

- anyway! Lunch will be served. RSVP & Info: Sue, 330-0241.
- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)** Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days, Sat.-Sun., **May 19-20**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). WMMI will host the annual Pikes Peak Antique Machinery Days on the historic 27-acre Reynolds Ranch. Food trucks, barrel train rides, antique tractor pull, antique engines and tractors, operating steam engines, and more. Cost: \$5. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org. See ad on page 10.
 - **Benet Hill Monastery: Nature Mysticism: In Search of Our Spiritual Heart**, Tue., **May 22**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Deacon Rick Klein connects the spirituality of four unique mystics: Native American mystic, Black Elk; Feminist mystic, Beatrice Bruteau; Jewish mystic and Holocaust victim, Etty Hillesum; priest and environmental advocate, Thomas Berry. Journey to the past, present, and future in search of our true nature. Fee: \$65. Bring your own lunch. RSVP & Info: 633-0655 x132, info@benethillmonastery.org.
 - **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI)**, Picnic-N-Planes, Wed., **May 23**, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). For \$5 per carload, come to the museum to see the Thunderbirds fly low over the museum property. Bring your picnic lunch, cameras, and binoculars for a fun outing. Info: 488-0880, www.wmmi.org.
 - **MeadowGrass Music Festival**, Fri.-Sun., **May 25-27**, La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. Concerts, camping, kids activities. Tickets & Info: www.meadowgrass.org.
 - **Bonfils Blood Center Community Blood Drive**, Sat., **May 26**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Monument Library, 1706 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info: 488-2370, www.ppdl.org.
 - **Monument Memorial Day Ceremony**, Mon., **May 28**, 10-11 a.m., Monument Cemetery, 800 Eighth St. The community is invited to a free special ceremony to honor all military veterans. If you would like to speak at this event, phone Madeline, 884-8013. Info: 884-8013, www.townofmonument.org and click on Community.
 - **Color Splash, Annual Fine Art Exhibit Opening Reception**, Fri., **Jun. 1**, 6-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate the Palmer Lake Art Group's show opening with live music, great food, and fine art. The show runs May 29-Jun. 22. Proceeds benefit art scholarships for District 38 high school seniors. Entry deadline is May 19. Info: 481-0475, www.palmerlakeartgroup.com. See ad on page 32.
 - **Palmer Lake Half Marathon/10K**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 7:30 a.m., 199 County Line Rd., Palmer Lake. Starts and finishes at the Palmer Lake Recreational Area and will utilize both Greenland Open Space Trails and the Santa Fe Regional Trail. Register on line: <https://raceroster.com/events/2018/14495/palmer-lake-half-marathon-10k>.
 - **Kids Fishing Derby**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 8-11:30 a.m., Palmer Lake. For elementary and middle school-age kids; must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing gear if you have it. Colorado Parks & Wildlife will loan out a limited number of rods and reels; first come, first served. Presented by Tri-Lakes Lions Club. Admission: a non-perishable food item for Tri-Lakes Cares. Colorado anglers of all ages can fish without a license on June 2, so parents and other chaperons may bring their fishing gear and join in the fun. Tournament registration will be on the East side of the lake next to bathrooms and park pavilion. Info: Jim Hazuka, 351-3959.
 - **Hooked on Palmer Lake**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Content

Articles in *Our Community News* focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the "story" is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the "truth" is, *OCN's* role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading *OCN*, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, "truth" is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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- in the gazebo at Palmer Lake. A fundraiser put on by the Palmer Lake Fireworks Committee, Music by Ashton. Info: palmerlakefireworks@gmail.com.
- **Fight Fraud--Shred Instead!** Free AARP ElderWatch community shredding event, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Please enter from Black Forest Road. Each car may bring three boxes or paper bags of documents for shredding; no plastic or 3-ring binders please. Fight hunger with a nonperishable food or money donation for the Black Forest Cares food pantry. Info: Ray, 495-6767; or Stan, 596-6787.
 - **St. Matthias Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 4-8**, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., 18320 Furrow Rd. (.5 mi. N of 105). Your children are welcome! RSVP & Info: 426-9809. See ad on page 10.

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 or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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The Rabbi's Corner To Be or Not to Be

By Lovenia Kiser on behalf of Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

This famous partial quote is from the third act of Shakespeare's play, *Hamlet*; however, it offers an opportunity for a question that each and every believer in the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Messiah has an obligation to consider: "What does being holy really look like to me?" In *Leviticus 20:26* it says: "Rather, you people are to be holy for me; because I, Adonai, am holy; and I have set you apart from the other peoples, so that you can belong to me." This verse is echoed in *1 Peter 1:15*, "On the contrary, following the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in your entire way of life; since the Tanakh (Old Testament) says, 'You are to be holy because I am holy.'"

Over the decades, the concept of being holy and its meaning has been muddled...often relegated only to "saints," highly visual religious leaders or individuals that claim direct relationship/communication with God. Holy has become an acronym for someone with moral/righteous behavior above the norm; a person to whom others can look up to, believe in, emulate or support economically.

This perception does not line-up with the definition of holy, which was given by Adonai Himself: "set apart." In ancient times, temple prostitutes were commonly declared "holy" because they had been "set apart" for the worship of their pagan god.

So, how does an average Bible-believing man or woman achieve holiness? Thankfully, the answer is close at hand. However, its simplicity and directness is not always a welcome revelation in a world where the color of gray has muted the clarity of God's black and white instructions in favor of rationalization enhancement, political correctness, and self-centeredness.

God's teaching and instruction on the issue of being holy is covered throughout the first five books of the Bible. The book of Leviticus is undoubtedly the strongest source for these instructions. It is not reading for the faint of heart. In *Leviticus 16:1-20:27*, the name of Adonai is written 54 times (CJB). This in itself is an unmistakable statement that Adonai is making... these are important instructions to Him. Because we live in a Republic where the rule of law stands, and we are not living in the Land of Israel, or under a Theocracy, the instructions of "putting to death" for unholy behavior must be set aside. However, condoning or turning a blind eye to these behaviors is also unacceptable. By making a statement "this is not OK"; if made by enough people, could create social pressure that would change the attitude of a nation to decide whether "to be or not to be holy."

Shalom to you.
Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133
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Visitors are welcome!



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