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Rabbi's Words



As I sit down to write my article for the bulletin, I am realizing that this will be the last time I write to you as your rabbi. As I take my leave, I'd like to do one more teaching if I may. The rabbis tell us that whenever two people take their leave of each other, they should impart to the other a piece of torah. One of my favorite stories in the Talmud encapsulates what I see as the role religion and spirituality should play in our lives. It's a story of two rabbis traveling on the road by donkey, one the teacher, and the other a student. The student wishes to illustrate what he's learned from his teacher, so they stop their donkeys, and the teacher sits down on a rock to listen.

We do not know what exactly the student says to the teacher, we are not given the text of his recital. All we are left with is the reaction from what he has just expressed. The Gemara illustrates the response, "and fire descended from heaven and encircled all the trees in the field, and all the trees began reciting song." Nature and heaven come together to celebrate that which the student has just expressed, his words creating a harmonious miracle. His teacher, staggered from what he heard, rises up and kissed his student on his head, and said, "Blessed be God, Lord of Israel, who gave our father Abraham a son like you... There are some who expound the Torah's verses well but do not fulfill its imperatives well, and there are some who fulfill its imperatives well but do not expound its verses well, whereas you expound its verses well and fulfill its imperatives well."

This is the highest praise a teacher can give a student. That not only have they come to understand and absorb the material they've learned, but that they integrate that knowledge and wisdom into who they are, to make themselves better people. This is the

goal of all religion, to not only bring us to a higher level of understanding, but to be able to use that understanding to make us better people at our core.

I love this story because of what I think it says to us today. It is not enough to pursue religion or spirituality for our own sake. It is our moral imperative as people who identify with “organized religion” to take what we’ve learned and use it to open ourselves up. If religion doesn’t open both our minds and hearts, then we’re not doing it right.

In another part of the Talmud, the rabbis speak of a blessing they would give to one another as they left the study hall. Having finished their time learning together, the rabbis would send each other off with a blessing until they would be reunited. This blessing has become arguably my favorite blessing, I’ve given it to each of my children on the occasion of their baby naming/bris on the eighth day of their lives, and I’ve come back to it many times for happy occasions. I’d like to leave you with those words.

- May you live to see your world fulfilled,
May your destiny be for worlds still to come,

May you trust in generations past
and those yet to be.

May your heart be filled with intuition
and your words be filled with insight.

May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue
and your vision be on a straight path before you.

May your eyes be illuminated with the light of Torah and may your face
reflect with the brightness of the heavens.

May your lips speak knowledge and inner self find joy in righteousness.

May the soles of your feet run to hear the words of the Ancient of days.

L’hitraot,

Rabbi Goldstein

Message From Brenda Rich



Greetings: Welcome to the month of June and our summer season.

Monday, June 2, our Shavuot service with a Yizkor service will be held on Zoom at 10 a.m. and led by Fran Lande and Esther Taxon. They will also lead our Erev Shabbat Services at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 and our Shabbat services on Saturday, June 7 at 10a.m. which will also be on Zoom.

Services on June 20 & June 21 will be live at CAH and live streamed and will also be led by Fran & Esther.

I know the congregation of CAH bids goodbye to Rabbi Goldstein and wishes him a successful transition as he starts his life in Rochester.

Just a reminder that the Rabbinic search committee had a Rabbi do a Service for us on May 2nd & 3rd, survey was sent out and he was approved, results sent to board which approved CAH to offer him a contract.

A one-year contract was sent to him and he approved it. Rabbi Ron Goldberg will be our Rabbi as of July 1 and will be doing his first service of Friday, July 4th on Zoom at 7 p.m. and live at CAH and live streamed on July 5th at 10 a.m. By the way, Rabbi Goldberg, prefers to be called Rabbi Ron.

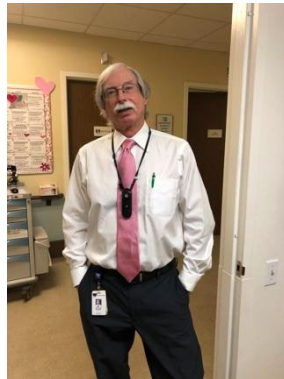
By now all eligible members have received ballots for our new physical year containing the new slate and budget. Our congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, July 20, on Zoom at 11 a.m. Please return your voted ballots ASAP. Even if you cannot decide if you approve or disapprove, return the ballot with, I abstain checked off.

Hold the date of July 13 for a group trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls at the Ronald Reagan Library along with TBT.

