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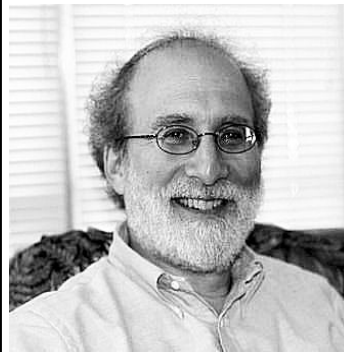
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## RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: Hebrew, Buber, and Life

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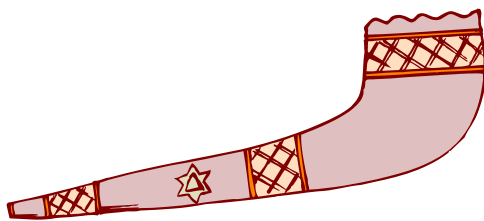
Rabbi Michael Rascoe

Jews have a two-month-long holiday break, from *Simhat Torah* to *Hanukkah*, excluding *Shabbat* and *Rosh Hodesh* (Sabbath and New Month). If the holidays operate the way we pray, implementing their messages should carry us through this long stretch

of regular time.

Wednesday, October 23 in Diaspora is *isru hag*, one of several Hebrew terms which covers how we operate during this festival break. *Isru hag* appears in Psalm 118:27 (part of *Hallel*), *bind the festal offerings*. The expression now means the day after a pilgrimage holiday ends, in this case the day after *Simhat Torah* (also *Pesah* and *Shavuot*, Passover, and Weeks/Pentecost). The holiday pilgrims to Jerusalem did not want to go home quickly, so they stayed another night. A former congregant once quipped, they were "tied up an extra day". Though the holidays are over, we do not quite want to leave.

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We do not mark it in positive ways; we just skip negative and sad things, like *tahanun*, penitential prayers. The Talmud says that for anyone who adds to the holiday by eating and drinking (more nicely on this day), Scripture regards it as if this person built an altar and offered sacrifices on it (Sukkah 45b).

The idea is to add something to the weekday. We routinely add holy time to profane time: 18 minutes to the beginning of *Shabbat* and festivals, the balance of an hour to the end of *Shabbat* and festivals; so we talk of a 25-hour day. Another Hebrew term is *mosif mihol al ha-qodesh*, “take from the secular and add to the holy.” God tells us to be a “holy people,” *am qadosh; qedoshim tihyu*, “You shall be holy.” The rabbis also say *qadesh atsm’kha b’mutar lakh*, “Sanctify yourself in what is permitted to you.” We live, do life’s daily things with a mind to add holiness to the mundane. Keeping *kashrut*, dietary laws, and saying *berakhot*, blessings, before and after we eat are ways we sanctify the secular, raise the profane to the holy.

Martin Buber wrote of the relationship terms, “I-You” and “I-It.” People misinterpret him and think the “I-You” is the better, more authentic relationship, the one for which to strive all the time. When dealing with friends and family, this is good. But in daily life, even with friends and family, we also need to live in and to manipulate the world. We cannot live in the business or academ-

ic world always in an “I-You” relationship, or nothing would get done; no scientific advances would occur. The idea, according to Buber, is to find the right mix. (Come to our class for more.)

We cannot live life full-time in the way of “I-You” or festival, or even *hol ha-mo’ed* (the Intermediate Festival days where we celebrate some of the festival but make concessions to living life). But an *isru hag* approach to life brings holiness to the profane. This way, we live life in a way that always sees itself as adding a bit of the sacred to the mundane. We only have five festivals and two instances of *hol ha-mo’ed* in which to live on a spiritual or mostly spiritual level, but we always have the possibility of more of an “I-It” or *isru hag* approach to the world and life where we can bring in the “I-You” and the spiritual into daily life. We can add more holiness to the secular and still live in it. The mundane should not be permitted to drive out the holy, nor the holy the secular, if we wish to live

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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!

