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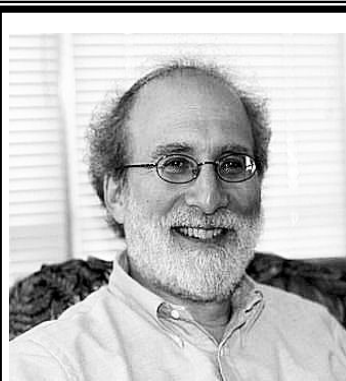
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Community, Adaptability, and Hanukkah

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

We say Hanukkah was a fight for religious freedom, which as I wrote last year, is true only in a limited sense. The first story celebrated a late Sukkot in a newly re-dedicated Temple; the oil came later. The Maccabees wanted political freedom, but allies quit once they regained the Temple. The Maccabees engineered political freedom, founding the Hasmonean dynasty. Judah Maccabee briefly defeated the Idumeans. John Hyrcanus conquered them in 125 BCE and forcibly converted them to Judaism. From this came Roman rule and Herod, who ended the Hasmonean line.

Every generation faces change by the next one; now the next two or three, and in some groups even more (college student bodies change at least every four years, but faculty less often.) One major issue we face is community. Who comprises it and who may enter it? Who makes changes? What kinds of changes can the community make and still remain

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connected to its past? Does community even matter any more? This works on the micro and macro levels (synagogue, city, country.)

I don't have an answer. Remaining the same is a prescription to die. Too much change precludes continuity, and almost assures death. To survive, Jews made radical changes. We survived the First Temple's destruction by creating an unprecedented diaspora. Ezra tried to bring us back to the Temple, but most remained in exile. We adopted two radical suggestions: the highlight of our worship service became the Torah reading, sharing the Bible with the public and removing it from exclusive priestly control; and matrilineal descent. We suffered the destruction of the Second Temple, and another massive killing spree and diaspora, but Rabban Yohanan ben Zakkai asked for Yavneh and its sages. Out of this came the triumph of the synagogue and the rabbi (the synagogue already existed, and so did the teacher, but their roles changed; the rabbinic is later.) We survived Romans, Christianity, and Islam. We're surviving modernity, although some in each religion want to live in an idealized past that never existed. After another disaster, post-WW II Judaism thrived in the USA and Israel.

The 1960s changed our world view in radical ways, both good and bad. Some positives: Judaism became one of the three major religions (first proposed by Will Herberg as Jewish studies grew on college campuses,) and we learned the experts don't know everything (The Jewish Catalogues, CAJE in education.) It hastened the growth of individual autonomy and the lessening of community, not in the least because many boomers didn't look back fondly on their synagogue childhood (except maybe youth group,) and passed to their children their negative stereotypes and experiences, and individualistic values. Recognizing this, changes were introduced to benefit today's 20- and 30- somethings who currently are changing the Jewish world, aided by the establishment and people their grandparents' ages. Their models, though changed, may include Rabbi Shulweis's and Boston's havurot and Chabad houses, and Rabbi Kaplan's definition of Judaism as "an evolving religious civilization" and Jewish Center, even as they leave the institutions while implicitly accepting his rationales for them. These young leaders have more Judaic education than any previous group in history, including a majority with some day-school education and

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Temple Israel of Riverhead

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We look forward to sharing this simcha with you.

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college classes; and over 90% have visited Israel, even as they strongly and publicly question Israel, unlike many of us who remember the uncertain times before the 1967 (Six Day) War, and the 1973 (Yom Kippur) War.

What will the future be? I don't know. Hanukkah teaches us that too much assimilation is bad (which is why the Maccabees had allies,) and so is too little

change (they changed the law and fought on Shabbat, which is one of many reasons they survived.) They fought the war and won, but lost the promise and ended with no lineage and no Jewish kingdom. We survived their mistakes and adopted their good points. This much at least is promising. Hanukkah reminds us that we adapt and survive.



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Herbert & Georgina Israel cordially invite you to their new daughter's naming on Sunday, December 9, at 9:30 AM. The naming will take place during the Torah dedication. Luncheon to follow. Please join us for this joyous event.



Tell and Kvell

Carter Michael Muller arrived November 13, 2018, at 11:01AM, 7 lbs. 4 oz. Parents Johnathan and Monika Muller are doing well. Grandparents **Sheila Muller** and Carol and Ron Ahtziger feel blessed and thankful for a healthy baby boy.



