

- plants at age 65 and their complicated journey from the comfortable world of silence to a profoundly challenging world of sounds and language. Online registration is requested: www.benethillmonastery.org. Info: 633-0655.
- **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Free Seek and Speak Series: *Seeking & Embracing Peace with my Personal Journey***, Sat., **Oct. 19**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Join a community conversation about past/present hurts from personal setbacks, cultural isolation, religious institutions or other ways you may have been marginalized. People of all faiths and cultures are welcome! RSVP & Info: 633-0655 Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 10.
 - **Trunk Show at Gallery 132**, Sat., **Oct. 19**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 251 Front St., Suite 8, Monument. Shop locally-made gifts and eat cake served at noon. Info: 375-8187, www.gallery132.com. See ad on page 5.
 - **Tri-Lakes Y Fall Family Festival**, Fri., **Oct. 25**, 5-7 p.m., 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Learn the Thriller Dance, enjoy a haunted house and backyard games, 5-7 p.m., and trunk-or-treating 6-7 p.m. Free for members and nonmembers. See more free Fall Festivals on the website. Info: www.ppymca.org/fallfestivals. See ad on page 6.
 - **Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Catholic School**, Fri., **Oct. 25**, Food trucks 5-7 p.m., free trunk or treating 6-7 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. All are welcome. Info: 481-1855, www.petertherockschool.org. See ad on page 2.
 - **Black Rose Acoustic Society: Brooks Williams**, Fri., **Oct. 25**, 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 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
 - **Classic PETRA Revival Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri.-Sat., **Oct. 25-26**, 7-9 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Jackson Creek Senior Living: Warning Signs of Dementia**, Sat., **Oct. 26**, 10-11:30 a.m., 16601 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com.
 - **Firewood Extravaganza needs delivery volunteers**, Sat., **Oct. 26**, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Black Forest. Volunteers with trucks or trailers needed to deliver loads of split firewood to elderly and others who heat homes with wood. Wood will be loaded for you in Black Forest; might need to help unload at recipient's home. Info: firewood@hoperestored.org.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery Chamber Concert Series: The Catholic Cadet Choir of the USAFA**, Sun., **Oct. 27**, 2:30-4 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Purchase tickets online at: www.benethillmonastery.org.
 - **Monument Trick or Treat at Town Hall**, Thu., **Oct. 31**, 3-5 p.m., 645 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Treats and safe family-friendly fun! Bring canned goods

- items for the Cans for Candy food drive. Info: 719-481-2954, www.townofmonument.org.
- **Historic Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat**, Thu., **Oct. 31**, 4-6 p.m. Celebrate with your young children and downtown merchants. Local police will watch for the kids' safety. Info: www.downtownmonument.org/downtown-events.
 - **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 55th Annual Fall Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sat., **Oct. 31-Nov. 3**; Thu.-Sat., 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. (just N. of Shoup.) The free show offers fine art, crafts, culinary delights, and more. A portion of all sale proceeds will benefit the guild's scholarship fund and the Black Forest food pantry. Non-perishable food donations are encouraged. Info: www.bfacg.org, facebook.com/BFACG. See ad on page 23.
 - **Downtown Monument Holiday Open House**, Fri.-Sat., **Nov. 1-2**. Begin your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Monument! HMMA members will welcome you with decorations, refreshments, and special savings. Some businesses will also be open Sunday; check with individual stores for hours. Info: www.downtownmonument.org/downtown-events.
- 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 Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.*

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The Rabbi's Corner
Our Life Experiences
and their Message
to Us—Part III

By Oswald Garagorry

Dear Reader, I concluded last month's article telling you the reaction of the conversation that occurred between me and my dear friend. He felt I was wrong because I believed what I had been told against him and that I should have ignored it and defended him. Yet, I didn't believe or dismiss what had been said about him. What I told the brothers who brought the issues to me was that I was going to talk to my friend when I returned to San Paulo and only then would I share my opinion with the brothers and sisters about their concerns.

I will begin by telling you that was the last contact and the last conversation I had with him for about three years. I prayed and commended him to our God and also interceded daily for all the brothers and sisters that were under his teaching. We severed our ways; however, the time that followed was very hard and sad for me. First of all, it was very hard for me to accept the behavior of my very dear friend and college colleague. It was behavior that I had never seen in him during our college days. I thought about what happened between us every day. My heart was so broken that it led me to reject invitations which I received to speak at the churches of friendly pastors and missionaries. On the other hand, his work continued to grow very strongly as the pastors of his town admired him and wanted to learn his ways to attract young people to the gospel message. In all of this, I never let anger get a hold of me as I experienced much sadness learning of a different aspect in the personality of my former best friend. I thought about all the work we did together and the commitment of the dear brothers and sisters that were part of the group every day.

As his group grew, a level of pride and arrogance in my former friend also grew. This was something that after being on the outside, I was able to see. However, at that time I could do nothing to prevent the corrupted direction the group was heading. This whole situation affected me so deeply that I lost all desire to minister. But by God's mercy something marvelous happened to me...God willing I will tell it to you in next month's issue.

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 www.aliyahcongregation.com • (719) 330-2382
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