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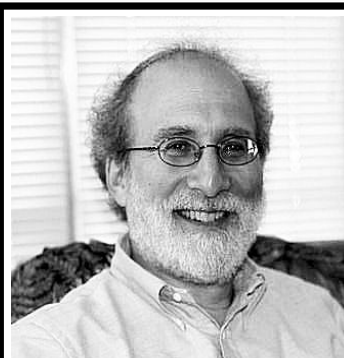
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS Seeking and Finding

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Our Talmud class just finished Tractate M'gillah. One of many interesting passages is on 6b: Rabbi Yitshaq (Isaac) said, "If someone says, 'I labored but I did not find,' do not believe him/her. If someone says, 'I did not labor but I found,' do not believe him/her. If someone says, 'I labored and I found,' believe him/her."

On the surface, this looks like a classic thought behind the examples which appear routinely on thrift shop find sites, the TV series Antiques Roadshow, news reports, etc. In one sense it is. We are exposed to masterpieces yet often don't see them; someone else does, because that person studied in order to find.

This Talmud text context makes clear that it applies to Torah study. It then adds that this does not apply in the same degree to business, where we depend on some amount of divine assistance. Moreover, the Talmud continues that, even regarding Torah study, this applies only to sharpening it. It further notes that maintaining learning depends on divine assistance,

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though we can help by reviewing it (Hagigah 9a, Hillel says that there is a difference between someone who reviews 100 times and someone who reviews 101 times). Learning leads to finds.

Similarly, you hear a popular song, and later learn the songwriter lifted it from an older classical or jazz piece. So you listen to the original piece, and discover that it is more moving than the popular piece.

The siddur, prayer book, also is a hidden masterpiece. Parts of it are over 2,000 years old. Sometimes they are changed slightly in the prayer book. A different context also changes it. Some parts came later; some even relatively modern. Yet no matter the age, they were written by people who used the siddur to respond to their issues. As I've said many times, human

nature hasn't changed since the days of the Bible, and we respond because we recognize ourselves and others in it. The same is true of the prayer book. People before us responded to issues in their lives, some of which are our issues, too; and by seeing their responses, we find new insights into our own. Torah and siddur are both hidden masterpieces, which we only realize when we take the trouble to learn, and then respond.

The siddur and Torah enrich our lives, and help us to formulate and inspire our responses. Study well, and enjoy the search. Feel free to join the next class where we will explore the 10th chapter of Pesachim, which discusses what we say at the seder, which becomes much of the Haggadah.

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the prize will be 50/50

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to purchase your tickets.

Special Shabbat on January 4th

The Wednesday Talmud class will be celebrating the completion of their studies of the Tractate Megillot with the congregation on January 4, 2025, 4 Tevet 5785, with a celebratory Siyum after services.

The Rabbi and class will study the last paragraph or so with the congregation after the Torah service, and recite a special Kaddish.

The class began studying this tractate on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, meeting almost every Wednesday since, and will complete it this January 4, 2025.

As far as we know, this is the first time in at least the last 60 years at Temple Israel that a class here has completed a tractate!

In addition, **Linda Prizer** will be chanting the Haftorah, and may also chant the maftir Aliyah. That day marks Linda's mother Ruth's 97th birthday!

The Talmud class will sponsor luncheon after services.

Please join us!

Kol Nidre Appeal 5785



As we continue into 5785, we 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.

Please forward your check, payable to Temple Israel Kol Nidre Fund, to: Temple Israel of Riverhead, P.O. Box 1531, Riverhead, NY 11901. You can also pay from our website, using PayPal. Thank you.



WINTER HOURS CONTINUE



Friday night services
start at 5:30 PM on Zoom only.

In-person family services are held
once a month on the following Friday nights:

Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Mar. 7
followed by Shabbat dinner.

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Our family-friendly dinners are held once a month on Friday night, after family Shabbat services, which begin at 5:30 PM.

Join us for services and dinner.

It is a wonderful evening and a great way to begin Shabbat.

Upcoming Dinner Dates

- Jan 17th Sponsored by the **Milligan family**,
Feb 7th Tu B'Shevat Seder, sponsored by the
Kaplan-Walbrecht family
Mar 7th Sponsored by **Harley Abrams**

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As always, reservations are required for attendance.

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Purim



Please join us for a family-friendly dinner,
followed by services and
the Megillah reading, on Thursday, March 13, at 5:45 PM.

This is a free event. Please let us know if you are coming.
Services will be in-person and on Zoom.
Contact the temple office for the link, and to RSVP.

Our Judaica Shop

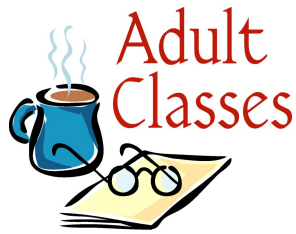
If you need Shabbat or holiday items for yourself, or for a gift, you will find them right in the Temple. Our Judaica Shop boasts a large inventory of beautiful items, many of them displayed in the Social Hall's glass cases. Kiddush cups, glass platters, Shabbat-to-go, kipot, Seder and matzoh plates, 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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Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in January, February, and March. We are currently discussing Eugene B. Borowitz's *Liberal Judaism*.

