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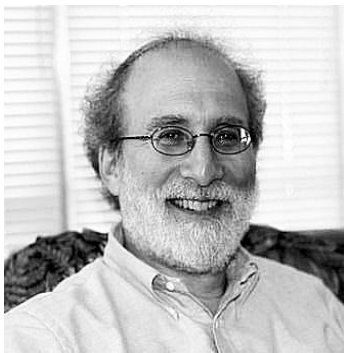
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Darkness

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

I write during Pesah, recalling the Seder's ninth plague: a darkness that can be felt, where nobody could rise from their spot for three days because one person could not see another (Exodus 10:21-23). The rabbi's comment that this is what makes it miraculous; neither the sun nor the lamps shone.

A ten-year-old asked his rabbi, "What kind of plague is this? They could have lit lamps." This rabbi replied that it was a special darkness, one that affected the heart. They were blind to each other's needs, for each saw only himself.

A popular cartoon decades ago depicted a multitude of ant-sized people at the base of a pyramid of four large words:

I
ME
MINE
MYSELF

(Rabbi—continued on page 2)

It's not too early to buy tickets for our July Raffle/Fundraiser. Details inside.

The '70s were known as the "Me Decade." In many ways, we're still in it, just changed to include that we do what we want within our means. "I am [still] the arbiter of the world." The early twentieth century Russian theologian, Nikolai Berdyaev, wrote, "The question of bread for myself is a material question, but the question of bread for my neighbor is a spiritual question." Our spiritual and emotional well-being depend upon it. Dr. David Goodman wrote, "Mental illness is the price you pay for being absorbed in yourself. Mental health is your reward for devoting yourself to your duties and to the welfare of others."

In a corridor of the Albert Einstein Medical Center, a rabbi saw a friend with a host of troubles, including serious illness and divorce. The rabbi asked her what she was doing in the hospital. She replied, "Volunteering." "With all of your troubles," the rabbi said, "where do you get the strength?" "Rabbi," she answered, "this work saves me. If I didn't come here twice a week, I don't think I'd be able to

carry on at all." After they parted, the rabbi recalled Dr. Karl Menninger's advice to a person who felt a nervous breakdown coming, "Lock up your house, go across the railway tracks, find someone in need, and invest yourself in that person."

A Santa Anita newspaper a while ago ran a story about a gate attendant at the race track who spent his life's savings to send a former delinquent boy in the community to school. Some of his friends called him a fool to take a chance on an unknown boy. He replied, "Well, so I'm a fool. But day after day, I see men and women gamble on horses. I think I would rather take my chances on a child of God."

Verse 23 about the ninth plague ends: "but all the People of Israel enjoyed light in their dwellings." Rabbi Sydney Greenberg writes, "This is the basic challenge that confronts each of us—to keep aglow the light of understanding and caring which enables us to truly see each other. For it is only when we see the humanity in another that we can preserve it within ourselves."



Book Club

Upper West Side Story

by Susan Pashman

May 16, at 7 PM, online via Zoom.

The author will be joining
our discussion via Zoom.

Holocaust Remembrance Day



Please join us on
Sunday, May 1, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
to be followed by refreshments

Guest speakers

Ms. Felice Katz
The Holocaust Tolerance
& Memorial Center
of Glen Cove

Father Bohdan Hedz
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of Riverhead

This event will be held in person and via Zoom.
Reservations and proof of vaccination are required.

RSVP to the temple office by noon on Friday, April 29th.

This event is generously sponsored by **Mr. & Mrs. John Peel**

We hope to see you there!

Rules for Attending Saturday Services In-person

Reservations are still required, as are proof of vaccination and masking. For the complete list, visit our website at:

http://www.templeisraelriverhead.org/r_rules_covid.htm

Memorial Day Weekend BBQ



Good food, good company, good times, and a guest speaker.



Join us on **Friday, May 27, 2022,**
at 5:30 PM

Featuring **Brad Kolodny**, author of **Seeking Sanctuary: 125 Years of Synagogues on Long Island**

Seeking Sanctuary features over 350 original photographs and archival images, plus a history of every synagogue in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, past and present.

The BBQ will be followed by our speaker and Shabbat Services.

Shavuot Services

Led by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

In person (following the Shabbat rules of attendance), and via Zoom



שבועות

Saturday, June 4, Evening Learning Session, time TBA

Sunday, June 5, 9:30 AM

Monday, June 6, 9:30 AM, including Yizkor

Followed by a light brunch featuring refreshments of the season.

Temple Israel of Riverhead Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom



Installation of Officers & Trustees.
Come meet our Board and committee chairs,
and learn about everything that is going on in our temple.
Voice your opinion. Be involved.

Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

Instructions to enter the Zoom meeting
will be included in the mail with your proxy.

A note regarding this bulletin

In order to cope with steeply-rising printing costs, this issue of the bulletin was not mailed. It is available on our website and via email. We will be doing the same in November.

Hebrew School

Remaining class dates for the current school year: May 4, 18. and 25.
Dates subject to change.



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and

Raffle Fundraiser



Friday, July 1, 2022, 5:30 PM



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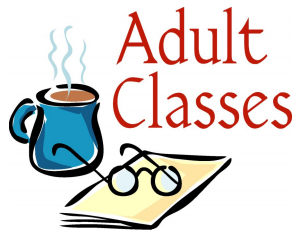
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With
Rabbi Rascoe

Jewish Mysticism

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** to explore the topic of Jewish mysticism, especially the Kabbalah and its variations. Classes are held from 6:00-7:00 PM on Mondays in May and June, except May 9 and June 6, via Zoom.

Book Discussion: *Between God and Man*

Rabbi Rascoe will 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 May and June, except May 10, via Zoom.

