

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Club, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Meet alpacas and shop for clothing and accessories, fleece, yarn, and more. Free; open to all. See ad on page 12. Info: 495-6693, <http://secab-extravaganza.weebly.com>.
- **Monument Hill Farmers Market Winter Indoor Market**, Sat., **Nov. 19**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Grace Best, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Many new vendors plus all your old favorites. Meets every 3rd Sat. through April. See ad on page 5. Info: 592-9420.
  - **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage headlined by Gabrielle Louise**, Fri., **Nov. 24**, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, [jrmtn@comcast.net](mailto:jrmtn@comcast.net), [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org).
  - **Small Business Saturday: Covered Treasures Bookstore Book Signings**, Sat., **Nov. 25**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 105 Second Street, Monument. Diane Sawatzki will sign Manyhorses Traveling, a sequel to Once Upon Another Time, at her book launch party 11-1p.m. Pulitzer Prize winner Dave Philipps will sign his non-fiction title, Wild Horse Country, noon-2 p.m. Info: 481-2665, [www.coveredtreasures.com](http://www.coveredtreasures.com).
  - **Palmer Lake's 81st Annual Chili Supper & Starlighting Festival**, Sat., **Nov. 25**, 4:30-7 p.m., starlighting at 7 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Chili supper, hayrides, Christmas carols, Santa, silent auctions and bucket drawings; one winner will light the star. Proceeds go to the Palmer Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Info: Jeannine at the Rock House Ice Cream shop, 488-6917; or Toni, 481-2953.
  - **Hazel Miller Christmas Jazz Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., **Dec. 1**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, [www.trilakesarts.org](http://www.trilakesarts.org).
  - **Monument Hill Kiwanis Club's 11th Annual North Pole at Tri-Lakes Arts and Crafts Fair**, Sat., **Dec. 2**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Grace Best Education Center, 66 Jefferson St., Monument. Browse hundreds of handcrafted items from 75 vendors. The Tri-Lakes United Methodist Church Cookie Walk and holiday music by D-38 school groups. Admission is free with nonperishable food items, toys, or cash donations for Tri-Lakes Cares. See ad on page 8. Info: [www.monumenthillkiwanis.org](http://www.monumenthillkiwanis.org), or contact Bob Nissen, 304-8705, [Bob@miffigroup.com](mailto:Bob@miffigroup.com).
  - **Christmas Art Workshop by Little Picasso Art Studio**, Sat., **Dec. 2**, **Dec. 9**, & **Dec. 16**, 10-11:30 a.m. For elementary age children. Cost: \$79, materials included. See ad on page 5. RSVP & Info: 930-2239, [Pbrushartwork@aol.com](mailto:Pbrushartwork@aol.com).
  - **Downtown Monument's Small Town Christmas**, Sat., **Dec. 2**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus and their reindeer, kids' activities and crafts, hayrides, open houses, and more. Ice skating at Limbach Park 1-5 p.m., tree-lighting 5 p.m. See ad on page 8. Info: 481-2954.
  - **The Vanity Box Holiday Open House**, Sun., **Dec. 3**, 1-6 p.m., 755 Hwy 105, Suites O & P, Palmer Lake. Drop in for food, drink, and drawings. See ad on page 3. Info: 481-1763, [www.thevanitybox.com](http://www.thevanitybox.com).
  - **Palmer Lake Yule Log Pot Luck Dinner**, Tue., **Dec. 5**, 6 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Circle. Please bring a potluck dish to share and place settings for your family. Info: 481-2953.
  - **Black Rose Acoustic Society Holiday Show/Sing-along Potluck with Bettman & Halpin**, Fri., **Dec. 8**, 7-10 p.m. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Last names A-Q, please bring appetizers; R-Z, please bring desserts. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, [jrmtn@comcast.net](mailto:jrmtn@comcast.net), [www.blackroseacoustic.org](http://www.blackroseacoustic.org).

