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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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has touched the life of an LPSD student with a disability. Info: Tamara McKee, 785-4208.

- **Black Rose Acoustic Society: *Thunder n' Rain***, Fri., **Apr. 26**, 7-10 p.m. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 nonmember students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
- **Great American Cleanup**, Sat., **Apr. 27**, 9 a.m.-noon, Santa Fe 3rd Street Trail Head, 340 Third St., Monument. Get your club or some friends together and join the community to give the region a spring cleaning. All ages welcome! Participants under 16 must be supervised. Register online, www.gacppp.com. Info: Madeline Van-DenHoek, 884-8013, mvandenhoek@tomgov.org, www.gacppp.com.
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- **Saloon Night at WMMI**, Sat., **Apr. 27**, 6 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Wear your best Western attire for this evening of whiskey and wine tasting, silent auctions and raffles to benefit for the museum. Cost: \$30 member, \$45 nonmember. RSVP & Info: 488-0880, rsvp@wmmi.org.
- **43rd Annual *Spring Into Vintage Show & Sale***, Sat.-Sun., **Apr. 27-28**, 10 a.m.-5 pm. Sat., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. Tri-Lakes Women's Club's popular fundraiser features vintage, home décor, jewelry, antiques, food trucks, and a homemade bakery sale. Tickets are \$6 at the door; bring a can of food to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. All proceeds benefit nonprofit service organizations and public schools in the Tri-Lakes community. Info: www.tlwc.net.
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- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Colorado Springs 9th Annual Breakfast Fundraiser**, Thu., **May 2**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., The Broadmoor, 1 Lake Ave., Colo. Springs. Come support NAMI's biggest fundraising event of the year. Info: 473-8477, info@namicos.org, or www.namicoloradosprings.org.
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- **Sawyer Fredericks Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Fri., May 3, 7 p.m., doors open 6 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
- **A Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares**, Wed., **May 8**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Flying Horse Ranch, Larkspur. Sample culinary treats by local chefs. Buy tickets online, \$25. Tickets & Info: www.tri-lakescares.org. See ad on page 12.
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