**Rosh Hashanah** Sunday, Sept. 29, 7 PM

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,  
followed by kiddush luncheon

**Yom Kippur** Tuesday, Oct. 8, Kol Nidre, 5:45 PM sharp!

Wednesday, October 9, 9:00 AM;  
Yizkor following Torah Service

Study Session 3:20 PM,  
Mincha at 4:20 PM,  
Ne'ilah at 5:50 PM, followed by  
Break-the-fast

**Sukkot** Monday, Oct. 14, 8:30 AM  
Tuesday, Oct. 15, 8:30 AM

**Shemini Atzeret** Monday Oct. 21, 8:30 AM

Yizkor following Torah Service

**Simchat Torah** Tuesday Oct. 22, 8:30 AM

Call or email the Temple office for more information.

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and advance God's plan. The Jewish religious life understands this distinction and calls forth a reaction. By creating the system of *mitsvot* and *berakhot*, the rabbis tell us that the religious person regularly tries to both live in this world and to spend time sanctifying it.

I wish you a *l'shanah tovah*, *hag same-ah*, and a *gute vokh*: a good year, a happy holiday, and a good week, since all will occur in October.



# FALL FOOD DRIVE



To all members of the Temple in Riverhead  
 I'm asking again and there's nothing to dread  
 Autumn is coming and winter is near  
 Our food banks are reporting their cupboards are clear

Our youth group, however, all in their teens  
 Have the desire, the energy, and whatever the means  
 Under the leadership of a Kaplan named Josh  
 They will gather your cans, be they a meal or a nosh

The whole purpose I know that you can see  
 Is to feed the hungry of our commu-nity  
 A can or two or maybe more  
 Will for our neighbors be quite the score

This time we don't need any gelt,  
 Nor any foods that could possibly melt  
 A couple of cans, just two or three  
 Will help feed the greater community

For those of you who would rather not shop  
 A cash donation would not be a flop  
 Our drive begins with the new year  
 But must end by Succot I fear

We can do it, and will not fail  
 Thanks to the good members  
 of Temple Is-rael!

Kudos to my brother Jeff for this lovely verse  
 If I tried, it would have come out worse.

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Starting November 8th, 2019 until March 6th, 2020



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followed by a community dinner.

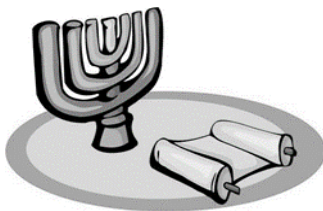
Join us for services and dinner.

It is a wonderful evening, and a great way to begin Shabbat.



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## Modified Shabbat Services Continue

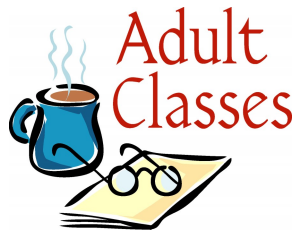


Test out our shortened Shabbat services  
on the 1st Shabbat of the month.

**October 5, 2019**

**November 2, 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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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, October 29 and November 5 and 19 at 7 PM, at Temple Israel.

### **Talmud Classes**

Talmud classes continue on the following Wednesdays: October 2, 16, 23, and 30, November 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 resume meetings on Wednesdays, October 23 and November 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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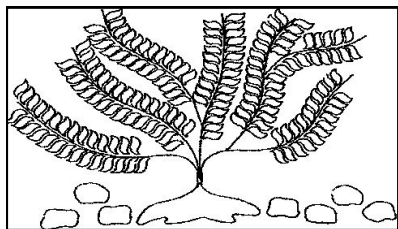
*May their memories be a blessing.*

October

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10/1	Bright, Eliezer	Tishrei 2
10/1	Goldberg, Benny	Tishrei 2
10/1	Roschelle, Ira	Tishrei 2
10/2	Chiprut, Victoria	Tishrei 3
10/2	Korus, Sondra	Tishrei 3
10/2	Levine, Nathan	Tishrei 3
10/5	Fivel, George	Tishrei 6
10/5	Shapiro, Albert	Tishrei 6
10/5	Silver, Ethel	Tishrei 6
10/7	Greenberg, Matilda	Tishrei 8
10/8	Adler, Herman	Tishrei 9
10/8	Davarashvili, Fano	Tishrei 9
10/8	Spitzer, David	Tishrei 9
10/9	Berk, Lawrence	Tishrei 10
10/9	Davarashvili, Abraham	Tishrei 10
10/10	Buxbaum, Tilly	Tishrei 11
10/10	Weiss, Howard	Tishrei 11
10/11	Coladner, Benjamin	Tishrei 12
10/11	Golding, Bob	Tishrei 12
10/13	Krieger, Sally	Tishrei 14
10/14	White, Anna	Tishrei 15
10/15	Grubman, Abe	Tishrei 16
10/15	Lowy, Ida M.	Tishrei 16
10/16	Idelson, Jean	Tishrei 17
10/17	Hyman, Tillie	Tishrei 18
10/18	Schneider, Ruth	Tishrei 19
10/18	Sonkin, Rita	Tishrei 19
10/19	Yurman, Frieda	Tishrei 20

