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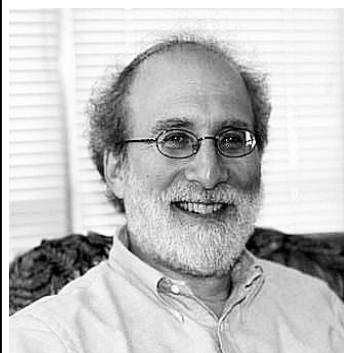
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS:

Purim: Homelessness, Redemption, and Elections

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

In many ways, the Torah is about homelessness and redemption. The same theme also runs through the Scroll of Esther. In Exodus, we travel through the Sinai wilderness, under God's protection for the most part. In Megillat Esther, Jews are also homeless; at the bottom of the heap. In the former, we are on our way to the Promised Land; in the latter, we are exiled from it. In the former, God directly influences history; in the latter, God no longer does, and people primarily are responsible for themselves.

To whom does a Diaspora Jew affirm loyalty? The Scroll asserts to both God and the ruler of the country in which we reside. Only by accepting and fulfilling the demands and laws of both God and the local ruler can a Jew find the resources to act as a Jew in an upside-down world.

The story of Purim also suggests that the survival of the Jews in the Land of Israel depends to some extent upon the Diaspora Jews. Our survival is imperative

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for righting the upside-down world where the foolish, immoral, and evil often seem to reign supreme. The Jew (and other covenanted religions, depending on how one understands the Bible and Talmud), by virtue of Torah, knows how to act in this reversed world which we inhabit as seemingly its lowest caste (cf Esther 9:1, 22).

We can read the Scroll of Esther on multiple levels. The superficial level deals with intrigue, infighting, and politics. The deeper level consists of morality and meaning, hope and courage, God and human intervention; and how, by understanding both levels, we can succeed. Life operates this way. Do we have too much faith in humanity? In our world, terrorism and

antisemitism will destroy the good. Yet humor and deeper knowledge provide the counterbalance to despair, and overcome the evil in this world. The Scroll of Esther and the holiday of Purim permit a Jew to live in exile by being loyal to two rulers—the superficial one (king/queen/ president) and the higher one—God. These issues are so fundamental that the rabbis observed that Purim alone will be remembered in the messiah's days. Though "the formal troubles shall be forgotten" (Isaiah 65:16), nonetheless, "These days of Purim shall never be abrogated" (Esther 9:24). Even in the days of new order (not a return to Paradise), fear, disorder, exile, homelessness, and alienation will be remembered in order to appreciate the messianic age's new order. Be happy it's Adar, and be informed for this year's Zionist and presidential elections.

Tell and Kvell

Linda Prizer and **Michael Tockman** joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Singer to Billy Sklar on January 1, 2020. The wedding will take place on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at the Bourne Mansion in Oakdale.

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Kid-friendly dinner followed by The Whole Megillah!

Wear your costume!

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On Sunday, March 8, daylight savings time returns.

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On Friday, March 13, services return to the
7:00 PM starting time.

Please join us for services.



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Fourth of July Weekend BBQ – Friday, 7/3/20

Labor Day Weekend BBQ – Friday, 9/4/20

Cost to sponsor a BBQ: \$360



Not a fan of summer?
Our winter dinners will return before you know it....
Starting on Friday, 11/6/20

Winter Shabbat Dinners

end on March 6th, 2020



Friday night Shabbat services will 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:

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2/28	5:22 PM	Flora Garsten, in memory of Irwin
3/6	5:30 PM	Howard Gordon, in memory of Lynne



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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 Tuesdays: March 3 & 17, and April 21, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

Talmud Classes

Talmud classes continue on the following Wednesdays: March 4, 11, 18, & 25; and April 1, 22, & 29, 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 Wednesdays, March 11 and April 22, 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.

Community Passover Seder



Conducted by Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Join us for the first night of Passover at
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Wednesday, April 8, 2020
7 PM short service,
followed by Seder

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Please reserve by March 25. Call Lisa Israel, 631 727-5500.

Reservations received after March 25 may not be accepted.

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Passover

Services

Led by Rabbi Rascoe



Thursday, April 9th, 8:30 AM

Friday, April 10th, 8:30 AM

Thursday, April 16th, 8:30 AM, including Yizkor

Kiddush following services

Modified Shabbat Services Continue




Join us for shortened Shabbat services
on the 1st Shabbat of the month.

