

HAMIGDALOR

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Rabbi's Words



Coming out of the lengthy High Holiday season, we are in the Hebrew month of Heshvan. It's commonly called Mar-Heshvan or "Bitter Heshvan". And why is that? Because after a time in the Hebrew calendar of חג-חג אחרי חג-Holiday after Holiday, we enter Heshvan and ... no holidays!! There is t-shirt very popular in the Conservative Rabbi world that proudly declares, "Rabbis love Heshvan"! And it's for the simple reason of there being no holidays, we resume "normal operations".

November is of course the month of the American holiday observance of Thanksgiving. While our thinking seems to have evolved and moved away from the almost fantasy image of the Native Americans saving the Pilgrims and them all sitting together to dine.. We still consider the day to be a National Day of Thanksgiving. For me, it is far and away my favorite American observance. The ideals of gratitude truly touch me deeply. My rabbinic teaching for this month is tied to the themes of gratitude and thanks. It's a very basic thing and you will hear me teach it over and over, because I think it's vital for our human condition and our Jewish and American ideals. In short, "thanks" and "thankful" are transactions and transactional. A simple example is, I turn to Judy and say, "can you pass me the plate please"? In the normal course of affairs Judy smiles at me and hands me the plate, I say "thanks" and the transaction is closed. I asked, she responded and I appreciated. But **gratitude** is something entirely different. Gratitude is a way of life and of seeing and understanding the world. Living in gratitude means when I wake up, do I feel upset that I can't loiter in bed? Or do I open my eyes, recite the blessing upon waking, expressing my gratitude to השם for all that is good in my life and all the challenges too? Can I find it in myself to look around and see each blessing I have? Do I acknowledge I woke up in bed, I woke up in my home, I have covers and a pillow. And in the kitchen, there is food to eat and coffee to drink. In my closets are clean clothes and fresh socks. It is a challenge to wake up and see

all that is good. To live my life in such a way that I can see and value all that, is the challenge of living “in gratitude”. I don’t hit that mark every time. There are days, I stumble and succumb to negativity. And that’s the moment I need to dig deeper to see the blessings and the goodness in my life. May we all be able to see the blessings in our lives and before us daily. And with that, live a life in gratitude.

Now being who I am and if you have enjoyed a Shabbat lunch with me, you know I enjoy food and enjoy eating. One cannot discuss our observance of Thanksgiving without mentioning food. I enjoy Turkey and look forward to it. It is the very symbol of ‘plenty to eat’. For me, I greatly enjoy the sides. I like very much the sweet potatoes and stuffing. Good bread is essential. But who am I kidding? You all know I have a sweet tooth as big as the great outdoors. Give me dessert and give me more dessert. Pie is a favorite and make mine pumpkin. Or cherry or pecan or apple. A totally guilty pleasure for me is Chocolate Chip Pecan pie. Some may say it’s too sweet. I own I like that ultra-sweet taste and flavor and have been known to put whipped cream over the top of it.

My friends, Judy joins me in wishing everyone a joyful and meaningful Thanksgiving holiday. Rabbi Ron



Message From Brenda Rich



Greetings: Yup, my friends, even if the weather doesn't feel like it, it is November. So how did 2026 pass by so fast. Unbelievable!!!!!!

Also unbelievable is how long it's taken me to thank people. All your financial help is extremely appreciated.

Thank you for your voluntary contributions which were above your dues and pledge considerations:

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I also want to thank all who had a part in making our HH Services more meaningful. Along with Rabbi Ron and Rabbi Light, I want to express a special "Todah Rabah" to Lonny Scharf who contributed so much to our services, not only with reading Torah but davening so many parts of the service.

Now on to November with has so much that we are offering.

Fran Lande will continue her Middot classes on Thursday, November 5 and November 19 on Zoom at 7 p.m.

Rabbi Ron will have a discussion on “Making sense of the Israeli version of Democracy in Action” on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

See elsewhere in the Migdalor and on our website the flier from Lynn Freeman for the grand opening & Hanukkah sale of our Judaica Gift Shop on Sunday, November 15 from 2-4 p.m. and Monday, November 16 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. You can also view some of the lovely items that she has purchased. Please tell all your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us and find those missing needed items for your home. Also see the lovely jewelry and other items Fil Barton has made to be sold at the Judaica Gift Shop.

Services are live at CAH and live streamed for Erev Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. on November 6th & 20th and for Shabbat services live at CAH and live streamed at 10 a.m. on November 7th and 21st.

November would not be complete without Thanksgiving. Please remember that no matter what is happening in our lives right now, we all have something to be thankful for. Remember those things and spread to all love, kindness and joy. Your lives will be much better if you do that.

Shalom,

Brenda

Apples & Honey Update

We would like to thank Judy Adelman and Cookie Eichner for participating again in our Apples & Honey program. It is so appreciated. Our next annual fund raiser are our mishloach manot bags for Purim. We will probably start promoting this in January or February so please start thinking about family and friends. Our bags are guaranteed to put a smile on their faces.

