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change in their lives and communities by improving access to needed tools and programs. Scheduled for the last Friday each month. Info: 465-2001 or www.familynation.net.

- **Black Forest Slash/Mulch Program Forestry Stewardship Meeting**, Sat., **Apr. 28**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Community Hall, 12530 Black Forest Rd. Fun, information and door prizes. Info: Carolyn Brown, 495-3127; Jeff DeWitt, 495-8024; or El Paso County Environmental Division, 520-7878.
- **Pine Forest Antiques & Garden Show & Sale**, Sat., **Apr. 28**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., & Sun., **Apr. 29**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Lewis-Palmer High School, 1300 Higby Rd., Monument. The Tri-Lakes Women's Club's (TLWC) popular show features quality antiques from around the world and local dealers, appraisers and glass repair, bake sale and geraniums, gardener exhibits and workshops, bistro dining, and much more. Cost: \$6 per person. TLWC sponsors two major fund-raising events: the Pine Forest Antiques & Garden Show & Sale in the spring and Wine and Roses, a wine-tasting event, in October. Over the last 36 years, TLWC has awarded more than a half million dollars to Tri-Lakes community organizations. For more information about TLWC, visit the website, www.tlwc.net.
- **Youth Empowerment Festival**, Sat., **Apr. 28**, 4-11 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. A crafts fair, exhibits, music, dancing, food, and fun. Also, FamilyNation is sponsoring the Palmer Lake You Got Talent contest and the YEA Awards. Both awards will be presented during the Mayor's dinner at the festival. Info: www.familynation.net.
- **Lewis-Palmer Elementary School Spring Social**, Tue., **May 1**, 2-3 p.m., 1315 Lake Woodmoor Dr., Monument. A neighborhood get-together for the young and the young at heart, featuring student music performances, presentations, and art projects to take home. Door prizes, refreshments, and dessert provided. Info: 488-4750.
- **Senior Citizen Fraud Protection**, Wed., **May 2**, 12:30 p.m., D-38 Admin. Bldg. ("Big Red"), 146 Jefferson St, Monument. Learn how to keep you and your loved ones' hard earned money safe! It doesn't matter if you are 55 or 95; this is an opportunity to learn about the latest scams affecting the 50+ population. Free and open to everyone. Immediately follows the weekly senior citizen luncheon. Info: www.trilakeshap.org or email seniors@TriLakesHAP.org.
- **Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild Spring Show & Sale**, Thu.-Sat, **May 3-5**; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun., **May 6**; 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Black Forest Community Center (Black Forest Road just north of Shoup Road). More than 80 artisans offer hand-made jewelry, ceramics, soaps and candles, baby items, jams and jellies, baked goods, and much more. Admission is free. The Black Forest Arts & Crafts Guild is a Colorado nonprofit organization. A portion of sale proceeds will benefit the Guild Scholarship Fund and the Black Forest community. Wheelchair accessible. Because of fire regulations, no strollers, please. Info: 495-3217 or visit www.BFACG.org.
- **Cafe Velo Tri-Lakes Time Trial Bicycle Race**, Sat., **May 5**, Palmer Lake Recreation Area. Entry: Juniors (gear and bike restrictions apply), free. All SM and SW divisions, \$32. Citizens/Fun Division (all non USAC-licensed riders), \$22. Pre-register online till **May 2** at <http://mad.sc/cvtlft> (USAC-licensed riders) or <http://mad.sc/may52012> (non-licensed Citizen/Fun ride). No racers/riders under 10 years of age. Start times posted at <http://mad.sc/cvtlft> by noon, **May 4**. Info: www.coloradocycling.org (click on Events, then All Events) or email cpracingteam@hotmail.com.
- **SunDance Studio Informational Meeting**, Sat., **May 5**, 12-2 p.m., 1450 Cipriani Loop, Monument. Find out about the cheer program for ages 4-18. Info: 481-8208, thesundancestudio.com, or email info@thesundancestudio.com.
- **Spirits of Spring Wine and Food Tasting and Auction**, Sat., **May 5**, 5-8 p.m., Blue and Silver Room at the Air Force Academy Stadium Press Box. The annual Gleneagle Sertoma Club event features a selection of spring wines & delectable delights from local chefs. All profits go to Tri-Lakes Cares and other local charities. Buy tickets at the door: \$40 per person. Non-DoD/Military ID holders must register with Gleneagle Sertoma for USAFA gate entry by April 30. Call or register at [www.spiritsofspring.org](http://www.spiritsofpring.org). For ticket information or silent auction donations, call 488-9879 or 488-1044, or email gleneaglesertomaclub@gmail.com.