March 7, 2020

April 4, 2020

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Dear Temple Family and Friends:

This will mark the fourth year that we will participate in the **Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program**. We hope you will join other members of Temple Israel of Riverhead on Sunday, April 20th, erev Yom HaShoah, and light this special candle in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; then join us at Temple Israel on Sunday, April 26th, at 2 PM, for a joint program with the East End Jewish Community Council.

The act of kindling this flame, and reading the enclosed meditation, can be a moving ritual to remind us of what happened to our people not so long ago. Placing the candle in your window is a way to help remind the community. This moment can also be an appropriate opportunity to discuss the Holocaust with your children.

The **Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program** is a project of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, in cooperation with the Men of Reform Judaism and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

It is our hope that the observance of Yom HaShoah, centered on the lighting of a Yellow Candle, will become an annual event in your home and in the home of every member of our congregation. Many congregations have already made this commemoration an important day in their Jewish calendar.

We ask that you help underwrite the cost of this project. Funds received over and above our program cost will go directly to support future educational programs in our synagogue, helping to insure the future of our people. We ask that you consider gifts in multiples of \$18. The number 18 is *chai*, Life.

By remembering, by doing our part to insure our future, we celebrate the ongoing life of our people, even as we memorialize those destroyed in the Shoah. We welcome and appreciate your support of our efforts in this commemoration and our on-going education programs.

We hope you and your family will participate in this small but meaningful project. If you have questions, you may call me at 631-653-3985. NEVER FORGET!

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Jaime Siegel, President

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The Yellow Candle™ was created in 1981 by FJMC clubs in Canada, New England, and elsewhere to keep alive the memory of the Six Million who perished in the Shoah. The Candle is modeled after a traditional Jewish memorial Yahrzeit candle that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning and on the Yahrzeit anniversary of a family member. The candle's yellow wax serves to remind us of the yellow arm band which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. A photo on the candle container shows young people visiting Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. This reflects the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million. In addition, the program logo is a yellow Magen David (Star of David) outlined with barbed wire, with the word "Jude" in the middle. This preserves the memory of the armband or cloth patch that Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos of Eastern Europe.

For Jewish people, remembering a victim is a great mitzvah.

Never Forget! Zachor!



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Yahrzeit for Henry Arbeeney—Linda Prizer.
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Yahrzeit for Mercedes Diamond—mother of Lisa Israel.
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Yahrzeit for Carole Roth—sister of George Sandberg.
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In memory of Honora Wasserman—Renee Chizever.

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TODAH RABAH!

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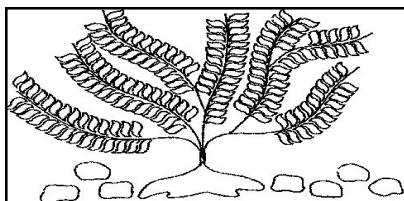
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Friday evenings at 7:00 PM Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM

March 2020

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	3/13	6:38 PM	Allen & Lee Ann Silver, in honor of their mothers' Yahrzeits
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	3/20	6:45 PM	Ms. Linda Prizer
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	3/27	6:53 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Mitchell Hagler
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	4/3	7:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Collins

Note: March 6 candle lighting information is on page 5.



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YAHREZITS

*We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.
May their memories be a blessing.*

