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LOCAL CALL

There is an apocryphal story that carries a great meaning. Prime Minister Begin was once in the Oval Office of the White House. He noticed that President Carter had three telephones on his desk and inquired as to their purpose. Carter explained, "One is for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, one is the hot line with the Soviet Union, and the third is for God." Then he added with a smile, "The third cost three billion dollars a minute."

At a later time, Carter flew to Jerusalem to meet with Begin. Carter noticed three telephones on the Prime Minister's desk. The President asked his host what they were for. Begin replied, "One is for the Minister of Defense, one is for the head of the army, and one is for God."

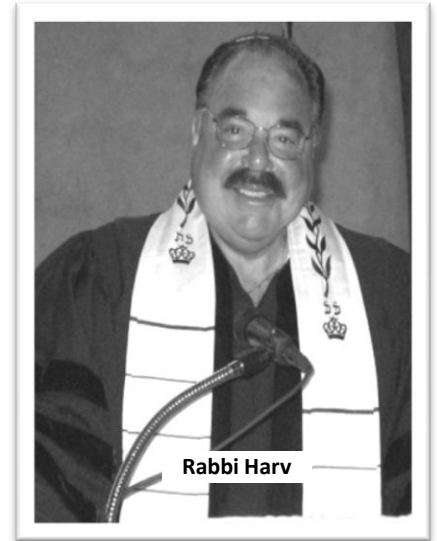
"But," Carter noted, "You are such a small country with limited resources. How can you afford a line to God?"

And Begin replied with a smile, "You forget Mr. President, here it is a local call."

The history of Judaism is filled with the awareness that Jews have a special relationship with God and a unique role in history. The products of Jewish civilization and the process of Jewish survival through the ages, point to a people endowed with distinction. Jewish history frequently defies the natural order and partakes of the supernatural in that it follows its own course, untroubled by the rules of history and sociology.

Call it a miracle, call it what you will, it is there for all to see and admire.

B'shalom,
Rabbi HARV



Rabbi Harv

Birthdays

None

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I was devastated when I found out that my wife was having an affair. But by turning to religion, I found solace and comfort. I converted to Islam. We're stoning her to death tomorrow morning.

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Helping our military.

Save the used postage stamps from letters you receive. Cut them off of the envelopes, leaving about ½” border around the stamp. They are used as occupational therapy by our military hospitals. Give them to Ilene Kaplan. She will see that they get to where they are needed.

Ways and Means

Because of its past success, we will be repeating our “Eat & Meet” at **Chili’s** on **July 12, 2012** and **November 15, 2012**. Pick up the necessary forms at the Friday night or Havdalah services. Or call Ilene Kaplan or Carol Sherman to get some. Be sure to pass them out to your friends and neighbours. It won’t cost them any money and will help our treasury.

Please continue to save recyclable plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Give them to, or call, Ilene Kaplan when you have some to donate. You may also bring them to the Friday night or the Havdalah services.

The KFC fund raiser will end at the end of May. Take a form with you when you go, and give it to the order taker. Our temple will get a percentage of the net profits of our purchases.

Thanx to Rabbi Harv for his donation of Girl Scout candies. They sold out at the last Havdalah.

Sisterhood

The May Sisterhood meeting was a success, with 11 members present. The next sisterhood meetings are on May 22 and June, 19, 2012. As usual they will be held at the Sun Lakes Atrium in the main club house at 11:30 am. It is a wonderful, relaxing way to get together with the women of our temple and spend some time “schmoozing” and enjoying each other’s company.

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The plan to create a wall hanging is progressing. Martha Benoff is working out the details. It will consist of a central Judaic picture, surrounded by squares of about 6" X 8".

Please bring non-perishable food items to the Friday night or the Havdalah services, for the church's food bank. Leave them in the receptacle in the kitchen or ask a board member where to place them. The church appreciates the donations and will distribute the items to needy families.

The church always includes a notice of our Friday night services in all of their newspaper advertising. For that, we thank them greatly.

The squares on the wall hanging will be sold to anyone who wants to buy one. The purchaser will decorate each square, using a felt tipped pen. Any message or decoration may be placed in the square, as long as it is not offensive, considered in poor taste, or otherwise objectionable, by the board. The squares will be sewn together and surround the central picture. The wall hanging will expand as the need dictates.

It will be displayed in the Fireside Room at the church during all Temple events. The price will be \$10.00 for each square. Two squares will cost \$15.00. Non-members of the Temple may buy a square for \$15.00 or two for \$25.00. More details will be disseminated later.

There will be a special congregational meeting in July. At the meeting our new budget and board will be discussed. It is the most important meeting of the year. Please plan to attend. More details in the next issue of "The Messenger".

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Cantorial soloist Kathy Gordon will officiate at our high holidays services this year. Kathy conducted our services last year and did a wonderful job. The dates this year are September 16 & 17 and 25 & 26.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

This year the Temple is selling New Year greetings ads that will be displayed in the Messenger. The messages will appear in both the August and September issues of the publication.

Fill out the flyer enclosed in this issue. Be sure to circle the ad or adds that you desire. Print your name(s) (up to two names) in the appropriate place on the flyer. Send it to the address shown on the flyer. Include a cheque for the full amount with your submission.

This is a wonderful way to wish everyone a happy New Year.



Havdalah service