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To the Temple Family:

With sad hearts, we want to express our grief and outrage at the shocking murder of innocent people at Congregation Etz Chayim, Tree of Life, in Pittsburgh, on a Saturday late last month. Our hearts and prayers extend to all the families and friends who have lost loved ones. There is no way to understand the hate that a person holds in their soul to perform such a heinous act against mankind.

We have asked the Riverhead Town Police to increase their patrols around our synagogue. Our security team for the High Holidays has extended their support to us during this frightening time, and they will be with us for the next few Shabbats.

Two years ago, TIR installed cameras at every entry door to the building. We will continue to take every precaution to protect our congregants and ensure their safety. We plan to take further steps to secure our building and our temple family. Our doors will remain locked, and TIR will welcome members and visitors by opening the door for them each time. If a suspicious person approaches, they will not be admitted. The rest is up to all of us; if you see something, say something.

We pray that Pittsburgh is an isolated act of hatred and that we will never hear of this senseless loss of life again.

B'shalom,

Jaime, Rich, Barbara, and Elaine

Thank You

The family of **Andrea Siegel** wishes to thank the temple family of TIR for the outpouring of support and consolation offered following her untimely passing.

Winter Shabbat Dinners

continue through March 8th, 2019



Friday night Shabbat services begin at 5:30 PM,
followed by a community dinner.

Join us for services and dinner.

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

Thank you to our upcoming sponsors:

Date	Candle Lighting	Sponsors
12/7	4:04 PM	Georgina and Herbert Israel, in honor of the birth of their daughter.
12/14	4:05 PM	Jaime Siegel in honor of Pauline's Yahrzeit.
12/21	4:08 PM	Alice & Michael Ganz
12/28	4:12 PM	Richie Levinton, missing for a year!
1/4	4:18 PM	Harvey & Leni Goldsmith

Consider sponsoring a Friday night dinner for \$180.00,
Please join us, whether you are a sponsor, or not.



New Lecture Series Coming—Save the Dates!



Temple Israel will be presenting a series of Friday evening dinner lectures given by Rabbi Stephen Karol. Rabbi Karol is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook, and author of *Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death: Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner*

Bob Dylan's Jewish Music

January 4, 2019

Based on Seth Rogovoy's *Bob Dylan: Prophet, Mystic, Poet*, and other resources, this presentation involves listening to and discussing some of Dylan's lyrics which contain Biblical and Jewish references. Included are well-known songs such as *Blowin' in the Wind*, *Forever Young*, *All Along the Watchtower*, and *With God on Our Side*, and lesser-known songs such as *Highway 61 Revisited*, *Neighborhood Bully*, *Jokerman*, and *I Pity the Poor Immigrant*. Generously sponsored by **Leni and Harvey Goldsmith**.

Ten Tips for 'Successful' Jewish Parenting and Grand-parenting

February 8, 2019

This presentation emphasizes the ways in which adults can set an example of Jewish commitment and involvement for their children and/or grandchildren by how they live, what they do, and what they say. Generously sponsored by **Stephanie and Ike Israel**.

'Turn, Turn, Turn': What We Can Learn From the Book of Ecclesiastes—

March 1, 2019

The Book of Ecclesiastes is profound and meaningful, especially for senior citizens, but its messages about wisdom, family values, and perspective can be meaningful to anyone. Generously sponsored by **Dr. Howard Gordon** in memory of **Lynne Gordon**.

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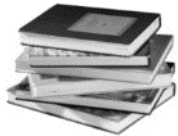
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Temple Israel of Riverhead



Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 7:00 PM



Einstein and the Rabbi

by Naomi Levy



Location: Temple Israel of Riverhead

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

Contact **Harley Abrams or Barbara Smith** with any questions.

Modified Shabbat Services Continue



Test out our shortened Shabbat services
on the 1st Shabbat of the month.

December 1, 2018

January 4, 2019

Services begin promptly at **9:30 AM**,
with a minyan, and end at **11:00 AM**.

Followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

A Request from our Rabbi

Anyone interested in a Hebrew class please contact me, and I'll see about setting one up. It's been a few years and I've had some requests. I would like to know if people are still interested.

