mier artwork, plus jewelry, furniture, dishes, coins, and more. The Bakery will have beautifully wrapped homemade cakes, pies, breads, fudge, brownies, biscotti and special dietary goodies. Gourmet food trucks will serve a variety of delectable menu items. All proceeds from the show benefit nonprofits and public schools in the Tri-Lakes area. For more information on the club, go to www.tlwc.net.

 National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI) 10th Annual Fundraiser Luncheon: Stand in the Light, Mon., May 11, noon-1 p.m. (doors open 11:30 a.m.), The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Ave., Colo. Springs. No cost to attend. Info: admin@namicos.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 or Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to Our Community News, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
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- Limit your letter to no more than 300 words including your suggested headline and closing.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one.
 Only your name will be published.
- Submit your letter so we receive it no later than midnight, Friday, two weeks prior to the publication date.

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The Rabbi's Corner Repentance

By Dr. Alleluyah Williams

This Rabbi's Corner is dedicated to our One Divine Rabbi Yeshua, the Anointed One, the Messiah (*Matthew* 23:7).

It is my pleasure to meet you. Drs. Oswald and Sonia have been my mentors for many years. This is where I learned more about our Savior, the Feasts of the Bible like Pesach (Passover) which is coming up in April, and repentance.

Master Yeshua's first "preached" message was the commandment to repent. Every day is a day of repentance, restitution, and to run toward the only One who can help make the situation and relationship completely right again. Have you ever wanted to "start" again? Sure, all do from one time or another.

From what are we repenting and turning away? *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* and *Mark 11* is a good place to start.

Hear Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One. And you shall love Adonai your God with all your heart,

With all your soul and with all your might and Love your neighbors as yourselves.

Whether Jew or a grafted-in Gentile, one does not need to look far for exhortation on how to think, converse, and conduct oneself. It might be time to bring our spirit, soul, and body into more subjection (*1 Corinthians* 9:27), lest that by any means when one has preached to others, that person should be shipwrecked, a cast way, disqualified, or even worse, an embarrassment to the King Adonai of the Eternal Kingdom. People who have disqualified themselves can recover. Recovery starts with a choice of repentance.

It seems that Judas, the betrayer of our Master and King Yeshua, never repented in accordance within the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. He could have repented. Adam and Havah (Eve) did not repent as the record reveals. Paul delivered wicked Hymenaeus and Alexander to the enemy and their lives were made shipwreck (1 Timothy 1:20). Adonai devoured Nadab and Abihu because they failed to give the proper sanctification as they approached Holy Adonai (2 Chronicles 24:2). How many repentance chances have you had and acted in a positive way?

The King of Glory has definite and divine standards. Deuteronomy and Mark list a small but powerful example of simple instructions to follow such as listening, recognizing Yeshua and Who He is, loving Him with all our essence, all of our being, and all of our substance – namely heart, soul, and might. Yet the second element is to love our fellowman and women, girls and boys as ourselves. Sin, an infraction of Yeshua's standard, leads to death. What would have happened if Adam had interceded for Havah in prayer and repented for his wife's infraction in the Garden of Eden? Repentance is not an easy fix; it is often a difficult road. Yet it is the righteous

I can see why LORD Yeshua started His ministry with repentance. Please join me in repenting by praying *Psalm 51* over our family, friends, church, synagogue, ourselves, Israel, our nation, and others.

Dear Adonai, have mercy upon me, According to Your lovingkindness According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned. And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to Know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O Adonai, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners will be converted to You.

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O Adonai.

The Adonai of my salvation.

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Adonai, open my lips,

And my mouth shall show forth Your praise. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of Adonai are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart -

 $These, \ O\ Adonai,\ You\ will\ not\ despise.$

Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,

With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

Praise Adonai, that we can choose to change, alter our life's course, and completely repent. It is the goodness of our Yeshua that leads men and women to repentance (*Romans 2:4*). Our Yeshua is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*).

Shalom.

Dr. Williams is the Shepherd of the Aliyah Congregation that meets on Sabbath (Sat.) at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church,

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