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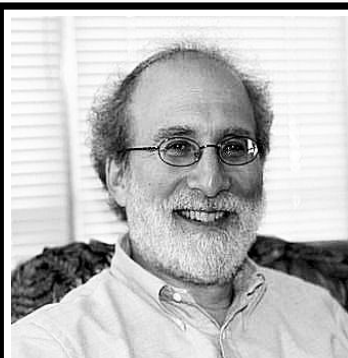
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Giving Thanks for What We Have

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

In 1948, Jerusalem residents went for months without water when the Jordanians cut the water line during the siege. Afterwards, a resident told a friend, "Only after I learned what it means to be without water did I understand why our ancestors were ready to revolt against Moses. Water is life." (Numbers 20).

Another war story: A sergeant instructed a soldier cleaning the mess hall to return untouched food to the kitchen, and to discard partly-eaten food. The soldier returned one partly-eaten piece of bread with the untouched bread. The sergeant told the soldier to toss it. The soldier refused. He ordered him. Again, he disobeyed. Finally, the sergeant threatened to court-martial him if he failed to obey the next order. The soldier held up his two-mis-shapen hands and said, "You see these ten fingers? They were all broken in Buchenwald when the Nazi guard caught me stealing a moldy piece of black bread because I was so crazed by hunger, I was ready to kill for a piece of bread. To me, bread is holy. Don't ask me to throw away a piece of bread; I can't do it. The sergeant didn't repeat the order.

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The Rabbis considered thanks for everyday things so important, that they made b'rakhot, blessings. The rationale is in Deuteronomy 8, which forms the base of Grace After Meals, Birkat ha-mazon: we praise ourselves when things are good and pray to God only when they are bad. It's also rooted in basic human behavior: it was good for survival 200,000 years ago to pay attention to what might hurt us and less attention to what will not; it's now not good for us or for society. We thank God for our interior body parts working, for waking, moving, getting dressed, etc. Thrice daily we pray: "We gratefully-acknowledge You and tell Your praises for our lives that are in Your hands, for our souls entrusted to You, and for Your wonders and goodnesses at every time: evening, morning, and afternoon."

If we were to compile a list of our assets when life goes smoothly, we might put down our money, property, stocks, possessions, etc., but would we mention such items as being able to see, hear, move, speak, and eat?

Draw up two lists on Thanksgiving. On one, put all the things we crave and desire to acquire. On another, list all we have and could lose. Jacob, about to face his Esau after dividing his people and possessions into two camps, in humility prays, "I am unworthy of all the kindness that You have so steadfastly shown Your servant: with my staff alone, I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps" (Genesis 32:11). We might find ourselves praying like the English 17th century clergyman and poet George Herbert, "Thou that hast giv'n so much to me, give one thing more, a grateful heart." Happy Thanksgiving.



Hanukkah

Community Menorah Lighting

Saturday, December 28, 2024

5 PM at Riverfront Park

Followed by refreshments at the temple.



WINTER HOURS



Starting November 8
Friday night services
will be at 5:30 PM on Zoom only.

In person *family services* will be held
once a month on the following Friday nights:
Nov. 8, Dec. 27, Jan. 17, Feb. 7, Mar. 7
followed by Shabbat dinner

Saturday morning services continue
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Join us for services and dinner.

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

UPCOMING DINNER DATES:

Nov 8th —

Dec 27th—Hanukkah Dinner

Jan 17th—

Feb 7th— Tu B'Shevat Seder, sponsored by the
Kaplan-Walbrecht family

Mar 7th—

Dinner Sponsors Needed

Consider sponsoring a Shabbat dinner for \$540.00.

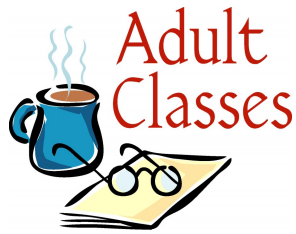
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Whether you are a sponsor or not, please join us.

RSVP

As always, reservations are required for attendance.



With
Rabbi Rascoe

Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in November and December. We will be discussing *Guide for the Perplexed* by Moses Maimonides.

Talmud Classes: *Tractate Megillah*

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue, via Zoom, at 6 PM on Wednesdays in November and December. 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: *Exodus*

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding these classes via Zoom, at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in November and December.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom on November 13 and December 18, 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!

