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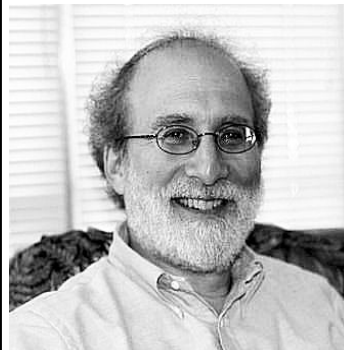
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS:

A Lesson in Life

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

On May 5, the East End Jewish Community Council will host a Holocaust Remembrance Service at the Temple at 2 PM, at which Professor Ron Hollander will speak. A major aspect of the Shoah is Eastern European Jewry's destruction as some 6 million Jews were murdered. We hoped that the

world would learn from this, and that antisemitism would disappear. It lessened for a while, but now is rising around the world, even in the USA. I was raised in the Holocaust's aftermath, and studied it in religious school, high school, and college. I wrote in my final essay in my after-school religious high school, that building Judaism on death will not ensure its survival. Judaism flatly rejects a cultural base of death. Instead, it teaches us how to live life.

Many themes in Genesis recur in Exodus, and subsequently. One is that of the struggle with the forces of chaos and death. In Genesis, God created order out of chaos, and in the process made human beings who die by virtue of being human. In Exodus, Pharaoh

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tried to destroy the Israelites. Later, Amaleq and his descendant Haman tried to kill the Jews. But the Bible records it, and, from it, gives us a path by which to live life.

Death plays a role in culture too, which Judaism rejected. Egyptian culture was based on death. For a brief period of time, the Egyptians created the first zoos, and buried the animals with their rulers to join them in the next world; which perhaps gave rise to the Egyptian human-animal gods. The zoo age lasted a very short time, because zoos were expensive. After a revolt, the next leaders created the pharaohs with their culture of death, epitomized by the pyramids. We left them behind in the Exodus.

The Bible contains rules to keep us from emulating Egyptian death practices. Besides establishing order over chaos, it emphasizes life over death. The Egyptian concept of death included a hedonistic attitude to life. Herodotus wrote that people at Egyptian joyous events either presented a coffin containing an ancestor's embalmed remains to all present or showed a dead person's image and said, "Look upon this and be merry, for you will be like this when dead." Similarly, the Romans exhibited a skeleton and said, "Let us enjoy life while we may." Isaiah mentions this attitude, "Eat and drink, for tomorrow we die" (22:13), which he criticizes.

Philosophies like this evince despair and show a failure of nerve. Living like this exposes an attitude like Ecclesiastes: "Utter futility! Utter futility! All is futile!" (1:1). I once said, in discussing happiness during the High Holidays, that life is full of pain. To avoid sorrow misses out on life.

Death can lead one to indulge or to despair, but not in Judaism. We hope, and act on this hope. We confront the Angel of Death with life. We look to God to "teach us to count our days rightly, that we may obtain a wise heart" (Psalm 90:12). We live within limitations and learn from them to: help the less fortunate, comfort the bereaved, lighten the sorrows of the suffering, strengthen those of failing courage, and cheerfully greet those whom we encounter; so that, when we die, we leave this a better world. Life may be brief, but we determine its quality. In fact, life's very brevity teaches us to discriminate what we put into it.

Come to the Holocaust Remembrance service at the Temple on May 5 and hear Ron speak. It will be worthwhile, but remember that this event about death should teach us how to live life.



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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday, May 5th 2 - 4PM

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- Professor *Ron Hollander* taught Jewish American Studies for 26 years. He reported from death camps across Europe and wrote the lead chapter on the American press in *Why Didn't the Press Shout?* During this program we will learn the answer to the question: What did the American reading public know of the Holocaust while it was happening? And why was nothing done to stop it?
- Suffolk County Legislator *Al Krupski*
- *Fr. Roy Tvrdik*, Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of The Island in Manorville
- Musical Interlude-Rabbi *Danielle Weisbrot*
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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. 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.

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.

Friday night events: BBQ at 5:30 PM, followed by Services and lecture. All events are free. Kindly RSVP to Temple office if you plan on attending.

**You are invited to our
Memorial Day Weekend BBQ
Friday, May 24, 2019, 5:30 PM
be followed by Kaballat Shabbat**



Sponsored by **Richie Levinton**, in honor of David & Uncle Marty.

Contact Jaime Siegel if you are interested in sponsoring a future BBQ

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.



שבועות



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, May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25 at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

The Personhood of God

On Tuesdays, May 21 and June 18, 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: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, and June 5, 12, 19, and 26 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, May 8 and June 12, 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.

Upcoming Events at Temple Israel of Riverhead



EEJCC Interfaith / Unity Holocaust Memorial Program

Sunday, May 5th, 5 PM.

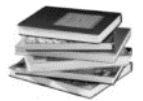
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Friday, May 24th, 5:30 PM.



Book Club Meetings

May 23 and June 6. See page 9 for more information.



Shavuot

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



Fourth of July Weekend BBQ

Friday, July 5th, 5:30 PM.



Rabbi Stephen Karol Lecture Series

See page 4 for details



Idler Bat Mitzvah

Friday & Saturday, July 12th & 13th.

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.

