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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

We are Torah

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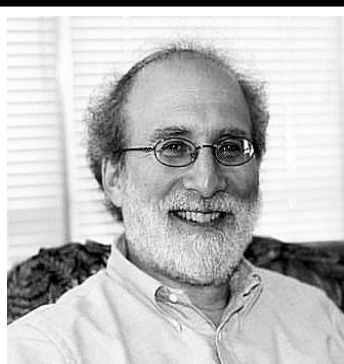
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A congregant tells his rabbi, "During the Torah service, people discuss their business affairs." The rabbi smiles and says, "It wouldn't be so bad if only during their business affairs, they also would discuss Torah."

Rabbi Michael Rascoe In Talmud class (M'gillah 27) we discussed whether one can sell a Torah scroll. The principle is that holy objects can only be sold to buy holy objects of greater sanctity, but nothing is holier than a Torah scroll. Yet, we can sell a Torah scroll to support Torah students, to rescue captives, and to marry.

Rava says, "How foolish are ... people who stand in the presence of a Torah scroll, yet do not stand in the presence of a great person." (Makkot 22b).

Thomas Mann portrays Moses standing in Mt. Sinai's volcanic ash. He rips two huge, irregular pieces from the mountainside. With a sharp stone, he etches the Ten Commandments. The 172 Hebrew letters take 39 days to carve. On the 40th day, as he prepares to descend, he realizes that they can't be

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seen from a distance. Looking around for something to color his work, he sees nothing on the mountaintop. So he takes a rock, cuts his hand, and, with his blood, highlights the letters.

He breaks them on his way down. How can he break them if they are holy?

The Torah means nothing until it changes lives, and people want to be *mentshen*: good, decent, caring people. We can worship God anywhere. Judaism must be practiced everywhere. Torah's teachings come from imperfect human lives, as we've seen in the Bible class. But from them we take its wisdom and apply it to

our lives. Only then do we realize its spiritual benefits. Torah is instruction, it's literal meaning; but as a source of wisdom, it is distilled experience put into effect, demanding to be lived. We don't worship the Ten Commandments: we live them. We put our blood, sweat, and tears into it, not lip service. Observing it requires, as Shema says, our service of heart, mind, might, and money (another translation of *m'odekha*). Torah is not an idol, nor just a symbol: we live it. We embody it, or it is nothing. We are the living examples of its teaching. We are Torah.

Happy Shavuot, and join us for our study session.

Candle Lighting Times

6/7	8:02 PM
6/14	8:06 PM
6/21	8:08 PM
6/28	8:08 PM
7/5	8:07 PM



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Shavuot

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online via Zoom

Led by Rabbi Michael Rascoe



Learning Session and Services on Zoom

Tuesday evening, June 11, 6:30 PM.

Services at 9:00 PM

Rabbi Margie Cella topic TBA

Linda Prizer **Memories of the Catskills**

Rabbi Michael Rascoe topic TBA

Services in-person and on Zoom followed by kiddush on
Wednesday, June 12, 9:30 AM and
Thursday, June 13, 9:30 AM, including Yizkor.

In Memory of
Segal

From Siegel

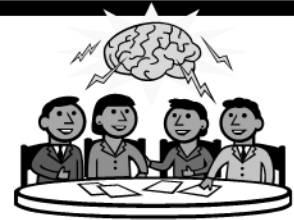


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Temple Israel of Riverhead Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom



Installation of Officers & Trustees.
Come meet our Board, our committee chairs,
and learn about everything that is going on in our temple.
Voice your opinion. Get involved.

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 7:00 PM

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

SAVE THE DATE!

**Join us for a special weekend as we celebrate 10
years with Rabbi Michael Rascoe!**

Saturday, September 7, 9:30 AM
Shabbat services followed by a special luncheon.

Sunday, September 8, 4:00 PM
Celebratory cocktail party with music, dancing, and libations.
~ Invitation and details to follow ~

Remaining Holiday Weekend BBQs



4th of July Weekend BBQ

Join us on

Friday, July 5, 2024, 5:30 PM

BBQ to be followed by Kaballat Shabbat.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, **Bruce & Carolyn Kagan**, in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary.

Bruce is also working on a set of music to play with his teacher and friend, Michel Legonde, to include flute, guitar and vocals.

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Please RSVP



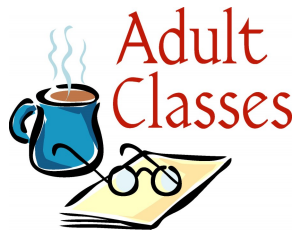
Labor Day Weekend BBQ and speaker program featuring Brad Kolodny

Friday, August 30, 2024, 5:30 PM

BBQ & speaker program sponsored by **Nan Rachel & John Peel.**

BBQ followed by Kaballat Shabbat.

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



With
Rabbi Rascoe

Jewish Philosophy

Join **Rabbi Rascoe** and explore **Jewish Philosophy** via Zoom. Classes will be held at 6 PM on Tuesdays in June and July, except June 11. We will be discussing *Guide for the Perplexed* by Moses Maimonides.

Talmud Classes: *Tractate Megillah*

Rabbi Rascoe's Talmud classes continue, via Zoom, at 6 PM on Wednesdays in June and July, except June 12 and July 3. There is always review, and no advance reading is required. The text can be found at: <https://www.sefaria.org/Megillah.8a?lang=bi>. 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 June and July, except June 13 and 20, and July 4.

