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### The Rabbi's Corner The Calendar

By Oswald Garagorry

On October 31, 1517 Martin Luther attached his ninety-five theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, thus giving birth to what is known today as the Protestant Reformation, and his official break with the Catholic Church in Rome. His followers embraced the calendar developed by Pope Gregory the XIII (known as the Gregorian calendar), during the late 1500's, thus embracing holidays and celebrations totally foreign to those given by YHWH to his people Israel. Example of such celebrations are: Halloween, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, St. Valentine's Day, St. John's Day, St. Peter's Day, Easter, Ascension, and All Saints Days.

Unfortunately today, sincere believers desiring to follow God observe these celebrations without question and are ignorant of the calendar and holidays given by God, to be observed by His followers. They observe their faith and commitment to Messiah yet, they do not observe the holidays that He observed. On the other side of the coin, there is a move of the spirit of God planting in people's hearts a hunger or desire to learn what the actual instructions of God are and what His Torah teaches. More and more people are finding out for themselves about God's "moedim" or appointed times.

During the next two months we will be celebrating: Rosh HaShanah (Head of the New Year), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), and Sukkot (Tabernacles). We will also be celebrating Simcha Torah (Joy of the Torah) in praise of having read and studied the Torah this past year. After this celebration, it will be the 7th time for the Aliyah Congregation to start at *Genesis 1:1*, beginning the Torah cycle for another year.

If you are one of those in whom the spirit of God is impressing the desire to return to His pure word and keeping His holidays, let us know and we give you a calendar that has all of His appointed times.

Shalom to you.

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Visitors are welcome!



- pikespeakbrewing.com.
- Tri-Lakes Community Blood Drive, Tue., Sep. 18,** 3-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Cares, 235 Jefferson St., Monument. License/ID required. No appointment needed, just walk in. Donated blood goes to local Penrose-St. Francis Hospitals. Info: nurse Jackie Sward, 481-4864, x103.
- Haunted Mines at the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI), Sep. 20-Oct. 31,** Fri.- Sat., opens at dusk. Don't miss this terrifying adventure. All proceeds from the Haunted Mines go to WMMI. Volunteers needed. Visit www.hauntedmines.org for details. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 exit 156A). WMMI info: 488-0880, or visit www.wmmi.org.
- Free Annual Family Health and Wellness Fair, Sat., Sep. 22,** 7 a.m.-noon, Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Health screenings, informative booths, and more. Info: 481-3282 or www.trilakeschamber.com.
- Peak Ranch Alpaca's Boutique Harvest Brew & Harvest of Fleeces, Sat., Sep. 22,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Sample seasonal micro-brews and view fleece displays. Info: 232-8509 or PeakRanchAlpacas.com.
- Whimsy County Frog Festival, Sat., Sep. 22,** 2-8 p.m., Frog on a Limb Primitives, 341 Front St., Unit 2, Downtown Monument. Music, games, hayrides, storytelling, food, bounce house for kids, and more. Info: 481-8888 or www.frogonalimb.com.
- Acoustic Eidolon, Sat., Sep. 22,** 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center For The Arts (TLCA), 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celtic, folk, world, & Latin music influences. Advance Tickets: \$12 members, \$15 non-members. At the door: \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Info & Tickets: 481-0475 or www.trilakesarts.org.
- El Paso County Parks Master Plan Update Informational Meeting, Mon., Sep. 24,** 7 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. The county seeks input from residents; share your vision for county parks and trails. Info: Susan Watkins, 210-8792 or email susan@kezziahw atkins.com.
- Ladies Day at the Tri-Lakes YMCA, Wed., Sep. 26,** 9 a.m.-noon, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Massages, manicures, paraffin treatments, reflexology, bang trims, eyebrow waxes, and shopping. Info: www.ppymca.org or 481-8728.
- Tri-Lakes HAP Seniors Nature Walk, Thu., Sep. 27,** 9 a.m., Lower Reservoir above Palmer Lake. This is the last monthly Seniors Nature Walk for the season. Meet leader Sally Green at the trailhead and be ready to leave at 9 a.m. To get to the trailhead, in Palmer Lake take South Valley Road west off Hwy 105, go 0.3 miles then turn left onto Old Carriage Road (one way road), follow it down to the reservoir trailhead. The walk climbs about 300 feet so it will be a little more strenuous than previous walks. Bring plenty of water and a light snack for this 90-minute hike. Info: Sally, 488-2462.
- Drama Classes for Children, Fri. mornings for 12 weeks starting Sep. 28.** Prepare for a fall production of Anne of Green Gables written and directed by Karen Burnett Hamer. Cost: \$60 per student. Info: see *Education* at www.tinroof-productions.com or email karen.b.hamer@gmail.com.
- Black Rose Acoustic Society Open Stage: Small Potatoes, Fri., Sep. 28,** 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.
- Peak Ranch Alpaca's Music Festival celebrating National Alpaca Farm Day, Sat., Sep. 29,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 19850 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Enjoy three bands and Papa John's pizza. Info: 232-8509 or PeakRanchAlpacas.com.
- National Alpaca Farm Days, Sat.-Sun., Sep. 29-30,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 19605 Oslo Grove, Colorado

- Springs. See alpacas, watch weaving and spinning demonstrations, and visit the farm store. Info: www.lonepinealpacas.com
- Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI): Steampunk Symposium—Power Your Imagination! Sat., Sep. 29,** 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The fiction of Steampunk harkens back to stories where rough, ready, and innovative characters populate a noisy, action-filled world powered by steam. Throughout the day, actors will invent a fictional Steampunk world utilizing operating engines and mining exhibits as a stage. A lecture will explain this type of fiction and vendors will sell Steampunk-related items so you can build a costume to fuel your imagination. Regular museum admissions apply (\$8 Adults, \$7 AAA/Military, \$6 Seniors/Students, \$4 Children 3-12) but receive \$2 off if you come in costume! The museum is located at 225 North Gate Blvd at I-25 Exit 156A. Info: 488-0880 or www.wmmi.org.
- 39th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair, Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6-7,** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. Free admission. Palmer Lake Art Group's annual juried show and sale features locally made arts and fine crafts. Proceeds fund art scholarships for D-38 students. Info: Kathy Kenda, 683-4880, email kk45@elpasotel.net, or www.palmerlakeartgroup.com.
- Creepy Crawl 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Kids Run, Sat., Oct. 27,** 9 a.m. 5K, 10 a.m. Kids Run, Palmer Lake. Costumes encouraged. Registration & Info: Tri-Lakes YMCA, www.ppymca.org or 481-8728.
- 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.

*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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