

MCJC Megillah

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Rabbi's Notes: A Loving Presence

This month I'm shuffling off, not to Buffalo but to Philadelphia*, where I'll get my "Didn't Die" degree, actually an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on the occasion of it being twenty-five years since I was ordained. It's a traditional thing, this twenty-five year marker for rabbis. I vaguely remember those old guys (yes, all guys) at my ordination getting their DD's -- I could hardly imagine being twenty-five years older, much less rabbi-ing all that time. But, as they say, it flew right by... And here I am, grey hair, grandkids and all.

[*I'm heading to Philadelphia, to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, not to Hebrew Union College in New York, where I was ordained. It's a bit of a story why, and I'm restraining myself from telling it here...]

So of course I am reminiscing a bit. 1986, the year I was ordained, was the first year that the Conservative movement ordained a woman -- the wonderful Amy Eilberg. As I recall, it was touch-and-go for Amy until just about the last minute over there; ordaining women was still hotly contested in their seminary. Down at Hebrew Union College, where I was going to school, there were women, but there weren't yet openly gay or lesbian rabbinical students. One noted professor in particular refused to sign the ordination certificate of any student he thought was gay. Gay students I knew were minimally-closeted; but they couldn't be public about their partners -- until the day after ordination, at which time several came blazingly and beautifully out.

I sound old writing all this, and I am. Last year I was at a Hevra Kadisha conference, and at one point I realized that I was chatting away about funerals with three transgender rabbis. Baruch Hashem! At my ordination I was still in the first one-hundred women rabbis in the history of the world. Now how many kids growing up these days even know that there used to be male rabbis?

When I was ordained I was pretty hazy about what my own rabbinate was going to look like, though some nameless pull had kept me slogging through five years of school, and a whole lot of loan money, to get there. As many of you know, while in school I had been quite involved with advocacy among homeless people in LA, and after I was ordained I went right back to work as a paralegal at Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. When people would ask me, "Why aren't you working as a rabbi?" I would say (indignantly, of course) "I AM working as a rabbi."

Now there are a lot of rabbis who have jobs as advocates -- both in Jewish organizations and outside them, as I was. Rabbis work as labor organizers, on economic justice campaigns, on Israel/Palestine matters and more. Today there is a professional chaplaincy, which there barely was Back Then -- putting many rabbis in hospitals, jails and prisons, nursing homes, in the military and more. And there are rabbis who work as teachers of chant, meditation, kabbalah and such, making their livings not with one congregation or organization but traveling from one to the next. There are also five or six non-orthodox rabbinical seminaries, and then there are rabbis who will teach private students and ordain them. So the whole profession is a lot more diverse and interesting than it was in 1986, as, I think, is the Jewish community today.

But I didn't end up going any of those routes. To my amazed joy I ended up being invited by this very interesting little Jewish community on the Mendocino Coast to come up and lead High Holy Day services for a number of years, and then -- just as I had reached my absolute emotional end with Skid Row -- to actually move up and be their rabbi. And I never left!

So as I get to my 25-year mark in the rabbinate, I find myself ruminating that this wasn't the career trajectory that I

expected when I entered Hebrew Union College in 1980. But actually, I remember my admissions interview (yikes!) This was before I knew from Skid Row, before I interned at Beth Chayim Chadashim, the gay and lesbian shul in LA, which I dearly loved, long before I knew any of you. I was 22 years old, and I didn't know which end of the Torah was the top. I remember this panel of rabbis asking me what kind of rabbinate I aspired to. I responded nervously that I had no idea, but I figured I would like to do something somewhere on the margins. I remember using that word, not even knowing what I meant.

Recently, after not thinking about it for decades, that conversation came back to me, and I see that a through-line for me has been a kind of joy and challenge with a life on the margins. MCJC looms large for me in the day-to-day, but we are a small community on the edge of the continent. What we do here doesn't necessarily shake the power-centers of the world, but we can do them deeply and thoroughly.

