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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS Prayer and Mercy, Rabbi and God, Us

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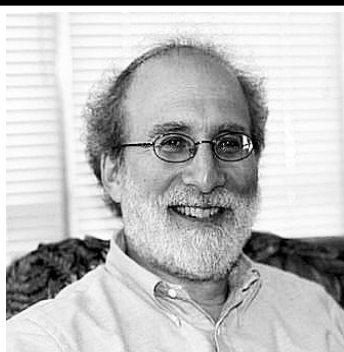
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Rabbi Michael Rascoe

They tell a story of Rabbi Israel Salanter, founder of the *Musar* movement, who one year didn't show up for *Kol Nidrei*. Worried, they went looking for him. On the holiest night of the year, he was in a neighbor's barn tending to a

wounded calf. He had found it caught in the brush. With difficulty he freed it, returned it to the barn and was treating its wounds. The upset people said, "How could you do this? Don't you know that your first duty as a rabbi is prayer!?" He gently answered, "God is called *Rahamana*, *Merciful One*. An act of mercy is a prayer."

In his imitable style, Salanter was teaching that sometimes worshiping God does not require words, just emotions and actions. If we want God's forgiveness we need to look at ourselves. If we want God to show us compassion, we need to act with compassion. Self-improvement comes through character development and is found in ethical behavior, moral instruction and

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disciplined conduct. While very much in favor of study and mitzvot, they also required ethical behavior. Salanter taught this by action. Compassionate behavior is an act of prayer.

The Talmud (*Ta'anit* 16a) tells the story that God didn't look at the Ninevites donning sackcloth and ashes, but at their behavior. They also audaciously confined the young animals and their mothers in separate places, and said if you don't have mercy on us, we won't have mercy on them. They haven't sinned, but if you kill us, even if we don't deserve your mercy, they do. And again, they cried mightily to God.

At the end of the Yom Kippur *S'lihot*, we find two prayers near each other. The first, *Mi she-ana, The One who answers*, has selections (from the same Talmud page) about how God answered our ancestors. It indicates we don't stand alone, we are part of a tradition where God answers prayers. It concludes with a prayer called *Rahamana, Merciful One*. It too asks God

to answer our prayers, but here it's because God is merciful. This prayer asks the *Merciful One* to answer the poor, downtrodden and brokenhearted, take pity, redeem and save us.

I'll translate sparsely, where *Mercy* means the *Merciful One*:

Mercy who answers the poor, answer us.
Mercy who answers the downtrodden, answer us.

Mercy who answers the brokenhearted, answer us.

Mercy answer us.

Mercy pity.

Mercy redeem.

Mercy save.

Mercy have compassion upon us now, speedily, in near time.

The word *Rahamana* opens each phrase. *Answer us* ends the first 4 phrases. The first 3 phrases are all 4 words in the Hebrew. The next 4 phrases are all 2 short words with no rhyming. The last one is 7 words. Since this concludes both the cycle of Sin Confessions and *Penitential Prayers*, it's as if we start in style, rhythm

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YOM KIPPUR:

Wed., Oct. 1, Kol Nidre, 6 :15 p.m. sharp

Thurs., Oct. 2, 9:00 a.m. with Yizkor following Torah Service
Study session 4:00 p.m. followed by Minḥah, Ne'ilah, & Break the Fast

The Zoom link for all High Holiday Services will be made available closer to the holidays

Holiday prayer books are available to borrow – contact the office for details.

If you do not feel well, please do not come to services.

Sukkot:

Tues., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m., Wed., Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret:

Tues., Oct 14, 9:30 a.m., Yizkor following Torah Service

Simchat Torah:

Tues. evening, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Oct 15, 9:30 a.m.

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- Dec 19th – Hanukkah Dinner – sponsored by Lisa & Richard Israel – in honor of Jaime Siegel
- Jan 9th – Leni & Harvey Goldsmith
- Feb 6th – Tu B'Shevat Seder – sponsored by the Kaplan-Walbrecht family
- Mar 6th – Dr. Caroline Fierro & Ned Kaplan in honor of their son Sam's birthday



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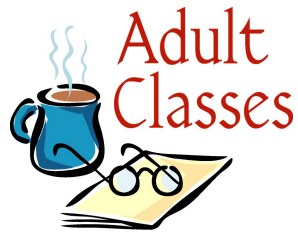
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Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes are studying Tractate Pesahim via Zoom, at 6 PM. This class meets on Wednesdays. There is always review, and no advance reading is required. Attendees receive an introduction to Talmudic logic, thought, and law.

Bible Study: *Exodus*

Rabbi Rascoe will be holding these classes via Zoom, at 6:30 PM on Thursdays .

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom from 9:30-11:30 AM. Please contact the Rabbi for information and the 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. Contact Rabbi Rascoe for more information.

Thank you for your service

Board trustee Rebecca Hagler is retiring.

Temple Israel of Riverhead wishes to extend our thanks to Rebecca for her years of service as a trustee. It is with great appreciation that we thank her for her time, dedication, and efforts. Best wishes Rebecca in your future endeavors!

The Board welcomes Abigail Moore onto the board, as she steps in to take Rebecca's place.

Good luck, Abigail! We look forward to working with you.

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and rhyme and then break it as we realize that we are throwing ourselves on the mercy of the court, urgently pleading with God to answer us, the pace picks up at the end and we abandon all subtlety.

We can only pray for compassion once we have shown compassion. God will only answer prayers after we demonstrate compassion by our actions.