Talmud Classes: *Tractate Pesahim Chapter 10*

Beginning January 8, **Rabbi Rascoe's** Talmud classes will be studying Tractate Pesahim, Chapter 10, via Zoom, at 6 PM. This class meets on Wednesdays in January, February, and March, except on January 1. 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 January, February, and March, except March 13.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom on January 11, February 12, and March 12, 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

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Yahrzeit for Sam Prizer—father-in-law of Ruth Prizer.
Yahrzeit for Sam Prizer—grandfather of Linda Prizer.
Yahrzeit for Lena Mask—grandmother of Jaime Siegel.
Yahrzeit for Lana Zarbanelian—sister of Gary Siegel.
Yahrzeit for Andrea Siegel—sister of Gary Siegel.
Yahrzeit for Hebert Glickstein—brother of Ruth Prizer.
Yahrzeit for Rose Ritigstein—mother of Renee Chizever.

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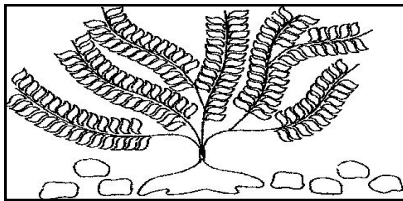
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*We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.
May their memories be a blessing.*

January

Tevet. Shevat 5785

1/1	Shapiro, Mildred Louis	Tevet 1	1/17	Mathews, Jacob B.	Tevet 17
1/4	Lowy, Frederick	Tevet 4	1/18	Frank, Yudel Velvel (Joel)	Tevet 18
1/4	Raffe, Flora	Tevet 4	1/19	Besserman, Bernard	Tevet 19
1/4	Scheinberg, Henry	Tevet 4	1/19	Goldstein, Sarah	Tevet 19
1/4	Senft, Mollie	Tevet 4	1/19	Mottus, Anna	Tevet 19
1/4	Siegel, Pauline	Tevet 4	1/19	Salpeter, Abraham	Tevet 19
1/5	Deutsch, Shirley	Tevet 5	1/19	Schwartz, Alice	Tevet 19
1/5	Frankel, Lena	Tevet 5	1/20	Kaiden, Ida	Tevet 20
1/5	Schulman, William	Tevet 5	1/21	Finkelstein, Barnet	Tevet 21
1/6	Benstock, Roslyn	Tevet 6	1/21	Schulman, Jean	Tevet 21
1/6	Levy, Sylvia	Tevet 6	1/22	Carlson, Nettie	Tevet 22
1/6	Richter, Maurice	Tevet 6	1/22	Finkelstein, Samuel	Tevet 22
1/6	Zuck, Joseph	Tevet 6	1/23	Schiff, Philip	Tevet 23
1/7	Mathews, Maxwell J.	Tevet 7	1/24	Cohen, Henry S.	Tevet 24
1/7	Schackman, Nathaniel	Tevet 7	1/25	Donner, Noah J.	Tevet 25
1/7	Seidner, Sidney	Tevet 7	1/25	Goldberg, Simon	Tevet 25
1/8	Lotzky, Isaac	Tevet 8	1/25	Silver, Morris	Tevet 25
1/8	Rosano, Adam	Tevet 8	1/26	Quasha, Dr. Marie Solow	Tevet 26
1/10	Gradus, Lorraine	Tevet 10	1/27	Goldstein, Hyman	Tevet 27
1/10	Harding, Louis	Tevet 10	1/27	Leavitt, Rachel	Tevet 27
1/11	Carchman, Max	Tevet 11	1/28	Frank, Mary B.	Tevet 28
1/11	Jaeger, Ida	Tevet 11	1/28	Goldstein, Sherwood	Tevet 28
1/11	Michaelson, Joseph	Tevet 11	1/28	Merkin, Betty	Tevet 28
1/11	Weiner, Joseph	Tevet 11	1/29	Herzog, Beverly	Tevet 29
1/12	Hagler, Sylvia	Tevet 12	1/29	Kaplan, Barry	Tevet 29
1/12	Saffer, Anna	Tevet 12	1/30	Chizever, Rebecca	Shevat 1
1/13	Goldstein, Rona	Tevet 13	1/30	Frank, Rebecca	Shevat 1
1/13	Kleidman, Laurence	Tevet 13	1/30	Moiseff, Hilda	Shevat 1
1/13	Muehlenthal, Phil	Tevet 13	1/31	Segal, Isaac	Shevat 2
1/14	Hefter, Steven	Tevet 14	1/31	Segal, Isadore	Shevat 2
1/15	Reich, Hyman	Tevet 15	2/1	Diamond, Mercedes	Shevat 3
1/15	Richter, Marc	Tevet 15	2/1	Golding, Barnett S.	Shevat 3
1/16	Knopfler, Joseph	Tevet 16	2/1	Roth, Carole	Shevat 3
1/16	Schmilowitz, Eva	Tevet 16	2/2	Finkelstein, Harry	Shevat 4
1/16	Wasserman, Rose	Tevet 16	2/2	Goldstein, Herbert	Shevat 4
1/16	Zaglin, Meryl	Tevet 16	2/3	Zaglin, Steven	Shevat 5
			2/5	Fishtahl, Clara	Shevat 7

