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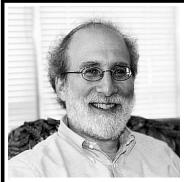
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS Big Help and Hope





Rabbi Michael Rascoe

When I had my first congregation, we lived on a major thoroughfare near downtown with the major hospital, the main police and fire stations just down the street. Needless to say, we heard many sirens. And just as needless to say, the sirens blaring scared our boys.

We explained that the sirens meant that someone was offering big help to a person who really needed it and the siren was meant to make sure that the help came quickly. Soon it just became Big Help.

The sudden noise is meant to catch our attention. The jarring sounds jolt us. Being unexpected, they may frighten us.

Yet with a vantage turn, they inspire. They indicate that people mobilize to help someone in need, and help is on the way.

They now represent that people show genuine concern for others; they care for those in distress and those exposed to danger. When we know that help is

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coming, it reaffirms our hope for the future. The future always looks better with a dose of hope and help, because it shows there is a future.

Israel Zangwill (early 20th century Anglo-Jewish journalist, humorist, novelist, playwright, translator, critic, Zionist, and social activist) wrote, "Take from me the hope that I can change the future and you will drive me mad" (David to Mendel near the end of Act II of The Melting-Pot).

We're in the midst of the counting of the Omer between Pesah and Shavuot, Passover and Weeks/Pentecost. As we move from slavery to freedom to responsibility, we can only move forward with hope, and the counting of the Omer reminds us that help always is available on the journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land.

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Shavuot

Services Led by Rabbi Rascoe

Learning Session:

Sunday evening , June 1, 9:00 p.m. Details to be announced

Services:

Monday, June 2, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, 9:30 a.m., including Yizkor

Services followed by a light brunch featuring refreshments of the season.





Northwell's Walk to Raise Health at East End Sunday, May 18, 2025, rain or shine

Join our Team: Temple Israel of Riverhead Team Captain: Abigail Moore

Location: RGNY Vineyard, 6025 Sound Ave., Riverhead **Medical Center:** Peconic Bay Medical Center **What your funds support:** Funds from the walk will support specialized breast health services for cancer patients and will fund the creation of the Emilie Roy Corey Center for Women and Infants, ensuring that babies and women of all ages can receive the care they need in Eastern Suffolk County.

8:30 AM Registration 9:45 AM Opening ceremony 10:00 AM 2.5 mile walk begins

Choice of in-person or virtual participation Family-friendly and pet-friendly Snacks, music, swag, and food trucks.
Online registration: northwellwalk.com

Last year, many TIR congregants participated in this event, which raises funds for life-saving and life-changing programs. It is a joyful event, and it will be even more fun as additional TIR members join in. (Please remember that we want participants, and one does not really have to walk the full 2.5 miles.)

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Friday May 23, 2025 5:30 p.m.



Memorial Day Weekend BBQ

Sponsored by Len Wasserman and Abigail Moore and

Raffle Fundraiser GET LUCKY! \$5,000* Cash



Drawing on May 23th at 7:00 p.m. \$100 per ticket.

Raffle

*If less than 100 tickets are sold the prize will be 50/50

Please contact Jaime Siegel, Richard Israel or Jim Smith to purchase your tickets

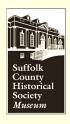
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Temple Israel of Riverhead's Speaker Program Presents:

Rabbi Stephen A. Karol

Friday, June 13, 2025, 7:00 p.m.



"PSALMS: WHERE 'HALLELUJAH' GOT ITS START"

The Book of Psalms is one of the most respected and valued literary creations in the history of the world. Consisting of 150 "chapters," it is an amazing collection of poetry, songs, and prayers expressing joy and sorrow, faith and despair, hope and doubt, comfort and anger, gratitude and complaints. I will discuss some of the psalms that are included in our liturgy and life-cycle occasions and can motivate and inspire us.