Shalom,

Brenda

WELCOME RABBI “RON” GOLDBERG



**Rabbi Ron Goldberg
May 2 and 3**

We are excited to announce the appointment of Rabbi “Ron” Goldberg as our new Rabbi beginning July 1st. The Congregation met Rabbi Ron and his wife, Judy, when he led services May 2nd and 3rd. The feeling was unanimous that he exuded warmth, humor, and imparted uplifting lessons about our Jewish traditions from his Dvar Torah.

Rabbi Ron grew up in the San Fernando Valley and attended California State University Northridge. He worked in banking before changing careers and pursuing his Rabbinic ordination from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles. Rabbi Ron interned at Beit T’Shuvah, a Jewish addiction recovery center and worked as Campus Rabbi at the Eisenberg Village campus of the LA Jewish Health (formerly LA Jewish Home of the Aging.)

We look forward to praying with Rabbi Ron at his first Shabbat- Friday July 4 on Zoom and July 5th live at CAH

A photograph of several fragments of ancient, yellowed parchment scrolls with Hebrew text, set against a black background. The scrolls are torn and irregular in shape, with some showing clear lines of text.

DEAD ⁷⁵ SEA SCROLLS



July 13

For a group trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls
at the Ronald Reagan Library along with
TBT. More info to come.

COMING SOON!

**ANI V'ATA—
TOGETHER WE WILL
CHANGE THE WORLD**



**LEARNING ABOUT ANTISEMITISM TO TAKE ACTION IN A CORNER OF
THE WORLD**

A program to explore and learn together about when anti-Zionism is racism and when is it not? And a speaker/ workshop on an action component supporting Jewish students on local college campuses as they navigate college life.

This is made possible by a grant from the **Pacific Southwest Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism**

Mussar: Deepening Our Character

Mussar classes continue in June.

Come join us as we continue our exploration of middot/ soul traits. Each week we gain insight into the meaning of various middot and how to better balance the role each can play in our daily interaction.

No previous knowledge of Hebrew or text study required, just a desire to learn and make sense of our lives. You can join us even if you have not been able to attend the previous classes. We will be continuing with Simplicity/Histapkut

Classes will be June 12, 19 & 26 at 7 pm on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Fran Lande, Life-Long learning chair at fblande@gmail.com.



Empty Seat in the Sanctuary

We are thrilled that both of our hostages have been returned to their home and families. We continue to pray that all the hostages are released and there will be lasting peace in Israel.

**There are still 200+ hostages under Hamas control, and each one needs our prayers for liberation. Congregation Am HaYam has been matched with hostages
Yarden Romann &
Romi Bat Merav**

However, we will continue keep empty seats for them at our synagogue and pray for their and all the hostages safe return.



WHAT DO YOU PUT IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN ?

If you are putting newspapers, magazines, shredded mail, frozen meal containers and glass in your bin for the city to pick up that is great. **If you are still putting in soda cans and water bottles, please consider saving them for CAH.**

Soda cans are recyclable. Plastic water bottles, both plain and flavored can be recycled. From the small 4 ounce to the large half gallon bottles can bring money in to CAH.

If you think a few cents doesn't matter, I can tell you a small income on a regular basis adds up. Since we started in 2014 CAH has earned \$ 1,173.32. You can bring the recycles to services or you can save them in 13 or 33 gallon bags and I will be happy to pick them up.

There are lots of holiday parties coming up between now and New Years Eve. You might ask neighbors to save them.

Call me for any questions or to pick up. You can call me at home or leave a message on the temple phone at 805-644-2899.

Thank you so much.

Ruth Resnick



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June: Get in on All the Excitement Here at CAH!

Here at CAH we offer an extensive set of ongoing, recurring events.

Brenda sends out the link for the Zoom or YouTube link ahead of time, so that it will be towards the top of your Email inbox. Services are coordinated by Rabbi Goldstein; all other events are coordinated by our Life-Long Learning Chair, Fran Lande. If you have questions about our non-service offerings or have suggestions for other events, please contact Fran. Please contact fblande@gmail.com

EVENT	LEADER	DAY and TIME	DATES
Shavuot Morning/Yiskor	Fran Lande, Esther Taxon	Monday, 10a on Zoom	June 2
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Fran Lande, Esther Taxon	Friday, 7p on Zoom	June 6
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Fran Lande, Esther Taxon	Saturday, 10a on Zoom	June 7
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Fran Lande, Esther Taxon	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	June 20
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Fran Lande, Esther Taxon	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	June 21
Mussar	Fran Lande	7p on Zoom	June 12, 19, 26
Ritual Meeting	Neal Abramson	7p on Zoom	June 4
Board Meeting	Brenda Rich	7p on Zoom	June 11

