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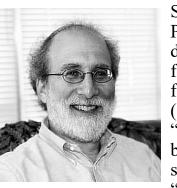
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: The Strange Place of Shavuot



Shavuot (Festival of Weeks/ Pentecost) is a strange holiday. The Bible sets no date for this middle pilgrimage festival. We count the *Omer* (sheaf) 49 days after the "sabbath" of Pesa<u>h</u>, then begin Shavuot. The rabbis set the date by saying the "sabbath" of Passover means the first day of Pesah and

Rabbi Michael Rascoe

then make Rosh <u>H</u>odesh (New Moon) one or two days, so Shavuot always falls on 6 Sivan. We commemorate Torah's revelation on Shavuot, but do not rejoice until Sim<u>h</u>at Torah (which technically is a medieval holiday.) Why place Shavuot between Pesa<u>h</u> and Sim<u>h</u>at Torah?

Pesa<u>h</u>, solemnizing our liberation from bondage, reminds us that we were both physical and spiritual slaves before redemption. We need time to process. So, we count the *Omer* from Pesa<u>h</u> until Shavuot. This way, we realize that human interaction requires us to submit voluntarily to rules.

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Shavuot also can mean oaths, so *S'fat Emet* (Rabbi Yehudah Aryeh Leib Alter of Ger, 1847-1905) says the Talmud (*Shavuot* 21b) means that the Jews on Sinai swore an irrevocable oath to bind all Jews to Torah. *S'fat Emet* writes that from Pesa<u>h</u> to Shavuot we clarify our relationship to God. We become God's servants and pledge to serve God with our physical instincts and abilities on Pesa<u>h</u>, but not until Shavuot do our souls, our intellectual faculties, spiritual instincts, and abilities submit to God.

Having finally agreed to follow God and God's laws, why do we celebrate the marriage on Shavuot but wait until Simhat Torah to rejoice? The Maggid of Dubno (Rabbi Ya'akov ben Z'ev (Wolf) Kranz, 1741-1804,) tells a parable: Once a great king had everything but children. After doctors could not help, a friend suggested visiting a pious Jew. After praying, the Jew told him he would have a daughter within the year, but if a male sees her before she is married, she will die. Taken aback, the king decided he had no choice. Before the due date, he sent his wife to a beautiful but remote island. The queen raised the princess with the best physical, intellectual, and cultural training. The king contented himself with periodic reports. At eighteen, the king

sent messengers to all the available princes looking for a husband. When they heard that they could not see her before they were married, only one humble prince, a vassal to the king, stayed. The wedding began with no male present, and the bride heavily covered. Imagine the groom's relief and delight when he saw her beauty. Next, he worried that she was not bright, but she was. Then he fretted that she was maladjusted, which also was not true. After a time, he returned to his father-in-law, confessed his fears, begged his forgiveness for doubting him, and announced his intentions to throw a big party celebrating the marriage since the quiet, strange wedding didn't do her justice. So, too, with us. We did not realize the nature of the gem God gave us on Shavuot. Thus, we keep the wedding on Shavuot, but wait to rejoice until Simhat Torah.

The strange place of Shavuot teaches us that it takes time and effort to submit first our bodies and then our minds to God. Only later do we rejoice in the good deal God gave us. Not bad, considering no group has been around for as long as the Jews, nor contributed as much to the world's civilization. <u>Hag same-ah</u>.

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Celebrate Bruce Kagan's Birthday Weekend at TIR

Friday, May 18—Bruce will be sponsoring the Oneg.

Saturday, May 19—Bruce will be chanting the B'midbar Haftorah and sponsoring a kiddush luncheon.

Please join us in celebrating!





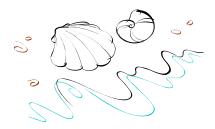




Shabbat on the Beach

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.

