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FROM THE RABBI



The Third Commandment - *Lo tissa et shem Adonai Eloheicha lashav* - is usually translated into English as "You shall not take the Lord your God's name in vain." Many people think this means that you have to write God as G-D. However, the Hebrew, *Lo tissa*, literally means "You shall not carry (God's name in vain)." In other words, you should not use God as your justification in performing evil acts. When a person commits an evil act, he/she discredits him/herself. But when a seemingly religious person commits an evil act in the name of God, he or she discredits God as well. Since the Almighty relies on religious people to bring knowledge of God into the world, the Third Commandment pronounces this sin unpardonable.

So from a Jewish perspective, is it okay to write God instead of G-d? The highest rabbinic authorities in both the Conservative and Reform movements say that it is.

In the Torah, God has a proper name. We really don't know exactly how this name was pronounced, but it has four Hebrew letters - Yod, Hei, Vav, Hei. No one except the High Priest was ever allowed to pronounce this name, and even he was allowed to pronounce it only once a year -- on Yom Kippur. But the name with these four letters appears many times in the Torah and many times in the prayer book. So the tradition developed that whenever these four letters appear representing God's name, someone would say the word ADONAI, meaning Lord (or more correctly translated as MY LORD) when reading from the Bible or the prayer book.

So ADONAI was substituted for the Yod, Hei, Vav Hei. But then tradition went one step further and decreed that the word ADONAI - a substitute for the Yod, Hai, Vav, Hei - could only be said when actually praying. When not actually praying, but practicing how to pray, the word HASHEM (meaning THE NAME) was substituted for ADONAI. Many Orthodox Jews today will use the word HASHEM when referring to the Almighty.

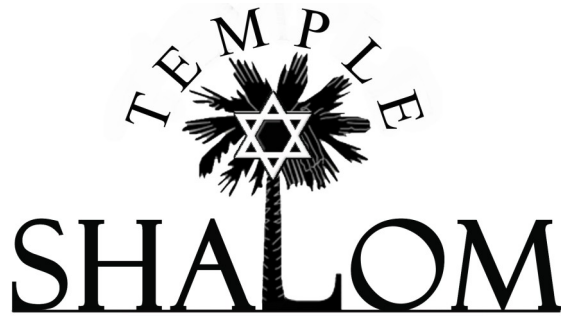
So what does all this have to do with the use of G-D versus GOD? Well, the rabbinic authorities in both Conservative and Reform Judaism realize that ADONAI is itself a substitute and see no reason to use another substitute, HASHEM, in its place. And they see no reason for writing G-D instead of GOD. So I have no problem with the word ADONAI, even when I am not praying.

The word GOD is not the proper name of the Almighty. It is just one among many ways of referring to the Master of the Universe, the Lord of the Universe, the Almighty, the Eternal One, the Ineffable One, etc. God is really beyond words. But, as human beings, we are limited by language.

But if you just can't bring yourself to write the O, that's okay with me. We all have to do what makes us comfortable.

*Rabbi David Weissman*

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina



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We use a room at the Grand Strand Senior Center located at 1268 21st Ave. N., just east of Robert Grissom Parkway in Myrtle Beach. Attendees will enter through the door to the left of the main entrance. Parking is located in front and on the far side of the building.

Our **Friday evening** services begin at 8:00pm. There is an Oneg after services. On **Saturday mornings** services begin at 10:30 am. A small Kiddush is celebrated after services.

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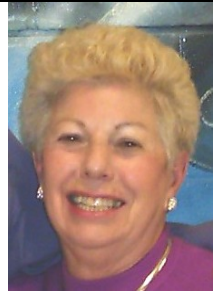
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If you are willing to be trained  
to take over this job as of July

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

Ze'ev & I had the privilege of being at the celebration of Beth El Hebrew Congregation's 150th Anniversary as a congregation in Alexandria VA. Their history is long & impressive with lots of changes through the years. There have been 33 Temple Presidents, 57 Sisterhood Presidents & 33 Brotherhood Presidents & only 6 Rabbis. An amazing history.

We at Temple Shalom will start our 5<sup>th</sup> year on June 3<sup>rd</sup> as the Reform congregation of Myrtle Beach. We too have seen changes. Our first Shabbat we had 10 couples we now have 55 family units. We have our own rabbi, Rabbi David Weissman as our Spiritual Leader. We have moved 6 times and still have grown as a congregation.

So what is next for Temple Shalom. Rabbi Weissman presented to the board the idea of changing to the newer prayer book of the Reform movement. The majority of reform congregations are now using the new prayer book Mishkan T'filah. This Prayer book is used at Beth El, so I was able to participate in a service from Mishkan T'filah ( A place of Prayer).

Making this change will be a little costly but we must keep up with the times. Why make the change? For many reasons, this siddur has each prayer transliterated, each Hebrew Prayer is translated more exact so you can understand the true meaning of our historic language. The book is also agenda neutral.

We will ask each of you to consider placing a BOOK PLATE in one or more books to remember a loved one or to honor an occasion or as a donation to the Temple. Each BOOK PLATE will cost \$36.00 a order form will be in the bulletin. In this way we can all be part of this exiting change. This will be the first time that every prayer book will be new for our own dedication.

Please don't sit on the side lines be a true part of the congregation volunteer to do your part. Do an Oneg, Join Sisterhood or Brotherhood, join the Study Group, If you did not have a Bar/Bat Mitzvah consider studying with our Rabbi next year. For this year save the date for our first Adult Bat Mitzvah June 20<sup>th</sup>

We are the ones that can make our temple GREAT.