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- **Covered Treasures Bookstore Book Signings**, Sat., **Dec. 9**, noon-2 p.m., 105 Second Street, Monument. Courtney Miller will sign his mystery, *It's About Time*, and his Cherokee Chronicles historical fiction series. Info: 481-2665, [www.coveredtreasures.com](http://www.coveredtreasures.com).
  - **Gallery 132 Ice Carving Event**, Sat., **Dec. 9**, noon, 251 Front St., Monument. Shop locally made items at this local artisan cooperative. See ad on page 10. Info: [www.gallery132.com](http://www.gallery132.com).
  - **Annual Handbell Christmas Concert**, Sat., **Dec. 9**, 7 p.m., Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 238 Third St., Monument. The Tri-Lakes Community Handbell Choir invites everyone to come and enjoy a variety of holiday music presented by many community musicians. Free; a free-will offering will be taken. Info: Betty Jenik, 488-3853.
  - **Annual Palmer Lake Yule Log Hunt**, Sun., **Dec. 10**, 1 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Trek up the mountain in search of the Yule Log. Hunt participants should arrive 11 a.m.-noon. The winner will ride the Yule Log back to town and get the first cup of wassail. Non-hunters can stay warm indoors with carols and stories. Info: 481-2953.
  - **St. Peter Catholic Church: On This Christmas Night Concert**, Fri., **Dec. 15**, 7 p.m., 55 Jefferson, Monument. All are welcome for an evening of holiday music. The event is free, however, a free-will offering to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares will be accepted. Info: [www.Petertherock.org](http://www.Petertherock.org).
  - **Tri-Lakes Music Association Annual Christmas Concert: The Story of Christmas**, Fri.-Sat., **Dec. 15-16**, 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 17, 2 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Free; a free-will offering will be offered to support Tri-Lakes Cares and student scholarships for eligible high school seniors. See ad on page 12. Info: [www.trilakesmusic.org](http://www.trilakesmusic.org).

*Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to [calendar@ocn.me](mailto:calendar@ocn.me) or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.*

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## The Rabbi's Corner The Most Important Commandment—Part II

By Oswald Garagorry

Last month I left you not knowing what the most important commandment is. This month you will learn what is not the most important commandment. Upon moving to Colorado in January 1987, I met an Orthodox Rabbi by the name of Nathan Aaron Lerer. He invited me to a meeting he was having on Saturday in Denver only two times a month, because of his responsibilities as the full-time Rabbi of the Jewish Synagogue in Cheyenne, Wyoming. So, the weeks when he was in Denver, we would spend the entire Shabbat together and talk Torah all day long. He was my mentor and a very dear friend to me and my wife.

During one of our Shabbat discussions, I introduced the subject of the most important commandment to him. I told him we needed to practice the most important commandment and I read to him from my King James Version Bible, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." I was quoting *Matthew* 22:37. He disagreed with me by telling me, that this was not the most important commandment and that the most important commandment is found in *Deuteronomy* 6:4, which he then quoted to me in Hebrew: "Sh'ma, Yisra'el! Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad." which translates to "Hear Israel! Adonai, our God, Adonai is one." To be honest I was shocked to hear that from him. So, during the upcoming week I decided to study the subject; I got a concordance and began researching. After several days of study, I arrived at the conclusion, that he was correct. I did not know the most important commandment but neither did he...my dear friend and Rabbi. So in our next study time together I informed him that neither one of us knew the most important commandment. Yet, both of us assumed that we knew it and were ready to argue our positions...probably like you my dear reader. It is very possible that you too assume to know the most important commandment, when in reality you don't. It is said that many are prone to arrive at conclusions without having all the facts.

In last month's issue, I recommended that you not start asking others about the most important commandment because they wouldn't know it. In the next issue of *Our Community News*, I will prove this to you. Then, in the following issues I will inform you of what are the reasons and the consequences for people not knowing the most important commandment and why this atrocity is taking place among the people of God.

Shalom to you.

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