Rabbi Stephen A. Karol is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Isaiah in Stony Brook, New York, and the author of Finding Hope and Faith in the Face of Death: Insights of a Rabbi and Mourner. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati in 1977, and has served at Temple Beth Zion in Buffalo, New York, Congregation Sha'aray Shalom in Hingham, Massachusetts, and Temple Isaiah. He teaches at Temple Isaiah and also at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Stony Brook University. Rabbi Karol lives in Port Jefferson Station, New York, with his wife Donna.

Services followed by speaker and dessert.

This program is generously sponsored by Jaime Siegel, in honor of the yahrzeits for his father, Irving and his brother Jefferey

This is a free program. RSVP required.



Holiday Weekend Shabbat BBQs/Dinners Good food, good company, good times!

Memorial Day BBQ and raffle drawing



Friday, May 23, 2025, 5:30 PM

Sponsored by Len Wasserman & Abigail Moore

•4th of July Weekend BBQ Friday, July 4, 2025, 5:30 PM



BBQ sponsored by Gail & Arthur Miller in honor of Gail's birthday

·Labor Day Weekend BBQ Friday, August 29, 2025, 5:30 PM

Each BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat

Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend so we can shop and prepare accordingly.

Sponsors Needed:
Contact Jaime Siegel to sponsor a BBQ/Dinner

My Farewell Message

Dear Congregants: Nearly 20 years ago I took over the Temple Israel Bulletin and website, from Paul Lowy. Over the years a lot has changed, but not the commitment and leadership of our Temple. Through several rabbis, Temple Israel has endured and adapted to the times, and I have enjoyed working with all involved.

The April issue was my last bulletin. It has been a pleasure working with our supporters, and ensuring a quality product each time.

- Al Silver

I wish my successor the best of luck in chronicling the events, comings,

Temple Israel of Riverhead Annual Meeting Will be held online via Zoom



Installation of Officers & Trustees.

Come meet our Board, our committee chairs,
and learn about everything that is going on in our temple.

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Thursday, June 19, 2025, 7:00 pm

Instructions to enter the Zoom meeting Will be included in the mail with your proxy



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Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in May and on June 24th. We are currently discussing Eugene B. Borowitz's *Liberal Judaism*.

Talmud Classes: Tractate Pesahim Chapter 10

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes are studying Tractate Pesahim, Chapter 10, via Zoom, at 6 PM. This class meets on Wednesdays in May, and on June 25th. The chapter details what we say at the Passover Seder, which later becomes the Haggadah. 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 in May and in June on the 5th &26th.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom on May 14 and June 9, 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.

TODAH RABAH!

Donations to Temple Israel of Riverhead

Donation—Mazel tov Bruce on 4 years—Jamie Siegel

Donation—For thankfulness—Sheila Muller

Donation—in honor of Harley Abrams—Jane Schneider

Yahrzeit for Isidore Prizer—father of Linda Prizer

Yahrzeit for Fanny Glickstein—grandmother of Linda Prizer

Yahrzeit for Morris Glickstein—grandfather of Linda Prizer

Yahrzeit for Rebecca Prizer—grandmother of Linda Prizer

Yahrzeit for Ray Prizer—aunt of Linda Prizer

Yahrzeit for Isidore Prizer—husband of Ruth Prizer

Yahrzeit for Fanny Glickstein—mother of Ruth Prizer

Yahrzeit for Morris Glickstein—father of Ruth Prizer

Yahrzeit for David Schulman, Marcia Schulman—parents of Jeffrey Schulman

Yahrzeit for Gerson Kiserman, Leona Kaiserman—parents of Cynthia Schulman

Yahrzeit for Carole Roth—sister of George Sandberg

Yahrzeit for Joseph Knopfter, Flora Raffe, Esther Raffe, Soloman Raffe, Barnett Raffe—family of Olivia Raffe

Yahrzeit for Charles Raffe—husband of Olivia Raffe

Yahrzeit for Lenore Tobin—mother of Jocelyn Tobin

Yahrzeit/Memorial Kiddush 4/4/25-4/5/25 for Allan Schneider—husband of Jane Schneider der

Yahrzeit for Ruth Lefkowitz—grandmother of Amy Csorny

Yahrzeit for Ted Alpert—father of Cynthia Alpert

Yahrzeit for Gregory Maruna—son of Janet Maruna

Yahrzeit for Pauline & Isaac Israel—parents of Sol Israel

Yahrzeit for Carra Hahn—daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Hahn

Yahrzeit for Irving Siegel—father of Jaime Siegel

Yahrzeit for Jeffrey Siegel—brother of Jaime Siegel

Yahrzeit for Kenneth Klein—brother of Alice Ganz

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TODAH RABAH!

