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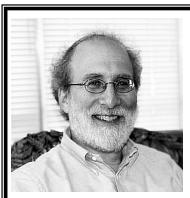
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS: What's With Organized Religion?

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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

I hear: "I believe in God but not organized religion." This idea both makes no sense, and reflects reality.

Organized religion is old. We have records—drawn, built, and written. Abraham and his descendants built altars, but not much happened until Exodus 25, with the

Tabernacle, and then in 1 Kings 8 (& 2 Chron 6), with the Temple. At some point, we confused the building with the God religion.

What is it about organized religion? We wouldn't say, I believe in medicine but not medical schools or hospitals; I believe in law and justice but not law schools and courts; I believe in art/architecture/music but not in art/architecture/music schools and artists/architects/musicians.

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Ideally, a shul provides the text and texture of Jewish life, a place where God and community, young to old, gather when life is bad (funeral) and good (birth/wedding). It nourishes souls, minds, and emotions; provides guidance, solace, inspiration; cherishes memories, beliefs, and hopes; confers significance to dignity, meaning, and purpose; and sustains them when times are bad or good. Morris Raphael Cohen noted, in his youth, he favored prophets and revolution, but as he aged, he realized that we need a place, the synagogue, to keep us going, sustain and renew us, and channel it into everyday life, for we can't live just on revolution and ideas.

Yet along the way, the shul stopped being these things. When I was little, we heard it phrased, "You can't prove it by me." The phrase has changed; the sentiment hasn't. Synagogues don't prove the importance of worship or education to most Jews; we observe Shabbat and kashrut in the breach not as a proof; and the home is no better, which really used to be Judaism's center. If Judaism is the way a Jew looks at the world and provides a way to live in it, we can't prove it. Feeling good about being Jewish is great for a still OK number of

Jews, but what exactly does it mean to feel Jewish, if it's not expressed or lived? And it's not good for the shul.

Synagogues became edifices to a stage of being at home in America. Now we feel "at home" (but, if we're honest, we should wonder if we really are as "at home" as we thought a year or two ago). Feeling good doesn't transfer through the generations. Values might, if we lived and taught them. It worked as the edifice builders erected these structures, for they were raised with a certain set of Jewish values and knowledge. But now?

The Bible actually tells us the sanctuary's purpose. It is not a place where God dwells, as it was in other cultures, but "a sanctuary that God may dwell among them" (Ex 25:8). As Exodus, Kings, and Chronicles note, no place on earth can contain God. The synagogue is the place that becomes a sanctuary: not a place in which God dwells in a building, but a place in which God dwells in the person; not a place to contain God, but a place from which God radiates; not a place to reflect the glory of God, but a place from which we reflect God's glory. The syna-

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Registering children age 3 - 8

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Class Dates for the 2021-22 School Year

October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15, 22; January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25

Dates subject to change.

For more information, please contact the Temple Office.



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Hebrew Name:			
Date Of Birth:			
Public School:	Grade:		
Home Address, City:			
Telephone:	Email Address:		
Father's Name:	Hebrew Name:		
Mother's Name:	Hebrew Name:		
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How many siblings?	(use	other side if needed)	
Name:	Date of Birth:		
Name:	Date of Birth:		
Father's Business Address/Phone:			
Father's Cell Phone:			
Mother's Business Address/Phone:			
Mother's Cell Phone:			
Emergency Contacts:			
Name	Phone #	Relationship	
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Please note any special conditions, concerns, or comments on the back of this form, especially any food or other allergies. All information will be held in the strictest confidence. Thank you.



Book Club

The next three book selections:

Hotel Moscow: A Novel by Talia Carner October 18th online via Zoom

Never Alone: Prison, Politics, and My People by Natan Sharansky & Gil Troy November 22nd online via Zoom

The Vatican's Vault by Barry Libin December 27th possible location TBA & via Zoom

Contact Harley Abrams at hpa.aia.architect@gmail.com or Barbara Smith for information.



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With Rabbi Rascoe

Book Discussion-Between God and Man

Rabbi Rascoe will be continue discussing *Between God and Man: An Interpretation of Judaism* by Abraham Heschel, with a new introduction by David Hartman (1997). The group meets at 6 PM on Tuesdays in October and November.

Talmud Classes Pirqei Avot

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue at 6 PM on Wednesdays in October and November. There is always review. No advance reading is required, and the materials studied may be found in the Shabbat Prayerbook. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Bible Study Starting with Genesis

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding this class at 6:30 PM on Thursdays in October and November, except November 25

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, October 13, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the Zoom link.

