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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Beta Test Sabbath and Prayer

We've been running monthly "Beta Test" Shabbat services. We try to finish around 11 AM instead of 11:30. In the beginning, a few extra people came. I admit I made a mistake in trying to balance the regulars who liked the service just fine with those who wanted something else. I should

Rabbi Michael Rascoe

have done some things differently. I came prepared with changes the third time, but it was too late. Since then, we've mostly finished on time, but it's been our regular service abridged. Once in a while, an extra person comes, but mostly people forget it's a Beta Test Shabbat.

Maybe for some it's too long due to children or work; for some it's the Hebrew. Maybe it's competing with something else. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote about the issue in several pieces in the 1950s. He wrote about how services compete for people's time, money, attention, and pleasure. He noted the

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trend toward special Sabbaths, like Boy Scouts, Jewish War Veterans, Interfaith, etc. He mentioned the call to shorten prayers; have more English readings; bring the liturgy up-to-date; use more music (the organ in his day;) and invite speakers like radio commentators and columnists, especially on non-religious topics. He predicted that none would work, because the problems lie elsewhere, even for people who come with expectations.

He remarked that "*spiritual problems* cannot be solved by *administrative techniques*" (italics in the original.) He wrote that decorum, voice, and ceremony are present, but *Life* is not. We no longer think about the dark emotions like agony, sin, despair, and darkness in the world, nor about horror in the soul. He continued that, on the one hand, the problem is that we substitute other things for the service of God; and, on the other hand, we no longer think about the reality of God underlying

the experience of prayer, that God desires our prayers. The purpose of prayer starts with our needs and emotions, and requires us to know "before whom we stand," but in the end prayer is about bringing God into the world. We must establish God's kingship on earth and let God's glory prevail. Praising God in Kaddish, blessing God in a *b'rakhah*, makes a transcendent God imminent, a distant God near. The source of prayer is "insight into the mystery of reality, *the sense of the ineffable*."

Heschel wrote about the tension between laws regarding prayer versus the internal intention that prayer requires. He notes that Rabbi Moses ben Nahman, contrary to most rabbis, "insists that *prayer is not a duty*, but a prerogative." Prayer is trivial, absent the heart. Yet laws remind us that God wants prayer continually, not occasionally or intermittently. So we force ourselves outside of our egos, and find the time to pray. Indeed, the duty to pray

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Please Join us for two Kiddush Luncheons

On **Saturday, June 2, Bruce Kagan** will sponsor a Kiddush lunch in honor of the yahrzeit of his mother, Bella Kagan. Please join us .

On **Saturday, June 30, the Milligan family** will sponsor a kiddush luncheon honoring the anniversary of **Terri's** bat mitzvah. She will be chanting haftorah that day. All are invited to celebrate with us.

Don't Throw Away Those Old Coats!

Our temple teens will be holding a coat drive to benefit Maureen's Haven. They will be accepting new and used coats for adults and children, as well as new blankets. Information on collection dates will be coming soon. This is a heads-up to everyone: if you are spring cleaning, save the coats!



Need a Ride to TIR?



Do you find it difficult getting transportation to services and events at Temple Israel, especially at night? If so, please call the office at 727-3191, and we will try to arrange a ride for you.





Shabbat on the Beach

When: Friday, June 15, 2018, 5:00 PM Where: Kenny's Rd. Beach, Southold Details: A light supper will be provided, and don't forget to bring a beach chair.

In case of inclement weather, services will be held in the recreation room of the NFR Synagogue - at the Cutchogue Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 631-727-3191.



Driving directions from Temple Israel of Riverhead to Kenny's Rd. Beach, Southold:

Take Northville Turnpike/CR-43 north for 3.1 miles.

Turn right on Sound Ave and continue on CR-48 for 13.5 miles.

- Turn left on Kenny's Rd and go 0.8 miles (if you've reached Tucker's Lane, you've gone too far.)
- Take the 3rd left on Leeton Dr. (if you've reached the end of Kenny's Rd., you've gone too far.)