Candle Light- ing Times

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10/10	5:59 PM
10/17	5:48 PM
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11/7	4:21 PM

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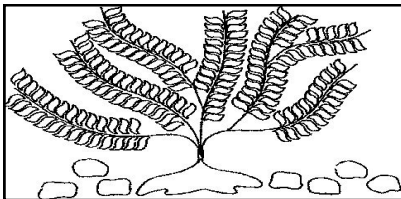
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1-Oct	Davarashvili, Fano	Tishrei 9
1-Oct	Spitzer, David	Tishrei 9
2-Oct	Berk, Lawrence	Tishrei 10
2-Oct	Davarashvili, Abraham	Tishrei 10
3-Oct	Buxbaum, Tilly	Tishrei 11
3-Oct	Weiss, Howard	Tishrei 11
4-Oct	Coladner, Benjamin	Tishrei 12
4-Oct	Golding, Bob	Tishrei 12
5-Oct	Bitumai-Shalom, Lia	Tishrei 13
6-Oct	Krieger, Sally	Tishrei 14
7-Oct	White, Anna	Tishrei 15
8-Oct	Grubman, Abe	Tishrei 16
8-Oct	Lowy, Ida M.	Tishrei 16
8-Oct	Olewitz, Jani	Tishrei 16
9-Oct	Idelson, Jean	Tishrei 17
9-Oct	Olewitz, Alan	Tishrei 17
10-Oct	Hyman, Tillie	Tishrei 18
11-Oct	Schneider, Ruth	Tishrei 19
11-Oct	Sonkin, Rita	Tishrei 19
12-Oct	Yurman, Frieda	Tishrei 20
13-Oct	Goldstein, Stanley	Tishrei 21
13-Oct	Teichberg, Abraham	Tishrei 21
14-Oct	Abrams, Irwin	Tishrei 22
14-Oct	Alpert, Martin	Tishrei 22
14-Oct	Rascoe, Todd	Tishrei 22
14-Oct	Strassberg, Mildred	Tishrei 22
14-Oct	Weiss, Freddie	Tishrei 22
15-Oct	Persky, Cheryl	Tishrei 23
16-Oct	Ganz, Douglas	Tishrei 24
16-Oct	Geller, Herman	Tishrei 24

17-Oct	Bright, Tsipora	Tishrei 25
17-Oct	Mottus, Morris	Tishrei 25
17-Oct	Segal, Rebecca	Tishrei 25
18-Oct	Faine, Rubin	Tishrei 26
18-Oct	Zarbanelian, Lana	Tishrei 26
20-Oct	Joseph, Gary	Tishrei 28
21-Oct	Siskind, Annie	Tishrei 29
23-Oct	Cohen, Gertrude	Heshvan 1
23-Oct	Levine, Jacqueline	Heshvan 1
23-Oct	Mottus, Louis	Heshvan 1
23-Oct	Rosenblatt, Gussie	Heshvan 1
23-Oct	Tockman, Louis	Heshvan 1
26-Oct	Sanders, Eva	Heshvan 4
27-Oct	Leibo, Joseph	Heshvan 5
27-Oct	Schneider, Sally	Heshvan 5
27-Oct	Sigal, Isadore	Heshvan 5
28-Oct	Schneider, Sol	Heshvan 6
29-Oct	Kaplan, Abraham	Heshvan 7
29-Oct	Scheininger, Jacob	Heshvan 7
29-Oct	Wiesen, Mollie	Heshvan 7
30-Oct	Wasserman, David	Heshvan 8
31-Oct	Glickstein, Herbert	Heshvan 9
31-Oct	Pruzick, Morris	Heshvan 9
1-Nov	Drescher, Kathleen	Heshvan 10
3-Nov	Alper, Samuel	Heshvan 12
3-Nov	Bloom, Sarah	Heshvan 12
5-Nov	Glickstein, David	Heshvan 14
5-Nov	Golding, Pearl	Heshvan 14
5-Nov	Karlin, Jacob	Heshvan 14
5-Nov	Mainzer, Helen	Heshvan 14
6-Nov	Prizer, Sam	Heshvan 15

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15 PM Kol Nidre	2 9 AM Yom Kippur Services	3 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	4 9:30 AM Services
5 11:00 AM Sukkah decorating	6 Sukkot begins at sundown	7 9:30 AM Sukkot Services	8 9:30 AM Sukkot Services	9	10 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	11 9:30 AM Services
12	13 Hoshanah Rabbah	14 9:30 AM Shemini Atzeret Services (Yizkor); 6:30 PM Simchat Torah Services	15 9:30 AM Simchat Torah Services	16	17 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	18 9:30 AM Services
19	20	21 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	22 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	23 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	24 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	25 9:30 AM Services
26	27	28 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	29 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	30 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	31 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Services
2	3	4 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	5 9:30 AM Inter-faith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	6 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	7 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	8 9:30 AM Services
9 2 AM Turn back clocks	10	11 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	12 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	13 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	14 5:30 PM Services followed by dinner	15 9:30 AM Services
16	17	18 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	19 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	20 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	21 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	22 9:30 AM Services
23	24	25 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	26 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	27 Thanksgiving	28 5:30 PM Services (Zoom only)	29 9:30 AM Services

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October 1-2	Yom Kippur
October 6-8	Sukkot
October 13-14	Shemini Atzeret
October 14-15	Simchat Torah
November 14	First Winter Dinner
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.	