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5/2	7:30	PM
5/9	7:37	PM
5/16	7:44	PM
5/23	7:51	PM
5/30	7:57	PM

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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.

Plant a Tree in Israel



You can have a tree planted in Israel for a donation of \$18. Contact **Carole Jones** at the TIR office, 631-727-3191. All checks should be made out to Temple Israel of Riverhead, or you can use PayPal from our website.

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. Contact Carole Jones at the TIR office, 631-727-3191, with any requests.

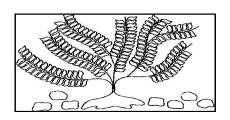
An Easy Way to Help TI—Go Food Shopping!

Gift cards are now available for most major supermarkets:

- ShopRite
- Stop & Shop
- King Kullen



Please contact Lorraine Richter (631-553-7635) 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.

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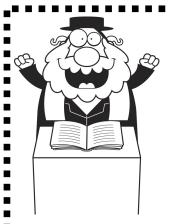
Where to purchase kosher food locally

Goldberg's Bagels & Deli, at 65 Main St, Westhampton Beach, has a wide selection of kosher bagels and appetizing available.

The Mill Road Cheese Shop, Westhampton Beach, (631) 998-0483, now carries some kosher items.

Beach Bakery, in Westhampton Beach, is under kosher supervision.

BJ's and Costco also have pareve cookies in their bakeries.

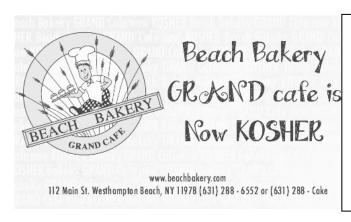


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YAHRZEITS

We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.

May their memories be a blessing.

April

5/1 Schneider, Sheila	lyar 3, 5785
5/2 Rosen, Albert	lyar 4, 5785
5/2 Spitzer, Sam	lyar 4, 5785
5/3 Berk, Arthur	lyar 5, 5785
5/4 Rascoe, David	lyar 6, 5785
5/5 Spitzer, Jessie	lyar 7, 5785
5/5 Thompson, William	lyar 7, 5785
5/6 Shinder, Israel Louis	lyar 8, 5785
5/7 Cohen, Jerry Joseph	lyar 9, 5785
5/7 Knopfler, Malvine	lyar 9, 5785
5/8 Finkelstein, Essie	lyar 10, 5785
5/8 Leavitt, Theodore	lyar 10, 5785
5/8 Slaw, Helen Cohen	lyar 10, 5785
5/10 Krasnow, Marc	lyar 12, 5785
5/11 Damante, Risa Lynne	lyar 13, 5785
5/11 Hyman-Auerbach, Estelle	lyar 13, 5785
5/12 Salpeter, Mildred	lyar 14, 5785
5/13 Goldstein, Hyman	lyar 15, 5785
5/14 Alpert, Lena	lyar 16, 5785
5/14 Brander, Anna	lyar 16, 5785
5/14 Goldstein, Harry	lyar 16, 5785
5/14 Levy, Lawrence	lyar 16, 5785
5/14 Richter, Jacqueline	lyar 16, 5785
5/14 Yurman, Nathan	lyar 16, 5785
5/15 Gusky, Sheldon	lyar 17, 5785
5/15 Jaeger, Benjamin	lyar 17, 5785
5/15 Kallman, Irving	lyar 17, 5785
5/15 Sanders, Murray	lyar 17, 5785
5/16 Frank, Conrad	lyar 18, 5785
5/16 Lutzer, Richard	lyar 18, 5785
5/16 Weiss, Nathan	lyar 18, 5785
5/17 Bartick, Jerry	lyar 19, 5785
5/17 Tockman, Mildred	lyar 19, 5785
5/18 Feiler, Lillian	lyar 20, 5785
5/18 Gerber, Kate	lyar 20, 5785
5/19 Ettinger, Sara	lyar 21, 5785