10/20	Goldstein, Stanley	Tishrei 21
10/20	Teichberg, Abraham	Tishrei 21
10/21	Abrams, Irwin	Tishrei 22
10/21	Alpert, Martin	Tishrei 22
10/21	Strassberg, Mildred	Tishrei 22
10/21	Weiss, Freddie	Tishrei 22
10/22	Persky, Cheryl	Tishrei 23
10/23	Ganz, Douglas	Tishrei 24
10/23	Geller, Herman	Tishrei 24
10/24	Bright, Tsipora	Tishrei 25
10/24	Mottus, Morris	Tishrei 25
10/24	Segal, Rebecca	Tishrei 25
10/25	Faine, Rubin	Tishrei 26
10/25	Zarbanelian, Lana	Tishrei 26
10/27	Joseph, Gary	Tishrei 28
10/28	Siskind, Annie	Tishrei 29
10/30	Cohen, Gertrude	Heshvan 1
10/30	Levine, Jacqueline	Heshvan 1
10/30	Mottus, Louis	Heshvan 1
10/30	Rosenblatt, Gussie	Heshvan 1
11/3	Leibo, Joseph	Heshvan 5
11/3	Schneider, Sally	Heshvan 5
11/3	Sigal, Isadore	Heshvan 5
11/4	Schneider, Sol	Heshvan 6
11/5	Kaplan, Abraham	Heshvan 7
11/5	Scheininger, Jacob	Heshvan 7
11/5	Wiesen, Mollie	Heshvan 7



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Friday evenings at 7:00 PM    Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM  
(5:30 PM beginning November 8—see note below)

## October 2019

Day	Date	Candle Lighting	Friday Oneg
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	10/4	6:09 PM	Hospitality
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	10/11	5:57 PM	Hospitality
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	10/18	5:47 PM	Hospitality
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	10/25	5:37 PM	Hospitality
Friday Evening Saturday Morning	11/1	5:28 PM	Hospitality

***Note: Beginning November 8:  
new starting time and return of Shabbat Dinners!  
See page 5 for more information.***



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Temple Israel  
from

Siegel and Segal

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10 AM Rosh Hashanah Ser-vices; Kiddush Lunch to follow	2 6 PM Talmud class	3	4 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	5 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
6	7	8 5:45 PM sharp! Kol Nidre Ser-vices	9 9:00 AM Yom Kippur Services/ Yizkor; 3:20 PM Study Session; 4:20 PM Mincha; 5:50 PM Ne'ilah followed by Break-the-fast	10	11 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	12 9:30 AM Services
13	14 8:30 AM Suk-kot Services	15 8:30 AM Suk-kot Services	16 6 PM Talmud class	17 Bulletin submissions deadline	18 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	19 9:30 AM Services
20	21 8:30 AM She-mini Atzeret Ser-vices, followed by Yizkor	22 8:30 AM Sim-chat Torah Ser-vices	23 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud class	24	25 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	26 9:30 AM Services
27	28	29 7 PM Book Discussion, <i>I and Thou</i>	30 6 PM Talmud class	31		

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	2 9:30 AM Modified Shabbat Services
3	4 7:00 PM Board meeting	5 7 PM Book Discussion, / and <i>Thou</i>	6 6 PM Talmud class	7	8 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	9 9:30 AM Services
10	11	12 Bulletin submissions deadline	13 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class: 6 PM Talmud class	14	15 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	16 9:30 AM Services
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September 29	Erev Rosh Hashanah
September 30, October 1	Rosh Hashanah
October 5, November 2	Shortened Shabbat Services
October 8	Kol Nidre
October 9	Yom Kippur
October 14, 15	Sukkot
October 21	Shemini Atzeret
October 22	Simchat Torah