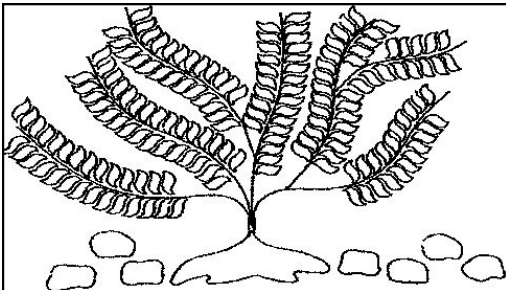
Kol Nidre Appeal 5779



As we move into 5779, 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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With
Rabbi Rascoe

Rabbi Rascoe Discusses Buber's *I and Thou*

Rabbi Rascoe continues discussions of Martin Buber's book, *I and Thou*. The next sessions will be held on Tuesdays, December 11 & 25; and January 8 & 22, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

The Personhood of God

On Tuesdays, December 18 and January 15, at 6 PM, we continue to look at the different images of God as a person, and what those images say about God, our faith, and the whole human condition.

Talmud Classes

Talmud classes continue on the following Wednesdays: December 5, 12, 19, and 26; and January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; from 6 to 7:30 PM. **Rabbi Rascoe** invites you to join us. There is always review, so no previous attendance is required. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Interfaith Bible Book-of-the-Month Club

The Interfaith Bible Class will resume meeting on Wednesdays, December 12 and January 9, from 9:30-11:30 AM, at St. Marks Church, 105 Randall Road, Shoreham. Please call Mike Griske (631-849-1744,) club President, with any questions.

Something to Kvell about? Let us know!

Please let us know if you have an event you would like to celebrate: the birth of a child or grandchild, a special graduation, an accomplishment of a close relative, or any of the other joys of life. Email the information to Allen Silver at asilver9@gmail.com.



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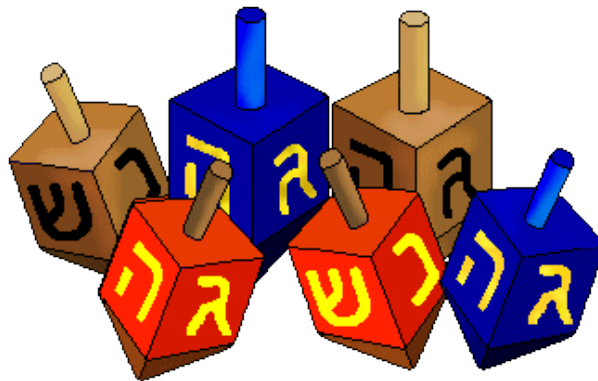
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Yahrzeit for Gilbert Shapiro—brother-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Hagler.

Yahrzeit for Frances Siegel—aunt of Jaime Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Samuel Schackman—grandfather of Elaine Kimpel.

Yahrzeit for Alfred Hefter—father of Robert Hefter.

