Holiday and Ritual Committees, Rabbi Rascoe and Cantor Zeitlen are planning a beautiful holiday season this year.

SELICHOT:

Sat., Sept. 13, services/program & time TBA

ROSH HASHANAH:

Mon., Sept 22, 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 23, 9:00 a.m.

Tashlikh followed by Minhah and Arvit at the riverfront, 6:40 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 24 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch

YOM KIPPUR:

Wed., Oct. 1, Kol Nidre, 6:15 p.m. sharp <u>Thurs., Oct. 2,</u> 9:00 a.m. with Yizkor following Torah Service Study session 4:00 p.m. followed by Minhah, Ne'ilah, & Break the Fast

The Zoom link for all High Holiday Services will be made available closer to the holidays Holiday prayer books are available to borrow – contact the office for details.

If you do not feel well, please do not come to services.

Sukkot:

Tues., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m., Wed., Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret:

Tues., Oct 14, 9:30 a.m., Yizkor following Torah Service

Simchat Torah:

<u>Tues. evening. Oct. 14</u>, 6:30 p.m. <u>Wed.. Oct 15</u>, 9:30 a.m.

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Dear Fellow Congregant:

Looking forward to the High Holidays, we thought you would like an explanation of Temple Israel's High Holiday ticket process.

With membership, families receive two adult tickets and tickets for all children under age 21. Additional tickets for children over the age of 21 may be purchased for \$125 each. Tickets for other adult family members are available at \$165 each. Non-members may purchase tickets at \$375 each. We are asking that you please add an additional \$72 per seat to help defray the cost of synagogue security for the High Holidays. Also, to help to defray the cost of Zooming, we are asking non-members who attend services via Zoom to support us by donating \$360. According to the Temple's long-standing practice, we make High Holiday seats available at no charge to needy individuals, full-time college students, and active military personnel. To be courteous and fair to everyone, we ask that you consider the following information when ordering your tickets:

Each person attending High Holiday services must have a ticket. Tickets are issued for specific seats (as in a theater), and you are expected to occupy the seat designated on your ticket.

2. Tickets are non-transferable.

Inter-married Spouse Members and Individual Members may reserve tickets for themselves, their spouses and children.

- 4. Each year, all but a few seats are reserved in advance; please do not assume that an unoccupied seat is an available seat.
- 5. Tickets cannot be purchased for non-relatives at the member rates.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to the spirit of our ticket process. We are all working diligently to make our High Holiday services meaningful and dignified.

If you have further questions, please call the temple office, 631 727-3191.

The High Holiday Committee

You will receive the complete

schedule along with your tickets.

${\it High Holidays}\,5786\,{\it --}$ Reservations due to the temple office by no later than September 10th.

Sat. evening, Sept.13

Mon. evening, Sept. 22

Rosh Hashanah 1st day: Tues. morning, Sept. 23 Rosh Hashanah 2nd day: Wed. morning, Sept. 24 Kol Nidre: Wed. evening, Oct. 1 Yom Kippur: Thurs. morning, Oct. 2				
For members in good standing, included seat reservations. Please use the Late reservations may not be accept	form below to reserve the nur	st be current), we offer firs mber of seats you would I	st choice for ike.	
Complete all sections that apply	on the form below. Mail for	m with your payment b	y Sept. 10 th	
Temple Israel of Riverhead	PO Box 1531, Riverhead,	NY 11901 Mail befor	e Sept. 10 th .	
Name	Phone #			
Address				
	Email address			
I am a paid-up member of High Holidays.	Temple Israel and wish	r to reserve seats for	the 2025	
Member seats, including	unmarried children to age 21			
Member children over 21		at \$125 per per	son = \$	
Member other adult fam	ily members	at \$165 per per	son = \$	
 Please add \$72 per seat for \$ 	Synagogue Security	at \$72 per	= \$	
Names of all ticket holders and relation-				
ship:				

I am not a member of Temple Israel of Riverhead and wish to reserve seats for the 2025 High Holidays. I enclose a check for the following seats:

High Holidays 2025

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Selichot:

Ticket Holder Names for High Holidays

Dear Members and Friends:

Please list below the English and Hebrew names (for example, Shira Bat Avram, Ari Ben Mordechai) of those family members for whom you have purchased tickets to our High Holiday Services.

