

- Thunderbirds soar right over the top of you! Suggested parking donation \$5. Add a tour of the museum for a whole day of fun. Museum tours begin at 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Museum admission: \$8 adults, \$7 military/AAA, \$6 seniors & students, \$4 children 3-12, free to children under 3 & museum members. WMMI is located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (I-25 Exit 156 A). Info: phone 488-0880 or visit www.wmmi.org.
- **Care and Share Days At Rosie's Diner**, Thu., **May 24**, 5-9 p.m., 411 Hwy 105, Monument. Come out and help support Care and Share, Southern Colorado's largest food bank. Money raised will also help support Tri-Lakes Cares and other local organizations in Southern Colorado, with 15 % of the proceeds benefiting Care & Share Semi Truckload Food Drive. Info: 481-3287.
 - **MeadowGrass Music Festival**, Fri., **May 25**-Sun., **May 27**; concerts Fri., 2-10 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; & Sun., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; La Foret Conference & Retreat Center, 6145 Shoup Rd., Colo. Springs. The best regional and national roots & Americana music in Colorado's great outdoors. Campfire jams Fri. & Sat. nights! Info: 800-723-5323 or visit www.meadowgrassmusicfestival.org.
 - **Brulé in Concert**, Fri., **May 25**, 7-10 p.m., Palmer Ridge High School Auditorium, 19255 Monument Hill Rd., Monument. The award-winning Native American group Brulé will appear live, sponsored by the Palmer Lake Historical Society and One Nation Walking Together. Cost: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Purchase online at www.onenationwt.org or phone the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 481-3282.
 - **Palmer Lake After Dark**, Fri., **May 25**, 8-11 p.m., Palmer Lake Town Hall, 28 Valley Crescent. For teens and adults: music, dancing, neon lights, food, and raffles. Cost: \$10 plus one canned or packaged food item for Tri-Lakes cares. All proceeds benefit FamilyNation, a non-profit organization devoted to inspiring, empowering, and motivating at-risk youths and young adults to bring about positive 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.
 - **Red Rock Ranch Neighborhood Garage Sale**, Fri.-Sat., **Jun. 1-2**. Residents interested in participating, call 481-9377.
 - **Hooked on Palmer Lake Kids' Fishing Derby**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 8 a.m.-noon, Palmer Lake on Hwy 105. Prizes and awards as well as fishing instruction for kids 16 and under. Some free poles available. If you received free gear in the past or have your own, please bring it. Recommended bait: salmon eggs and worms. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult, no exceptions. Tickets: \$3 in advance, available at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, or \$4 at the lake. Info: 481-3282.
 - **Music by the Creek: Conductor Joe's Kids Club**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. A free family event; bring your chairs or blankets. Hosted by Coffee on the Go. The museum will offer discounted tours to families attending the event. Performers wanted, call or drop in. Info: 636-1063.
 - **Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Annual Summer Safety Fair**, Sat., **Jun. 2**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. For more information, see www.wescottfire.org or call 488-8680.
 - **Concerts in the Park**, Wed., **Jun. 6**, 7-9 p.m. Bring your blankets and chairs, enjoy great music, food, and Mount Herman sunsets. Artist CDs, food, treats, and refreshments available for purchase. Limbach Park bandshell, corner of 2nd & Front Streets, Monument. Info: www.monumentmerchants.com.
 - **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@compdsn.com.
- **Forest Management Demonstration Day, "All About Chainsaws,"** Sat., **Jun. 9**, 9 a.m., Black Forest Fire Department Training Room, 11445 Teachout (a block east of Black Forest Road on Burgess). Learn about troubleshooting chain saw problems, tree felling, and chain sharpening. Visit bflash.org or call Ruth Ann Steele 495-3107, Carolyn Brown, 495-3127; Jeff DeWitt, 495-8024; or the county Environmental Division, 520-7878.
 - **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. Please limit what you bring to the equivalent of 3 copy paper size boxes per person. Your donation of nonperishable food items would be appreciated. All food items donated will go to Black Forest Cares to help fight hunger in the local community. Info: Ray, 495-6767 or ElderWatch Colorado at 800-222-4444.
 - **Tri-Lakes Cruisers Car Show**, Sun., **Jun. 10**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown Monument. Free participant breakfast, show T-shirts, trophies, door prizes, great DJ music, AFA falcon display, food, vendors, police and fire department displays. Proceeds benefit Tri-Lakes Cares. Info: visit www.tlcruisers.org.
 - **"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.
 - **Care and Share Days at Rosie's Diner**, Thu., **Jun. 12**, 5-9 p.m., 411 Hwy 105, Monument. Come out and help support Care and Share, Southern Colorado's largest food bank. Money raised will also help support Tri-Lakes Cares and other local organizations in Southern Colorado, with 15 % of the proceeds benefiting Care & Share Semi Truckload Food Drive. Info: 481-3287.
 - **Cut-A-Thon**, Sat., **Jun. 16**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 2nd Street Hair Studio, 106 Second St., Monument. In memory of Kalyn Peterson, all proceeds will go to the Kalyn Elizabeth Peterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Info: 488-1181.
 - **Griffith Golf Tournament**, Mon., **Jun. 25**, 8 a.m., The Golf Club at Bear Dance, Larkspur. Play a challenging course, enjoy great food, and have a chance to win prizes while you help the Griffith Center change the life of children and families. Registration and info: Jamie Sachtjen, jamie.sachtjen@griffithcenters.org or 719-327-2031, or visit www.griffithcenters.org.
 - **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

Law or Grace? Part I

By Oswald Garagorry

As established in last month's article, YHWH (the God of Israel) was the sole author of the first four books of the Bible and, for us who practice Tanakhee Judaism, they take preeminence over all the other books; since He wrote them not once, but twice (you may remember Moses broke the first set of stones).

The Apostle Paul who was a practicing Pharisee Jew and a talmidian (disciple) of Gamalial had an encounter with the Messiah, is even mentioned in Pirke Avot (Sayings of the Fathers). As a result of this encounter, he became His talmidian and a leader among first century followers (Paul's history starts in the book of Acts Chapter 9). Today, Paul is referred to in almost every Sunday morning Church service across the world. And for the proponents of Grace, he is their hero, often quoting him saying "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law" *Galatians 3:13*.

Based on this quotation, a position has developed, that the "Law" should not be observed by Christians, only by Jews; and an assertion is built that the "Law" was not given to Christians' but to the Jews. The conclusion is that Christians are not under the Law but under Grace. And in some cases people are told Jews take their Laws and we take Grace; because in reality nobody can keep the Law anyway because it is so complicated and no one can understand it. The argument continues by claiming that those "Old Testament" laws are so archaic that no one can practice them anyway and are inapplicable to us today. We are an evolved, modern society, where every human being's opinion is a valid one and, to make matters worse, those Laws even discriminate among people and despise animals. For example, the Law says that children are told to obey their parents; the rebellious child is to be stoned to death. But in our society, children don't have to obey parents, they have rights; they can even sue their parents. The Law says do not commit adultery; the punishment for adultery was both parties were to be stoned to death. Today we have evolved, we have open marriages and have learned to share. The Law says to kill homosexuals, but today we are nonjudgmental and understanding even sanctioning same sex marriages in some states. The Law said to kill animals and sacrifice them to God. Now we support People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and have pushed for laws to protect animals. So today we are all equal and in some case animals are more equal than us. Do these arguments really support the Christian conclusion that it is a good thing we are under Grace and not under the Law?

Shalom to you.

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