Interfaith Bible Class

The Interfaith Bible Class will meet via Zoom on June 19 and July 10, 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.

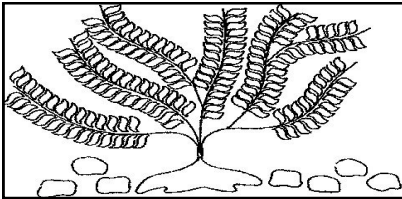
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Yahrzeit for Irwin Thompson—father of Lori Thompson.

Yahrzeit for Harry Goldstein—Josh Printz.

Yahrzeit for Walter Brown—father of Robert Brown.

Yahrzeit for Kenneth Klein—brother of Alice Ganz.

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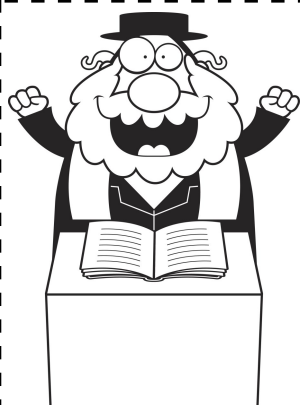
*We remember these lives on the approaching anniversary of their passing.
May their memories be a blessing.*

June

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6/2	Bartick, Mildred	Iyar 25
6/2	Korus, Fannie	Iyar 25
6/2	Polaniecki, Jacob	Iyar 25
6/3	Hahn, J. Jacob	Iyar 26
6/3	Siegel, Irving	Iyar 26
6/3	Zipser, Herman	Iyar 26
6/4	Spitzer, Julia	Iyar 27
6/6	Beil, Barbara	Iyar 29
6/6	Dresher, Benjamin	Iyar 29
6/6	Hochheiser, Harold	Iyar 29
6/8	Cohen, Joseph	Sivan 2
6/8	Eisenman, Bernard	Sivan 2
6/9	Cohen, Samuel	Sivan 3
6/9	Goldman, Sam	Sivan 3
6/10	Diamond, Herbert	Sivan 4
6/10	Faine, David	Sivan 4
6/10	Polaniecki, Abraham	Sivan 4
6/11	Frank, Louis	Sivan 5
6/12	Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 6
6/12	Korman, Jack	Sivan 6
6/12	Segal, Corkey	Sivan 6
6/12	Thompson, Sondra	Sivan 6
6/13	Lubetsky, Harry	Sivan 7
6/14	Gerlitz, Chaim	Sivan 8
6/15	Abrams, Florence	Sivan 9
6/15	Anker, Lewis	Sivan 9
6/15	Chizever, Henry	Sivan 9
6/15	Remler, Norman	Sivan 9
6/16	Goldstein, Esther	Sivan 10
6/16	Goldstein, Sophia	Sivan 10

6/18	Davis, Rae	Sivan 12
6/18	Nathanson, Zelda	Sivan 12
6/19	Nisenbaum, Benjamin	Sivan 13
6/21	Rascoe, Eric	Sivan 15
6/21	Ritigstein, Jerry	Sivan 15
6/22	Krasnow, Deborah	Sivan 16
6/23	Elphand, Louis	Sivan 17
6/23	Gaster, Conrad	Sivan 17
6/23	Klein, Sidney	Sivan 17
6/23	Lefkowitz, Harry	Sivan 17
6/24	Kagan, Bella	Sivan 18
6/26	Crowitz, Ida	Sivan 20
6/26	Orland, Sylvia	Sivan 20
6/27	Siegel, Jeffrey	Sivan 21
6/28	Anker, Edward	Sivan 22
6/28	Korus, Max	Sivan 22
6/28	Sonkin, Etta	Sivan 22
6/29	Itkin, Morris	Sivan 23
6/29	Kaplan, Bella	Sivan 23
6/29	Weiner, Max	Sivan 23
6/30	Hochheiser, Helen	Sivan 24
7/1	Weiner, Minnie	Sivan 25
7/2	Harding, Sam	Sivan 26
7/2	Hefter, Sanford	Sivan 26
7/2	Squires, Irving	Sivan 26
7/3	Goldstein, Lillian	Sivan 27
7/3	Sacks, Julius	Sivan 27
7/5	Bloom, William	Sivan 29
7/5	Hefter, Lillian	Sivan 29
7/5	Karlin, Charles	Sivan 29



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June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM Services
2	3 7 PM Board Meeting	4 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	5 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	6 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	7 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	8 9:30 AM Services
9	10	11 6:30 PM Shavuot Learning Session; 9:00 PM Services (Zoom)	12 9:30 AM Shavuot Services	13 9:30 AM Shavuot Services including Yizkor	14 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	15 9:30 AM Services
16	17	18 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	19 9:30 AM Interfaith Bible Class; 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	20 Temple Annual Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)	21 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	22 9:30 AM Services
23	24	25 6 PM Class: Jewish Philosophy (Zoom)	26 6 PM Talmud Class (Zoom)	27 6:30 PM Bible Study Class (Zoom)	28 7:00 PM Services and Oneg Shabbat	29 9:30 AM Services
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July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6 PM Class: Jewish Philoso- phy (Zoom)	3	4	5 5:30 BBQ and Program: 7:00 Services	6 9:30 AM Services
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June 11-13	Shavuot Learning Session and Services
June 20	TIR Annual Meeting
July 5, August 30	Weekend BBQs
September 7 & 8	Rabbi Rascoe's 10th Anniversary Celebration
Many adult classes are being offered with Rabbi Rascoe. See inside for details.	