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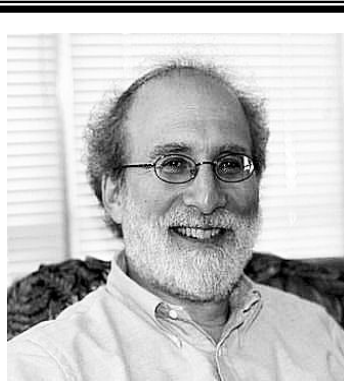
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS:

Ass, Knowledge, Service: On Belief and Thought



Rabbi Michael Rascoe

When I speak at graduations, I often say: From education take not just acquired knowledge to be used as a mere tool for personal gain, but use it as a means to serve other people. Poland's most famous educator, a Jew, Janusc Korczak, recounted the story of a corporal, speaking to a student army

recruit: "my dear student, this is not a university; one must think here." Schools impart knowledge, not teach what to do with it, how to implement it, or the consequences of it. Wernher von Braun reportedly said, "I always shoot for the sky, but sometimes I hit London," or "The rocket worked perfectly, except for landing on the wrong planet," which became, "Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down; that's not my department."

Fifteen-year-old Aaron had quite a reputation as a scholar. He studied at home and at school, day and night; while he ate, walked, and bathed. He even dreamed of books. His fame reached Vienna's chief rabbi, who, looking for an assistant, travelled to the

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young man's town. He asked the local rabbi, "Is it true he knows so much?" The wise old rabbi smiled, "The truth? The boy studies so much he just hasn't the time to really know." Similarly, Bahya ibn Joseph Paquda wrote, "In their beginning, people study Pentateuch and Bible. It is enough for them to read the verse without understanding the matter. They do not know the explanation of the words or the use of the language. They are akin to an ass carrying books." (Hovot Ha-Ievavot (Duties of the Heart), Gate 3, Chapter 4.) Bahya's saying (used earlier by Samuel Ha-nagid, Ben Mishlei) has come to be a metaphor for a person who reads endlessly yet learns nothing.

The real world teaches us to adapt and apply the school knowledge we learn. On the other end, people at some great companies that have shut down or imploded learned that there is more to life than riches, even for a business; and knowledge is not the only element for survival and wealth. Israel Knox said, "Education has this sovereign purpose: to prepare one for more education. All else is subsidiary to this. Education should create hungers—spiritual, moral, and aesthetic hungers for value."

Belief underlies education and the values by which we apply it. Jews often say that we legislate action, do not have creeds, and worry about behavior, not belief. I joke that the rabbis are like religious behavioralists. In reality, Judaism has core beliefs, just no statement that we must say. Rejecting idolatry for one moral and just God is one core belief.

Beliefs influence behavior. This exposes knowledge's limit. We can talk ourselves into doing anything, even what we don't like, if we believe we do it for a higher cause. In the famous Stanley Milgram au-

thority experiment, investigators persuaded 60% of the subject-teachers that, for science's advancement, they administer the maximum 450 volts "shock" even after the subject-learners fell silent and nonresponsive 2/3 of the way through. The late Carl Sagan and his wife Ann Druyan wrote about an experiment in which macaque monkeys were fed only if they pulled a chain that administered an electrical shock to another monkey who could be seen through a one-way mirror. 87% of the monkeys went hungry instead of pulling the chain. One refused to eat for 14 days.

Translations say something about us. Proverbs 23:7 in the New Jewish Publication Society (JPS) translation is, "He is like one keeping accounts; 'Eat and drink,' he says to you. But he really does not mean it." It's about an insincere, miserly host with no integrity, who uses others. Depending on how you see the chapter, this may apply to a ruler, or to a rich person. The old JPS translation is, "For as one that hath reckoned within himself, so is he: 'Eat and drink,' saith he to thee, but his heart is not with thee."

