



DIVRAY HA'RAV —

Some Thoughts from Our Rabbi – Building A Sacred Community

In the *Parasha Kedoshim*, Leviticus 19: 1 – 2 we read “The L-rd spoke to Moses saying: Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, the L-rd your G-d, am holy.”

What does it mean to be holy? The word sacred is a synonym for the word holy. In Webster’s sacred is defined as “devoted to or dedicated to a deity or some religious purpose; consecrated; entitled to veneration or religious respect by association with divinity or divine things; holy”. In Judaism, holy is both ethical and religious.

This begs the question, what is holiness? The term can be applied to G-d, to good people, to a book, to a period of time, or to an animal offered for sacrifice. To be holy is to be different, to be set apart from the ordinary. ‘Ordinary’ is often used as the opposite of ‘holy’ in rabbinic literature. To be holy is to rise to partake in some measure the special qualities of G-d, the source of holiness.

Holiness is the highest level of human behavior; human beings at their most G–d-like behavior. As human beings we can be G–d-like by exercising our power to sanctify moments and objects in our lives. In Leviticus 19 we learn that the laws of holiness span all categories of life. They deal with ritual, with business ethics, with proper behavior to those less fortunate, those in need and with family relations.

Everything we do in life has the potential of being

holy. Dr. Louis Finkelstein, former Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary wrote: “Judaism is a way of life that endeavors to transform virtually every human action into a means of communion with G-d.

For we are created “*B’tzelem Elohim*, in the image of G-d.” As members of Temple Shalom, when we take this concept seriously every interaction with our Temple family and potential members affords us an opportunity to create a unique, special, holy, sacred community.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that our Temple can build a Jewish community that can bring holiness into the world through the values articulated in our religious tenets and beliefs. I challenge you to join with me in working towards building a *Kehillah Kedohsha*, a “sacred community.” Together let us strive to create and build a community where relationships are paramount, where worship is engaging, where everyone is learning, where *Tikun Olam* is a moral imperative, where healing is offered, and where personal communal transformation is embraced.

Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer", enclosed in a simple oval scribble.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The first months of the Jewish calendar can be very hectic. The High Holidays are followed by Sukkoth and Simchat Torah. Then we immediately transition to the secular holidays and Hannukah. January and February are often accompanied by a sense of melancholy. After all the excitement many feel deflated. The days are short and springtime seems so very far away.

Early Americans took advantage of the long nights to establish quiet time. Free from the obligations of the rest of the year, mid winter is a perfect time to reconnect with the Temple and Jewish life. Now is the best time to bolster our Jewish bonds. Let me make some suggestions for the next eight weeks. Read a book on a notable Jewish person. Listen to Jewish music or watch Jewish film. Borrow a book from the Bazarsky Library and strengthen your knowledge of Hebrew or Torah. Read the questions the Rabbi poses on Shabbat at Shalom. Consider them carefully and start a discussion. Talk it over at home, among friends, or make a comment on the Temple's Facebook page.

From the Kaddish D'Rabbanan (scholar's prayer), "... for all who occupy themselves with Torah, whether in this place or any other place, may God grant them and you abundant peace..."

B'Shalom,
Alvin

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THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES

Temple Shalom looks forward to acknowledging the significant milestone in the lives of our members. Announcements for The Seasons of our Lives should be sent to Rabbi Jagolinzer in writing or by email (rabjag@earthlink.net)

GET WELL — *REFUAH SHLAIMAH*

Bruce Lang
Susan Reidy
Penny Faich

MAZEL TOV!

Emily Anthony and Debbie Souza and their committee upon a most successful Silent Auction event which raised some much needed funds for our Temple.

PASSAGES

The Kolodoff Family upon the passing of their beloved Gloria —
"May G-d console the Kolodoffs and all those who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem."

SPRING CONCERT 8 PM — MARCH 10

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



Join Cantor Scheff and friends, old and new, as they bring you an evening of songs and arias from throughout time. Opera, Broadway, and even from the world of pop music will provide an exhilarating evening of entertainment. We will bring you to tears of sadness and joy. We hope to see you then.

Bring a friend or two.
You won't be disappointed.

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS...

Your contribution to Temple Shalom is a thoughtful way to commemorate special occasions, life cycle events and to remember a loved one. All contributions will be acknowledged with a commemorative card from the Temple.

In memory of Pauline L. Cohen
From Martin L. Cohen

In memory of Charles Parness
From Tina and Richard Fain

In memory of Helen Levy and Maurice Nathanson
From David and Linda Nathanson

In memory of Celia P. Dress
From Miriam Lasky

In memory of Morris Mines
From Rosalie Trust

**AT OUR TEMPLE
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012**

Wednesday, January 4 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, January 6 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
First Friday Family Services
The Rabbi and Cantor will lead the worship.
All January birthdays will be honored.
The Rabbi will share a special story.
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 am
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School will meet.

