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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS Pharaoh and Moses: Contrasting Personalities

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The Sages say that Pharaoh's greatest sin was that he had an inflated sense of selfimportance. He thought of himself as a god, "Ani v'afsi od-there is none as exalted as I....the Nile is my own. I made it myself." This, the Sages say, is why the first plague was to turn the Nile

into blood, to teach Pharaoh a lesson about pride. Note the evolution of Egyptian art over time, from the earliest leaders needing the people's help, to the later leaders doing everything by themselves, with the people reduced to no more than at most hands.

A medieval story tells of a famous king who admired great leaders. He heard of Moses and sent someone to paint his portrait. Because he could look at a picture and determine character, he wanted to see what made Mosheh great, without traveling a distance. The painter returned. The king looked at his picture and observed that it couldn't be accurate, as the picture showed a man full of pride. The artist insisted on its accuracy. Eventually the king went to meet Moses to see for himself. To his surprise, the picture was a remarkable likeness. The astonished king met with

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Mosheh and asked him about it. Moses replied that, indeed, he was prideful, but he worked very hard to overcome it, because a great leader must be humble. Of him the Bible says, "The man Moses was very humble, above all the people who are on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3).

Some time ago, a television personality fired a singing member with the reason being, "He lost his humility." The singer quickly gained prominence and financial success. Presumably, he did not learn his lesson.

Jewish tradition is not against pride. A certain amount is necessary. Even Hasidim, who greatly value humility, say, "When the Evil Urge whispers in your ear, 'You are unworthy to fulfill Torah,' you must say, 'I am worthy." A Jew, once upon a time, when considering doing something unseemly, used to think, "Es past nit far a Yid; this conduct does not become a Jew." Zusha of Hanipol, or Simhah Bunim of Psishkha, used to carry a slip of paper in each front pocket. Written on one was "For my sake the world was created," and on the other was, "Even the gnat was created before me," (based on a midrash, or "I am but dust and ashes," based on Genesis 18:27). The trick was to know when to pull out the correct paper.

In Gilbert and Sullivan's Mikado, we have the warning, "You have no idea how poor an opinion I have of myself, and how little I deserve it." The Kotsker Rebbe observed that the mitsvah of humility is the only one which does not require intent, for as soon as one becomes conscious of one's humility, one loses it. Micah 6:8 sums up a person's highest duties: "To do justice, to love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."

What we need to do is to keep some form of perspective, as these sayings suggest. Despite Genesis and the U.S. Declaration of Independence, few people follow through on the idea that all people are created equal. Even more true is George Orwell's 1984: All people are equal; only some people are more equal than others. A sense of God should remind us that we are not the arbiters of everything. As we

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Passover



Services are in person or online via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Sunday, April 13, 9:30 AM Monday, April 14, 9:30 AM Saturday, April 19, 9:30 AM Sunday, April 20, 9:30 AM., including Yizkor



Community Passover Seder



Conducted by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Join us for the second night of Passover at **Temple Israel of Riverhead**

Sunday, April 13, 2025 6:30 PM short service followed by seder

** Advance paid reservations required. **

Please reserve by April 1st. Call Lisa Israel, 631-727-5500

Reservations received after April 1st may not be accepted.

Complete the form below and send with your check payable to Temple Israel of Riverhead by April 1st.

Members: \$60 per adult, \$20 per child 12 or younger. Non-members: \$70 per adult, \$25 per child 12 or younger.

Name:	
Address	:

No. of adults:

No. of children:

Phone:

Mail form to:

Lisa Israel Temple Israel of Riverhead c/o Richmond Realty 889 Harrison Ave, 2nd Floor Riverhead, NY 11901

Check enclosed for: \$ (Payable to Temple Israel of Riverhead) Dear Temple Family and Friends:

This will mark the fifth year that we will be participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. We hope that you will join with the other members of Temple Israel of Riverhead and your family on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 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, and 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 home 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 to 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, which can help to insure the future of our people. We would 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 who were destroyed in the Shoah. We welcome and appreciate your support of our efforts in this Shoah commemoration and our on-going education programs.

We hope you and your family will participate on Wednesday, April 23rd, in this small but meaningful project. If you have questions, you may call me at 631-653-3985. NEVER FORGET! Sincerely.

	Jaime Si	egel, Presi	ident		
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The Yellow Candle™ Program - A History

Over seventy years ago, half of the earth's Jewish population perished at the hands of another Amalek, an Austrian house painter who seized control of Europe and threw the earth into darkness. God's light unto the other nations flickered but did not die. A new, modern Exodus arose from the depths of despair and tragedy. From the ashes of Europe, survivors of the Holocaust, or Shoah, made their way towards new lives. Emigrants dispersed around the world, to the new State of Israel, and to the western hemisphere. In these places, they began to rebuild shattered lives. In the following decades, survivors asked another question: How could Yahrzeits be observed for those victims whose entire families had been wiped out? An idea was born, a special memorial candle with yellow wax, in remembrance of the yellow stars forced upon European Jews in the 1930s.