I was just reading a little thing about inventors of little home-fabricators, a bit like the Vac-U-Form of my childhood, where you can make your own i-pod holder or something, rather than buying one made in a factory in China. I relate to the idea of home-fabrication. A conversation here, a little group of three or four there, a book that gets passed around, an idea that someone floats and then it doesn't get taken up for awhile... it begins to mount up into something. Small, slow, deep...

Which takes me in thought back to my Catholic Worker roots, to the idea of "personalism," a French philosophy, also pretty marginal, which the Workers liked to cite. I never really understood it then, but I think I do now, a bit better. I think the idea is that change in the world actually happens person-to-person, in the context of relationships. Small, slow, deep.

A big part of my work in LA was being a "street paralegal," working with a team of lawyers who were suing LA County over and over to try to make them support homeless people and get them off the street. I walked Skid Row (and Venice Beach and South Central LA) all day long talking to people -- taking hand-written legal testimony, shaking the trees in the welfare office to get someone a hotel voucher for a night, trying to organize homeless people to advocate for each other. If you would have asked me at the time, I would have said that my goal was to end homelessness, at least in Los Angeles.

But in far-retrospect, my actual work there wasn't so different than my work up here (less fragrant...) -- it was a personalist enterprise, a bunch of individual relationships. It was a meal, a place to stay for a night, a story told and heard, a bit of relief that came from friendly and caring interactions. These relationships in turn fueled the legal advocacy, which then, in its noble and inefficient way, sometimes forced the machinery of State to shift a bit. For a while the laws got better, and then they got worse. The political landscape changed a lot, but the power of community and connection and care never did.

As I've slowly been fabricated into the funny little rabbi I am today, I appreciate the intensity of these "materials" more than ever. The difference between enduring a challenge alone and unheard and facing the same challenge supported with loving presence seems inestimable to me today. I also think that the web of interaction and relationship we forge out herein the redwoods, like the relationships my coworkers and I helped to build in LA, does have some small, inefficient power to affect the larger society. For example, our little hevra kadisha has been a bit of an inspiration to the nationwide HK movement going today. Our women's retreat has exported rituals and such to other communities. But really I think more and more that loving presence, community, connection -- they are an end, not just a means.

I agonize every day over shortfalls -- my own and others' -- in offering loving attention to people in our community, and points beyond, in times of joy and need. But I also step back regularly and take delight in the many ways we have worked out to be present for each other over years and decades of life together.

I just glanced back at what I've written so far, and I see that I haven't used the word "Jewish" once yet. But actually it's woven throughout; Jewish sources, Jewish tradition, Jewish values and practice are the schooling we've chosen -- and quite a potent choice indeed, I'd say -- to cultivate the practice of offering loving presence in community. Jewish is the blueprint for the fabricator of the life we are constructing together, layer by layer.

Still and all I have to remind myself, and sometimes I have to try to believe, that loving presence is both a human offering and at the same time something both larger and subtler than whether I or any one of us remembers to make that phone call or show up for that party. Each life is wide and deep and profound. Without the sweetness of others' care, life for any of us would at times be unbearable. But even with it, there is more -- more need and also more presence. At this little breathing point in my own checkered path, I think that I am only beginning to understand a little bit of what we can and can't be for each other. And so, with that question at the forefront, onward to the next twenty-five...



Elder's Walk and Dinner

Elders of all ages are invited for a walk on the Big River haul road and dinner at the Mendocino Cafe on Wednesday, June 22 (the second-longest day of the year) -- walk at 4:00 and dinner at 6:00. The Big River Haul Road is wide and even and has very little elevation change. It offers a glorious view of the river below and its birds, otter, seals and more (bring your binoculars if you wish...) We will meet at the yellow gate at the entrance to the Haul Road. The road is on the immediate north side of Big River, just south of Mendocino -- from Highway One turn east (away from the ocean) and go to the bottom of the hill. Turn left there and proceed along the very rutted road until you can't drive any further, about 1/4 mile. You'll see the yellow gate ahead of you, slightly to your left. We can walk as far as we all wish. Then we'll convene for dinner at the Mendocino Cafe at 6 PM. As always, come for the walk or the dinner or both. Please let Margaret know if you can join us for either part or both -- mholub@mcn.org or 937-5673. (mh)

Jewish Women's Retreat Crosses The River

MCJC's 22nd annual Jewish Women's retreat will be Thursday, August 11 through Sunday, August 14. Excerpts below from the retreat invite -- for the whole thing, including a registration form, contact Harriet at bysawyer@mcn.org or 937-0078.