Please note: Congregants will receive emailed instructions for attending Rabbi Rascoe's classes via Zoom. Classes may be cancelled when the class decides to take a break, and you may come late or leave early.



REMINDER:



Starting on November 12, 🧺

Friday Night Services begin at 5:30 PM

Please join us

in person, by reservation, with mask, and with proof of vaccination on file; or via Zoom.



Hanukkah

Community Menorah Lighting

Sunday, November 28, 2021 5:00 PM at Riverfront Park

Socially distant, masks required.

Kol Nidre Appeal 5782



As we move into 5782, we continue to need our membership and friends to preserve the health and well-being of our beloved temple. It is a tradition in congregations to establish a Kol Nidre Appeal Fund; at Temple Israel this fund is vital to help supplement the dues and thus cover our operating expenses. Therefore, we ask each one of you, if you have not already donated, to be as generous as possible, in order that our temple may continue to meet the growing needs of the Jewish community.

Please forward your check, payable to Temple Israel Kol Nidre Fund, to: Temple Israel of Riverhead, P.O. Box 1531, Riverhead, NY 11901. You can also pay online using PayPal. Thank you.

Our rules for attending services have changed! You can now attend Friday and Saturday services in-person, if fully vaccinated.

Reservations are still required, as is proof of vaccination, and masking.

For the complete list, visit our website at:

http://www.templeisraelriverhead.org/r%20rules%20covid.htm

In Memory of Segal

From Siegel



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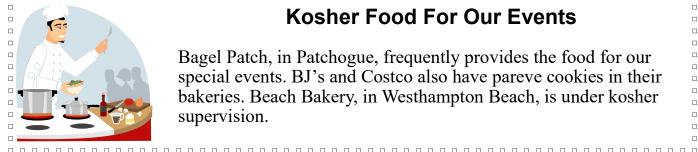
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Phyllis Van Dyne operates the Temple's Shop, acquiring new items several times a year. She will also fill special orders; if you see something you'd like, she can get it for you. Or, if you need ideas for a gift, she will be happy to suggest something in your price range, perfect for your occasion and recipient. For more information and personal service, just call Phyllis at 631-734-7511.



Kosher Food For Our Events

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TERRANCE P. MARTIN FAX (631) 734-8821 gogue is a place in which it is easier to find God and recharge, so that we can leave it and bring God into the world. As we discussed in our Talmud class, both in this and in the previous tractate, we need to live our lives by means of Torah so that we become Torah, and our lives and behavior become the vehicle by which others learn about God. The synagogue is supposed to be the place from which it happens, furthering what is supposed to be learned in the home. Let the synagogue live up to its promise: "They will make me a sanctuary that I will dwell among them."

		Candle Lightin	g Times		
10/1	6:14	PM	10/22	5:41	PM
10/8	6:02	PM	10/29	5:31	PM
10/15	5:51	PM	11/5	5:23	PM



TODAH RABAH!

Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

Donation—Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Goldsmith in honor of Richard Israel.

Barbeque—Mr. & Mrs. William Murray, Mr. Mitchell Schecter.

Kiddush and flowers in memory of Robert Drexler—Diane Drexler.

Yahrzeit for Ed Stateman—Sylvia Baruch.

Yahrzeit for Dorothy Sadoff—mother of Wallace Sadoff.

Yahrzeit for Joan Mainzer—mother of Harry Mainzer.

Yahrzeit for Henry Kagan—father of Bruce Kagan.

Yahrzeit for Lana Zarbhanelian—sister of Jaime Siegel.

Yahrzeit for Joan Olewitz—aunt of Amy Csorny.

Yahrzeit for Jani Olewitz—cousin of Amy Csorny.

Yahrzeit for Herman Adler—father of Ruth Frank.

Yahrzeit for Bernard Schackman—father of Elaine Kimpel.

Yahrzeit for Lena Schackman—grandmother of Elaine Kimpel.

Yahrzeit for Murray & Miriam Silver—parents of Allen Silver.

Yahrzeit for Arthur & Lillian Smith—parents of Lee Ann Silver.

Yahrzeit for Nathan Levine—father of Howard Levine.

Yahrzeit for Douglas Ganz—son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ganz.

Yahrzeit for Eliezer Bright—father of Richard Levinton.

