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Rabbi William Siemers

A Message From Our Rabbi

Dear Friends,



Rabbi William Siemers

We are emerging from what has been a serious winter. Nature is awakening, and with it an opportunity for us to revel in nature. My first and enduring vocation is the sciences, and people often ask how one can reconcile the seemingly disparate worlds of science and

Judaism. It's a deep question, but having years to reflect on the problem has opened my eyes to some interesting perspectives.

Many people know that Moses Maimonides wrote a philosophical book called *The Guide for the Perplexed*, in which he attempts to synthe-

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size Torah and Aristotelian philosophy – the science of his day. Fewer people know that he begins his major legal work, the *Mishneh Torah*, with a review of cosmology and natural history. The motivation of Maimonides was that, (according to him at least,) the foundation of all Jewish practice is the acknowledgment of God's existence. The most important *halachot* (laws or rules) are theological, and therefore they are dealt with at the very beginning. But this raises awkward questions: Can we really control our beliefs? Can I force myself to believe in God against my own skepticism, and does God desire intellectual compulsion?

Maimonides recognizes that this is a problem and he cannot prescribe lying to ourselves and to God. But he suggests that for times in which we struggle with

our belief, we should turn to the natural sciences, and he then continues for several chapters about what science has to teach about the universe, in the expectation that studying Creation will in the end draw our hearts to the Creator. In his vision, the sciences are a path to Jewish religious life, not a path away or a detour. The science of the *Mishneh Torah* is dated (though it remains a great historical resource for anyone who wants a thorough description of the Ptolemaic universe;) but the advice is still sound. Studying creation, whether in the laboratory or out in the field, is an important path to a full Jewish life.

L'Shalom

Rabbi Bill Siemers



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Shavuot

Services

Led by Rabbi Siemers

Wednesday , June 4, 8:30 AM.

Thursday, June 5, 8:30 AM, including Yizkor.

Followed by a light brunch
featuring refreshments of the season.



שבועות

Israel Baby Naming

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Shabbat morning, May 17, 2014



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Friday, June 20, & Saturday, June 21

A special weekend

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our very best in their new venture.



Friday night BBQ, followed by services.

Saturday services, followed by a special luncheon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, May 2, 7:00 PM

followed by Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 AM

followed by a special luncheon

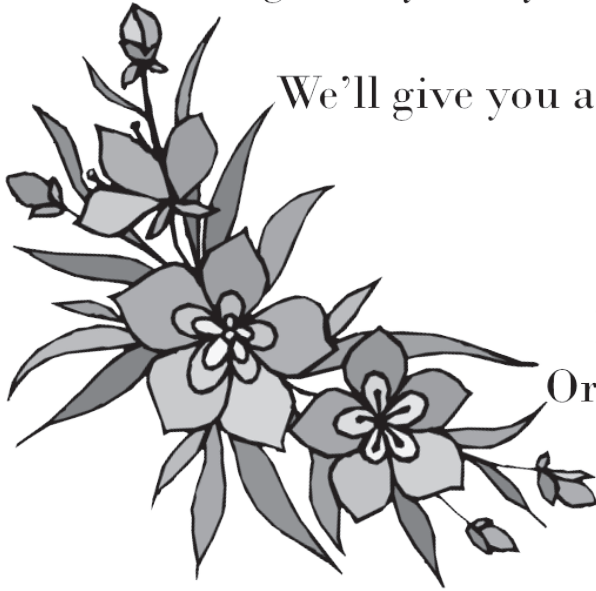
Join us for services to meet

Rabbi Rebecca Joseph

as she leads Shabbat Services.

Rabbi Joseph is applying for the position of Rabbi in our temple. We invite you to come and meet her, and give us your input so we can choose the best spiritual leader for our Temple family.

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 Please don't make your heart harden.
 When the weather gets sunny
 If we get some money
 We'll buy seeds and plants with the dough
 And through the years you'll kvell as they grow.
 Don't be a meanie
 We'll give you a lamb chop or weenie
 So be a part
 Open your heart
 From the very start
 Make our shul pretty
 Or I'll send a new ditty.



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If less than 100 tickets are sold, the prize will be 50/50.

Book Club

Little Failure: A Memoir

by Gary Shteyngart

Come join the Temple Israel book group, meeting next on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you! RSVP: **Cynthia Schulman** at 727-3568 or cynthia.schulman@gmail.com.

Two (almost funny) Q and As

Q: If a doctor carries a black leather bag and a plumber carries a box of tools, what does a mohel carry?

A: A bris kit.

Q: What do you call the steaks ordered by ten Jewish men?

A: Filet minyan.

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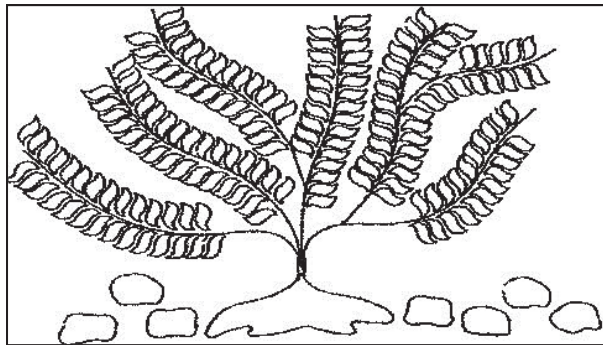
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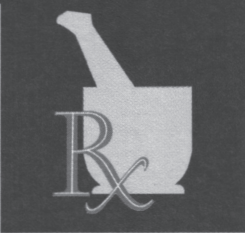
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Get well wishes to Annette Grubman's mother—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sanders.

Special thanks to Temple Israel's President Barbara Smith—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sanders.

In loving memory, & to honor our brother, uncle, & great uncle Sherwood Goldstein—Joshua Printz and family.