Sunday at Shalom – Adult Education Program
Topic: “Why Pray?”
Do we need to pray? If so, when? How does prayer affect your life?
Does G-d hear our prayers? Does He/She answer them?

Tuesday, January 10 at 10:30 am
Coffee, Cake and Conversation
Topic: The Infinite Power of Hope

Wednesday, January 11 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, January 13 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Shabbat
We will be joined by our neighbors and friends from NAACP and Community Baptist Church as we remember one who was dear to all.
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Wednesday, January 18 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, January 20 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
Annual Pulpit Exchange
Come welcome The Reverend R. Joseph Tripp, Jr. and the members of United Congregational Church as they join with us for this annual service.
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 am
Annual Pulpit Exchange
Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer will be the featured speaker at the Church’s Sunday morning worship. Members of the Temple are encouraged to attend.



Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30 am
Coffee, Cake and Conversation
Topic: Reconstructionist Judaism

Wednesday, January 25 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, January 27 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Saturday, January 28 at 10:00 am
Shabbat Morning Worship

Wednesday, February 1
NO Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, February 3 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
The Cantor will lead the worship.
February birthdays will be honored..
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Tuesday, February 7 at 10:30 am
Coffee, Cake and Conversation
Topic: Read any good books lately?

Wednesday, February 8 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School
Tu B'Shevat Seder

Friday, February 10 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
A Service of Music and Singing
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Sunday, February 12 at 5:30 pm
Adult Education Program/Dinner
— More details to follow —

Wednesday, February 15 at 3:45 pm
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, February 17 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
An *Oneg Shabbat* will follow the worship.

Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 am
Coffee, cake and Conversation
Topic: The Ten Commandments Then and Now
What would Presidents Washington and Lincoln say?

Wednesday, February 22
NO Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

Friday, February 24 at 7:30 pm
Leil Shabbat Worship
Pizza, Pasta, and Prayer Shabbat
Dinner @ 6:30 pm
Worship @ 7:30 pm

—Reservation form below —

Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.
Shabbat Morning Worship and Torah Study
A *Kiddush* will follow the worship

Wednesday, February 29 at 3:45 p.m.
The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

**PIZZA , PASTA, AND PRAYER
RESERVATION FORM**

Please reserve _____ places for Pizza and Prayer.

Enclosed please find \$_____ at \$8.00 per person.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Deadline is February 22

MISHABEIRACH LIST

At weekly Shabbat Services, Rabbi Jagolinzer offers a prayer for those who are fighting disease. During this prayer for recovery, he mentions the names of those in need. The Rabbi requests that names to be included on his list be submitted to him prior to *Shabbat*. And, that the names, which he has, be updated by those submitting them on a regular basis. If you would like the Rabbi to send a note to a person on the list, please make sure you provide him with the person's address.

SPONSOR AN ONEG

We are grateful for all those people who sponsor and prepare the *Onegs* for *Shabbat* services and for special occasions. It is a warm and special way to share in community and celebrate with fellow congregants.

Maybe it's a birthday or anniversary you want to share. Maybe it is the birth of a new family member. Maybe you want to honor someone...any excuse or even no excuse to celebrate is reason enough.

For information and to select a date, please call Helene Scheff at 885-6073.



TU B'SHEVAT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Literally "the fifteenth day of Shevat." Also called "*Chamisha Asar B'Shevat*". Hillel and his disciples declared this day a semi-holiday. They called it "*Rosh Hashanah L'Ilanot*." (New Year for the Trees) because at about this time in Israel (January-February) the annual rains have ended and the new annual cycle of tree growth has begun.

Tu B'Shevat (*Tu* is an acronym consisting of the Hebrew letters *Tet* [nine] and *Vav* [six] with the combined numerical value of fifteen). This holiday is also known as Arbor(Tree) Day, celebrated on the fifteenth day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is observed by eating various fruits, especially those grown in Israel. In Europe, some Ashkenazic Jews were said to have eaten fifteen different kinds of fruit on this day. Bokser (carob), has long been a popular holiday treat. In Israel today the holiday is celebrated by schoolchildren going on camping trips and planting trees. In many communities throughout the world a new focus has been given to the holiday by those who call attention to environmental issues. Trees are also purchased for planting in numerous forests in Israel. If you would like information about planting a tree in honor/memory of a loved one, please contact Rabbi Jagolinzer.



**SUPPORT THE
TEMPLE SHALOM CHAIR FUNDRAISER**

DEDICATE A LEAF ON OUR TREE OF LIFE

Call 885-6073 for Information.
Forms will be available on the Temple
Website shortly.