The Yellow CandleTM 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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Hol caust Remembrance Day Program April 27, 2025, 1:00 PM

Yom Hashoah Program: Songs and Stories of Elie Wiesel Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray



Sharing a rare recording of a sing-along with Elie Wiesel, Cantor Deborah Katchko-Gray imparts lessons and wisdom from studying with him beginning in 1976 at Boston University. Hearing his voice will remind us of his prophetic teachings and his passion for faith, memory, and study.

Deborah Katchko-Gray is a fourth-generation cantor. She founded the Women Cantors' Network (I982). Since 1999 she has served Congregation Shir Shalom in Ridgefield, CT. She has been honored four times during her 25 years at her temple. Her ten recordings include *Passover Seder Songs, Kindersongs, and Hanukkah Songs of Light and Hope*. The American Jewish Archives collects her papers and history. Her recording and songbook, *Katchko: Three Generations of Cantorial Art*, is unique with guitar chords in a female-friendly key. Her book, Prayerful Creations (2019), is about Jewish Swedish Weaving of tallitot. Deborah's story is in *The Invisible Thread - A Portrait of American Jewish Women.* She is the first recipient of the Debbie Friedman Miriam Award (April 2020).

Her new project, Sacred Sounds Reborn, with Beth Styles, was reviewed recently by Cantor Jack Mendelson..."I just listened to two songs from your new musical project: "Sacred Sounds Reborn," and I am very impressed. The idea of starting each Kabalat Shabbat psalm in the Katchko nusach, and then going forth in a more modern approach based on the nusach, is brilliant! Your renditions of the Katchko nusach have the flair of an experienced Hazzan expertly singing in the idiom. Most impressive is the beauty and sweetness of your voice."

This is a free program, generously sponsored by Harley P. Abrams. RSVP required.

Friday May 23, 2025 5:30 PM



Memorial Day Weekend BBQ



Sponsorship available



Raffle Fundraiser GET LUCKY!





\$5,000* Cash Raffle

Drawing on May 23^d at 7:00 PM \$100 per ticket.

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

Contact Jaime Siegel, Richard Israel or Jim Smith to purchase your tickets

Temple Israel of Riverhead

April 2025



My Farewell Message

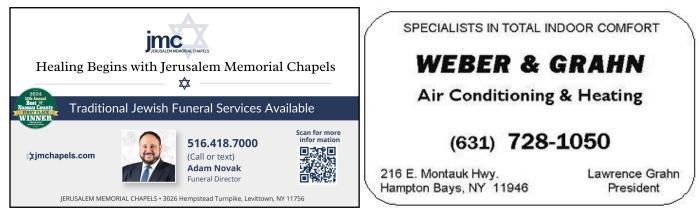
Dear Congregants: Nearly 20 years ago I took over the Temple Israel Bulletin and website, from Paul Lowy. Over the years a lot has changed, but not the commitment and leadership of our Temple. Through several Rabbis, Temple Israel has endured and adapted to the times, and I have enjoyed working with all involved.

This will be my last bulletin. It has been a pleasure working with our supporters, and ensuring a quality product each time.

I wish my successor the best of luck in chronicling the events, comings, and goings of you, the members of TIR.

Sincerely, Allen Silver





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With Rabbi Rascoe

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 15. We are currently discussing Eugene B. Borowitz's *Liberal Judaism*.

Talmud Classes: Tractate Pesahim Chapter 10

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes are studying Tractate Pesahim, Chapter 10, via Zoom, at 6 PM. This class meets on Wednesdays in April and May, except April 16. The chapter details what we say at the Passover Seder, which later becomes the Haggadah. 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 in April and May, except April 17.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom on April 9 and May 14, 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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Northwell's Walk to Raise Health at East End Sunday, May 18, 2025, rain or shine

Join our Team: Temple Israel of Riverhead Team Captain: Abigail Moore

Location: RGNY Vineyard, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead Medical Center: Peconic Bay Medical Center What your funds support: Funds from the walk will support specialized breast health services for cancer patients and will fund the creation of the Emilie Roy Corey Center for Women and Infants, ensuring that babies and women of all ages can receive the care they need in Eastern Suffolk County.

8:30 AM Registration9:45 AM Opening ceremony10:00 AM 2.5 mile walk begins

Choice of in-person or virtual participation Family-friendly and pet-friendly Snacks, music, swag, and food trucks. Online registration: <u>northwellwalk.com</u>

Last year, many TIR congregants participated in this event, which raises funds for life-saving and life-changing programs. It is a joyful event, and it will be even more fun as additional TIR members join in. (Please remember that we want participants, and one does not really have to walk the full 2.5 miles.)

