RABBI’S MESSAGE

An article in Moment magazine this month put the question to a number of rabbis: What should Jews know about Islam? Given that some of the same phenomena that Jewish immigrants have experienced in this country are happening to Muslims now, in this month of our Independence Day when we consider the nature of our social compact, it seems particularly relevant. Many have questioned over the last couple of centuries whether Jews could be loyal citizens of another country, and used quotations from our holy books without context to condemn the religion as a whole. And yet, the Jewish tradition evolved and while there are extremists still in our midst, those of us who live in western cultures have embraced the values of democracy, and emphasize those elements of the tradition that harmonize with tolerance, understanding and choice.

Rabbi Fred Scherlinder Dobb put it well: “Jews should know that there’s a religion with often bloodthirsty scriptures, know for marginalizing others and quashing dissent, some of whose adherents justify oppression and murder in the name of tradition. And its name is: Judaism. And Christianity. And Islam. Know too of a religion in which God is compassionate and merciful, brilliant ethics are taught, and progressive boundaries are ever pushed from within; most adherents know it only as a religion of love and justice and peace. And its name is: Islam. And Christianity. And Judaism. Know this: Every tradition is both weird and wonderful; each has contradictions and beauty; all can be roundly condemned, or heartily praised, often for the very same traits.”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer in spite of the heat that we have experienced at the beginning of this season. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to serve another year as your president. I look forward to continuing with the energy and success that we have experienced in our community.

After announcing that we did not have the necessary resources to have rabbi led services on the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings, and our lay services have not been well attended, the Board planned to not continue those non-rabbi Shabbat services. I received an email from two members giving ideas as to what we might do to keep our membership involved over the summer until we celebrate the High Holidays together. The email has been forwarded to the Board and we will have the opportunity to discuss it via emails and at the next Board meeting on July 6th.

Regarding the Board of Directors meetings: They are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. so that Rabbi David can join us. And, so can you – the meetings are open to all members. We still have openings for up to two additional Board members. Currently most of the Board Members are parents with children in the Religious School which makes the Board unique.

Our next big fund-raiser is having the Corner Deli open during the Nevada County Fair which will be held from August 9th to the 13th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds.

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Be sure to get in touch with Arline Mehr at 530-802-0002 to volunteer. Besides being a fundraiser, it gives us the opportunity to let community members and visitors know there is a Jewish community in the foothills.

Another goal of the Board is to have a major community fundraises starring Rabbi David in the fall – The One Rabbi Show. The proceeds will be added to the Backyard Improvement Fund. Watch for the date and find out how you can help make it a success.

Be sure to have your calendar marked for Deli Nite. It will be held at the Nevada City Elks Lodge on October 14th.

This past week I had the opportunity to show my brother, Dr. Steven Lamm, a very active member of Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington D.C., the facilities of the NCJCC. I showed him all of the rooms and the Backyard. Afterwards, I felt so proud as to the feeling I felt after viewing the sanctuary, the classrooms, and the backyard. Take the time to do the same. We all should feel very proud of what we have accomplished and what we hope to accomplish.

With the funds received from the various fundraisers we hope to move forward on developing the Backyard. Donation to the Backyard Fund and our other funds are most welcome.

Remember, this is your Jewish Community Center. Please call or email any member of the Board of Directors to let us know how we can make the Center better and more meaningful for you and all the other members.

Shalom, Eva Lamm-Ruben
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We make choices about what parts of the tradition we underline and which we declare no longer relevant for our day and age and many in Islam, the five essential pillars, mirror our traditional beliefs: shahada (the testimony of faith), salat (the ritual prayers performed five times a day, zakat (support for the needy), sawm (fasting in the month of Ramadan) and hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime). As Rabbi Laura Novak Winer wrote: Islam, like Judaism, is not a monolithic faith. As on the pages of this publication, there are differences of opinion. The Muslim community has many voices and perspectives on what living a Muslim life can and should look like today. The essential theme of the Quran is that it is a Muslim’s duty to create justice in the world. A Muslim is supposed to embody compassion, love and peacefulness and to seek healing and wholeness in the world.

We know well enough by now that fear often can create the outcome we have projected, proving us right to have held that fear. Instead, we need to know that moderate imams and Muslims here share the best values of our country and need connectivity and support to assert the dominance of a peaceful interpretation of the tradition. This is not to put blinders on to the challenges and difficulties embedded in the history of Islam’s view of Jews and others, but to recognize that just as many Christians have made major strides in repenting of anti-Semitic views and coming to respect Judaism, so it is possible in the Muslim world.

May it be the will of our Creator that we all come to recognize our common humanity and to let the desire for peaceful co-existence to reign over and unite us all.

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Men’s Club

The Men’s Club will not be meeting in July. Monthly meetings will resume in August.

The Men’s Club hosts meetings with interesting speakers, and hosts activities such as our coming scotch tasting and BBQ; or golf, or a poker night to prepare for the annual poker tournament fund raiser. We co-host the Fifth Friday Film Shabbats, the June film was “Denial.”

The Men’s Club is open to all, regardless of gender. We appreciate your interest and support in our activities. Our annual dues are only $20. When we meet on Sunday mornings, we serve lox and bagels, coffee, and orange juice for only $5.00 (such a good deal your mother would be proud).

Contact Gordon Mann at sharkmann@suddenlink.net or David Silber at David.Silber@live.com for more information, to suggest an interesting speaker, or to schedule an event.
The July 10th Sisterhood Book Club meeting will be at the home of Debbie Remick. Please RSVP to her at d@remick.org. The book to be discussed is “The Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman. See you there.

Religious School News

The Hebrew and Religious School will resume classes in September.

Have a wonderful summer break
SISTERHOOD

This year we’ve had fun and interesting meetings with great speakers, community outreach events and fundraising events. *We welcome all women.* Our next meeting will be in September.

New Menu at NC Fair Corner Deli
The Jewish Community's Corner Deli is operating again this year at the County Fairgrounds Wednesday thru Sunday, August 9-13. This is your opportunity to support the Jewish community and introduce the local population and visitors to what is available throughout the year at the NCJCC.

The menu is changing this year. We are introducing two new items: Reuben and pita/falafel sandwiches. We will also be keeping cream cheese, lox, and bagels, along with the large beef hot dogs (no chili dogs or cheesecake). We are also making some space improvements in the kitchen area and upgrading some equipment.

There are 3 volunteer shifts each day: 10 AM; 2:30 PM; and 7 PM with 5-6 volunteers per shift. The Corner Deli is required to operate a minimum of 13 hours per day from 10 AM to 11 PM per the Fair Rental Agreement. We actually operate 15 hours a day starting at 8 AM with staff opening up. We need both kitchen and counter workers, and volunteers will receive free entrance tickets into the fair for their assigned shifts.

Anyone who would like to book a specific shift please email or call **Arline Mehr NOW - ASAP.** Please indicate the day & time of your preferred shift by contacting her by email: camehr@yahoo.com or telephone 530-802-0002. Please contact Arline in the next 2 weeks so she can get you scheduled.

Thank you for your support. See you at the Corner Deli...
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