**WINTER CANCELLATIONS
AT THE TEMPLE**

Due to the uncertainty of winter weather, it is sometimes necessary to cancel a meeting or a service. If we do cancel, we will send out an email to those on our list and put a phone message on the Temple number 846-9002. The decision to cancel will be based on weather forecasts, parking, and sidewalk conditions.

As we have congregants who come a distance, we would rather have them safe than driving on dangerous roads. We ask that you, too, use common sense and know that if we do cancel due to weather it is with you in mind.

SHALOM FUND

Happy Birthday to **Rebecca Scheff** by
Helene & Ed Scheff

Happy Birthday to **Ben Scheff** by
Helene & Ed Scheff

Happy Birthday to **Barbara Jagolinzer** by
Helene & Ed Scheff

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Happy Birthday to **Cindy Amundson** by
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Happy 50th Anniversary to **Sybil & Mordecai Treblow** by
Ruth & Manny Ziegler

Happy 40th Anniversary to **Lois & Steve Schneller** by
Ruth & Manny Ziegler
Arlene Zatz

Happy Anniversary to **Arlene & Bob Hicks** by
Helene & Ed Scheff

Get Well to **Bea Krosney** by
Leslie & Steve Saunders

**For information about participating in the Shalom Fund
call: Ruth Ziegler Phone: 846-5858 ruthziegler@cox.net**



MEMORIAL YAHRZEIT PLAQUES

According to Jewish tradition, we honor our loved one's memory by reciting *Kaddish* and by lighting a *Yahrzeit* candle on the anniversary of their death. Temple Shalom has always honored our deceased loved ones with memorial plaques purchased by family members. A memorial plaque can be purchased at any time by contacting Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer. The cost of a plaque is \$500.00.

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HELP OUR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP GROW

The Membership Committee would like every member to assist them in their goal of increasing the membership of our congregation. In order to accomplish our goal, we ask that you inform the Temple office of all families who have moved into your neighborhood. Our Rabbi and the Membership Committee, under the leadership of Mickie MacNeill, (401) 846-9002, will welcome them to our community.

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NOTIFY US WHEN A LOVED ONE IS HOSPITALIZED

Please be aware of the changes resulting from HIPPA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that went into effect in April 2003. This law no longer permits medical facilities to show clergy, when visiting hospitals, any lists of patients in their facilities. Only those employed by the medical facility have the right to see these lists. Prior to this, we were permitted to call the hospital and ask if any Temple Shalom members were in the hospital.

Therefore, the only way that we know that one of our members is hospitalized when a friend of family member contacts the synagogue office at (401) 846-9002. We urge you to let us know so that a visit can be arranged. In addition, in case of illness, please let us know so that our clergy and the Caring Committee can take action when their services are needed.

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ADULT EDUCATION

We have an active Adult Education program and are also involved with some local community adult education programs like **Bagels and the Book** and **Women of the Book**. For information about Bagels and the Book contact Martin Cohen (mlcohen@iee.org) and for information about Women of the Book you can email <contact@templeshalomri.org>.

The Newport County Jewish Community
Temple Shalom Newport Havurah Touro Synagogue
invite you to join them at the Movies...
8th Annual Aquidneck Island
Jewish Film Series

Sunday afternoon, January 22, 1:15 pm

Ivanhoe

1952, American, Director Richard Thorpe, 102 minutes
hosted by the Newport Havurah
at the Newport Public Library

A swashbuckler in the tradition of Robin Hood: corrupt Normans versus noble Saxons, but this time with Jewish characters, Isaac of York and his beautiful daughter Rebecca (Elizabeth Taylor). Based on the novel by Sir Walter Scott and nominated for three Academy awards, with Robert Taylor, Elizabeth Taylor, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders.

Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1:00 PM

Live and Become

2005, Israeli, Director Radu Mihaileanu, 140 minutes
hosted by Touro Synagogue
at the Newport Public Library

A young Ethiopian is swept up into Operation Moses, a joint effort between American and Israeli troops aimed at relocating Jewish refugees from Africa to Israel. Based on actual events.

Saturday evening, March 17, 7:30 PM

The Trotsky

2009, Canadian, Director Jacob Tierney, 120 minutes
hosted by and at Temple Shalom
223 Valley Road, Middletown

Quirky Canadian independent comedy. Teenager Leon Bronstein believes that he is the reborn incarnation of Leon Trotsky, staging a strike at his dad's clothing factory and a student walkout at his new school. With Jay Baruchel, Saul Rubinek, and Geneviève Bujold. Not appropriate for children.

Commentary and discussion following each film
Dr. Jeffrey Martin, Professor of Theater
Roger Williams University

Soda, candy, and, of course, popcorn!

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If you plan to have something included, please plan to have it to me by the 15th of the month prior to publication, i.e., February 15 for inclusion in the March/April issue.

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