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The Rabbi's Corner
The Most Important
Commandment—Part I

By Oswald Garagorry

Growing up on the very southern borders of Brazil with Uruguay as a teenager 14 years old without religion or God in the world, I worried how life would be for me in the future. Sometimes I tried to talk with my parents about it. My father would respond by telling me how a military career would be a good thing for me to follow (that was his background). My mother, with a very sweet smile, would respond telling me, “Yes, my son you need to trust in the Lord to guide you.” This was my dilemma until one Sunday morning I was listening to my transistor radio that operated with batteries, which was very advanced and high tech for those days, when a program came on called the *Voice of Prophecy* from the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The speaker was Roberto Rabello and he spoke from Psalm Chapter 37, Verse 5, which in our Portuguese translation reads, “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him, and He will do the rest.” After hearing this presentation, of God telling us in His word what I needed to do, I prayed, committing my way to Him and asked Him to direct my life. After that morning, I began to listen to all the religious programs that were available in the region. This expression “all religious programs” is not well understood in America, so I need to explain it. In those days, in my town there were two radio stations that operated from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. On one station was the *Voice of Prophecy* program, which came on every Sunday morning at 10 a.m.. On the other radio station, there was another program that came on Monday through Friday from 11:50 a.m. to noon. This program was called, *Meditaciones Espirituales* (Spiritual Mediations) hosted by Rev. Francisco Perez. On one of the programs he offered a New Testament to anyone who would ask for it. So one day my brother and I went by his church and asked for one. That was my beginning in reading the Holy Writings. A year or so later, an aunt of mine was visiting with my mother and talking about religion. So I interrupted their conversation and told her that I had read the New Testament. My aunt responded, by telling me that now I had to read the Old Testament. I told her that we didn’t have an Old Testament, so on her next visit, she gave us a Bible. I began to read it. I am now 67 years old and still reading it.

So my journey with God has lasted from 1964 until now; but, during this period of time I only came to know about the most important commandment when I moved to Colorado in 1987. I thought I knew what it was and I was surprised to realize that I was just like most people; not knowing the most important commandment but still ready to argue about it if given the opportunity. When I moved to Colorado in January of 1987, I met an Orthodox Rabbi, by the name of Nathan Aaron Lerer. From him I learned the most important commandment. If you will like to come to know the most important commandment, I invite you to read the next issue of *Our Community News*.

In conclusion, I would ask you to please allow me to give you a word of advice: Don’t go asking your friends or religious leader what it is, because most likely they don’t know. Instead ask yourself, “What am I going to do with it, after I come to know the most important commandment?”

Shalom to you.

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 - **Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Catholic School**, Fri., **Oct. 27**, 5-7 p.m., 124 Main St., Monument. All are welcome. Food trucks, 5-6 p.m.; free trunk or treating, 6-7 p.m. See ad on page 2. Info: petertherockschool.org.
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 - **Black Forest Arts and Craft Guild 53rd Annual Fall Show and Sale**, Thu.-Sun., **Nov. 2-5**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thu.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Sun., Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Shop unique, hand-crafted items. See ad on page 6. Info: dellaclark.bfacg@gmail.com,
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 - **Joseph Bohler at Bella Art**, Sat., **Nov. 4**, 2-4 p.m., 183 Washington St., Monument. All 21 Joseph Bohler fine art prints are 50 percent off, and the artist himself will be there to personalize your prints. See ad on page 7. Info: 487-7691.
 - **Marty Haggard, Tribute to His Father, Merle Haggard at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Sat., **Nov. 4**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Monument Academy Veterans' Day Assembly: Honoring All Who Have Served**, Fri., **Nov. 10**, 9:45 a.m., 1150 Village Ridge Point, Monument. All are invited to a tribute performance by students and a keynote speaker. Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. for veterans and active duty along with one guest. RSVP by Nov. 6. See ad on page 17. RSVP & Info: 481-1950 ext. 1707.

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- **Christmas Art Workshop by Little Picasso Art Studio**, Sat., **Dec. 2**, **Dec. 9**, & **Dec. 16**, 10-11:30 a.m. For elementary age children. Cost: \$79, materials included. See ad on page 5. RSVP & Info: 930-2239, Pbrush-artwork@aol.com.

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