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for a

Shabbat on the Beach



When: Friday, June 21, 2019 at 5:30 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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The old JPS translation in modern English is: "As a person thinks, so is s/he." If we think we are this kind of person, then we are (or will become). What we think and believe best predicts who we are and what we do if we have integrity. If we do not have it, then we will try to act as we think we should; only our hearts will not be in it, and people eventually will find out, no matter how hard we try to protect it. Beliefs have consequences.

I began with rockets and where they come down. I'll end with missiles and satellites. Their smallest section is the guidance system; yet, it is the most critical. Without it, we would not send up anything, afraid of where it would come down. We are like them. Our beliefs guide our actions as we travel life's path. How we use the knowledge to take us in the direction we wish to go will be guided by our beliefs. We best discover meaning in life by the beliefs we hold. Knowledge and action will follow what we truly believe.



Shavuot

Services

Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Sunday, June 9, 9:30 AM.

Monday, June 10, 8:30 AM, including Yizkor.

Services followed by a light brunch featuring refreshments of the season.

Many thanks to **Harley Abrams** for sponsoring "Shavuot CheezeCake" in honor/memory of his mother Florence's fifth Yahrzeit.



שבועות

**Temple Israel of Riverhead
Presents the 2019
Spring & Summer
Shabbat Dinner Speaker Series
Featuring Rabbi Stephen A. Karol**



Fri., June 14th

Three Reasons Why Abraham Lincoln Was the Best President for American Jews

(Taught at several Temples and Hadassah on Long Island.) Lincoln promoted and protected the rights of Jews at a time when their status in America was just beginning to rise. This talk is based on books written by historians Gary Zola and Jonathan Sarna, and features primary documents from that era. BBQ at 5:30 PM, followed by Services, dessert, and lecture. Sponsored by **Leni & Harvey Goldsmith.**

Fri., Aug. 2nd

Rabbi Karol discusses his book: ***Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death: Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner*** (published in 2018). This book is about giving hope and faith, comfort and inspiration, when a death occurs. Based on professional experiences throughout Rabbi Karol's forty-one-year career, as well as his personal losses, the book contains sixteen short sermons that can positively affect the transition from mourning to living our lives. Signed copies of Rabbi Karol's book are available for purchase at the temple. BBQ at 5:30 PM, followed by Services and lecture. Sponsored by **Terri & Doug Milligan.**

Sat., Sept. 21st Selichot

Daily Life-Lessons from the Brilliance of Yom Kippur: Sin and Repentance, Apologizing and Forgiveness, Atonement and Reconciliation (Taught at Temple Isaiah).

Our Yom Kippur liturgy is reinforced by modern psychology in encouraging behavior that can better our lives. 1–Turning Wrong into Right: Why Sin is Normal. 2 –I “Apple-gize”: Why Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word. 3 –Letting Go of your Past and Taking Control of your Future: Why Forgiveness is Good for You. 4–Self-Love is not Selfish: Why Atonement and Reconciliation are so Empowering. Desserts and refreshments will be included.



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, June 11 & 25, and July 9 & 23, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

The Personhood of God

On Tuesday, June 18, at 6 PM, we conclude our 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 5, 12, 19, and 26, and July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 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 meetings on Wednesday, June 12, from 9:30-11:30 AM, at St. Marks Church, 105 Randall Road, Shoreham. Please call Mike Giske (631-849-1744) club President, with any questions.

Dear Temple Family,

*Please share in our joy as our daughter, **Sarah Ashlyn** becomes a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday July 13, 2019. Services will begin at 9:00 AM, followed by a Kiddush luncheon in the Social Hall. We hope to see you there!*

Melissa and Bret Idler



Holiday Weekend Shabbat BBQ's
Good food, good company,
good times!



4th of July Weekend BBQ

Friday, July 5, 2019, 5:30 PM

Labor Day Weekend BBQ

Friday, August 30, 2019, 5:30 PM

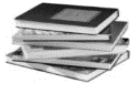


This year we celebrate Rabbi Rascoe's 5th Anniversary at Temple Israel!

Each BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat
Sponsors needed, contact
Jaime Siegel for information

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel of Riverhead

June 6—Book Club author visit



Shavuot

Sunday & Monday, June 9 & 10 (Yizkor).