5/20 Brander, Irving	lyar 22, 5785
5/20 Joseph, Reuben	lyar 22, 5785
5/20 Leon, Sophie	lyar 22, 5785
5/20 Warner, Arthur	lyar 22, 5785
5/20 White, Jacob	lyar 22, 5785
5/21 Thompson, Irwin	lyar 23, 5785
5/23 Bartick, Mildred	lyar 25, 5785
5/23 Korus, Fannie	lyar 25, 5785
5/24 Hahn, J. Jacob	lyar 26, 5785
5/24 Siegel, Irving	lyar 26, 5785
5/24 Zipser, Herman	lyar 26, 5785
5/25 Spitzer, Julia	lyar 27, 5785
5/27 Beil, Barbara	lyar 29, 5785
5/27 Dresher, Benjamin	lyar 29, 5785
5/27 Hochheiser, Harold	lyar 29, 5785
5/27 Prussick, Harry	lyar 29, 5785
5/29 Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2, 5785
5/29 Eisenman, Bernard	Sivan 2, 5785
5/30 Cohen, Samuel	Sivan 3, 5785
5/30 Goldman, Sam	Sivan 3, 5785
5/31 Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4, 5785
5/31 Faine, David	Sivan 4, 5785
6/1 Frank, Louis	Sivan 5, 5785
6/2 Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 6, 5785
6/2 Korman, Jack	Sivan 6, 5785
6/2 Segal, Cokey	Sivan 6, 5785
6/2 Thompson, Sondra	Sivan 6, 5785
6/3 Lubetsky, Harry	Sivan 7, 5785
6/4 Gerlitz, Chaim	Sivan 8, 5785
6/5 Abrams, Florence	Sivan 9, 5785
6/5 Anker, Lewis	Sivan 9, 5785
6/5 Chizever, Henry	Sivan 9, 5785
6/5 Remler, Norman	Sivan 9, 5785
6/6 Goldstein, Sophia	Sivan 10, 5785

May 2025

Sat	3 9:30 AM Services	10 9:30 AM Services	17 9:30 AM Services	24 9:30 AM Services	31 9:30 AM Services
Fri	2 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	9 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	16 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	23 5:30 Memorial Day Weekend BBQ; 7:00 PM Raffle Drawing followed by Services	30 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)
Thu	1 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	8 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	15 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	22 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	29 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)
Wed		7 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	14 9:30 AM Inter- faith Bible Class; 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Tal- mud Class (Zoom)	21 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	28 4:15 PM Hebrew School; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)
Tue		6 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	13 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	20 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	27 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)
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Sun		4	11	18	25

June 2025

Sat	AM so	o AM	o AM	es es	
	7 9:30 AM Services	14 9:30 AM Services	21 9:30 AM Services	28 9:30 AM Services	
Fri	6 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	13 7:00 PM Services in per- son, followed by speaker & Oneg Shabbat	20 7:00 PM Services (Zoom on-	27 7:00 PM Services (Zoom only)	
Thu	5 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	12	19 7:00 PM An- nual Meeting	26 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	
Wed	4 9:30 AM Sha- vuot Services	11	18	25 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	
Tue	3 9:30 AM Sha- vuot Services	10	17	24 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	
Mon	2 Time TBA Shavouot Evening of Learning (Zoom)	6	16	23	30
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

May 18	Northwell Walk for Health
May 23	BBQ and Raffle Drawing
June 2, 3, 4	Shavuot Learning Session & Services
June 8	JHSLI 150th Celebration
June 13 Speaker Program: Rabbi Stephen A. Karol	
June 19 Annual Meeting	
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.	