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Rabbi's Words



I'm writing this article as we head into the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot is the holiday of the end of the Omer counting, 7 weeks after Passover. It is the link between leaving Egypt and slavery and arriving at Mt Sinai, receiving Torah and the law and with it, beginning to become a nation, not a rabble. A rabble of people moves together loosely and is easily swayed in various directions. What makes them become a nation, is accepting the rule of law. In our Jewish faith we say during the Amidah, the accepting of the "yoke of Torah". That yoke of Torah is the accepting of law and rule of law, that transforms a rabble into a nation. We are taught in Midrash (Rabbinic legend), that every single Jew was at Mt Sinai. That is to say, those who were physically alive at revelation at Sinai and our tradition holds, every Jew who will come to be, was also present. Yes, that means you and I were there, standing together, accepting Torah and its yoke.

I keep using the word "**yoke**" because it comes from our traditional text. For the non-farm or ranching folks, a yoke is the harness put on a beast of burden neck. Examples of beasts of burden would oxen or donkeys. They work hard and it is very normal for them to struggle against the harness or yoke placed on them. Just as the ox struggles with his yoke, we struggle with Torah and the law. Some struggles are easy or simply non-existent. I don't struggle with the law of "do not murder" and I don't struggle with "there is only one G1d". Do I struggle with the rules of Shabbat or Kashrut? Absolutely I do. It should be well known by now that of things I miss, a Tommy's Hamburger with extra pickles and extra chili is high on my list. So honestly in Judaism, we know we struggle. In fact, we even acknowledge that struggle in what name we call the Jewish nation, "Yisrael", which of course means, "to wrestle with G1d". Our faith, our sacred texts and our rabbinic text all come to grips with our human condition and our natures to rebel against authority and to struggle with the

commandments. We dedicate the Shabbat of Shabbats, which is Yom Kippur, to help us with that struggle and help us to face up when we miss the mark.

Knowing that we all face the struggle of the commandments and our tradition, we look to our leadership and indeed our clergy to set an example. Our leaders should show an example of how to live, of how to strive to observe the mitzvot and how to face ourselves and G1d when we miss the mark. We all feel let down and disappointed when our leaders miss the mark, when they fail in their duty to their office and community. I know I personally grieve when I see or hear of a clergy of any faith, violating the trust of their position and trust of their community. Clearly, we know our human leaders are just that, human and nothing more and nothing less. To be human is to know you will miss the mark.

But I hold our leaders and honestly myself, to a higher standard. A higher standard of compliance to the law and tradition and a high sense of honesty when dealing with failure, error and worse. If you know me, if you spend any time hearing me speak and share, you know I am an unabashed Zionist. I love Israel, I believe in Zionism and a Jewish nation in Israel. I'm proud of my service in Israel on any number of levels. Therefore, in recent days, I grieve and feel heartsick at the news from Israel. I can deal with the actions of the enemies of Israel and the haters of the Jewish people. What wounds my heart is failure of leadership of the Jewish nation. When I see reports of abuse of those in custody, when I see Senior members of the government acting out and behaving like bullies, I am beyond disappointed. As a Zionist, as a lover of Israel and her advocate, I expect her leadership to behave and act in her best interests and to put their conduct above reproach. In recent days, those expectations have not been met.

I loved Israel yesterday and I'll love her tomorrow. Today I love her, but I'm disappointed in her leadership. And as a lover of Zion and the Jewish people and nation, I fully believe it's right and proper to let that leadership know I'm disappointed in them. To love someone is to acknowledge everything about them, the good, the wonderful and the bad. To not hold who I love accountable is not an act of love, it's neglect and dishonest of my love. We can and must let the leadership of Israel know, as Zionists in the galut, we are disappointed and expect better from them.

Join me in working for a better tomorrow,

Rabbi Ron

Message From Brenda Rich



Greetings: June is busting out all over and so is CAH. Families will be planning vacations, summer camps, graduations, and all sorts of events.

But don't forget your CAH community and family. We have so much going on for your enjoyment.

All our services in June will be live at CAH and live streamed. There will be a special Kiddish on Saturday, June 20 honoring and thanking Esther Taxon and Josh Lampel for all they have done for CAH. They will be remaining members, but their focus will also be on Temple Etz Hayim as they have moved to Thousand Oaks and will be starting a new chapter in their lives.

Fran Lande will continue to hold her Mussar sessions on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Please make sure you mark the dates down in your calendars. The first one will be on June 4.

Rabbi Ron will continue with his series on reviewing Jewish Life cycles events and rituals on Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

The Significant Book club led by Fran Lande will discuss *Badulina* by Gabi Nitzan on Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. This is a fascinating story, and you won't want to miss the discussion. No need to have read the book to join the class.

Please be aware that there will be a congregational meeting on Zoom on Sunday, July 19 at 11 a.m. You will be receiving ballots in the mail in June. There will be noted on the ballot an additional item for you to vote on whether you approve or disapprove of purchasing new Siddurim – *Lev Shalem* – for our Festival & Shabbat use. You will be receiving an email with a brief introduction to what this Siddurim has to offer.

So, take the time and enjoy all that you have to enjoy at CAH.