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Yahrzeit for Martin Alpert—grandfather of Cynthia Alpert.

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11/15	4:13 PM
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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.

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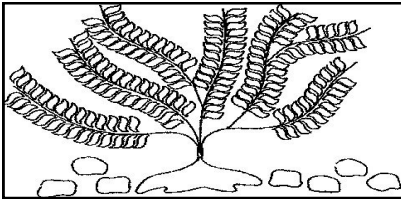
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November

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11/2	Levine, Jacqueline	Heshvan 1	11/21	Trefilio, Blanche	Heshvan 20
11/2	Mottus, Louis	Heshvan 1	11/23	Brander, Paul	Heshvan 22
11/2	Rosenblatt, Gussie	Heshvan 1	11/23	Press, Frances	Heshvan 22
11/2	Tockman, Louis	Heshvan 1	11/23	Schecter, Selma	Heshvan 22
11/4	Sanders, Eva	Heshvan 3	11/23	Slaw, Sadie	Heshvan 22
11/6	Leibo, Joseph	Heshvan 5	11/24	Brown, Mordecai	Heshvan 23
11/6	Schneider, Sally	Heshvan 5	11/26	Barbanel, Albert	Heshvan 25
11/6	Sigal, Isadore	Heshvan 5	11/26	Nathanson, Irving	Heshvan 25
11/7	Schneider, Sol	Heshvan 6	11/26	Sandberg, Arthur	Heshvan 25
11/8	Kaplan, Abraham	Heshvan 7	11/27	Gerber, William	Heshvan 26
11/8	Scheininger, Jacob	Heshvan 7	11/27	Sacks, Harry	Heshvan 26
11/8	Wiesen, Mollie	Heshvan 7	11/27	Smith, Arthur	Heshvan 26
11/9	Wasserman, David	Heshvan 8	11/28	Hahn, Irma	Heshvan 27
11/10	Pruzick, Morris	Heshvan 9	11/28	Hefter, Alfred	Heshvan 27
11/11	Drescher, Kathleen	Heshvan 10	11/28	Saffer, Naomi	Heshvan 27
11/13	Alper, Samuel	Heshvan 12	11/28	Sturm, Pincus	Heshvan 27
11/13	Bloom, Sarah	Heshvan 12	11/29	Goldstein, Raymond	Heshvan 28
11/15	Glickstein, David	Heshvan 14	11/30	Richter, Diane	Heshvan 29
11/15	Golding, Pearl	Heshvan 14	11/30	Yurman, Harry	Heshvan 29
11/15	Karlin, Jacob	Heshvan 14	12/2	Collins, Florence	Kislev 1
11/15	Mainzer, Helen	Heshvan 14	12/2	Greenberg, Samuel	Kislev 1
11/16	Prizer, Sam	Heshvan 15	12/2	Okin, Harold	Kislev 1
11/18	Shapiro, Gilbert	Heshvan 17	12/3	Goldstein, Moe	Kislev 2
11/19	Goldsmith, Michelle	Heshvan 18	12/3	Mask, Lena	Kislev 2
11/19	Katz, Sima	Heshvan 18	12/3	Moiseff, Joe	Kislev 2
11/19	Siegel, Andrea	Heshvan 18	12/5	Scheinberg, Hinda	Kislev 4
11/20	Squires, Myron	Heshvan 19	12/6	Brander, Louis	Kislev 5
11/21	Finkelstein, Claire	Heshvan 20	12/6	Grubman, Ruth	Kislev 5

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 PM Services (Zoom)	2 9:30 AM Services
3 Eastern standard time returns.	4	5 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	6 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	7 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	8 5:30 PM Services followed by Shabbat dinner.	9 9:30 AM Services
10	11	12 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	13 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	14 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom); Bulletin Deadline	15 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	16 9:30 AM Services
17	18	19 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	20 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	21 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	22 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	23 9:30 AM Services
24 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	25	26 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	27 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	29 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	30 9:30 AM Services

December 2024

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22	23	24 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	25 First Night of Hanukkah; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	26 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	27 5:30 PM Services followed by Shabbat dinner.	28 9:30 AM Services; 5 PM Community Menorah Lighting at Riverfront Park
29	30	31 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)				

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November 8, December 27	Shabbat Family Dinners
November 24	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
December 28	Community Menorah Lighting
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.	