First the headline: we are "going forth" to a new place -- moving from our longtime home at Camp Masonite-Navarro to River's Bend Retreat Center, down the road in Philo. Before you even read further, note your response to this news: are you excited? Resistant? Worried? Curious? Are you attached to the way things have been? Relieved to get out of former aggravations? Is this whole retreat new for you, so that stories of past dwellings mean little? How will this change affect us?

Our theme this year will be YETZIAH -- "GOING FORTH" -- as in yetziat mitzrayim, "going forth from Egypt/the Narrow Place..." Every Friday night in the Shabbat kiddush we are told to "remember the exodus from Egypt." At Passover we reenact our ancestors' liberation from slavery. At the seder we say, "In every generation it is incumbent upon us to see ourselves as though we went forth from Egypt." Philosopher Emil Fackenheim calls yetziat mitzrayim the "root experience" of the Jewish people.

All of us have experiences of YETZIAH -- leaving the known for the unknown. In fact, we experience YETZIAH in ways large and small -- getting out of tight moments during the day and leaving traumatic places of constriction and oppression at key moments in our lives. We as individuals experience YETZIAH, and whole families, tribes and peoples do as well.

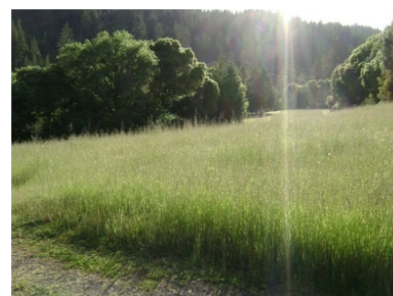
Hopefully YETZIAH leads to freedom, growth and wisdom. But it almost always involves loss as well, and we may run into places of confusion along the way. How has each of us experienced leaving the known and going forth into the unknown? How do we know when it is time to leave? What do we need to carry with us? Who and what are left behind? How do we find our way? How are we changed? How do we look back and tell the story? This is our material for exploration this year -- and, as ever, we will use Jewish sources, rituals old and new and our own hearts' wisdom to lead us forward.

About the news of our move to River's Bend: for a few years now we've been looking for a place to retreat together which would retain our close-to-the-ground roots and our Mendocino Coast-ish locale and would be a little cleaner and more comfortable for us as we get older every year. This year we thought we would return to Camp Masonite-Navarro, but when news came of its impending sale, we started looking for a new place with more energy. River's Bend Retreat Center is an old friend -- it is the new incarnation of the Wellspring Renewal Center, a place where many of us have retreated, attended celebrations and more in years past. It's beautiful, it's sweet, it has a great vibe, and it has a wide range of accommodations, from the pretty-posh to camping out. And it's new to our retreat community -- which means a little bit of YETZIAH for all of us as we go forth and inhabit a new landscape together. This move, combined with some new leadership in our retreat*, means that it's a perfect year to reflect on going forth.

* If you are new to our retreat community, or you missed last year, you may not know that Deena Zarlin has made an "exodus" after twenty-one years of retreat-leading, and Harriet Bye has stepped into the background a bit, still doing her heroic work as our registrar. Meanwhile Ellen Robin and Betty Braver have "come forth" as co-planners. And Margaret remains, as ever, thinking of weird things for her co-conspirators to try to make actually happen...And of course Kate and her crew will be there with us, preparing her beautiful organic meals for us.