English Names			Hebrew Names
Please mail this form to:	PO Box	Israel of Riv 531 d, NY 11901	erhead

Deadline: September 10, 2025

PLACING NAMES ON THE YIZKOR LIST—YOM KIPPUR

We will memorialize the names of the dear departed during the Yizkor Service, as we have done in the past.

According to tradition, Tzedakah—the giving of charity—is an integral part of the Memorial Service. In that spirit, you may have the names of the departed inscribed in a beautiful Yizkor Service Booklet, including names on the memorial plaques.

To have names memorialized in this booklet, please send a donation of \$18 per name. Mail this form, with names printed clearly, along with your check.

All names in the booklet and on plaques will be read during the Yizkor service.

Example:	In Loving Memory of	
Congregation Temple Israel	Rabbi Chaim Gerlitz	
Submitted by: _	Total donation \$	

Temple Israel of Riverhead

1531, Riverhead, NY 11901 no later than September 10, 2025.

Please make your check payable to Temple Israel of Riverhead and mail to Temple Israel of Riverhead, PO Box

High Holiday Sponsors Needed Yizkor Book, Flowers, Food....

Yizkor Book 5786

For the upcoming High Holidays, we are again preparing our annual memorial book containing the Yizkor Memorial Service, special readings and meditations, and the names of our members' departed loved ones. This Yizkor Book will be distributed to Temple Israel's worshipers during Yom Kippur's Yizkor Service and then used for memorial services conducted at other times during the year. You can sponsor the printing of this book with a \$900.00 donation. The book will acknowledge your sponsorship and memorialize your loved ones. Temple Israel will be very grateful for your assistance.

High Holiday Flowers

If you wish to help beautify the Temple during the High Holidays, you may do so by donating the flowers for Rosh Hashanah (\$360.00) and/or for Yom Kippur (\$360.00).

Donor:		
In Honorof	In Memory of	
Rosh Hasha	nah Vom Kinnur	

Luncheon, Wednesday, Sept. 24th

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, Sept. 24th services start late and end early. Following services, we convene for a beautiful and delicious luncheon in the social hall. Please contact the temple office if you would like to sponsor the luncheon for \$720.00 (can be a shared sponsorship), in honor or memory of someone, or just because.

Break-the-Fast, Thursday, Oct. 2nd

At the conclusion of Yom Kippur, there is a sumptuous break-the-fast in our social hall after Ne'ilah. There are several sponsorships available at \$360.00 each. Please consider being a sponsor and joining us for this community event.

Deadline for all sponsorships: Sept. 10th

Please make checks payable to Temple Israel of Riverhead and send your donation to: Temple Israel of Riverhead, PO Box 1531, Riverhead, NY 11901. All sponsorships are greatly appreciated, and all sponsors will be recognized in the announcements at services.



•4th of July Weekend BBQ Friday, July 4, 2025, 5:30 PM

> BBQ sponsored by Gail & Arthur Miller in honor of Gali's birthday

·Labor Day Weekend BBQ Friday, August 29, 2025, 5:30 PM

Each BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat

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



Sponsor Needed for Labor Day weekend BBQ: Contact Jaime Siegel to sponsor a BBQ/Dinner

Join us for a beautiful Shabbat luncheon

Saturday, July 12, 2025 Immediately following services

Terri Milligan will be chanting haftorah Balak in honor of the 50th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah. The Milligan family will be sponsoring the kiddush luncheon in honor of this momentous occasion.



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Harry and Jamie Mainzer are thrilled to announce the births of two granddaughters. Ava Leigh was born to Jacob and Meredith Mainzer, and a few weeks later, Zoe Yael was born to Matthew and Sheyda Mainzer.

Ava and Zoe are both doing well, as are their parents.

Big sister/cousin Mirah has adapted beautifully to having a little sister and is excited to meet her new cousin



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Talmud Classes: Tractate Pesahim

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes are studying Tractate Pesahim via Zoom, at 6 PM. This class meets on Wednesdays. There is always review, and no advance reading is required. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Bible Study: Exodus

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding these classes via Zoom, at 6:30 PM on Thursdays.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom 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.

TODAH RABAH!

Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

Donation—Mr. & Mrs. James Hahn

Donation—Mr. Thomas Deland

Donation—4th of July BBQ— Gail and Arthur Miller

Yahrzeit for Sanford Hefter-- brother of Robert Hefter

Yahrzeit for Lillian Hefter—mother of Robert Hefter

Yahrzeit for Sondra Thompson—mother of Lori Thompson

Yahrzeit for Jerry Ritigsten—husband of Hinda Ritigsten

Yahrzeit for Jack Korman—husband of Myra Korman

Yahrzeit for Louis Elphand—father of Phyllis Van Dyne

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tween mourning and moving (see Rabbi Joshua's response to ascetics in *Talmud Bava Batra* 60b). Almost 2,000 years later we still mourn for what was, and we still hope for what can be. Have an easy fast on Tish'a B'Av, the Ninth of Av, August 2-3 and know that either we will go on or the Messiah will come, hopefully speedily and in our day.

Candle Light- ing Times			
7/25	7:55	PM	
8/1	7:48	PM	
8/8	7:39	PM	
8/15	7:30	PM	
8/22	7:20	PM	
8/29	7:09	PM	

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Donate an old car to Temple Israel for a tax deduction. It's easy—just call (866) 392-4483, or click on the link on our website. Be sure to designate Temple Israel of Riverhead as the recipient.

Plant a Tree in Israel



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. Contact Carole Jones at the TIR office, 631-727-3191, with any requests.

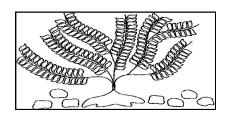
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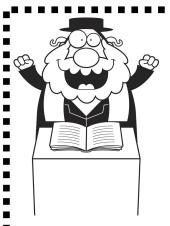
Where to purchase kosher food locally

Goldberg's Bagels & Deli, at 65 Main St, Westhampton Beach, has a wide selection of kosher bagels and appetizing available.

The Mill Road Cheese Shop, Westhampton Beach, (631) 998- 0483, now carries some kosher items.

Beach Bakery, in Westhampton Beach, is under kosher supervision.

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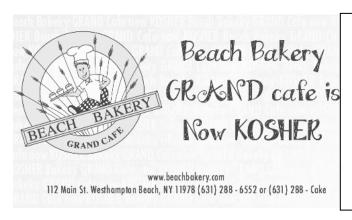


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July/August

Tammuz/Av 5785

1-Jul Cohen, Harry	Tammuz 5
1-Jul Friedenberg, Matilda	Tammuz 5
1-Jul Heller, Herbert	Tammuz 5
2-Jul Caplan, Isabelle M.	Tammuz 6
2-Jul Israel, Marcel	Tammuz 6
3-Jul Belanger, Jean	Tammuz 7
5-Jul Dresher, Lena	Tammuz 9
5-Jul Okin, Robert	Tammuz 9
6-Jul Berg, Lena	Tammuz 10
6-Jul Grossman, Sophie	Tammuz 10
10-Jul Greenberg, Gussie	Tammuz 14
10-Jul Matles, Evelyn	Tammuz 14
10-Jul Wimpfheimer, Jerome	Tammuz 14
11-Jul Sonkin, Ruth	Tammuz 15
12-Jul Horowitz, Sabina	Tammuz 16
12-Jul Rothman, Ruth	Tammuz 16
12-Jul Siegel, David	Tammuz 16
13-Jul Schnapp, Max, Dr.	Tammuz 17
14-Jul Brown, Vera-Jean	Tammuz 18
15-Jul Mathews, Rose	Tammuz 19
16-Jul Korosteshevsky, Jacob	Tammuz 20
16-Jul Krasnow, Herbert S.	Tammuz 20
18-Jul Warner, Michael	Tammuz 22
19-Jul Mordkofsky, Raizel	Tammuz 23
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July 2025

August 2025

Sat	2 9:30 AM Services	9 9:30 AM Services	16 9:30 AM Services	23 9:30 AM Services	30 9:30 AM Services
Fri	1 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	8 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	15 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	22 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	29 5:30 BBQ, 7:00pm services (in person & zoom)
Thu		7 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	14 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	21 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)
Wed		6 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	13 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	20 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	27 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)
Tue		5 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	12 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	19 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	26 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)
Mon		4	11	18	25
Sun		3 Tisha B'Av fast	10	17	24

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

July 12	Terri Milligan Bat Mitzvah anniversary	
August 3	Tisha B'Av	
August 29	Labor Day Weekend BBQ	
September 13	Selichot	
September 22-24 Rosh Hashanah		
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.		