March

Adar/Nissan 5780

3/1	Elphand, Shirley	Adar 5
3/1	Gradus, Herbert	Adar 5
3/1	Israel, Isaac	Adar 5
3/2	Bernstein, Albert	Adar 6
3/2	Cohen, Doug	Adar 6
3/2	Colbert, Lawrence	Adar 6
3/2	Korosteshevsky, Basi	Adar 6
3/2	Sanders, Samuel	Adar 7
3/3	Goldstein, Jack	Adar 7
3/3	Oppenheimer, Harry	Adar 8
3/4	Levine, Samuel	Adar 8
3/4	Sigal, Anna	Adar 8
3/4	Weiss, Dora	Adar 9
3/5	Cohen, Ida	Adar 10
3/6	Goldberg, Eva	Adar 10
3/6	Krasnow, Reva	Adar 10
3/6	Sandberg, Sadie	Adar 10
3/6	Sigal, Joseph	Adar 11
3/7	Kaplan, Mollie	Adar 11
3/7	Lockman, Margaret	Adar 12
3/8	Edelman, Israel	Adar 12
3/8	Rothenstein, Shirley	Adar 13
3/9	Graw, Charlotte	Adar 13
3/9	Raffe, Solomon	Adar 13
3/9	Steiner, Samuel	Adar 14
3/10	Schmalz, Ernest	Adar 14
3/10	Smith, Lillian	Adar 15
3/11	Gordon, Lynne	Adar 15
3/11	Sturm, Neddie	Adar 16
3/12	Israel, Miriam	Adar 17
3/13	Davis, Harry R.	Adar 17
3/13	Katz, Max	Adar 17
3/13	Segal, Frances	Adar 18
3/14	Abrams, Harry	Adar 18
3/14	Scheinberg, Sophie	Adar 19

3/15	Heller, Lewis	Adar 19
3/15	Press, Benjamin	Adar 19
3/15	Scheininger, Sadie	Adar 20
3/16	Lipetz, Fannie	Adar 21
3/17	Dresher, Barbara Sue	Adar 21
3/17	Karlin, Rose	Adar 21
3/17	Polonet, Fanny	Adar 21
3/17	Prizer, Ray	Adar 22
3/18	Levine, Samuel	Adar 23
3/18	Saffer, Louis	Adar 23
3/19	Israel, Pauline	Adar 23
3/19	Michaelson, Sarah	Adar 24
3/20	Hochheiser, Jacob	Adar 24
3/20	Raffe, Esther	Adar 24
3/20	Silver, Miriam	Adar 25
3/21	Jaeger, Fred	Adar 27
3/23	Kaiserman, Leona	Adar 29
3/25	Coladner, Jack	Adar 29
3/25	Gradus, Hannah	Adar 29
3/25	Klein, Sari	Adar 29
3/25	Novidoff, Raymond	Nissan 1
3/26	Bartick, Albert	Nissan 2
3/27	Grossman, Brucha	Nissan 3
3/28	Schmalz, Ruth R.	Nissan 5
3/30	Schackman, Janet	Nissan 6
3/31	Fishtahl, Max	Nissan 6
3/31	Harding, Morris	Nissan 7
4/1	Cohen, Herman	Nissan 7
4/1	Froehlich, Irving	Nissan 8
4/2	Levinton, David Jeffrey	Nissan 8
4/2	Lowenthal, Martin	Nissan 8
4/2	Schulman, David	Nissan 8
4/2	Spitzer, Morris	Nissan 8
4/2	Weixelbaum, Hilda	Nissan 10
4/4	Gradus, Milton	Nissan 11

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:00 PM Board meeting	3 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	4 6 PM Talmud Class	5	6 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	7 9:30 AM Modified Shab- bat Services
8	9 6:15 PM—Purim - Megillah read- ing, dinner	10	11 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bi- ble Class; 6 PM Talmud Class	12	13 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	14 9:30 AM Services
15 Bulletin submissions deadline	16	17 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	18 6 PM Talmud Class	19	20 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	21 9:30 AM Services
22	23	24	25 6 PM Talmud Class	26	27 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	28 9:30 AM Services
29	30	31				

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 PM Talmud Class	2	3 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	4 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
5	6	7	8 7 PM Services followed by Community Passover Seder	9 8:30 AM Passover Services	10 8:30 AM Passover Services, 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	11 9:30 AM Services
12	13	14 Bulletin submissions deadline	15	16 8:30 AM Passover Services, including Yizkor	17 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	18 9:30 AM Services
19	20 Erev Yom HaShoah	21 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	22 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud Class	23	24 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	25 9:30 AM Services
26 2 PM EEJCC Yom HaShoah program at TIR	27	28	29 6 PM Talmud Class	30		

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

March 3 & 17; April 21	Adult Ed—Buber’s <i>I and Thou</i>
March 4, 11, 18, & 25; April 1, 22, 29	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes
Starting March 5	Adult Ed—Beginning Hebrew
March 7 & April 4	Shortened Shabbat Services
March 9	Purim
April 8	Passover Community Seder
April 9, 10, 16.	Passover Services
April 20, April 26	Yom HaShoah, EEJCC program