Proceed 0.1 miles to Kenny's Rd. Beach.

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Temple Israel of Riverhead Annual Meeting

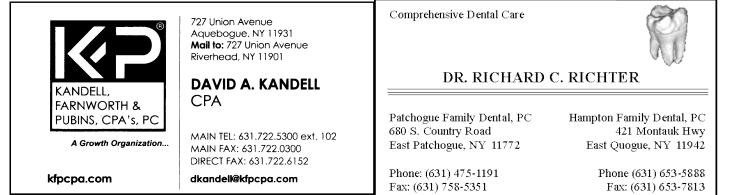


Installation of Officers & Trustees. Come meet our Board, our committee chairs, and learn about everything that is going on in our temple. Voice your opinion. Be involved.

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM

Refreshments to follow





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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 June 12 and 26, and July 10 and 24, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

The Personhood of God

On Tuesdays, June 19 and July 17, beginning at 6 PM, we will 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: June 6, 13, 20, and 27; and July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 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.



Parker Jewish Institute Mobile Adult Day Care Program

The Mobile Adult Day Care Program, sponsored by Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, meets every Friday at Temple Israel, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Applications are still being accepted.

Interested parties can call for more information at: (718) 289-2102.



gives us both the insight and the strength to pray. He claims that the way to know if we really pray is to bring prayer into the world. Prayer in the form of an act is called a *mitzvah*, for only in this way can we see if we really serve God.

"The problem is not how to revitalize prayer, but how to revitalize ourselves." Study is not prayer, but studying the prayerbook helps us pray, for a spiritual life pulses through the words. "It is not enough to read the words; what is necessary is to answer them." "We do not confess our belief in God; we adore Him. We do not proclaim our belief in revelation; we utter our gratitude for it. We do not formulate the election of Israel; we sing it. Thus our liturgy is no mere memorial to the past; it is an act of participating in Israel's bearing witness to the unity, uniqueness, love, and judgment of God. It is an act of joy."

The prayerbook is the greatest Jewish text. We learn about Judaism and God, values and meaning, and even about community and people. Come to services and try to bring what we find there out into the rest of the world.

If you want to learn about the meaning of the prayers, I will start a class.

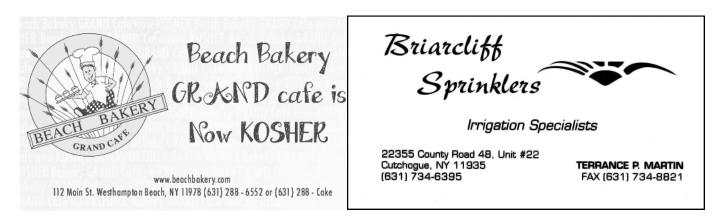
Sponsor a Speaker at Temple Israel

If you are interested in sponsoring a future Shabbat speaker program, please contact **Jaime Siegel** or **Lorraine Richter.**

Plant a Tree in Israel

You can have a tree planted in Israel for a donation of \$18. Contact **Sheila Muller**, at PO Box 2433, Aquebogue, NY 11931; 631-722-4711; or

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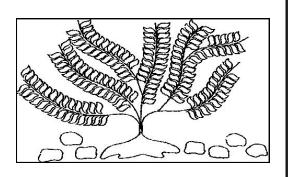
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Leaves on the Tree of Life

An engraved leaf on the lovely Tree of Life which graces our Social Hall is a joyous reminder of a Bat or Bar Mitzvah, an anniversary, a wedding, or a special birthday, and also a fitting tribute to the memory of a loved one. The cost of a leaf is \$180 for members. Please contact **Phyllis VanDyne** at 631-734-7511 for information, .

Ongoing Silent Fundraisers for Temple Israel

TD Bank: Stop in at the Westhampton Beach branch to find out about all the special offers for TIR members. TD bank will make contributions to TIR based on activity from our members. For details on their Affinity Membership Program, stop in at any branch if you are already a TD Bank customer.