Shalom,

Brenda



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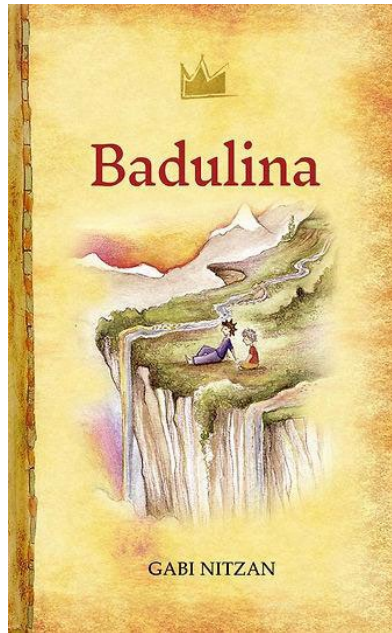
There will be a special Kiddish on Saturday, July 18 honoring and celebrating Alma Boronkay's 100th birthday!

There will be a congregational meeting on Zoom on Sunday, July 19 at 11 a.m. You will be receiving ballots in the mail in June.

On Sunday, August 9 we will have an installation celebration for Rabbi Ron Goldberg. Hazzan Mike Stein will sing and Rabbi Lisa will officiate. A luncheon will be part of the Installation. More info to come.

High Holiday Season begins with Selichot on Saturday September 5.

SIGNIFICANT BOOK CLUB PRESENTS



[Click here for Amazon link](#)

Date: Thursday June 25 at 7 pm on Zoom

Please join even if you have not read the book.

When the King & Queen of Badulina first entered his restaurant in India, author Gabi Nitzan could not have guessed that his life - like the lives of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world - will change forever.

Badulina is a tiny kingdom in Europe where everybody is raised on the belief that there is one single choice to be made in life, no matter the situation: Either you react like a victim - or you react like a King or a Queen.

In a Journey that spreads over the Himalayas, Tel-Aviv, Egypt and Mexico Nitzan learns why the royal couple isn't married, goes on a Dragon Hunt with the King, becomes dangerously involved in a Summit with the USA president and falls hopelessly in love with the Queen.

Since first published 20 years ago, Badulina became a treasured secret for hundreds of thousands of readers. With no publishing agencies or PR budget, the Kingdom of Badulina keeps growing by word of mouth, always reaching its readers at the right royal moment.

JOIN RABBI RON FOR HIS NEW CLASS SERIES
JEWISH LIFESTYLE EVENTS AND RITUALS

JUNE 16th AT 7p ON ZOOM



JEWISH LIFECYCLE  

Reviewing the journey of a Jewish life...
The Middle Ages

That time between marriage and getting our AARP cards

GOALS

- Family
- Career
- Health
- Travel
- Learning

KEEP LEARNING

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BUCKET LIST

- See Israel
- Make a difference
- Spend time with family & friends
- Learn something new
- Give back

Rabbi Ron reviews Jewish lifecycle events and rituals.
We continue the journey... exploring the meaningful moments of The Middle Ages.

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.

This month we will begin the study of **yirah**. The English translation is usually awe/fear. We will explore the role **yirah** can play in our lives. Do you do the right thing out of fear of punishment? Do you keep your **yetzer harah** at bay because of your awe of G!d? How do they interact?

Class dates will be June 4th, 11th, and 18th at 7 pm on Zoom.

For more information, please contact Fran Lande, Life-Long learning chair at fblande@gmail.com or for links to class president@CongregationAmHaYam.com



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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PERCENTAGE.**



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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 Goldberg; 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
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	June 5
Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	June 6
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	June 19
Shabbat at CAH (Honoring Josh and Esther)	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	June 20
Mussar	Fran Lande	Thursdays 7p on Zoom	June 4,11, 18,
Jewish Lifecycle Events and Rituals	Rabbi Ron	Wednesday 7p on Zoom	June 16
Significant Book Club-Badulina	Fran Lande	Thursday 7p on Zoom	June 25
Ritual Meeting	Neal Abramson	Sunday 10a on Zoom	June 14
Board Meeting	Brenda Rich	Sunday 11a on Zoom	June 14

In Memory/Honor of

Contact Brenda Rich to donate in honor or memory of.

Anniversaries

Rabbi J.B. Sacks & Steven Karash 6/18

Get Well

Fil Barton

Alma Boronkay

Lee Rothschild

Rick Newberger

Steven Goch

Fran Lande

Arlene Davis

Jerry Davis



Yahrzeit

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 6

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

*Boris Skuratovsky, Father of Leonid Skuratovsky

David Goch, Father of Steve Goch

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 20

*Harry Kaufman, Father of Murray Kaufman z'l

*Benjamin J. Weiner, Father of Myrna Winer z'l

*Arnold Rich, Husband of Brenda Rich and Father of Mark Rich

*Richard Schneeberger, Husband of Eileen Schneeberger z'l

May their memories be for a blessing

*Inscribed on our Memorial Wall

June 2026

Sivan/Tammuz 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom IMO Herman Spunt	5 Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH Light Shabbat Candles 7:49p	6 Shabbat Services 10a at CAH Shabbat ends at 8:51p
7	8	9	10	11 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom IMO Rosa "Tweety" Kaufan	12 Light Shabbat Candles 7:52p	13 Shabbat ends at 8:54p
14 Ritual meeting 10a on Zoom Board meeting 11a on Zoom IMO Boris Skuratovsky	15	16 Jewish Lifestye Events and Rituals 7p on Zoom	17	18 Deepening Our Character 7p on Zoom Rabbi J.B. Sacks & Steven Karash Anniv IMO David Goch	19 Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH Light Shabbat Candles 7:54p	20 Shabbat Services 10a at CAH Shabbat ends at 8:56p
21 IMO Harry Kaufman	22	23	24	25 Significant Book Club- Badulina 7p on Zoom	26 Light Shabbat Candles 7:55p IMO Benjamin J. Weiner	27 Shabbat ends at 8:57p
28	29	30				



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