Sincerely,
Ruth Resnick

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, Neuroplasticity, Individuals, and the Community: Reflections and Actions Inspired by Alan Moranis

Mussar teaches that becoming a better person is both a spiritual pursuit and a shared responsibility. In a recent article, Alan Moranis examined the connection between neuroplasticity and Mussar. Neuroplasticity adds a message of possibility: through intention, practice, and connection, we can continue to grow.

When we change our patterns, we change our lives. When we nurture one another's growth, we help create a community where change is possible for everyone.

May we continue building a community rooted in kindness, compassion, humility, and connection. Our brains, habits, and character are not finished products. Each day offers another opportunity to strengthen pathways toward greater wholeness.

As part of this ongoing journey of attention, practice, and connection, please join Fran Lande on

Thursday, November 5, and November 19, at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

These gatherings offer an opportunity to learn, reflect, and grow together in community.

Together, through attention, practice, and relationship, we become more than we could ever be alone



RABBI RON'S NOVEMBER CLASS

Making sense of the Israeli version of Democracy in Action

A review and discussion of the the recent election, candidates and personalities, and platforms...

Wednesday November 11, 2026 7pm zoom



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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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November: 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	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	November 6
Shabbat	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	November 7
Erev Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	November 20
Shabbat at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a at CAH and Streaming	November 21
Middot Class	Fran Lande	Thursdays, 7p on Zoom	November 5 19
Rabbi Ron's Class-Israeli Democracy	Rabbi Ron	Wednesday, 7p on Zoom	November 11
Ritual Meeting	Neal Abramson	No November Ritual Meeting	
Board Meeting	Brenda Ricn	Sunday 11a on Zoom	November 15

In Memory of

Deanna Marenstein IMO Mizi & William Hornick

Trees for Israel

To Ronald Boronkay, Teri Boronkay,
Sasha Manesh Violet Boronkay

In loving memory of Lisa Baronkay from Alma Boronkay

Birthdays

Jerry Davis 11/11
Judy Nativ Goldberg 11/17
Joel Gordon 11/17
Mark Rich 11/22
Fil Barton 11/25

Anniversaries

Stephen Goch & Kathy Spencer 11/4
Rabbi Ron Goldberg & Judy Nativ Goldberg 11/10

Get Well

Fil Barton	Steven Goch
Alma Boronkay	Fran Lande
Rick Newberger	Arlene Davis
Jerry Davis	Ron Freeman
Joanne Glick	



Yahrzeit

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

*Joseph Ettenberg

*Natalie Hannah Gustafson, Sister-in-Law of Donna Gustafson

*Sally Resnick, Mother of Mort Resnick and Mother-in-Law of Ruth
Resnick

*Nettie Fenick, Mother of Elaine Hanig

*Selma Sally Weiner, Mother of Myrna Winer z'l
Viola O'Brien, Aunt of Fil Barton

Gerald Lande, Father of Fran Lande

*Irene Rich, Mother-in-Law of Brenda Rich and Grandmother of Mark Rich

*David Moses Kadansky, Father of Miriam Mack

*Lina Hirsch, Mother of Eva Lowe

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Frank Spunt, Uncle of Fil Barton

*Saul E. Kupperman, Father of Mark Kupperman

May their memories be for a blessing

Congregation AmHayam Judaica Gift Shop

Grand Opening & Hanukkah Sale

Sunday, November 15, 2026 from 2:00pm- 6:00pm

Monday, November 16, 2026 from 11:00am-2:00pm

Enjoy 20-50% off Selected items

Menorahs, Candles, Giftware, Shabbat & Ritual Items and more!



4839 Market St. Unit C Ventura, CA 93003 (Behind VetSurg)

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Visit our online store: congregation-amhayam-judaica-gift-shop.square.site

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Cheshvan/Kislev 5787

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings time ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5 Middot Class 7p on Zoom IMO William Hornick	6 Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH Light Shabbat Candles 4:41p	7 Shabbat Services 10a at CAH Shabbat ends at 5:37p IMO Joseph Ettenberg
8 IMO Natalie Hannah Gustafson	9 Kristallnacht IMO Sally Resnick IMO Nettie Fenick	10 IMO Selma Sally Weiner Rabbi Ron Goldberg & Judy Nativ Goldberg Anniv	11 Rabbi Class 7p on Zoom IMO Viola O'Brien Jerry Davis B/D Stephen Goch & Kathy Spencer Anniv	12	13 Light Shabbat Candles 4:36p IMO Gerald Lande	14 Shabbat ends at 5:33p IMO Irene Rich
15 Board meeting 11a on Zoom Judaica Gift Shop Grand opening and Hanukkah sale 2p-6p at CAH	16 Judaica Gift Shop Grand opening and Hanukkah sale 11a-2p at CAH IMO David Moses Kadansky	17 Judy Nativ Goldberg B/D Joel Gordon B/D	18	19 Middot Class 7p on Zoom IMO Lina Hirsch,	20 Erev Shabbat Services 7:30p at CAH Light Shabbat Candles 4:32p	21 Shabbat Services 10a at CAH Shabbat ends at 5:30p IMO Frank Spunt
22 Mark Rich B/D	23	24 IMO Saul E. Kupperman	25 Fil Barton B/D	26 Thanksgiving	27 Light Shabbat Candles 4:30p	28 Shabbat ends at 5:28p
29	30					

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