



# Newsletter

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*"Everyone pretty much knows  
that Judaism promoted the  
concept of One God."*

## *Rabbi's Message*

Thanksgiving is around the corner and this year our Temple is hosting the community interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The Service will be held on Tues, November 24th at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this community event.

Well, this past month scriptural reading discusses the call of Abraham to leave the country of his family's origin. This place was known as Ur of the Chaldees from the city of Haran. This country is known today as Iraq. Well, this country hasn't changed much as a good place to live in.

Sometimes we need to make changes in our lives, regarding circumstances such as where we live, our work or career changes. This should not be done from negative impulses but from listening to the still small voice within like Abraham who recognized God's calling.

So too, we need to listen to that still small voice regarding choices in our lives. Do they lead us to our highest selves and bring forth our greatest good?

The story of Abraham continues, with the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Ghomora. It seems history has many stories of past destructions and of warnings of future possibilities. The Scriptures remind us that the future is in our hands.

Abraham is known as the father of many nations. And just like in some family relationships, Abraham's children; Ishmael and Isaac and grandchildren; Esau and Jacob, need to accept one another and make peace.

With the birth of Isaac we encounter another human expression of devotional worship: human sacrifice. Across the ancient world, many nations practiced human sacrifice as a faithful act of devotion. But through the biblical story of the AKEDAH; the offering of Isaac, we are raised to the consciousness that God is not asking us to offer human life as a sign of our faithfulness but to live and observe His Commandments so we can make this a better world.

Tragically, even today there are movements and activities that are tempted to express their concept of God and their love of God by killing other people either by blowing themselves up as a sign of devotion or just killing other people in the name of God.

There's much we have to do to raise mankind's consciousness to the level of accepting one another and work hard to promote tolerance, love and peace in this world. But that's what God has called us to do. For we have been called to be a light unto the nations and to remind the tribes of mankind that we are all one family, created by God in His Image.

This work is just beginning.

**SHALOM UV'RACHAH — HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Rabbi Gerald J. Catano**

## 2009-2010 Hebrew School Calendar

2009

## September

4	Friday	1st Family Friday Night Service 6:30 PM
13	Sunday	1st Day of School      Class Friday Night Service Schedule
19	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah (1st Day)
27	Sunday	Kol Nidre
28	Monday	Yom Kippur
	13, 27	School Sessions
		B'Nei Mitzvah Class      November 6th

## October

		Hay - Dalet Class      February 5th
3	Saturday	Sukkot
4	Sunday	Breakfast in the Sukkah
11	Sunday	Simchat Torah
	4, 11, 18, 25	School Sessions

## November

24	Tuesday	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
26	Thursday	Thanksgiving
29	Sunday	No School
	1, 8, 15, 22	School Sessions

## December

12	Saturday	1st Day of Hannuakh (1st Candle on the 11th)
13	Sunday	Hannukah Activity (20th Snow Date)
27	Sunday	No School
	6, 13, 20	School Sessions

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## January

30	Saturday	Tu B'Shevat
	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	School Sessions

## February

9	Monday	Tu B'Shevat
14	Sunday	No School
28	Sunday	Purim - PURIM CARNIVAL at School
	7, 21, 28	School Sessions

## March

28	Sunday	Passover Activity
30	Tuesday	1st Day Passover (1st Seder Night is the 29th)
	7, 14, 21, 28	School Session

## April

4	Sunday	No School
11	Sunday	Holocaust Rememberance Day
25	Sunday	Hay Class Evaluation (May 2nd - Make-up)
	11, 18, 25	School Sessions

## May

9	Sunday	Mother's Day/No School
23	Friday	Graduation
	2, 16	School Sessions

### Temple Coordinator: (Job Description):

- Accept all incoming phone calls to the temple, answer general questions and forward phone messages as necessary.
- Work with the Rabbi to coordinate and maintain his schedule
- Maintain Temple volunteer list and coordinate volunteers accordingly.
- Make reminder phone calls re: onegs, Sunday bagel duty, upcoming Temple activities, etc.
- Speak with prospective members and mail membership packet.
- Advise President so follow-up phone call can be made
- Work with Hebrew School Coordinator to maintain updated Bar/Bat Mitzvah list to be forwarded to Rabbi and Board.
- Work with Bar/Bat Mitzvah families to ensure access to Temple and coordinate cleaning arrangements and/or payments.
- Maintain general supplies for the Temple.
- Pick up mail from post office and sort accordingly ensuring mail is delivered to appropriate parties.
- Schedule pre-approved repairs/service and be available to provide access to the Temple

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