In Memory Of

Barbra & Bruce Miner IMO Lois Lebman

In Honor Of

Joel Gordon IHO CAH

Birthdays

Rabbi Ben Goldstein 6/5
Adrea Massion 6/9

Anniversaries

Rabbi J B Sacks & Steven Karash 6/18

Get Well

Fil Barton	Steven Goch
Alma Boronkay	Fran Lande
Sheila Myles	Arlene Davis
Lee Rothschild	Jerry Davis



Yahrzeit

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 and SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Norma S. Lande, Mother of Fran Lande
Herman Spunt, Grandfather of Fil Barton

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 and SATURDAY, JUNE 21

*Rosa "Tweety" Kaufman, Mother-in-Law of Neal Abramson

*Boris Skuratovsky, Father of Leonid Skuratovsky

David Goch, Father of Stephen Goch

*Henry Kaufman, Father of Murray Kaufman z'l

May their memories be for a blessing

*Inscribed on our Memorial Wall

Updated CAH Protocols for Services

(Revised, June 2024)

Now that the Omicron surge has waned, we are ready to remove some of the protocols that have been in place.

1. Everyone must be fully vaccinated to come to services and events held in our CAH home. Proof of vaccination should be shown the first time entering.
2. Social distancing will be maintained. All rows can be utilized.
3. Wearing masks is optional (as all are fully vaccinated).
4. For those who cannot attend services, we will continue live-streaming our services.
5. **Those having aliyot and honors may again do so from Bimah. We will maintain the music stand in front of the Bimah for those who would prefer to do their honor from there due to distancing or mobility issues.**

Best Practices/Etiquette Upon Moving Back

Not everyone is equally comfortable with touch at this time, whether it is a handshake, a hug, or a Shabbat shalom kiss. We can express our joy in seeing each other without these, but if it's something any of us want to do, please ASK the person you are about to greet in a physical way first. Please do not take anyone's "NO" as a rejection. Please support everyone in the comfort level in which they find themselves.

ORDERING MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES AT CAH

Jewish tradition sees memory as a sacred act, allowing us to be inspired by the good in a loved one's life and live more fully in our own days. A yahrzeit plaque allows for a permanent remembrance of a loved one, ensuring that his or her name will be recalled in perpetuity in our congregation. It is very meaningful to see the memorial plaque of your loved one on the High Holy Days, especially at the Yom Kippur Yizkor (Remembrance) service, on the Shabbat close to the yahrzeit, and at other special moments (including Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot Yizkor services).

Names on the plaque are automatically recalled publicly at the Shabbat prior to the yahrzeit at both our Friday night and Saturday morning services just before Mourner's Kaddish.

Ordering a plaque is a wonderful way to pay tribute to that special person or persons of blessed memory.

The current cost of ordering a bronze plaque for the memorial wall is \$360.00 per plaque. If you would like to order two plaques now, the cost will be \$330.00 per name. For 3 or more plaques the cost is \$300.00 per name.

Thank you for considering doing this for your loved ones. Their lives will be remembered and an inspiration to many.

Sincerely,

Brenda Rich

PLAQUE #1–Name of deceased: _____

Relationship _____

Hebrew Name _____ (son/daughter of) _____ and _____

Date of death English

Date of death Hebrew

Before or after sundown _____

PLAQUE #2–Name of deceased: _____

Relationship _____

Hebrew Name _____ (son/daughter of) _____ and _____

Date of death English

Date of death Hebrew

Before or after sundown _____

PLAQUE #3–Name of deceased: _____

Relationship _____

Hebrew Name _____ (son/daughter of) _____ and _____

Date of death English

Date of death Hebrew

Before or after sundown _____

If you have more than three plaques, please place information on additional sheets of paper.

Please mail this form with your check for the amount in full to:
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Sivan/Tammuz 5785

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>Shavuot Begins</p> <p>Light Candles 7:46p</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>Shavuot Morning/Yizkor 10a on Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Shavuot ends at 8:49p</p> <p>IMO Aaron Resnick</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Ritual Meeting 7p on Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Rabbi Ben Goldstein B/D</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>Erev Shabbat Services 7p on Zoom</p> <p>Light Candles 7:49p</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Shabbat Services 10a On Zoom</p> <p>Shabbat ends at 8:51p</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>IMO Herman Spunt</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Rabbi J B Sacks & Steven Karash Anniv</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH</p> <p>Light Shabbat Candles 7:54p</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Shabbat Services 10a at CAH</p> <p>Shabbat ends at 8:57p</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>IMO Rosa "Tweety" Kaufman</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>IMO Boris Skuratovsky</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Light Shabbat Candles 7:55p</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Shabbat ends at 8:57p</p>
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