TODAH RABAH!

Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

Kiddush Feb. 22nd in honor of Charles Marchbein-Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Marchbein. In memory of Irwin Garsten—Mr. & Mrs. William Fields. Yahrzeit for Herschel Rolnick-friend of Sharon Siegel. Yahrzeit for Irwin Garsten—husband of Flora Garsten. Yahrzeit for Leo Ganz—father of Michael Ganz. Yahrzeit for Pearl Goldsmith—mother of Harvey Goldsmith. Yahrzeit for Mary Prussick—mother of Kelly Rosati. Yahrzeit for Shirley Elphand—mother of Phyllis Van Dyne. Yahrzeit for Pauline Israel—mother of Richard Israel. Yahrzeit for Ike Israel—father of Richard Israel. Yahrzeit for Benjamin Press-father of Louise Press. Yahrzeit for Sari Klein-mother of Alice Ganz. Yahrzeit for Sophie Scheinberg-mother of Shep Scheinberg. Yahrzeit for Florence Schiff-aunt of Esther Printz. Yahrzeit for Allen Schneider—cousin of Harley Abrams. Yahrzeit for Yetta Hagler-mother of Stanley Hagler. Yahrzeit for Richard Katz—father of Rebecca Hagler.

TODAH RABAH!

Yellow Candle Program Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Seitles

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hefter

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Mainzer

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read in Jeremiah 9:22-23 (or 23-34), "Let not the wise glory in their wisdom;/ Let not the strong glory in their strength;/ Let not the rich glory in their riches./ But only in this should one glory:/ In being earnestly devoted to Me./ For I, God, act with kindness,/ justice, and equity in the world;/ For in these I delight."

Cand ing	le Lig Time	
4/4	7:00	PM
4/11	7:08	PM
4/18	7:15	PM
4/25	7:23	PM
5/2	7:30	PM



Ongoing Silent Fundraisers for Temple Israel

TD Bank: Stop in at the Westhampton Beach branch to find out about all the special offers for TIR members. TD bank will make contributions to TIR based on activity from our members. For details on their Affinity Membership Program, stop in at any branch if you are already a TD Bank customer.

Peninsula Wines and Liquors offers wine at discounted prices, delivered directly to the temple. A percentage of the cost is donated back to us each time you buy. Anyone needing wine or liquor can contact **Jaime Siegel**, or call Peninsula Wines directly at 516-374-0900. Ask for Jim Cari, and be sure to mention Temple Israel.

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.

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.

Plant a Tree in Israel

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.

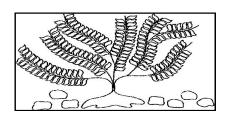
An Easy Way to Help TI—Go Food Shopping!

Gift cards are now available for most major supermarkets:

- ShopRite
- Stop & Shop
- King Kullen



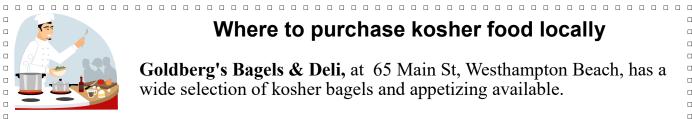
Please contact Lorraine Richter (631-553-7635) or the Temple office to arrange a purchase. The total profit from card sales is donated to the general fund each year. Please support this silent fundraiser.



Leaves on the Tree of Life

An engraved leaf on the lovely Tree of Life which graces our Social Hall is a joyous reminder of a Bat or Bar Mitzvah, an anniversary, a wedding, or a special birthday, and also a fitting tribute to the memory of a loved one. The cost of a leaf is \$180 for members. Please contact **Phyllis VanDyne** at 631-734-7511 for information.





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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.

BJ's and **Costco** also have pareve cookies in their bakeries.



Briarcliff Sprinklers Beach Bakery GR&ND cafe is Now KOSHER Irrigation Specialists GRAND CAP 22355 County Road 48, Unit #22 Cutchogue, NY 11935 TERRANCE P. MARTIN (631) 734-6395 FAX (631) 734-8821 www.beachbakery.com 112 Main St. Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 (631) 288 - 6552 or (631) 288 - Cake

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

April

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4/27	Sandberg, Gertrude	Nissan 29
4/28	Perkal, Samuel	Nissan 30
4/28	Schulman, Marcia	Nissan 30
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 13	Passover Seder
April 23	Yellow Candle
April 27	Yom HaShoah Program
May 18	Northwell Walk for Health
May 23	BBQ and Raffle Drawing
Many adult classes are beir	ng offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.