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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SOLOMON AGIN, D.D, B.C.C. – RABBI EMERITUS

Anti-Semitism Can Be Self-destructive

Anti-Semitism is irrational. It is the product of a sick mind or a sick society and is the expression of people who have need to ventilate their hatred. Hitler was paranoid and he succeeded in making a confused, angry German nation paranoid. There was no rhyme or reason for it. This was classic anti-Semitism. There is a story from the Talmud which clearly indicates exactly how this process works.

One day a Jew passed the imperial train and saluted the Roman Emperor Hadrian, who became furious; "You, a Jew, dare to greet the emperor! You shall pay for this with your life!" Later that very same day, another Jew passed the Emperor and did not greet him. "A Jew dares pass a Roman Emperor without saluting?" Hadrian called out, "You shall be killed!" To his puzzled soldier, Hadrian explained, "I hate Jews, so I use any excuse to destroy them."

But the more accurate observation is that anti-Semitism is ultimately self-destructive.

An historian by the name of Oliver Schreiner observed, "the study of the history of Europe teaches this lesson: The nations which dealt fairly with the Jew have prospered; the nations that tortured and oppressed them wrote their own curse."

Anti-Semitism hurts the Jew, but the hate it generates harms its perpetrators.

As it was said by Eleazar Ben Juda Rokeah, "*Hate ruins the very savor of food, the peace of sleep and all reverence in the soul.*"

ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM RABBI SOLOMON AGIN, D.D, B.C.C. – RABBI EMERITUS

Did You Know a Jew Is Just Okay?

The Hebrew word *tzedakah* is often defined as “charity” or “social justice”. The passion for social justice has run through Judaism since the earliest times. No modern condemnation of economic exploitation can equal in power the prophet’s denunciation of who grinds the faces of the poor. No present-day warning against the evils of totalitarianism is as striking as the words of Samuel rebuking the Israelites for desiring the power of kingship. And the numerous rabbinic provisions about helping the handicapped, being sensitive to others, and doing what is right day by day show that the original biblical impetus for *tzedakah* continues in a vibrant and dynamic manner to this very day.

A contemporary illustration of this appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* in a letter to the editor written by Frances K. Coblentz of Lawrence, New York: Sir, I want to thank Mr. Levison the owner of a tobacco and newspaper store at 4 Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, for returning the wallet I left in his store. It contained a sizeable sum of money and my passport. Everything was intact and carefully sealed. Moreover, a reward was rejected in these words: “I only returned what did not belong to me. I accept no reward for doing what is right.”

This a very Jewish incident not only because a Jew was involved but because he acted as Jew should, doing what was right.

Our **Brotherhood** gentlemen will be leading our Shabbat Service on Friday, March 6th, at 7:30pm. Please try to attend.

Our **Sisterhood** Game Day was very successful. Thank you to Naomi, and all your helpers, for the hard work you put in. Everyone had a great time, as always!

Yahrzeits

March 6, 2026

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March 13, 2026

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March 20, 2026

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March 27, 2026

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| Leon Brodie | Moishe Garfinkel | Alvin Melser | Ann Schumann |
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| Mindy Danzik | Maria Kraus | Paul Pritzker | Dorothy Unger |
| May Demain | Joseph Kutay | Katherine Pyle | |
| William Epner | Raymond Lipp | Adele Saxe | |

FAMILIES THAT ARE OBSERVING A YAHRZEIT DURING THE MONTH ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DURING WHICH THE NAMES WILL BE READ PRIOR TO KADDISH.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul Lankin
March 3rd

Larry Mergentheimer
March 6th

Michelle Bagan
March 9th

Joseph Waksler
March 15th

Ala Solomon
March 21st

Ellen DeVita
March 26th

Dr. Marc Melser
March 27th

Jean Galburt
March 31st



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Do you have any **GOOD IDEAS** for the Temple – functions, fundraisers, and committees? If so, please let us know. Please contact any board member with your thoughts. This is **your** temple, and we want **your** input!!!!

Would you like to sponsor and shop for an Oneg Shabbat? It could be for a life cycle event – birth of a child, birthday, anniversary, or just to do it. Please call Naomi Alexander to schedule it. We really need different members to sponsor and shop for Onegs.

Would you like to advertise in the Shalom (and reach all our congregants) – or do you know someone who would like to advertise? If so, please call Judi Migdol at 516-635-9871 for information.

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