Talmud Classes: *Tractate Megillah*

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue at 6 PM on Wednesdays in May and June, except May 11, 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 May and June, except May 12 and June 16, via Zoom.

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.

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.

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Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, May 25, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the Zoom link.

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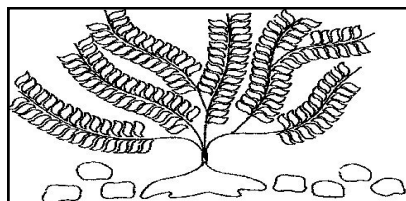
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May their memories be a blessing.*

May

Nissan/Iyar 5782

5/1	Perkal, Samuel	Nissan 30
5/1	Schulman, Marcia	Nissan 30
5/1	Stein, Harriet	Nissan 30
5/3	Feldman, Pauline	Iyar 2
5/3	Maruna, Gregory	Iyar 2
5/3	Squires, Witty	Iyar 2
5/4	Schneider, Sheila	Iyar 3
5/5	Rosen, Albert	Iyar 4
5/5	Spitzer, Sam	Iyar 4
5/6	Berk, Arthur	Iyar 5
5/8	Spitzer, Jessie	Iyar 7
5/8	Thompson, William	Iyar 7
5/9	Shinder, Israel Louis	Iyar 8
5/10	Cohen, Jerry Joseph	Iyar 9
5/10	Knopfler, Malvine	Iyar 9
5/11	Finkelstein, Essie	Iyar 10
5/11	Leavitt, Theodore	Iyar 10
5/11	Slaw, Helen Cohen	Iyar 10
5/13	Krasnow, Marc	Iyar 12
5/13	Spector, Walter	Iyar 12
5/14	Damante, Risa Lynne	Iyar 13
5/14	Hyman-Auerbach, Estelle	Iyar 13
5/15	Salpeter, Mildred	Iyar 14
5/16	Goldstein, Hyman	Iyar 15
5/17	Alpert, Lena	Iyar 16
5/17	Brander, Anna	Iyar 16
5/17	Goldstein, Harry	Iyar 16
5/17	Levy, Lawrence	Iyar 16
5/17	Richter, Jacqueline	Iyar 16
5/17	Yurman, Nathan	Iyar 16
5/18	Gusky, Sheldon	Iyar 17
5/18	Jaeger, Benjamin	Iyar 17
5/18	Kallman, Irving	Iyar 17
5/18	Sanders, Murray	Iyar 17
5/19	Frank, Conrad	Iyar 18

5/19	Weiss, Nathan	Iyar 18
5/20	Bartick, Jerry	Iyar 19
5/20	Beil, Lawrence	Iyar 19
5/21	Feiler, Lillian	Iyar 20
5/21	Gerber, Kate	Iyar 20
5/22	Ettinger, Sara	Iyar 21
5/23	Brander, Irving	Iyar 22
5/23	Joseph, Reuben	Iyar 22
5/23	Leon, Sophie	Iyar 22
5/23	Warner, Arthur	Iyar 22
5/23	White, Jacob	Iyar 22
5/24	Thompson, Irwin	Iyar 23
5/26	Bartick, Mildred	Iyar 25
5/26	Korus, Fannie	Iyar 25
5/26	Polaniecki, Jacob	Iyar 25
5/27	Hahn, J. Jacob	Iyar 26
5/27	Siegel, Irving	Iyar 26
5/27	Zipser, Herman	Iyar 26
5/28	Spitzer, Julia	Iyar 27
5/30	Beil, Barbara	Iyar 29
5/30	Dresher, Benjamin	Iyar 29
5/30	Hochheiser, Harold	Iyar 29
5/31	Rosen, Charlotte	Sivan 1
6/1	Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2
6/1	Eisenman, Bernard	Sivan 2
6/2	Cohen, Samuel	Sivan 3
6/2	Goldman, Sam	Sivan 3
6/3	Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4
6/3	Faine, David	Sivan 4
6/3	Polaniecki, Abraham	Sivan 4
6/4	Frank, Louis	Sivan 5
6/5	Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 6
6/5	Korman, Jack	Sivan 6
6/5	Lockman, Samuel	Sivan 6
6/5	Segal, Corkey	Sivan 6
6/5	Thompson, Sondra	Sivan 6

May 2022

Please check your email and our website for information about using Zoom to attend these events.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1 PM Holocaust Remembrance Day Program	2 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	3 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)	4 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	5 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	6 7:00 PM Services	7 9:30 AM Services
8	9 7 PM Board meeting	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Services	14 9:30 AM Services
15 Bulletin sub-missions deadline	16 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom); 7:00 PM Book Club	17 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)	18 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	19 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	20 7:00 PM Services	21 9:30 AM Services
22	23 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	24 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)	25 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	26 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	27 5:30 BBQ & Speaker Program followed by Services	28 9:30 AM Services
29	30 6 PM Class: Jewish Mysticism (Zoom)	31 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom)				

June 2022

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			1 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	2 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	3 7:00 PM Services	4 9:30 AM Sha-vuot Services; Evening Learning Session, time TBA
5 9:30 AM Sha-vuot Services	6 9:30 AM Sha-vuot Services & Yizkor	7 6 PM Class: Between God and Man (Zoom); 7 PM Board meeting (Zoom)	8 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	9 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	10 7:00 PM Services	11 9:30 AM Services
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May 1	Holocaust Remembrance Day Program
May 16	Book Club meets
May 27	Memorial Day BBQ & Speaker
June 4, 5, & 6	Shavuot Services
June 16	Annual Meeting
July 1	July 4th Weekend BBQ & Raffle Fundraiser
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Thursdays in in May and June, except 5/12 & 6/16	Adult Ed—<i>Bible Study Class</i>