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- **A Taste of Tri-Lakes Cares**, Mon., **May 7**, 5:30 p.m., Sundance Mountain Lodge, 1865 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Local chefs will try to dazzle you with dishes prepared using items only from the USDA Federal Commodity program; items that can be found in food pantries throughout El Paso County. Tickets: \$10 per person plus a donation of one of the following items: powdered laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, feminine products, deodorant, child diapers (size 3-6). Children under 5 are free with a paid adult. Info: 481-4864 or visit www.tri-lakescares.org.
- **It's Soap Box Derby Time! Pikes Peak Soap Derby registration deadline**, Sat., **May 12**. Race day is Sun., **June 10**. Info: visit ppsbd.com or contact Glen Scott, 488-8808 or kayglen@comcast.net.
- **Tri-Lakes Lions Club Charter Night Dinner**, Sat., **May 12**, MoZaic Restaurant at the Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Info: David Prejean, 434-7031.
- **MVEA's 71st Annual Meeting**, Thu., **Jun. 7**, 5:30 p.m., registration, dinner, and entertainment; 7 p.m., business meeting, election of board of directors, door prizes. Palmer Ridge High School, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. Info: 719-495-2283 or 719-775-2861, or visit www.mvea.coop.
- **Palmer Lake Art Group's Spring Art Show and Sale Opening Reception**, Fri., **Jun. 8**, 5-8 p.m., Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts, Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Celebrate with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar, live music, and a silent auction scholarship fundraiser. The show runs Jun. 5-30 and features paintings, sculptures, photography, fiber art, jewelry and more. Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for D-38 students. Info: Margarete Seagraves, 229-6623, or e-mail seagmArt@compsdn.com.
- **Free document shredding by Black Forest AARP**, Sat., **Jun. 9**, 9 a.m.-noon, Black Forest Lutheran Church, 12455 Black Forest Rd. Help prevent identity theft by shredding all your personal and financial documents. Take your outdated documents to AARP ElderWatch's free shredding event for immediate on-site shredding. Your donation of box tops for education, aluminum pull tabs from soda cans, Campbell's labels, cancelled postage stamps, and non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted. All donations go to organizations that assist the needy. Info: Ray, 495-6767.
- **"How's The Market?" Free Seminar**, Sun., **Jun. 10**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Serrano's, 625 Hwy. 105, (next to Vitamin Cottage). Mark Rudolph will present an overview of the current real estate market, including past sales trends and future projections for key neighborhoods in Northgate and Tri-Lakes Areas. Coffee will be provided by ERA Shields Real Estate. Info: 492-3974, 593-1000, or email mrudolph@erashields.com.
- **Gleneagle Blood Drive**, Thu., **Aug. 2**, 1-6 p.m., Antelope Trails Elementary School, 15280 Jessie Dr., Colorado Springs. Sponsored by the Gleneagle Sertoma Club and the Penrose-St. Francis Hospitals. Info & reservations: 488-2312.

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 488-3455, or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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The Rabbi's Corner The Two Torahs—Part III

By Oswald Garagorry

Last month we affirmed our view of Two Torahs (the Oral Torah is not one of them); we also affirmed that Moses was not the author of all the first five books and that some of the sixty-six books of the Christian Bible are not inspired by God.

We hereby discuss those three affirmations in detail: The first four books comprise the "Torah" (wrongly translated Law) and the "Mitzvot" (commandments) or the instructions. In Ex. 24:12, God says: "Come up to me on the mountain and stay there, I will give you the stone tablets with the Torah and the Mitzvot, I have written on them so that you can teach them." Three issues are clearly established here: 1) authorship, 2) ownership, and 3) purpose. In Ex. 32:15-16, we are told that those stones were inscribed on both sides; also that those stones were "the work of God" and that the writing was the "writing of God". On seeing the people worshipping an idol, Moses broke the stones and then God ordered him to bring a new set of stones to Him on the mountain so that He could write on them a second time (Ex. 34:1).

We are also informed that those stones were placed "into the ark" of the covenant in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple. We call this the Torah of God because He authored it two times. The second Torah is the Torah that Moses wrote, it is called Deuteronomy. It is basically a condensed version of the Torah of God, found in the first four books. There are two characteristics of the Torah of Moses. "Moses wrote the Torah and gave it to the Kohanim (Priests) and to all the leaders of Israel." (Deu. 31:9), with the instruction that it was to be read to the people every seven years at the feast of Sukkot.

Then we are told that, "Moses kept writing in a book until he was done and when he had finished, he told the Levites: 'take this book (not the stone tablets) of the Torah and put it next to the ark of the covenant.'" (Deut 31:24-26).

The Torah of God was written in stone and placed inside the ark. The Torah of Moses was written in a book format and placed next to the ark.

The first four books of the Christian Bible were not inspired by God because they were written by God and He does not need to inspire Himself. Last but most importantly, God authored His Torah and gave it to Moses with the purpose that it be taught. Are you learning the Torah of God? Are you being taught it? This is the minimum He expects of you.

Shalom to you.

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