Peninsula Wines and Liquors offers wine at discounted prices, delivered directly to the temple. A percentage of the cost is donated back to us each time you buy. Anyone needing wine or liquor can contact **Jaime Siegel**, or call Peninsula Wines directly at 516-374-0900. Ask for Jim Cari, and be sure to mention Temple Israel.

Donate an old car to Temple Israel for a tax deduction. It's easy—just call (866) 392-4483, or click on the link on our website. Be sure to designate Temple Israel of Riverhead as the recipient.

TODAH RABAH!

Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

In memory of Louis Fierro—Jaime Siegel.

Donation—Mr. Arthur Rosenbloom.

In memory of Sheldon Gusky—Jaime Siegel, Dr. & Mrs. Martin Van Dyne.

In memory of Edward Korus—Harley Abrams.

In memory of Jack Coladner—Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sanders.

In memory of Florence Abrams—Harley Abrams.

Yahrzeit for Ted Alpert—husband of Esther Alpert.

Yahrzeit for Sophie Scheinberg-mother of Shep Scheinberg.

Yahrzeit for Jack Korman—husband of Myra Korman.

Yahrzeit for Herman Zipser—father of Myra Korman.

Yahrzeit for Herman Zipser—father of Marcia Hefter.

Yahrzeit for Irving Siegel-father of Jaime Siegel .

Yahrzeit for Irving Siegel—father of Jeffrey Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Samuel Lockman—father of Judith Lockman.

Yahrzeit for Louis Elphand—father of Phyllis Van Dyne.

Yahrzeit for Lena Alpert—mother-in-law of Esther Alpert.

Yahrzeit for Arthur Warner-father of Scott Warner.

Yahrzeit for Murray Sanders—brother of Arthur Sanders.

Yahrzeit for Barbara Beil—Ruth Beil.

TODAH RABAH!

Yahrzeit for Bella Kagan—mother of Bruce Kagan.

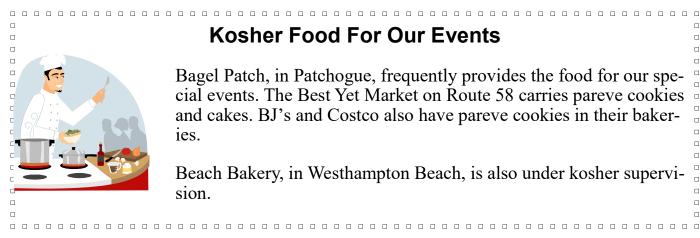
Yellow Candle Program—Harriet Willing.

Trees for Israel, in memory of Daniel Polofsky, father of Bob Polofsky—Naomi & Morris.

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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Bagel Patch, in Patchogue, frequently provides the food for our special events. The Best Yet Market on Route 58 carries pareve cookies and cakes. BJ's and Costco also have pareve cookies in their bakeries.

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Beach Bakery, in Westhampton Beach, is also under kosher supervision.

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.

Phyllis Van Dyne operates the Temple's Shop, acquiring new items several times a year. She will also fill special orders; if you see something you'd like, she can get it for you. Or, if you need ideas for a gift, she will be happy to suggest something in your price range, perfect for your occasion and recipient. For more information and personal service, just call Phyllis at 631-734-7511.



YAHRZEITS

We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing. May their memories be a blessing. June Sivan/Tammuz 5778