Rabbi Stephen A. Karol

lecture series begins Friday, June 14

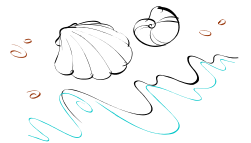
Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 7:00 PM



Shabbat on the Beach

Friday, June 21, 5:30 PM



Fourth of July weekend BBQ

Friday, July 5, 5:30 PM.



Idler Bat Mitzvah

Friday & Saturday, July 12 & 13.

Please contact the Temple Office or **Jaime Siegel** for more information, or if you are interested in sponsoring an event.

Modified Shabbat Services Continue



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

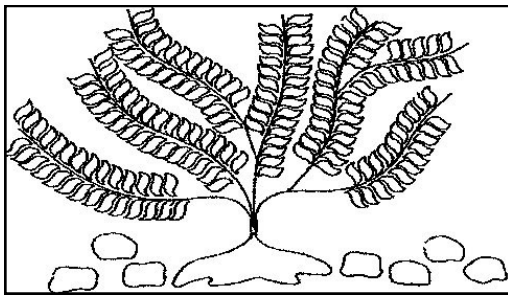
June 1, 2019

July 6, 2019

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

Followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

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2019 - High Holy Days - 5780

Our High Holiday Committee, Ritual Committee, Rabbi Rascoe, and Cantor Deborah Zeitlen are planning a beautiful holiday season this year!

Selichot	Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 PM	With Rabbi Stephen A. Karol speaking
Rosh Hashanah	Sunday, Sept. 29, time tba	
	Monday, Sept. 30, 9 AM	Tashlich, 6:15 PM at Riverhead Park (weather permitting,) followed by Mincha/Ma'ariv
	Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10:00 AM-1 PM, followed by kiddush luncheon	
Yom Kippur	Tuesday, Oct. 8, Kol Nidre, time tba	
	Wednesday, October 9, 9:00 AM, Yizkor following Torah Service	Study Session 3:30 PM, Mincha at 4:30 PM, Ne'ilah time tba, followed by Break-the-fast
Sukkot	Monday, Oct. 14, 8:30 AM Tuesday, Oct. 15, 8:30 AM	
Shemini Atzeret	Sunday, Oct. 20, 7 PM, Monday Oct. 21, 8:30 AM	Yizkor following Torah Service
Simchat Torah	Monday Oct. 20, time tba Tuesday Oct. 21, 8:30 AM	
Children's Services	Monday Sept. 30, Tuesday Oct. 1, Wednesday Oct. 9 at noon	Reservations requested

Reservations for members and friends will be due by Sept 15th.
Reservation forms will be available in the July bulletin as well as in a special High Holiday mailing.

Temple Israel of Riverhead



BOOK CLUB

The Terrorist: a Sasha Perlov novel

By Anastasia Goodman

**Thursday June 6, 6:30 PM
at Temple Israel of Riverhead**

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June

Iyar/Sivan 5779

6/1	Spitzer, Julia	Iyar 27
6/3	Beil, Barbara	Iyar 29
6/3	Dresher, Benjamin	Iyar 29
6/3	Hochheiser, Harold	Iyar 29
6/5	Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2
6/5	Eisenman, Bernard	Sivan 2
6/6	Cohen, Samuel	Sivan 3
6/6	Goldman, Sam	Sivan 3
6/7	Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4
6/7	Faine, David	Sivan 4
6/8	Frank, Louis	Sivan 5
6/9	Korman, Jack	Sivan 6
6/9	Lockman, Samuel	Sivan 6
6/10	Lubetsky, Harry	Sivan 7
6/11	Gerlitz, Chaim	Sivan 8
6/12	Abrams, Florence	Sivan 9
6/12	Anker, Lewis	Sivan 9
6/12	Chizever, Henry	Sivan 9
6/12	Remler, Norman	Sivan 9
6/13	Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 10
6/13	Goldstein, Sophia	Sivan 10
6/15	Davis, Rae	Sivan 12
6/16	Nisenbaum, Benjamin	Sivan 13
6/17	Kohansimeh, Aziz	Sivan 14
6/19	Krasnow, Deborah	Sivan 16
6/19	Segal, Corinne	Sivan 16