Temple Israel of Riverhead Annual Meeting

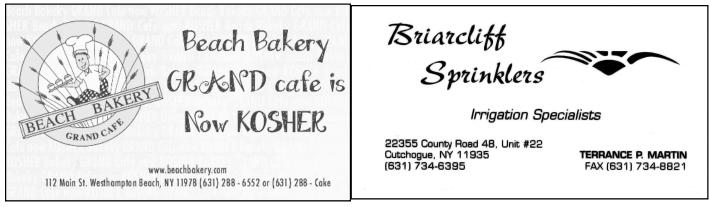


Installation of Officers & Trustees. Come meet our Board, our committee chairs, and learn about everything that is going on in our temple. Voice your opinion. Be involved.

Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00 PM

Refreshments to follow





Temple Israel of Riverhead Book Club

Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 PM

The Nightingale



by Kristin Hannah

Location: Temple Israel of Riverhead



Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly. Contact **Harley Abrams** with any questions.





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 May 8 & 22, and June 12 and 26, at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

The Personhood of God

On Tuesdays, May 1 and June 5, from 7-8 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: May 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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 meet on the following Wednesdays: May 9 and June 13, 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.

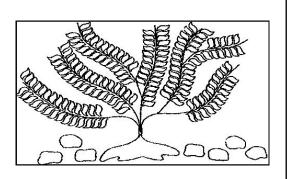
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Please contact Lana Anker (lana410@aol.com,) Lorraine Richter (631-653-9028,) or the Temple office to arrange a purchase. The total? profit from card sales is donated to the? general fund each year. Please support this silent fundraiser.



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.

Tell and Kvell

It is with tremendous joy that **Harry and Jamie Mainzer** share the news of the wedding of our son Jacob to Meredith Veach, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Veach of Armonk, NY.

The ceremony was officiated by Rabbi Douglas Krantz on February 10, 2018 in Manchester, Vermont. The newlyweds met as students at Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. They currently reside in California, where Jacob works as a media buyer and Meredith works as a film editor.

Trees for Israel

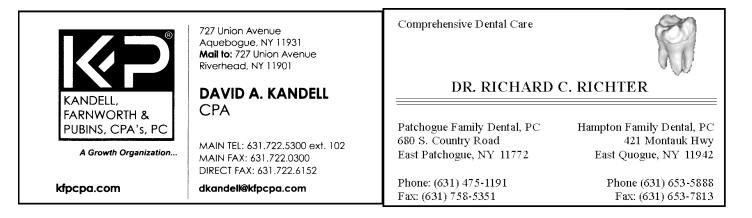
Sponsor a Speaker at Temple Israel

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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Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

Donation—Gail Novid.

Mi Sheberach for Roberta Denis --- Mr. & Mrs. James Csorny.

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In memory of Edward Korus-Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Sanders, Dr. & Mrs. Martin Van Dyne.

In honor of Richard Harding's birthday —Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hefter.

In memory of Lee & Truter's brother-in-law—Dr. & Mrs. Martin Van Dyne.

Yahrzeit for Sari Klein—mother of Alice Ganz.

Yahrzeit for Essie Levine—grandmother of Elaine Kimpel.

Yahrzeit for Max Silver—father of Mona Warner.

Yahrzeit for Sarah Sanders-mother of Arthur Sanders.

Yahrzeit for Paul Schmalz—father of Eva Sanders.

Yahrzeit for Gertrude Sandberg—mother of George Sandberg.

Yahrzeit for Pauline Israel—grandmother of Isaac Israel.

Yahrzeit for Norman Remler—husband of Gladys Remler.

Yahrzeit for Pauline Fivel-mother of Sylvia Hagler.

Yahrzeit for Malvine Knopfler-grandmother of Charles Raffe.

Yahrzeit for Kenneth Klein—brother of Alice Ganz.

Yahrzeit for Walter Brown—father of Robert Brown.

Tree of Life—Gladys Remler.

