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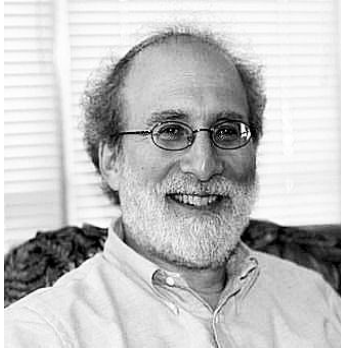
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## RABBI'S REFLECTIONS:

### Understanding? Know What Pains Me



Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Rabbi's Reflections:  
Understanding?  
Know What Pains Me

A little girl on a train was sobbing uncontrollably, clearly disturbing all the other passengers, who were busy with their usual habits: reading, napping, playing a game. The older girl accompanying her clearly couldn't manage her. After what seemed an eternity of uninterrupted crying, one irate passenger yelled, "Where's her mother?" The older, harried girl quickly replied, "In the next car." "Well, go get her!" "She can't come." "Why not!?" "She's in her coffin." Hearing this news, everyone in the car expressed their concern and sympathy; for now that they knew the situation, they understood her feelings.

It's easy to pass judgment quickly, as soon as we see something. Unfortunately, we often jump to conclusions without first taking the time to ascertain the actual situation. Determining what's really transpiring is not easy to do, often requiring time and effort. Our

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bodies and minds are trained to act first and think later. It was a useful survival mechanism when you might have accidentally entered a tiger's territory 12,000 years ago. React quickly, for it can be the difference between life and death. Most of us, most of the time, don't need this survival mechanism; yet we rely on it all the time. Indeed, people often take pride in how quickly they can walk into a situation and act. We even often reward these 'quick thinkers', as we call them. Oftentimes, they are not thinking; they are reacting to what they immediately perceive. Worse, we can be in a situation for a long time, and still not bother determining what's going on, and why people do what they do. Even worse, we joke about it, "So-and-so's just having a bad day."

Maybe we should instead try to find out whether they really are having a bad day. While treating people poorly is never good, at least sometimes we can understand it, and even commiserate. Being understood often brings about a change in the other person's behavior, or at the least in your own. You might try to find out if your boss is really just a jerk, or believes he has the best way to maintain control. Or, there might be other things involved. I gave an example over the holidays: if you're the boss, study your employees and ask why they behave the way they do.

Watch children at play. Why do they do what they do? What are they trying to tell us? Is this who they are, or what they learn from home? If a person is tense, why? What produces tension? What relieves it?

Open the newspaper: why do people who seem to have everything hate and kill? Why are some rich people dismissive? Do they really have everything? What is everything? Usually people who don't behave well in fact are missing something, while deluding themselves that they have everything. And when it doesn't work, they fill up the lack with buying more everything. Odd to think about society; the more we get, the more we isolate ourselves. The less we have, the more we isolate ourselves. Either way, most people need human interaction. Human interaction is only when we take the time to understand how a person feels.

Understanding never comes easily; yet when we achieve it, the world is better, and we are better for it.

There's an old Russian story, which I've told before, about two drunk Russian peasants in a bar. One turns to the other and says, "Ivan, I love you." Ivan retorts, "If you love me so much, you'd know what pains me."

Understanding someone means knowing what troubles them, understanding their pain. It's not easy. It takes time. It's also the only way to really get to know the situation.

(My thanks to an old thought by Rabbi Bernard Raskas for sparking this column.)

# UPCOMING HOLIDAY SERVICES

## at Temple Israel of Riverhead

### Sukkot Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah



**Sukkot (2<sup>nd</sup> day):**  
Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:30 AM  
followed by lunch in the Sukkah

**Shemini Atzeret:**  
Friday, Oct. 6, 7:00 PM.  
Saturday, Oct. 7, 9:30 AM.  
Yizkor, followed by lunch



**Simchat Torah:**  
Sunday, Oct. 8, 9:30 AM, followed by lunch

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## Remaining class dates for the 2023-24 school year:

October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13, 20; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. *Dates subject to change.*

For information, please contact the Temple Office, or Jaime Siegel at 631-653-3985. The registration form is available at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfy78BPQ-M1L4I8ZvWIJFbFxo-6AIWkFm-PqWARoIS3OJzzyQ/viewform>

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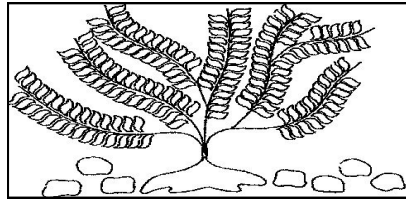
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Friday night services will begin at  
5:30 PM, starting  
Friday, November 10.



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## Hanukkah Community Menorah Lighting

**Sunday, December 10, 2023  
5 PM at Riverfront Park.**

**Followed by refreshments at the temple.**

# ***Our Winter Shabbat Family Dinners are Back!***



From October 6 thru November 3, Friday night services will continue in-person at 7:00 PM, followed by an Oneg.

