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- **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.
- **Griffith Centers for Children Chins Up 11th Annual Golf Tournament**, Thu., **Jun. 28**, Golf Club at Bear Dance, 6630 Bear Dance Dr, Larkspur. Shotgun start, 8 a.m. Play a challenging course, enjoy great food, and have a chance to win prizes while you help the Griffith Centers support children and families facing challenging life circumstances with academic, therapeutic, and behavioral health services. Registration & Info: Heather Izzett, 327-2026; heather.izzett@griffithcenters.org; www.griffithcenters.org.
- **Gardening in the Rockies**, Fri., **Jun. 29**, 3-5 p.m. Bethesda Gardens, 55 Beacon Lite Rd., Monument. Free. Buy a hot dog, chips, and lemonade for \$3, to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. RSVP at 247-4400 or moninfo@ba.org.
- **Monument's Free Movie Night: Wonder**, Fri., **Jun. 29**, 7 p.m. activities begin, movie begins at dark, Tri-Lakes YMCA, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy., Monument. Bring chairs & blankets, no pets please. Info: 884-8013, www.TownofMonument.org.
- **Casey Abrams, "American Idol" Star, in Concert** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Fri., **Jun. 30**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **Tri-Lakes Music Association Concert**, Sun., **Jul. 1**, 3 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School Auditorium, 19255 Monument Hill Rd. This benefit concert features the newly formed Tri-Lakes Chorale, String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. Free admission; donations accepted to support Tri-Lakes Cares and the TLMA Scholarship fund. Musicians, contact 719-648-8283 to get involved. Info: 481-1553, trilakesmusic@gmail.com, www.trilakesmusic.org. See ad on page 20.
- **Annual 3rd of July Barn Dance**, Tue., **Jul. 3**, 6-10 p.m., Si's Barn, 3 Second St., Monument. Live music by Ronnie Davis. Info: 494-4651, akinder8668@gmail.com.

Fourth of July Events

**7 a.m., Palmer Lake 4 Mile Fun Run**, Palmer Lake Santa Fe Trailhead. Register at www.july4funrun.com.

**7-10 a.m., Pancake breakfast**, tickets at the door, St Peter Catholic Church, 55 Jefferson St.

**Fourth of July @ The Speedtrap**, Wed., **Jul. 4**, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 84 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Great food, live music. Info: 488-2007, www.speedtrapbistro.com. See ad on page 20.

**8 a.m.-3 p.m., Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce**

**Street Fair**, 2nd Street and Washington Street. Volunteers needed July 3, 4, or 5; call 281-2382.

**9:30 a.m., Monument Hill Kiwanis Parade**. Details are posted at www.monumenthillkiwanis.org.

- **Fuel Church Free Soccer Camp and Vacation Bible School**, Thu.-Sat., **Jul. 5-7**, 9 a.m.-noon, Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. For ages 4-11. Info: www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 17.
- **Fuel Church Church in the Park**, Sun., **Jul. 8**, 10-11:30 a.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Free coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Info: www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 17.
- **Monument Community Presbyterian Church Free Vacation Bible School**, Mon.-Fri., **Jul. 9-13**, 9 a.m.-noon, 238 Third St., Monument. For K-6th grades. Info: 481-3902, www.mcpcusa.org. See ad on page 4.
- **El Paso County Fair**, Sat.-Sat., **Jul. 14-21**, El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10th St., Calhan. Featured daily entertainment includes an Elephant Extravaganza, Butterfly Encounter, and the Salida Circus. Ticketed evening entertainment includes auto racing, bull riding, tractor pull, and demolition derby. See website for special discount days. Info: 520-7880, www.elpasocountyfair.com.
- **Rosie's Diner Summer Car Show**, Sun., **Jul. 29**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 411 Hwy 105, Monument. Info: 481-3287, www.eatatrosies.com. See ad on page 14.
- **Billy Bob Thornton & the Boxmasters** at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Tue.-Wed., **Aug. 21-22**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. The Boxmasters' only Colorado shows! Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.

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The Rabbi's Corner  
Distorted Perception

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

In the book of *1st Kings, Chapter 19* we have the history of a man named Eliyahu, who was a prophet of God and was questioned by God himself. God said, "What are doing here Eliyahu?" (*V:2*), yet in contemporary terminology we may say Eliyahu had a distorted perception, because of his response to YHVH, that was quite revealing of his human condition and current state of mind. Let us analyze it: First of all he defended himself by saying, "I have been very zealous for YHVH, the God of Armies." (*V:9*) Then he gives an explanation to God of why he has been very zealous: "Because the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broke down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword." (*19:10*) In his state of mind, he provides accurate information to God, which he had not been asked for. He continued by saying; "I am the only one left and they are coming after me to kill me too." (*V:10*)

Upon hearing these words, God reacts and says, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before Adonai." (*V:11*) When God orders something, he expects it to be carried out and the same is true here. We see that some change in the physical environment was coming. His prophet needed to be in line with the instructions being given to him. All he had to do was to take the clear instructions being given by God himself: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before YHVH." (*V:11*)

You the reader may ask, "Go outside of what?" because we haven't been told that he was inside of anything. So we can conclude that this "go outside" instruction could be any circumstance that prevented Eliyahu or you the reader to be open to experience God's presence or actions. Instead of answering what he was doing there, Eliyahu decides to give an unasked for explanation to God. He did this, even after seeing an awesome manifestation of God himself. Yet in this explanation, his state of mind becomes very clear to us. He tells God, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of armies." (*V:14*) He didn't stop here but went on to say, "The people of Israel have abandoned your covenant, broke down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I am the only one left. And they are after me to kill me too." (*V:14*) Yet God's reaction to all these self-centered defenses reveals God's perception of the situation. He says: "Go back...when you got there, anoint Eli-isha to be prophet after you." (*V:16*) We see here that God had a problem with his prophet. So he used this prophet to name someone else in his place.

Yes, dear reader, this is life with our God...none of us are indispensable to Him. He allows us to use our talents in his service for a season and then he anoints someone else to take our place. The important thing is that God's work of imparting himself to humanity continues (Messiah **In You** the hope of glory) (*Col 1:27*) and we are to remain busy in his kingdom until He comes. Also it is important for us to recognize when it is God's time for us to anoint someone else to take our place.

Shalom to you,

Dr. Garagorry is the Rabbi of Aliyah Congregation that meets on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Mountain Community Mennonite Church, 643 Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133  
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