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12/1	Wimpfheimer, Herbert	Kislev 23	12/21	Schubach, Walter	Tevet 13
12/2	Honig, Sylvia	Kislev 24	12/22	Friedlander, Sidney	Tevet 14
12/3	Galitzer, Rose	Kislev 25	12/22	Hefter, Steven	Tevet 14
12/3	Ritigstein, Rose	Kislev 25	12/23	Arnold, Mary	Tevet 15
12/5	Crowitz, Louis	Kislev 27	12/23	Reich, Hyman	Tevet 15
12/5	Turkel, William	Kislev 27	12/24	Knopfler, Joseph	Tevet 16
12/6	Talsky, Joyce	Kislev 28	12/24	Schmilowitz, Eva	Tevet 16
12/7	Topal, Louis	Kislev 29	12/24	Wasserman, Rose	Tevet 16
12/8	Lightdale, Sylvia	Kislev 30	12/25	Mathews, Jacob B.	Tevet 17
12/9	Saffer, Sidney	Tevet 1	12/26	Frank, Yudel Velvel (Joel)	Tevet 18
12/9	Shapiro, Mildred Louis	Tevet 1	12/27	Carney, Fay	Tevet 19
12/12	Dubin, Norman	Tevet 4	12/27	Goldstein, Sarah	Tevet 19
12/12	Lazarus, Samuel	Tevet 4	12/27	Mottus, Anna	Tevet 19
12/12	Lowy, Frederick	Tevet 4	12/27	Salpeter, Abraham	Tevet 19
12/12	Raffe, Flora	Tevet 4	12/27	Schwartz, Alice	Tevet 19
12/12	Scheinberg, Henry	Tevet 4	12/28	Kaiden, Ida	Tevet 20
12/12	Senft, Mollie	Tevet 4	12/29	Finkelstein, Barnet	Tevet 21
12/12	Siegel, Pauline	Tevet 4	12/29	Schulman, Jean	Tevet 21
12/13	Deutsch, Shirley	Tevet 5	12/30	Carlson, Nettie	Tevet 22
12/13	Frankel, Lena	Tevet 5	12/30	Finkelstein, Samuel	Tevet 22
12/14	Benstock, Roslyn	Tevet 6	12/30	Lambert, Flo	Tevet 22
12/14	Levy, Sylvia	Tevet 6	12/30	Laufe, Abe	Tevet 22
12/14	Richter, Maurice	Tevet 6	12/31	Schiff, Philip	Tevet 23
12/14	Zuck, Joseph	Tevet 6	12/31	Sulitzer, Irwin	Tevet 23
12/15	Mathews, Maxwell J.	Tevet 7	1/1	Cohen, Henry S.	Tevet 24
12/15	Schackman, Nathaniel	Tevet 7	1/2	Donner, Noah J.	Tevet 25
12/15	Seidner, Sidney	Tevet 7	1/2	Goldberg, Simon	Tevet 25
12/16	Lotzky, Isaac	Tevet 8	1/2	Silver, Morris	Tevet 25
12/18	Gradus, Lorraine	Tevet 10	1/3	Quasha, Dr. Marie Solow	Tevet 26
12/18	Harding, Louis	Tevet 10	1/4	Goldstein, Hyman	Tevet 27
12/19	Carchman, Max	Tevet 11	1/4	Leavitt, Rachel	Tevet 27
12/19	Jaeger, Ida	Tevet 11	1/5	Frank, Mary B.	Tevet 28
12/19	Michaelson, Joseph	Tevet 11	1/5	Goldstein, Sherwood	Tevet 28
12/19	Weiner, Joseph	Tevet 11	1/5	Merkin, Betty	Tevet 28
12/20	Saffer, Anna	Tevet 12	1/6	Heyman, Ben-Zion	Tevet 29
12/21	Goldstein, Rona	Tevet 13	1/6	Kaplan, Barry	Tevet 29

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
2 First Night of Hanukkah; Menorah lighting 5:30 PM .	3 First day of Hanukkah	4	5 6 PM Talmud class	6	7 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	8 9:30 AM Services
9 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School; 9:30 AM Torah Dedication & Baby Naming	10 7:15 PM Board meeting; last day of Hanukkah	11 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	12 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud class	13	14 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	15 9:30 AM Services
16 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	17 Bulletin submissions deadline	18 6 PM <i>The Perseus</i> class	19 6 PM Talmud class	20 7 PM TIR Book Club	21 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	22 9:30 AM Services
23 No Hebrew School	24	25 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	26 6 PM Talmud class	27	28 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	29 9:30 AM Services
30 No Hebrew School	31					

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6 PM Talmud class	3	4 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner/ speaker	5 9:30 AM Modified Shab- bat Services
6 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	7 7:15 PM Board meeting;	8 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	9 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud class	10	11 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	12 9:30 AM Services
13 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	14	15 6 PM <i>The Per- sonhood of God</i> class	16 6 PM Talmud class	17	18 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	19 9:30 AM Services
20 9 AM-12 PM Hebrew School	21	22 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	23 6 PM Talmud class	24	25 5:30 PM Tu B'Shevat Seder & dinner.	26 9:30 AM Services
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December 1, January 4

December 2

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December 9

December 11 & 25, January 8 & 22

***December 5, 12, 19, & 26, January 2, 9,
16, 23 & 30***

December 18 & January 15

January 4

Shortened Shabbat Services

First Night of Hanukkah

Community Menorah Lighting

**Sefer Torah Dedication & Baby
Naming**

Adult Ed—Buber's *I and Thou*

Adult Ed—Talmud Classes

Adult Ed—*Personhood of God*

Lecture—Rabbi Stephen Karol