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To honor the memory of Lia Bitumai-Shalom—Ladan Shalom-Murray and Billy Murray have sponsored Rabbi Rascoe's sermon on Shabbat morning, September 18, as Oneg Shabbat Mitzvah.

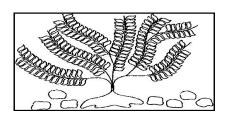
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10/1	Mottus, Morris	Tishrei 25
10/1	Segal, Rebecca	Tishrei 25
10/2	Faine, Rubin	Tishrei 26
10/2	Zarbhanelian, Lana	Tishrei 26
10/4	Joseph, Gary	Tishrei 28
10/5	Siskind, Annie	Tishrei 29
10/7	Cohen, Gertrude	Heshvan 1
10/7	Levine, Jacqueline	Heshvan 1
10/7	Mottus, Louis	Heshvan 1
10/7	Rosenblatt, Gussie	Heshvan 1
10/11	Leibo, Joseph	Heshvan 5
10/11	Schneider, Sally	Heshvan 5
10/11	Sigal, Isadore	Heshvan 5
10/12	Schneider, Sol	Heshvan 6
10/13	Kaplan, Abraham	Heshvan 7
10/13	Scheininger, Jacob	Heshvan 7
10/13	Wiesen, Mollie	Heshvan 7
10/14	Wasserman, David	Heshvan 8
10/16	Drescher, Kathleen	Heshvan 10
10/18	Alper, Samuel	Heshvan 12
10/18	Bloom, Sarah	Heshvan 12
10/20	Glickstein, David	Heshvan 14
10/20	Golding, Pearl	Heshvan 14
10/20	Karlin, Jacob	Heshvan 14
10/20	Mainzer, Helen	Heshvan 14
10/23	Shapiro, Gilbert	Heshvan 17
10/24	Goldsmith, Michelle	Heshvan 18
10/24	Katz, Sima	Heshvan 18

10/24	Siegel, Andrea	Heshvan 18
10/25	Arnold, Regina	Heshvan 19
10/25	Squires, Myron	Heshvan 19
10/26	Finkelstein, Claire	Heshvan 20
10/26	Schackman, Samuel	Heshvan 20
10/26	Trefilio, Blanche	Heshvan 20
10/28	Brander, Paul	Heshvan 22
10/28	Press, Frances	Heshvan 22
10/28	Schecter, Selma	Heshvan 22
10/28	Slaw, Sadie	Heshvan 22
10/29	Brown, Mordecai	Heshvan 23
10/31	Barbanel, Albert	Heshvan 25
10/31	Sandberg, Arthur	Heshvan 25
11/1	Gerber, William	Heshvan 26
11/1	Sacks, Harry	Heshvan 26
11/1	Smith, Arthur	Heshvan 26
11/2	Hahn, Irma	Heshvan 27
11/2	Hefter, Alfred	Heshvan 27
11/2	Saffer, Naomi	Heshvan 27
11/2	Sturm, Pincus	Heshvan 27
11/3	Goldstein, Raymond	Heshvan 28
11/4	Richter, Diane	Heshvan 29
11/4	Yurman, Harry	Heshvan 29
11/5	Collins, Florence	Kislev 1
11/5	Greenberg, Samuel	Kislev 1
11/6	Goldstein, Moe	Kislev 2
11/6	Mask, Lena	Kislev 2
11/6	Moiseff, Joe	Kislev 2
11/8	Arnold, Rubin	Kislev 4
11/8	Scheinberg, Hinda	Kislev 4

October 2021

Please check your email and our website for information about using Zoom to attend these events.

Sat	2 9:30 AM Services	9 9:30 AM Services	16 9:30 AM Services	23 9:30 AM Services	30 9:30 AM Services	
Fri	1 7:00 PM Services	8 7:00 PM Services	15 7:00 PM Services	22 7:00 PM Services	29 7:00 PM Services	
Thu		7 6:30 PM Bible Study Class	14 6:30 PM Bible Study Class; Bulletin submis- sions deadline	21 6:30 PM Bible Study Class	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Class	
Wed		6 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	13 9:30-11:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	20 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	27 6 PM Talmud Class via Zoom	
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Sun		7 Return to Standard Time	14	21	28 1st Night Hanukkah- Community Menorah Lighting

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October 6	Hebrew School starts
October 18, November 22, Dec. 27	Book Club meets
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Wednesdays in October & November	Adult Ed—Talmud Classes Pirqei Avot
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