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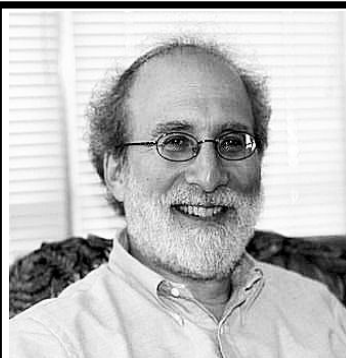
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Hanukkah Light

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Hanukkah is the Festival of Light. We light the *hanukkiyah*. Two things distinguish the *hanukkiyah* from the menorah: there are eight days of Hanukkah light rather than seven days of creation, and that the *hanukkiyah* lights must be lit by another light; so it has an extra, ninth, light from which to light the others, the *shammash*. Two stories about light:

A young man apprenticed to a blacksmith. He learned how to hold the tongs, lift the hammer, smite the object on the anvil, and use the bellows to fan the flame. He became so good, the royal smithy employed him. At first delighted, he soon despaired when he realized that he never learned the most basic step: how to light the fire.

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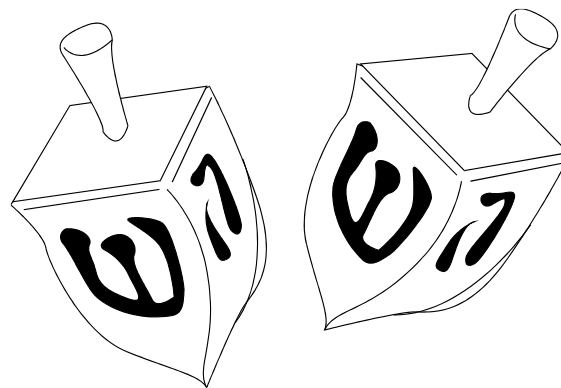


A painter once complained to (Hayyim) Jacques Lipchitz, the sculptor, that he was dissatisfied with the light, so he went to Morocco seeking a change. He was dissatisfied there, too. Lipchitz told him that “an artist’s light comes from within, not from without.”

We learn from these stories that if we want to make something of life, the spark needs to come from within. Whatever we see and touch can only be a stimulus for what we do in life, and who we are. The creative spark that makes us who we are must come from within, from our inner selves, our spiritual side. From there we can keep it glowing and hot. Only when we trust ourselves and our own judgment, shielding the light from within, will we withstand the cold breezes of doubt, callousness, and indifference.

Nurturing our internal flame is a lifetime effort. When we do, we must follow the light where it leads. We will be fired by the convictions of what we know we must do. Without it, we lose interest in whatever we do, and our actions will become meaningless. With it, we will not only keep our own flame kindled, but we might become the flame that burns hotter, keeping us alight to continue our efforts, and sparking other people’s lights.

The *hanukkiyah* with its *shammash* is a testament to the spark that the Maccabees lit a long time ago, which lights the way for people throughout history. We have a spark of the Divine within us, from which we can fan the flame to fight for freedom and God.



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Covid-19 protocol: Students and staff will be masked when indoors.

For Temple Israel of Riverhead's complete Covid-19 policies, visit <https://www.templeisraelriverhead.org/r%20rules%20covid.htm>.

Remaining class dates for the 2021-22 school year:

December 1, 8, 15, 22; January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25.

Dates subject to change.

For more information, please contact the Temple Office.



Book Club

The Vatican's Vault by Barry Libin
December 27th, including a special visit
with the author, via Zoom.

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel
by Elyssa Friedland
January 24th, possible location TBA, & via Zoom.

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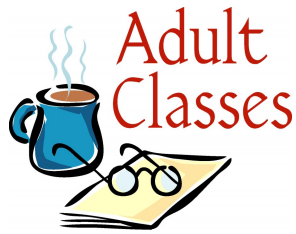
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Rabbi Rascoe

Book Discussion-*Between God and Man*

Rabbi Rascoe will be continue discussing *Between God and Man: An Interpretation of Judaism* by Abraham Heschel, with a new introduction by David Hartman (1997). The group meets at 6 PM on Tuesdays in December and January via Zoom.

Talmud Classes *Pirquei Avot*

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue at 6 PM on Wednesdays in December and January Via Zoom. There is always review. No advance reading is required, and the materials studied may be found in the Shabbat Prayerbook. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Bible Study *Starting with Genesis*

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding this class at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in December and January via Zoom.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet on Wednesdays, December 8 and January 12, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the Zoom 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.

Kol Nidre Appeal 5782



As we move into 5782, we continue to need our membership and friends to preserve the health and well-being of our beloved temple. It is a tradition in congregations to establish a Kol Nidre Appeal Fund; at Temple Israel this fund is vital to help supplement the dues and thus cover our operating expenses. Therefore, we ask each one of you, if you have not already donated, to be as generous as possible, in order that our temple may continue to meet the growing needs of the Jewish community.