Kagan, Bella	Sivan 18
Crowitz, Ida	Sivan 20
Anker, Edward	Sivan 22
Korus, Max	Sivan 22
Sonkin, Etta	Sivan 22
tkin, Morris	Sivan 23
Kaplan, Bella	Sivan 23
Weiner, Max	Sivan 23
Hochheiser, Helen	Sivan 24
Marienthal, Owen	Sivan 25
Weiner, Minnie	Sivan 25
Harding, Sam	Sivan 26
Hefter, Sanford	Sivan 26
Squires, Irving	Sivan 26
Goldstein, Lillian	Sivan 27
Sacks, Julius	Sivan 27
Role, Philip	Sivan 28
Bloom, William	Sivan 29
Hefter, Lillian	Sivan 29
Karlin, Charles	Sivan 29
Acard, Irving	Tammuz 1
Schneider, Benjamin	Tammuz 1
Goldstein, Abraham	Tammuz 2
Goldberg, Samuel	
William	Tammuz 4
Cohen, Harry	Tammuz 5
	Crowitz, Ida Anker, Edward Korus, Max Sonkin, Etta tkin, Morris Kaplan, Bella Veiner, Max Hochheiser, Helen Marienthal, Owen Veiner, Minnie Harding, Sam Hefter, Sanford Squires, Irving Goldstein, Lillian Sacks, Julius Role, Philip Bloom, William Hefter, Lillian Karlin, Charles Acard, Irving Schneider, Benjamin Goldstein, Abraham Goldberg, Samuel William

6/18	Friedenberg, Matilda	Tammuz 5
6/18	Heller, Herbert	Tammuz 5
6/19	Caplan, Isabelle M.	Tammuz 6
6/19	Israel, Marcel	Tammuz 6
6/20	Beil, Frances	Tammuz 7
6/20	Belanger, Jean	Tammuz 7
6/22	Dresher, Lena	Tammuz 9
6/23	Berg, Lena	Tammuz 10
6/23	Grossman, Sophie	Tammuz 10
6/26	Hollander, Beatrice	Tammuz 13
6/26	Spector, Ruth	Tammuz 13
6/27	Greenberg, Gussie	Tammuz 14
6/27	Wimpfheimer, Jerome	Tammuz 14
6/29	Horowitz, Sabina	Tammuz 16
6/29	Rothman, Ruth	Tammuz 16
6/30	Katz, Robert	Tammuz 17
7/1	Brown, Vera-Jean	Tammuz 18
7/2	Mathews, Rose	Tammuz 19
7/3	Korosteshevsky, Jacob	Tammuz 20
7/5	Warner, Michael	Tammuz 22
7/6	Mordkofsky, Raizel	Tammuz 23
7/7	Arnold, Herman	Tammuz 24
7/7	Greenberg, Herman	Tammuz 24
7/7	Lustig, Irving	Tammuz 24
7/7	Talsky, Murray	Tammuz 24

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SABBATH SERVICES

Friday evenings at 7:00 PM Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/1	7:58 PM	The Seitles family
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/8	8:03 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Levine
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/15	8:06 PM	Ms. Debby Bieling and family
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/22	8:08 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Hagler
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/29	8:08 PM	The Milligan family
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	7/6	8:07 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Israel

Hig	h Holy Days 5779	
Selichot	Saturday, September 1	
Rosh Hashanah	Saturday, September 9	
Yom Kippur	Tuesday, September 18	
The July/August Bulletin will have more information and reservation		

June 2018

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Sat	2 9:30 AM Modified Shab- bat Services	9 9:30 AM Services, fol- lowed by Kid- dush Luncheon	16 9:30 AM Services	23 9:30 AM Services	30 9:30 AM Services, fol- lowed by Kid- dush Luncheon
Fri	1 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	8 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	15 5 PM Shabbat on the Beach	22 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	29 5:30 PM Holi- day weekend BBQ followed by Services
Thu		2	14 Bulletin submissions deadline	21 7 PM Annual Meeting	28
Wed		6 6 PM Talmud class	13 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud class	20 6 PM Talmud class	27 6 PM Talmud class
Tue		ъ	12 7 PM Book Discussion, l and Thou	19 6 PM The Per- sonhood of God class	26 7 PM Book Discussion, l and Thou
Mon		4	11 7:15 PM Board meeting	8	25
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July 2018

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15		16	17 & PM The Per- sonhood of God class;	18 6 PM Talmud class;	19	20 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	21 9:30 AM Services
52		23	24 7 PM Book Discussion, I and Thou	25 & PM Talmud class	26	27 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	28 9:30 AM Services
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