

- walk-ins might be accepted. RSVP & Info: 685-2242.
- **Shield of Faith Charity Dinner**, Sat., **Apr. 28**, 6-8 p.m., Living Word Chapel, 290 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Living Word Chapel and Shield 616 are hosting this event to help equip our local police departments with active-shooter and crowd control gear. Cost: \$61.60. Info: Lori, 332-2489, lori.meggins@livingwordpalmerlake.org. See ad on page 18.
 - **Spirits of Spring: A Wine and Food Tasting with Live and Silent Auctions**, Sat., **Apr. 28**, 6-9 p.m., 4 S. Cascade Ave., downtown Colorado Springs. Gleneagle Sertoma Club presents a festive evening of wine and food tasting in the Antlers Hotel Summit Ballroom. Proceeds benefit The Home Front Cares and other local charities. Tickets & Info: 488-9879, www.SpiritsofSpring.org. See ad on page 8.
 - **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild 54th Annual Spring Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sun., **May 3-6**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Free admission, but welcome non-perishable donations for the local food pantry, Black Forest Cares. More than 90 artisan and culinary members will sell quilts and afghans, baby items, paintings, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, stained glass, dolls, stitchery, note cards, food items, and much more. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the BFACG Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. Info: 495-3217, www.bfacg.org. See ad on page 10.
 - **Palmer Lake Free Chipping Day**, Sat., **May 5**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Palmer Lake residents can bring slash to a site on County Line Road east of the lake. Arrange branches parallel with butt ends pointed toward the rear of the vehicle. No stumps, roots, lumber, trash. Remove pine needles from branches. Info: adrian@cusps.ws.
 - **A Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares**, Wed., **May 9**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Flying Horse Ranch, Larkspur. Sample culinary treats by local chefs created from a “surprise” box out of TLC’s pantry. Learn about programs and services through interactive games for a chance to win prizes. Buy tickets online, \$20. Tickets & Info: www.tri-lakes-cares.org. See ad on page 8.
 - **Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival**, Fri.-Sun., **May 11-13**, various times and venues. The festival offers 30 activities and field trips, from prairie to mountains. Field trips are filling up quickly. Registration & Info: www.pikespeakbirdingandnaturefestival.org.
 - **Black Forest Seedling Tree Giveaway**, Sat., **May 12**, 9 a.m.-noon, Fire Station 2 (Hodgen and Black Forest Road). Black Forest Together and Trees 4 Tomorrow will offer bundles of 25-30 seedlings (Scotch Pine, Enlemann Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, and Barefoot Chokecherry) for \$5 per bundle, two bundle limit per resident. First come, first served; remaining seedlings will be sold at noon. Info: 495-2445.
 - **Wescott Annual Safety Fair**, Sat., **May 12**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Watch for details, but might include free hot dogs, Flight for Life, wildland truck display, smoke trailer, pet safety, and more. Info: 488-8680, www.wescottfire.org.
 - **Starborn Creations Trunk Show at Santa Fe Trail Jewelry**, Sat., **May 12**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 106-A Second St., Monument. Info: 481-0250. See ad on page 2.
 - **Fight Fraud--Shred Instead!** Free AARP ElderWatch community shredding event, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Please enter from Black Forest Road. Each car may bring three boxes or paper bags of documents for shredding; no plastic or 3-ring binders please. Fight hunger with a nonperishable food or money donation for the Black Forest Cares food pantry. Info: Ray, 495-6767; or Stan, 596-6787.
 - **Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby Race**, Sun., **Jun. 10**, 8

Content

Articles in *Our Community News* focus on the deliberations of Tri-Lakes area governmental bodies such as the Monument Board of Trustees, Palmer Lake Town Council, and many of the local water, sanitation, fire, and school district boards.

Unlike papers that try to figure out what the “story” is and then get quotes on each side to presumably lead the reader to conclude what the “truth” is, *OCN*’s role is to report in detail on public meetings of local governmental entities. We report what was talked about and what was decided. By reading *OCN*, you can find out what you might have learned if you had attended those public meetings. In this context, “truth” is that the articles accurately represent what transpired at the meetings.

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- a.m., Costilla Street between El Paso and Wahsatch. (Practice day, Sun., Jun. 3, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.) The public is invited to the “World’s greatest amateur racing event” where kids race their hand-made cars, competing for trophies and a chance to compete at the International Soap Box Derby in July. Food service and parking available. Info: Glenn Scott, development director, 488-8808, kayglen@comcast.net, www.ppsbd.com.
- **Jackson Creek Community Garage Sale**, Fri-Sat., **Jun 22-23**, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 719-200-7387, jackson-creekgaragesale.com. See ad on page 3.
 - **Nature Quest: Nature Camp at Fox Run Regional Park**, Mon.-Fri., **Jun. 25-29**, 9 a.m.-noon. Camp features an environmental stewardship theme with daily play in the woods, exploration of ponds and meadows, hikes, crafts, games, songs, stories, snacks and a t-shirt. Cost: \$90/member, \$100/nonmember. Registration & Info: nancybernard@elpasoco.com or www.elpasocountynaturecenters.com.

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 P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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The Rabbi’s Corner ChriSlam

By Oswald Garagorry

ChriSlam is a despicable abomination being embraced by Christian Churches across America, four of which are located here in Colorado. This aberration is the merging of Christianity and Islam and of each group reading the other’s holy text at their service.

This movement was started in the early 80’s by Tele Tella in Lagos, Nigeria. It appears that this religious movement gained momentum with the misinformation given to the American people by President George Bush’s statement: “Islam is a religion of peace.”

This statement could not be further from the truth and is in complete disregard of the trail of blood which has accompanied Islam since its beginning at Medina in the 5th century of the Common Era with the common practice of killing infidels as Muslims implanted their religion in the countries that they dominated.

What is even more appalling is the action of well-known Christian leaders such as Robert Schuler, Rick Warren, Bill Hibels; Theologians John Scott, Jim Wallace and even Mr. Leith Anderson who took Ted Haggert’s seat as the President of the Evangelicals of America along with the support of 300 other less well-known Christian leaders. All of these people signed a document asking Muslim leaders around the world for forgiveness for the Crusades and for the “excesses of war on terrorism.” Never mind, that the Crusades were also against Jews or the Jewish persecution by the Christian Church during the Inquisition that lasted over 300 years.

These same Christian leaders and author Rick Warren (*The Purpose Driven Life*) have never apologized for these events to this day and seem to ignore the fact that Jews were not involved in the killing of 3,000 innocent Americans on 9/11. And don’t forget that the families, who lost their loved ones on 9/11 never got an apology from the Muslim community or the countries where the killers came from.

What we have here is the end result of well-intentioned men abandoning the teaching of the Torah and doing what is right in their own eyes... and it is pitiful.

Shalom to you.

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