Y A H R Z E I T S

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February

Shevat 5785

2/5	Garsten, Irwin	Shevat 7	2/17	Moskowitz, Samuel	Shevat 19
2/5	Sonkin, Ellen	Shevat 7	2/18	Gradus McGrath, Priscilla	Shevat 20
2/6	Colbert, Alexander	Shevat 8	2/19	Cohen, Sandra	Shevat 21
2/6	Goldstein, Lottie	Shevat 8	2/19	Moskowitz, Lena	Shevat 21
2/6	Hagler, Max	Shevat 8	2/19	Quasha, Dr. Sol N.	Shevat 21
2/6	Silver, Leon	Shevat 8	2/20	Goldstein, Max	Shevat 22
2/7	Abrams, Ethel	Shevat 9	2/21	Buxbaum, Nathan	Shevat 23
2/7	Weiss, Beulah	Shevat 9	2/21	Gerard, Helene	Shevat 23
2/8	Berk, Mae	Shevat 10	2/21	Zaglin, Raymond	Shevat 23
2/8	Sacks, Fannie	Shevat 10	2/22	Edwards, Doris	Shevat 24
2/9	Hagler, Yetta	Shevat 11	2/22	Leibo, Vera	Shevat 24
2/10	Dresher, Frances	Shevat 12	2/24	Cohen, Annie	Shevat 26
2/10	Harding, Rose	Shevat 12	2/24	Prussick Jacobs, Robin	Shevat 26
2/10	Miller, Helene	Shevat 12	2/24	Raffe, Charles	Shevat 26
2/10	Perkal, Millie	Shevat 12	2/25	Kanon, Tessie	Shevat 27
2/11	Grossman, Levi	Shevat 13	2/25	Marchbein, Charles	Shevat 27
2/11	Traum, Richard	Shevat 13	2/25	Prizer, Isidore	Shevat 27
2/12	Fromberg, Leo	Shevat 14	2/25	Rolnick, Herschel	Shevat 27
2/13	Goldstein, Harry	Shevat 15	2/25	Shinder, Teri	Shevat 27
2/13	Goldstein, Masha	Shevat 15	2/26	Gaster, Amalia	Shevat 28
2/13	Krasnow, Frances	Shevat 15	2/26	Lowy, Paul	Shevat 28
2/13	Mendell, Mabel	Shevat 15	2/26	Muller, Michael Daniel	Shevat 28
2/13	Morgan, Robert	Shevat 15	2/27	Sacks, Robert	Shevat 29
2/13	Siegel, Dorothy	Shevat 15	2/28	Barbanel, Sadie	Shevat 30
2/14	Ganz, Leo	Shevat 16	3/1	Laufe, Sonia	Adar 1
2/16	Besserman, Phyllis	Shevat 18	3/1	Leviloff, Marsha	Adar 1
2/16	Carchman, Minnie	Shevat 18	3/1	Schiff, Florence	Adar 1
2/16	Tannenbaum, Clare	Shevat 18	3/1	Starkman, Jeanette	Adar 1

Candle Lighting Times

1/3	4:17 PM	2/7	4:57 PM
1/10	4:24 PM	2/14	5:06 PM
1/17	4:31 PM	2/21	5:14 PM
1/24	4:40 PM	2/28	5:22 PM
1/31	4:48 PM	3/7	5:30 PM

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Eighth Night of Hanukkah	2 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	3 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	4 9:30 AM Services
5	6	7 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	8 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	9 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	10 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	11 9:30 AM Services
12	13	14 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	15 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	16 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	17 5:30 PM Services, followed by Shabbat dinner.	18 9:30 AM Services
19	20	21 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	22 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	23 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	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)	31 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Services
2	3	4 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	5 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	6 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	7 5:30 PM Services followed by Tu B'Shevat Seder.	8 9:30 AM Services
9	10	11 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	12 9:30 AM Inter-faith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	13 Tu B'Shevat; 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	14 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	15 9:30 AM Services
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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Services
2	3	4 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	5 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	6 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	7 5:30 PM Services followed by Shabbat Dinner.	8 9:30 AM Services
9 Return to Daylight Savings Time	10	11 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	12 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	13 5:45 Dinner followed by Purim Services.	14 Purim; 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	15 9:30 AM Services
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

January 4	A special Shabbat—details inside
January 17, February 7, & March 7	Shabbat family dinners
March 13	Purim dinner and services
April 27	Holocaust Remembrance Day program
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.	