Donations to Yellow Candle Program

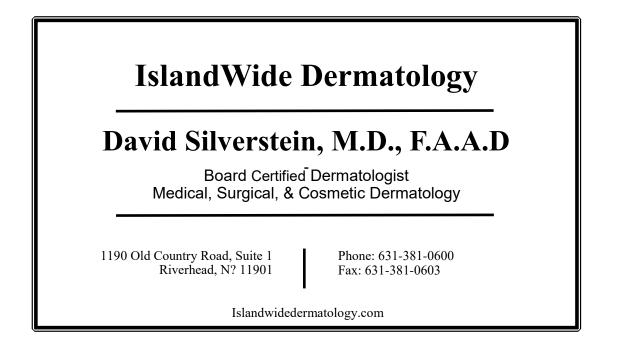
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Donations to Kol Nidre 5778 Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Levine

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.



TI Mourns the loss of Ed Korus

Long time TI member, Ed Korus, recently passed away. Below are excerpts from the eulogy given by **Howard Gordon.**

Dear Andrew and Korus Family,

We express our sympathy on the loss of your beloved father. As you know, for us at Temple Israel, he, your mother Sondra, and you children were examples for the rest of us to try to emulate since we held you all in such high esteem.

As an example, my son Michael, who intended to become a physician, consulted with Gary about the process of selecting schools to apply to. Michael is now an orthopedic hand surgeon in Sarasota FL, with a wife and two daughters.

Your father also had a business relationship with my late wife, Lynne. I hope she was able to give him some good advice! As I get older I see the wisdom of our traditions – e.g. the annual Passover Seders with their message: gratitude for being delivered from slavery, respect for our freedom, etc. I see the value of parents teaching their children so the tradition can continue. Your parents did a great job of leading by example to make the world a better place.



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 a? 727-3191, and we will try to arrange a ride for you.

Best wishes to Temple Israel

from

Siegel and Segal

TI Mourns the loss of Jack Coladner

It is with much sadness that we mourn the recent passing of Jack Coladner, longtime member of Temple Israel. Jack, in his quiet and unassuming way, was known to many congregants as a congenial and friendly guy, easy to talk to and get to know. He and his wife Roz were frequent congregants in years past, though not so much recently as their health declined. Jack will be missed at Temple Israel. In addition to Roz, he leaves behind a son, a daughter, and a number of grandchildren.

Jack was a man of several professions during his lifetime, most notably a Realtor. He was also an enthusiastic gardener and enjoyed feeding whatever wildlife came to his yard. He served in World War II in the army, one of the ever-dwindling number of those who are now survivors of that war. He was instrumental in liberating children from a concentration camp, and has a picture of himself drawn by one of those children. He was active in rescue efforts in France, as well. He brought to his service, as to everything he tackled in life, his sense of fairness and doing what was right. And he never bragged about his accomplishments, preferring to let them stand on their own.

Jack, you will be missed by all who knew you. Roz and family, our deepest condolences.

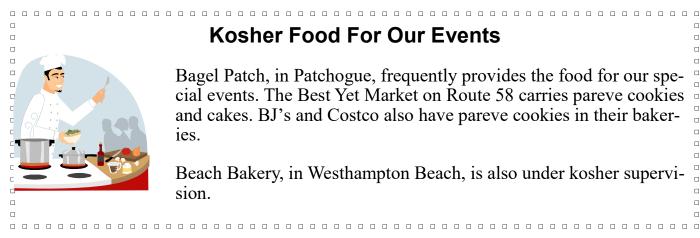
Parker Jewish Institute Mobile Adult Day Care Program

The Mobile Adult Day Care Program, sponsored by Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, currently 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.