Lily Ann Revitch  
President.

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Thank You to My Temple Shalom Family,

All the cards, donations, and understanding from My Temple Shalom Family somehow helped me deal with the loss of my sister, Ann. It was sudden-unexpected and difficult for me to believe. But, the understanding and the care all of you showed me did help so much.

Because there was such an age difference in the two of us, I mourned as a sister and a mother. Ann was a very special person - known for her fantastic gift of painting and her dear, dear soul - which was the most peaceful I have ever known.

All of you helped me get through this surreal time. I thank you from my heart... when you speak the language of the heart—from mine to yours, you know how grateful I am.

With Love, Harriette

### ~ Brotherhood ~

Please plan on being at our yard sale MAY 3rd which will be located at the closed Mazda Dealership on westbound 501 just past Wild Wing development. Bring items to sell ! Help us sell ! Be part of making our fund raiser a success. Next meeting 6PM Golden Corral on Monday the 18th.

Steve Firestone, **President**

### ~ Sisterhood ~

Looking forward to seeing everyone for our Annual Paid Up Sisterhood Luncheon on May 18 @ 12 PM at PF Changs.

Carrie Selig, **President**

## Birthdays This Month

8 Cookie Brenner

8 Maryann Lempert

19 Hope Sachwald

28 Gabe Brenner

28 Harriette Firestone

28 Simon Kaplan

30 Michael Purvis

## Anniversaries This Month

3 Roberta & Stan Atkins

19 Dot & Richard Reich

27 Linda & Simon Kaplan

31 Sam & Sandy Welkis

## Yahrzeits This Month

2 Chava Revitch

3 Benjamin Schlanger

3 Harry Warshafsky

3 Ellis Meil

4 Ruth Post

6 Sadie Fairbloom

6 William Mayer

9 Andrew R. Jacobson

12 Beatrice Solomon

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25 Dorothy Waring

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29 Mark Simon

30 Rebecca Saltzman

30 Sally Marder

## Mi Shebeirach

We extend wishes for quick and complete recovery to our members who are facing health issues.

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If you have someone you'd like to make a special prayer request for, please give a note to the Rabbi with the person's name and your relationship before the service begins.

# May 2009

7 Iyyar - 8 Sivan 5769



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<i>April 30 - 5th Iyyar</i>  Yom Ha'Atzmaut Israeli Independence		I  7:40PM  Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Irene & Jim Klein  Omer 22 7 Iyyar	2 Parashat Achrei- Mos Kedoshim Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 9:10 PM Omer 23 8 Iyyar
3  <b>Brotherhood            Yard Sale            8AM on...</b> Old Mazda Dealership  Omer 24 9 Iyyar	4  Omer 25 10 Iyyar	5  Omer 26 11 Iyyar	6 Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm Adult Education 8:15 pm Omer 27 12 Iyyar	7  Omer 28 13 Iyyar	8  7:45 PM  Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Maryann & Sandy Lempert  Omer 29 14 Iyyar	9 Parashat Emor Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 9:16 PM Omer 30 15 Iyyar
10  Omer 31 16 Iyyar	11  Omer 32 17 Iyyar	12  Omer 33 18 Iyyar	13  NO CLASSES  Omer 34 19 Iyyar	14  Omer 35 20 Iyyar	15  7:50PM  Service: 8:00 PM Oneg: Dot & Richard Reich  Omer 36 21 Iyyar	16 Parashat Behar- Bechukosai Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 9:21 PM Omer 37 22 Iyyar
17  Omer 38 23 Iyyar	18 <b>Brotherhood            Meeting            6PM            @ Golden Corral</b>  <b>Sisterhood            Paid Up Luncheon            12 PM            @ PF Chang's            Omer 39</b> 24 Iyyar	19  Omer 40 25 Iyyar	20 Religious School 6:05 pm  <b>Board Meeting            7:30 PM @            Senior Center</b> Omer 41 26 Iyyar	21  Omer 42 27 Iyyar	22  7:55 PM  Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Cookie & Gabe Brenner  Omer 43 28 Iyyar	23 Parashat Bamidbar Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 9:26 PM Omer 44 29 Iyyar
24 <sup>1 Sivan</sup>  Rosh Chodesh Sivan Omer 45  31 8 Sivan	25  Memorial Day  Omer 46 2 Sivan	26  Omer 47 3 Sivan	27 Religious School 6:05 pm Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah 7:10 pm  Omer 48 4 Sivan	28  Erev Shavuos  Omer 49 5 Sivan	29  8:00 PM  Shavuos Service: 8:00PM Oneg: Lee Greco & Bob Seiden  6 Sivan	30 Parashat Shavuos II Morning Service 10:30 am Havdalah 9:31 PM 7 Sivan

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 IN DIRE NEED OF A SMILE AND A MEAL  
 SO I TOOK A CHANCE AND OFFERED SOME FOOD  
 TO THIS STRANGER WHOM I DID NOT KNOW.  
 THERE WAS SOMETHING I REMEMBERED  
 WHEN I WAS A CHILD  
 THAT MY FATHER SAID WHEN WE WERE IN NEED OF  
 SOLACE AND HOPE  
 "ALWAYS OFFER A STRANGER SOME FOOD AND  
 SHELTER, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU  
 CAN BECOME THAT STRANGER."  
 SO HERE IT WAS A TIME TO REPAY FOR  
 ALL THE KINDNESSES  
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