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Yahrzeit for Gershon Korosteshevsky—grandfather of Edward Korus.

Yahrzeit for David Levinton— son of Richard Levinton.

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In memory of Isaac Israel—Renee Chizever.

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We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.

May their memories be a blessing.

May 2014

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5/2	Michael Berkowitz	Iyar 2
5/2	Pauline Feldman	Iyar 2
5/2	Witty Squires	Iyar 2
5/3	Sheila Schneider	Iyar 3
5/4	Albert Rosen	Iyar 4
5/4	Sam Spitzer	Iyar 4
5/5	Arthur Berk	Iyar 5
5/5	Florence Gingold	Iyar 5
5/7	Jessie Spitzer	Iyar 7
5/7	William Thompson	Iyar 7
5/8	Alfred Bobrowsky	Iyar 8
5/8	Israel Louis Shinder	Iyar 8
5/8	Frank Zuckerbrot	Iyar 8
5/9	Jerry Joseph Cohen	Iyar 9
5/9	Malvine Knopfler	Iyar 9
5/10	Essie Finkelstein	Iyar 10
5/10	Theodore Leavitt	Iyar 10
5/10	Helen Cohen Slaw	Iyar 10
5/12	Walter Spector	Iyar 12
5/12	Leo Wolpin	Iyar 12
5/13	Estelle Hyman-Auerbach	Iyar 13
5/14	Mildred Salpeter	Iyar 14
5/15	Hyman Goldstein	Iyar 15
5/16	Lena Alpert	Iyar 16
5/16	Anna Brander	Iyar 16
5/16	Lawrence Levy	Iyar 16
5/16	Jacqueline Richter	Iyar 16
5/16	Nathan Yurman	Iyar 16
5/17	Benjamin Jaeger	Iyar 17
5/17	Irving Kallman	Iyar 17
5/17	Murray Sanders	Iyar 17
5/18	Conrad Frank	Iyar 18
5/18	Nathan Weiss	Iyar 18
5/19	Lawrence Beil	Iyar 19
5/20	Lillian Feiler	Iyar 20

5/20	Kate Gerber	Iyar 20
5/21	Sara Ettinger	Iyar 21
5/21	Miriam Laxmeter	Iyar 21
5/22	Irving Brander	Iyar 22
5/22	Reuben Joseph	Iyar 22
5/22	Sophie Leon	Iyar 22
5/22	Arthur Warner	Iyar 22
5/22	Jacob White	Iyar 22
5/23	Louis Roitman	Iyar 23
5/23	Irwin Thompson	Iyar 23
5/25	Mildred Bartick	Iyar 25
5/25	Fannie Korus	Iyar 25
5/26	Robert Cohen	Iyar 26
5/26	J. Jacob Hahn	Iyar 26
5/26	Irving Siegel	Iyar 26
5/26	Herman Zipser	Iyar 26
5/27	Ruth Cohen	Iyar 27
5/27	Julia Spitzer	Iyar 27
5/29	Barbara Beil	Iyar 29
5/29	Benjamin Dresher	Iyar 29
5/29	Harold Hochheiser	Iyar 29
5/31	Joseph Cohen	Sivan 2
5/31	Bernard Eisenman	Sivan 2
6/1	Samuel Cohen	Sivan 3
6/1	Sam Goldman	Sivan 3
6/2	Herbert Diamond	Sivan 4
6/2	David Faine	Sivan 4
6/3	Louis Frank	Sivan 5
6/4	Jack Korman	Sivan 6
6/4	Avi Seth Laxmeter	Sivan 6
6/5	Abraham Lightdale	Sivan 7
6/5	Harry Lubetsky	Sivan 7
6/5	Irving Newman	Sivan 7
6/6	Chaim Gerlitz	Sivan 8
6/6	Nancy Heller	Sivan 8

SABBATH SERVICES

Friday Evenings at 7:00 PM Saturday Mornings at 9:30 AM

May

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg Shabbat Hosts
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/2	7:30 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Tannenbaum
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/9	7:37 PM	Mr. Steve Rosmarin
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/16	7:44 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Kagan in honor of Bruce's Birthday
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/23	7:51 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Coladner
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/30	7:57 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Segal
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/6	8:01 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Israel

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7:00 PM Services followed by dinner with Rabbi Rebecca Joseph	3 9:30 AM Services followed by lunch with Rabbi Rebecca Joseph
4 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	5	6	7	8	9 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	10 9:30 AM Services
11 No Hebrew School	12 7:15 PM Board Meeting	13	14	15 Bulletin Submissions Deadline	16 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	17 9:30 AM Services
18 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	19	20	21	22	23 5:30 PM BBQ and Planting event; 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	24 9:30 AM Services
25 No Hebrew School	26	27	28	29	30 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	31 9:30 AM Services

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	2 7:15 PM Board Meeting	3 Erev Shavuot	4 8:30 AM Sha- vuot Services	5 8:30 AM Shavuot Services including Yizkor	6 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	7 9:30 AM Services; 10 AM Shabbaton & He- brew School Moving Up
8	9	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	14 9:30 AM Services
15	16 Bulletin Submissions Deadline	17	18	19 7:45 PM Annual Meeting	20 Farewell BBQ for Rabbi Siemers and family, followed by 7 PM Services.	21 9:30 AM Services and farewell lunch- eon for Rabbi Siemers
22	23	24	25	26 6:30 PM Annual Raffle Drawing	27 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	28 9:30 AM Services
29	30					

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 2 & 3—Meet Rabbi Rebecca Joseph
May 23—BBQ and Planting Event
June 4 & 5—Shavuot Services, Yizkor
June 20 & 21—Say farewell to Rabbi Siemers and family
June 26—4th Annual Cash Raffle