May 2018



Kosher Food For Our Events

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. May Iyar/Sivan 5778

5/1	Alpert, Lena	lyar 16
5/1	Brander, Anna	lyar 16
5/1	Levy, Lawrence	lyar 16
5/1	Richter, Jacqueline	lyar 16
5/1	Yurman, Nathan	lyar 16
5/2	Jaeger, Benjamin	lyar 17
5/2	Kallman, Irving	lyar 17
5/2	Sanders, Murray	lyar 17
5/3	Frank, Conrad	lyar 18
5/3	Weiss, Nathan	lyar 18
5/4	Beil, Lawrence	lyar 19
5/5	Feiler, Lillian	lyar 20
5/5	Gerber, Kate	lyar 20
5/6	Ettinger, Sara	lyar 21
5/7	Brander, Irving	lyar 22
5/7	Joseph, Reuben	lyar 22
5/7	Leon, Sophie	lyar 22
5/7	Warner, Arthur	lyar 22
5/7	White, Jacob	lyar 22
5/8	Thompson, Irwin	lyar 23
5/10	Bartick, Mildred	lyar 25
5/10	Korus, Fannie	lyar 25
5/11	Hahn, J. Jacob	lyar 26
5/11	Siegel, Irving	lyar 26
5/11	Zipser, Herman	lyar 26
5/12	Spitzer, Julia	lyar 27
5/14	Beil, Barbara	lyar 29
5/14	Dresher, Benjamin	lyar 29
5/14	Hochheiser, Harold	lyar 29
5/16	Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2
5/16	Eisenman, Bernard	Sivan 2
5/17	Cohen, Samuel	Sivan 3
5/17	Goldman, Sam	Sivan 3

5/18	Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4
5/18	Faine, David	Sivan 4
5/19	Frank, Louis	Sivan 5
5/20	Korman, Jack	Sivan 6
5/20	Lockman, Samuel	Sivan 6
5/21	Lubetsky, Harry	Sivan 7
5/22	Gerlitz, Chaim	Sivan 8
5/23	Abrams, Florence	Sivan 9
5/23	Anker, Lewis	Sivan 9
5/23	Chizever, Henry	Sivan 9
5/23	Remler, Norman	Sivan 9
5/24	Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 10
5/24	Goldstein, Sophia	Sivan 10
5/26	Davis, Rae	Sivan 12
5/27	Nisenbaum, Benjamin	Sivan 13
5/28	Kohansimeh, Aziz	Sivan 14
5/31	Elphand, Louis	Sivan 17
5/31	Gaster, Conrad	Sivan 17
5/31	Klein, Sidney	Sivan 17
6/1	Kagan, Bella	Sivan 18
6/3	Crowitz, Ida	Sivan 20
6/5	Anker, Edward	Sivan 22
6/5	Korus, Max	Sivan 22
6/5	Sonkin, Etta	Sivan 22
6/6	Itkin, Morris	Sivan 23
6/6	Kaplan, Bella	Sivan 23
6/6	Weiner, Max	Sivan 23
6/7	Hochheiser, Helen	Sivan 24
6/8	Marienthal, Owen	Sivan 25
6/8	Weiner, Minnie	Sivan 25
6/9	Harding, Sam	Sivan 26
6/9	Hefter, Sanford	Sivan 26
6/9	Squires, Irving	Sivan 26

SABBATH SERVICES

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

May 2018

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/4	7:32 PM	Lisa and Richard Israel
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/11	7:39 PM	Meyer and Corky Segal
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/18	7:46 PM	Bruce Kagan in celebration of his birthday
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/25	7:52 PM	Rich Levinton, in memory of David Levinton and Uncle Marty
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/1	7:58 PM	The Seitles family



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7-8 PM The Per- sonhood of God class	2 6-7:30 PM Talmud class	ĸ	4 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	5 9:30 AM Modified Shab- bat Services
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13	14	15 Bulletin submissions deadline	16 6-7:30 PM Talmud class	11	18 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	19 9:30 AM Services; Bruce Kagan Birthday & Kiddush lunch- eon.
20 9:30 AM Sha- vuot Services	21 8:30 AM Sha- vuot Services including Yizkor	22 7 PM Book Discussion, I and Thou	23 6-7:30 PM Talmud class	24	25 5:30 Memori- al Day Weekend BBQ followed by Kaballat Shab- bat	26 9:30 AM Services
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June 2018

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May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, June 6, 13, 20, & 27	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes
May 5, June 2	Modified Shabbat Services
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May 25	Memorial Day Weekend Shabbat BBQ