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12/17	4:06	PM	1/7	4:20	PM

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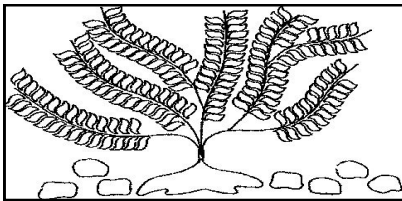
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12/1	Weber, Nora	Kislev 27
12/2	Talsky, Joyce	Kislev 28
12/5	Shapiro, Mildred Louis	Tevet 1
12/8	Lazarus, Samuel	Tevet 4
12/8	Lowy, Frederick	Tevet 4
12/8	Raffe, Flora	Tevet 4
12/8	Scheinberg, Henry	Tevet 4
12/8	Senft, Mollie	Tevet 4
12/8	Siegel, Pauline	Tevet 4
12/9	Deutsch, Shirley	Tevet 5
12/9	Frankel, Lena	Tevet 5
12/9	Schulman, William	Tevet 5
12/10	Benstock, Roslyn	Tevet 6
12/10	Levy, Sylvia	Tevet 6
12/10	Richter, Maurice	Tevet 6
12/10	Zuck, Joseph	Tevet 6
12/11	Mathews, Maxwell J.	Tevet 7
12/11	Schackman, Nathaniel	Tevet 7
12/11	Seidner, Sidney	Tevet 7
12/12	Lotzky, Isaac	Tevet 8
12/14	Gradus, Lorraine	Tevet 10
12/14	Harding, Louis	Tevet 10
12/15	Carchman, Max	Tevet 11
12/15	Jaeger, Ida	Tevet 11
12/15	Michaelson, Joseph	Tevet 11
12/15	Weiner, Joseph	Tevet 11
12/16	Hagler, Sylvia	Tevet 12
12/16	Saffer, Anna	Tevet 12
12/17	Goldstein, Rona	Tevet 13
12/17	Muehlenthal, Phil	Tevet 13
12/18	Hefter, Steven	Tevet 14
12/19	Arnold, Mary	Tevet 15
12/19	Reich, Hyman	Tevet 15
12/20	Knopfler, Joseph	Tevet 16
12/20	Schmilowitz, Eva	Tevet 16
12/20	Wasserman, Rose	Tevet 16
12/20	Zaglin, Meryl	Tevet 16

12/21	Mathews, Jacob B.	Tevet 17
12/22	Frank, Yudel Velvel (Joel)	Tevet 18
12/23	Besserman, Bernard	Tevet 19
12/23	Goldstein, Sarah	Tevet 19
12/23	Mottus, Anna	Tevet 19
12/23	Salpeter, Abraham	Tevet 19
12/23	Schwartz, Alice	Tevet 19
12/24	Kaiden, Ida	Tevet 20
12/25	Finkelstein, Barnet	Tevet 21
12/25	Schulman, Jean	Tevet 21
12/26	Carlson, Nettie	Tevet 22
12/26	Finkelstein, Samuel	Tevet 22
12/26	Laufe, Abe	Tevet 22
12/27	Schiff, Philip	Tevet 23
12/27	Sulitzer, Irwin	Tevet 23
12/28	Cohen, Henry S.	Tevet 24
12/29	Donner, Noah J.	Tevet 25
12/29	Goldberg, Simon	Tevet 25
12/29	Goldstein, Rabbi Edward	Tevet 25
12/29	Silver, Morris	Tevet 25
12/30	Lambert, Flo	Tevet 26
12/30	Quasha, Dr. Marie Solow	Tevet 26
12/31	Goldstein, Hyman	Tevet 27
12/31	Leavitt, Rachel	Tevet 27
1/1	Frank, Mary B.	Tevet 28
1/1	Goldstein, Sherwood	Tevet 28
1/1	Merkin, Betty	Tevet 28
1/2	Herzog, Beverly	Tevet 29
1/2	Heyman, Ben-Zion	Tevet 29
1/2	Kaplan, Barry	Tevet 29
1/3	Chizever, Rebecca	Shevat 1
1/3	Frank, Rebecca	Shevat 1
1/3	Goldman, Joseph	Shevat 1
1/3	Moiseff, Hilda	Shevat 1
1/4	Segal, Isaac	Shevat 2
1/4	Segal, Isadore	Shevat 2
1/5	Diamond, Mercedes	Shevat 3
1/5	Golding, Barnett S.	Shevat 3
1/5	Roth, Carole	Shevat 3

December 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8th Night of Hanukkah	6	7 6 PM Class: Between God and Man via Zoom	8 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4-5 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	9 6:30 PM Bible Study Class via Zoom	10 5:30 PM Services	11 9:30 AM Services
12	13 7:00 PM Board meeting	14 6 PM Class: Between God and Man via Zoom	15 4-5 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	16 6:30 PM Bible Study Class via Zoom; Bulletin submissions deadline	17 5:30 PM Services	18 9:30 AM Services
19	20	21 6 PM Class: Between God and Man via Zoom	22 4-5 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	23 6:30 PM Bible Study Class via Zoom	24 5:30 PM Services	25 9:30 AM Services
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January 2022

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<i>December 27, January 24</i>	Book Club meets
<i>Tuesdays in December & January</i>	Adult Ed—<i>Between God and Man*</i>
<i>Wednesdays in December & January</i>	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes <i>Pirquei Avot*</i>
<i>Thursdays in December & January,</i>	Adult Ed—Bible Study Class*

*** Note: All classes are currently taught via Zoom.**