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The Rabbi's Corner The Calendar—II

By Oswald Garagorry

Dear Reader: According to God's calendar the past year has gone away and we are now just at the beginning of a brand New Year. Maybe this past year was a difficult time for you. Possibly it could have been marked with frustration, failures and losses; or it had its share of disappointments, pain and sadness. Now you find yourself with mounting challenges ahead...The desire to press on is still there but the courage to continue is fading in the horizon. Consider this, if you had an opportunity for a new beginning, a new direction in your life: what would be the very first thing you would do? Remember this too...that the gift of time that you have been given is also fading away, and your existence will come to an end one of these days.

A similar situation existed and is recorded in *Genesis 6, 7, 8 and 9*. It is known as the history of Noah. Everything around him was lost; his friends, family, home, possessions, business and the world as he had known it. He and his family spent exactly one year floating on top of the waters, all alone on the surface of the planet earth. After the waters began to recede, they stepped out of the ark...they realized they are the sole inhabitants of the entire earth...What was the very first thing Noah did? HE BUILT AN ALTER TO YHWH. Here humanity had a new beginning with Noah and his family. They began again, not envisioning an imaginary, evolutive "cell" or considering that they were descended from monkeys and bowing down to their own imaginations. No, they began again by building an alter and sacrificing clean animals to YHWH. This was the first recorded alter built in the history of humanity and they worshipped the living God of Israel. You can also begin again in this New Year by building an alter to Him in your heart.

Shalom to you.

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Methodist Church, 2655 Briargate Blvd., Colorado Springs. Violinist Geoffrey Herd and new RMMA Artistic Director Dr. Zahari Metchkov, pianist and organist, will play two Brahms sonatas, a Mozart sonata, and Gershwin's Three Preludes. Tickets are free but you must reserve in advance at www.rmmaonline.org or by contacting Pam Brunson, 646-2791 or TheRMMA@gmail.com.

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Power Up at WMMI!** Sat., Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. See Thompson Machine Works' amazing operating Lego® Models; experience the power of flight with simulators from Wings Over the Rockies Museum; experiment with levers, wheels, and axles; and invent your own machine at the building block station. This all happens as WMMI participates with educators as part of their week-long Cool Science Festival! Included with museum admission (\$8 Adults, \$7 AAA/Military, \$6 Seniors/Students, \$4 Children 3-12). The museum is located at 225 North Gate Blvd at 1-25 Exit 156A. Info: 488-0880 or www.wmmi.org.
- **Pumpkin Patch Food Drive for Tri-Lakes Cares at Peak Ranch Alpacas**, Sat., Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Get a free pumpkin for every child with a canned food donation dropped off at Peak Ranch Alpacas, Fairfield Inn & Suites (15275 Struthers Rd., Monument), or Tri-Lakes Dental & Orthodontics (1864 Woodmoor Dr. #101, Monument). Info: 232-8509.
- **Monument Beer Week**, Sat.-Sat., Oct. 20-27, Pikes Peak Brewing Co., 1756 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Celebrate beer with specials each night. Grand opening of the Barrel Room! Info: 208-4098, info@pikespeakbrewing.com, or pikespeakbrewing.com.
- **Lewis-Palmer High School Choir Concert**, Thu., Oct. 25, 8 a.m., 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Info: 488-4720.
- **Tri-Lakes YMCA Thriller Dance**, Fri., Oct. 26, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Ages 14+ or 7-13 with an adult, dress up as your best ghost or goblin and learn the Thriller dance. You will have the opportunity to do a flash mob at Creepy Crawl 5K Run Sat. morning. Free. Info: 630-2604, email hbrandon@ppymca.org, or visit www.ppymca.org.
- **Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: The Bill Hearne Trio**, Fri., Oct. 26, opening act at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$7 general, \$4 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, or email jrmtm@comcast.net, or visit www.blackroseacoustic.org. Exit 156A. Info: 488-0880 or www.wmmi.org.
- **Creepy Crawl 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Kids Run**, Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. 5K, 10 a.m. Kids Run, Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trail Head. Fee: \$23 for 5K (includes shirt if registered on or before Oct. 26), no charge for kids (age 12 and under) 1-mile run. Wear your costumes, register at the YMCA. Money raised goes toward the Community Support Campaign. Registration & Info: Tri-Lakes YMCA, www.ppymca.org or 481-8728.
- **Lewis-Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools Jazz Concert at Tri Lakes Center for the Arts**, Tue., Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Info: 481-0475.
- **Safe Trick-or-Treat sponsored by the Historic Monument Merchants Association**, Wed., Oct. 31, 4-6 p.m. Bring the kids downtown for safe trick-or-treating as Monument merchants provide treats, activities, and show off their creative costumes. The Monument Police Department patrols the streets to help ensure the safety of our goblins. Merchant maps available at downtown shops and Monument Town Hall. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com.
- **Tri-Lakes Church of Christ Trunk or Treat**, Wed., Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m., 20450 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument (corner of Beacon Lite & County Line Road). Safe fun for the family includes treats, carnival games, chili cook off, fall dessert contest,

and devo around the bonfire. Bring lawn chairs. No scary costumes or masks, please. Register at trilakeschurch-trunkortreat.eventbrite.com. Info: 488-9613, email gregsmith@trilakeschurch.org, or visit www.trilakeschurch.org.

- **Western Museum of Mining & Industry Steam Power & Progress, through Dec.** This new exhibit on the historic development of the steam engine features the museum's seldom-seen collection of unique scale models. Regular museum admissions apply (\$8 Adults, \$7 AAA/Military, \$6 Seniors/Students, \$4 Children 3-12). The museum is located at 225 North Gate Blvd at 1-25 Exit 156A. Info: visit www.wmmi.org., email info@wmmi.org, or call 488-0880.
- **48th Annual Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Fall Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sun., Nov. 1-4, Thu.-Sat., 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs (just north of Shoup Rd). The free show offers crafts, baked goods, and more from more than 80 artisans and culinary guild members. A portion of all sale proceeds will benefit the guild's scholarship fund and the Black Forest community. Wheelchair accessible, but no strollers please due to fire regulations. Info: 495-3035 or www.BFACG.org.
- **Palmer Ridge High School Drama Show**, Fri., Nov. 2, 7-9 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Info: 867-8600.
- **CASA 4-1-1 Night**, Thu., Nov. 8, 5:30 p.m., 701 South Cascade, Colorado Springs. Learn how you can make a difference in the life of a child involved in a case of abuse, neglect, or severe domestic conflict. To learn more about the many fulfilling volunteer opportunities available at CASA, call Kelly, 447-9898, ext. 1033 or visit www.casappr.org.
- **Palmer Ridge High School Musical "Annie,"** Thu.-Sat., Nov. 8-10, 7-9 p.m., 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Info: 867-8600.
- **Gleneagle Women's Club Art and Crafts Show**, Fri., Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Gleneagle Golf Club, 345 Mission Hills Way. Profits from the show go to local Tri-Lakes and Colorado Springs charities. Info: Tsilla Reyner, 599-9046.
- **Forestgate Community Theatre Auditions for "Fiddler on the Roof,"** Nov. 27, 29, & Dec. 1, by appointment only. Roles available for children, teens, and adults. Appointments & info: 216-3192 or visit www.forestgatetheatre.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 488-3455, or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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