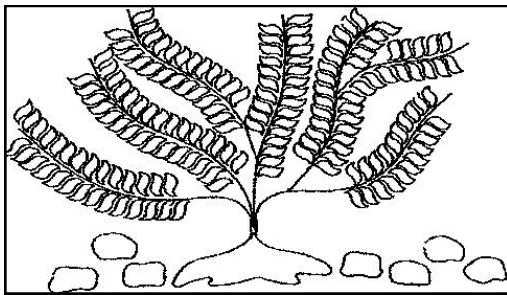
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June 1, 2019

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Temple Israel of Riverhead



BOOK CLUB

Date: Thursday, May 23, 7 PM

The Mossad Messiah: a Novel of Israel

by Leigh Lerner

Rabbi Lerner will be *Skyping* with us from Canada to discuss his book.

Date: Thursday June 6 , 6:30 PM

The Terrorist

By Anastasia Goodman

The author will be coming to speak about her novel.
There will be a fee of \$18 per person for dinner.

Contact **Harley Abrams** or **Barbara Smith** for more information.

**Best wishes to
Temple Israel
from**

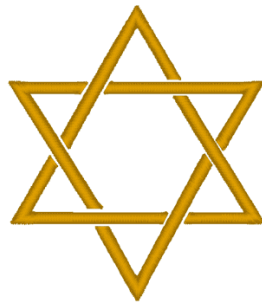
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5/2	Korosteshevsky, Gershon	Nissan 27
5/3	Klein, Kenneth Martin	Nissan 28
5/4	Levine, Essie	Nissan 29
5/4	Mottus, Dora	Nissan 29
5/4	Sandberg, Gertrude	Nissan 29
5/5	Perkal, Samuel	Nissan 30
5/5	Stein, Harriet	Nissan 30
5/7	Feldman, Pauline	Iyar 2
5/7	Squires, Witty	Iyar 2
5/8	Schneider, Sheila	Iyar 3
5/9	Rosen, Albert	Iyar 4
5/9	Spitzer, Sam	Iyar 4
5/10	Berk, Arthur	Iyar 5
5/12	Spitzer, Jessie	Iyar 7
5/12	Thompson, William	Iyar 7
5/13	Shinder, Israel Louis	Iyar 8
5/14	Cohen, Jerry Joseph	Iyar 9
5/14	Knopfler, Malvine	Iyar 9
5/15	Finkelstein, Essie	Iyar 10
5/15	Leavitt, Theodore	Iyar 10
5/15	Slaw, Helen Cohen	Iyar 10
5/17	Krasnow, Marc	Iyar 12
5/17	Spector, Walter	Iyar 12
5/18	Hyman-Auerbach, Estelle	Iyar 13
5/19	Salpeter, Mildred	Iyar 14
5/20	Goldstein, Hyman	Iyar 15
5/21	Alpert, Lena	Iyar 16
5/21	Brander, Anna	Iyar 16
5/21	Levy, Lawrence	Iyar 16
5/21	Richter, Jacqueline	Iyar 16

5/21	Yurman, Nathan	Iyar 16
5/22	Gusky, Sheldon	Iyar 17
5/22	Jaeger, Benjamin	Iyar 17
5/22	Kallman, Irving	Iyar 17
5/22	Sanders, Murray	Iyar 17
5/23	Frank, Conrad	Iyar 18
5/23	Weiss, Nathan	Iyar 18
5/24	Beil, Lawrence	Iyar 19
5/25	Feiler, Lillian	Iyar 20
5/25	Gerber, Kate	Iyar 20
5/26	Ettinger, Sara	Iyar 21
5/27	Brander, Irving	Iyar 22
5/27	Joseph, Reuben	Iyar 22
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5/31	Zipser, Herman	Iyar 26
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6/5	Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2
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6/7	Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4
6/7	Faine, David	Sivan 4

SABBATH SERVICES

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

May 2019

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/3	7:31 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kaplan
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/10	7:38 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Csorny
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/17	7:45 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Kagan, in celebration of Bruce's birthday on 5/16
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/24	7:51 PM	Richie Levinton, in memory of David & Uncle Marty
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	5/31	7:57 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hefter
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	6/7	8:02 PM	Mr. Ron Hollander



May 2019

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 Shab- bat Services
5 2 PM EEJCC Interfaith / Unity Holocaust Me- morial Program	6	7	8 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible class; 6 PM Talmud class	9	10 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	11 9:30 AM Services
12	13	14 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	15 6 PM Talmud class	16 Bulletin submissions deadline	17 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	18 9:30 AM Services
19	20	21 6 PM <i>The Per- sonhood of God</i> class	22 6 PM Talmud class	23 7:00 PM Book Club	24 5:30 Memori- al Day Weekend BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat	25 9:30 AM Services
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June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
2	3	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, / and <i>Thou</i>	12 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible class; 6 PM Talmud class	13	14 5:30 BBQ followed by Services and lecture program.	15 9:30 AM Services
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May 5	EEJCC Interfaith/Unity Holocaust Memorial Program
May 23 and June 6	TIR Book Club
May 24	Memorial Day BBQ & Services
June 9 & 10	Shavuot Services
June 14, Aug. 12, Sept 21	Shabbat Dinner Speaker