With the changing of the clocks on November 5, Friday night services will move from 7:00 PM to 5:30 PM, beginning Friday, November 10. From that date, services will move to Zoom only, beginning at 5:30 PM, except for family dinner night, held once a month starting November 17. Please join us for services and dinner.

## **Upcoming Dinner Dates**

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – sponsored by the **Milligan family.**

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Hanukkah Dinner, sponsored by the **Smith family.**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – sponsored by **Jaime Siegel.**

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tu B'Shevat Seder, sponsored by the **Kaplan-Walbrecht family.**

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – available.



## **Dinner Sponsors Needed!**

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### ***Talmud Classes: Tractate Megillah***

**Rabbi Roscoe's** Talmud classes continue, via Zoom, at 6 PM on Wednesdays in October and November. 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 October and November, except November 23.

### ***Interfaith Bible Class***

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom, on October 11 and November 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 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.



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

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## Our Judaica Shop

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 10/20 5:44 PM  
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*We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.*

*May their memories be a blessing.*

October

Tishrei/Heshvan 5784

10/1	Grubman, Abe	Tishrei 16
10/1	Lowy, Ida M.	Tishrei 16
10/1	Olewitz, Jani	Tishrei 16
10/2	Idelson, Jean	Tishrei 17
10/2	Olewitz, Alan	Tishrei 17
10/3	Hyman, Tillie	Tishrei 18
10/4	Schneider, Ruth	Tishrei 19
10/4	Sonkin, Rita	Tishrei 19
10/5	Yurman, Frieda	Tishrei 20
10/6	Goldstein, Stanley	Tishrei 21
10/6	Teichberg, Abraham	Tishrei 21
10/6	Victory, Amir Hooshang	Tishrei 21
10/7	Abrams, Irwin	Tishrei 22
10/7	Alpert, Martin	Tishrei 22
10/7	Rascoe, Todd	Tishrei 22
10/7	Strassberg, Mildred	Tishrei 22
10/7	Weiss, Freddie	Tishrei 22
10/8	Persky, Cheryl	Tishrei 23
10/9	Ganz, Douglas	Tishrei 24
10/9	Geller, Herman	Tishrei 24
10/10	Bright, Tsipora	Tishrei 25
10/10	Mottus, Morris	Tishrei 25
10/10	Segal, Rebecca	Tishrei 25
10/11	Faine, Rubin	Tishrei 26
10/11	Zarbanelian, Lana	Tishrei 26
10/13	Joseph, Gary	Tishrei 28
10/14	Siskind, Annie	Tishrei 29

10/16	Cohen, Gertrude	Heshvan 1
10/16	Levine, Jacqueline	Heshvan 1
10/16	Mottus, Louis	Heshvan 1
10/16	Rosenblatt, Gussie	Heshvan 1
10/20	Leibo, Joseph	Heshvan 5
10/20	Schneider, Sally	Heshvan 5
10/20	Segal, Isadore	Heshvan 5
10/21	Schneider, Sol	Heshvan 6
10/22	Kaplan, Abraham	Heshvan 7
10/22	Scheininger, Jacob	Heshvan 7
10/22	Wiesen, Mollie	Heshvan 7
10/23	Wasserman, David	Heshvan 8
10/25	Drescher, Kathleen	Heshvan 10
10/27	Alper, Samuel	Heshvan 12
10/27	Bloom, Sarah	Heshvan 12
10/29	Glickstein, David	Heshvan 14
10/29	Golding, Pearl	Heshvan 14
10/29	Karlin, Jacob	Heshvan 14
10/29	Mainzer, Helen	Heshvan 14
10/30	Prizer, Sam	Heshvan 15
11/1	Shapiro, Gilbert	Heshvan 17
11/2	Goldsmith, Michelle	Heshvan 18
11/2	Katz, Sima	Heshvan 18
11/2	Siegel, Andrea	Heshvan 18
11/3	Squires, Myron	Heshvan 19
11/4	Finkelstein, Claire	Heshvan 20
11/4	Schackman, Samuel	Heshvan 20
11/4	Trefilio, Blanche	Heshvan 20

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 AM Sukkot Services followed by lunch in the Sukkah	2	3 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	4 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	5 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	6 7 PM Services Shemini Atzeret	7 9:30 AM Services Shemini Atzeret, Yizkor;
8 9:30 AM Simchat Torah Services followed by lunch	9	10 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	11 9:30 AM Inter-faith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	12 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	13 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	14 9:30 AM Services
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19	20	21 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	22 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	23 Thanksgiving	24 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	25 9:30 AM Services
26	27	28 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	29 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	30 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)		



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<b>October 1</b>	<b>2nd day Sukkot</b>
<b>October 6 &amp; 7</b>	<b>Shemini Atzeret</b>
<b>October 8</b>	<b>Simchat Torah</b>
<b>Wednesdays at 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Hebrew School (see inside for details)</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Winter Shabbat Family Dinners begin</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Hanukkah Menorah Lighting</b>
<b>Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details, page 16.</b>	