6/20	Elphand, Louis	Sivan 17
6/20	Gaster, Conrad	Sivan 17
6/20	Klein, Sidney	Sivan 17
6/21	Kagan, Bella	Sivan 18
6/23	Crowitz, Ida	Sivan 20
6/25	Anker, Edward	Sivan 22
6/25	Korus, Max	Sivan 22
6/25	Sonkin, Etta	Sivan 22
6/26	Itkin, Morris	Sivan 23
6/26	Kaplan, Bella	Sivan 23
6/26	Weiner, Max	Sivan 23
6/27	Hochheiser, Helen	Sivan 24
6/28	Marienthal, Owen	Sivan 25
6/28	Weiner, Minnie	Sivan 25
6/29	Harding, Sam	Sivan 26
6/29	Hefter, Sanford	Sivan 26
6/29	Squires, Irving	Sivan 26
6/30	Goldstein, Lillian	Sivan 27
6/30	Sacks, Julius	Sivan 27
7/1	Role, Philip	Sivan 28
7/2	Bloom, William	Sivan 29
7/2	Hefter, Lillian	Sivan 29
7/2	Karlin, Charles	Sivan 29
7/4	Acard, Irving	Tammuz 1
7/4	Schneider, Benjamin	Tammuz 1
7/5	Goldstein, Abraham	Tammuz 2

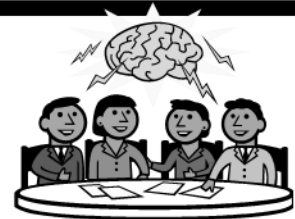
SABBATH SERVICES

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

June 2019

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/7	8:02 PM	Mr. Ron Hollander
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/14	8:05 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Goldsmith
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/21	8:07 PM	Shabbat on the Beach, sponsor tba
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/28	8:08 PM	Rob Brown
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	7/5	8:07 PM	July 4 weekend BBQ, sponsor tba

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 20, 2019, 7:00 PM

Followed by refreshments

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
2	3 7:15 PM Board meeting	4	5 6 PM Talmud class	6 6:30 PM Book Club	7 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	8 9:30 AM Services
9 9:30 AM Shavuot Services	10 8:30 AM Shavuot Services, including Yizkor	11 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	12 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible class; 6 PM Tal- mud class	13 Bulletin submissions deadline	14 5:30 PM BBQ followed by Ser- vices and lecture program.	15 9:30 AM Services
16	17	18 6 PM <i>The Per- sonhood of God</i> class	19 6PM Talmud class	20 7 PM Temple Annual Meeting	21 5:30 PM Shabbat on the Beach	22 9:30 AM Services
23	24	25 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	26 6 PM Talmud class	27	28 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	29 9:30 AM Services
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July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 5:30 July 4th Weekend BBQ followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
7	8	9 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	10 6 PM Talmud class	11	12 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat; Bat Mitzvah Sarah Ashlyn Idler	13 9:00 AM Bat Mitzvah Sarah Ashlyn Idler followed by Kid-dush luncheon
14	15	16	17 6PM Talmud class	18	19 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	20 9:30 AM Services
21	22	23 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	24 6PM Talmud class	25	26 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	27 9:30 AM Services
28	29	30	31 6PM Talmud class			

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

June 5, 12, 19, & 26; July 10, 17, 24, & 31	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes
June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23	Adult Ed—Buber’s <i>I and Thou</i>
June 18	Adult Ed— <i>Personhood of God</i>
June 9 & 10	Shavuot Services
June 14, Aug. 2, Sept. 21	Shabbat Dinner Speaker
June 20	Temple Annual Meeting
June 21	Shabbat on the Beach
July 5	July 4th weekend BBQ