You can visit River's Bend virtually at; <http://www.riversbendretreat.org/group-retreats.html> Where you will find descriptions of housing options with photos. Costs: Includes housing, meals, and all retreat events:

		Women under 30
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Lodge	\$400.00--\$425	\$300
Rustic Cabin	\$350.00--\$375	\$275
Tent Cabin	\$265.00--\$280	
Camping	\$250.00--\$275	\$220

A few partial work scholarships will be available on an as needed basis. If you would like to include extra money for scholarships, it would be greatly appreciated. (We wish fees were less. We still feel it's a wonderful price for 3 nights, organic meals, and fabulous teachings.) Anyone registering after 7/1, please include a 10% late registration fee. This year as in 2010, registration is limited to 60 participants. We anticipate a waiting list so if you really feel you want to be here, send your registration! (mh)

SHAVUOT 5771 -- Half-Night of Festivities

The night of June 7 begins Shavuot, beloved festival of first fruits and matan Torah, the revelation of Torah at Mount Sinai. We're changing formats slightly this year – meeting in Andrea Luna's cozy home in Noyo Harbor, staying up to greet the holy moment of midnight rather than dawn. We'll start at 7:30 PM with a short evening service, then we will create and light yizkor candles to invite in the presence of our dead loved ones. The bulk of the evening, from 9:00 to just before midnight, will be given to study of the book of Ruth -- a romance (but between whom and whom?) a harvest tale and a story with hints of the Messiah and worlds beyond.

Then midnight prayer, under the stars if there are any -- and a blintz breakfast!

As always, come for any part you wish. Info? Call Luna at 964-1187 (h), 962-9180 (w) or 972-4494 (cell) or at aluna@mcn.org.

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MCJC Board Meeting Dates

The next MCJC Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29th, 6:30 pm . If you would like to attend the meeting please call the shul at 964-6146.(mc)

Mitzvah Freezer

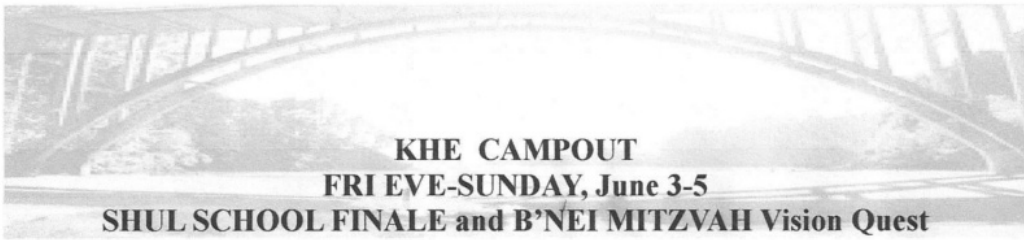
If you need food from the freezer contact one of the Bikkur Cholim committee Mina at 937-1319 or mcohen@mcn.org, Fran Schwartz at 937-1352 or franmie@cs.com, or Karen Rakofsky at 937-5522 or nerak@mcn.org. You can access the freezer anytime. (mc)

Kabbalat Shabbat

In June we will be celebrating our home Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner on Friday, June 17th at the home of Shelly Martin in Albion . Please call her at 937-4848 for directions and to let her know you are coming. In July our host will be Susan Hofberg. The monthly Kabbalat Shabbat includes a song-filled short service that begins at 6:00 pm and is followed by a pot luck vegetarian dinner. If you would like to host this wonderful event in your home in future months, contact Mina at 937-1319. (mc)

Torah School

In June the inland families will be coming to the coast for a camp out the first weekend in June. If you want to attend either for the tisch or to spend the night, contact Stacy Pollina at 961-6037. (mc)



LOCATION: Beautiful RUSSIAN GULCH STATE PARK, near MENDOCINO, with access to the ocean as well as a hike inland to a waterfall.

ALL MEALS will be prepared for you! - Friday evening through Saturday night. The program concludes Saturday night, but many of us will be sleeping over and packing up in the morning. We don't need to leave until noon on Sunday.

Reserve your spot now! \$60 per family covers the campsite for Friday through Sunday until noon. This is a good deal less than the cost to book a campsite on your own for two nights. (The parks doubled their fee!) Check-in starts at 2 pm.

Food: \$25 per person 13 and over; \$12.50 per child. This includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper, and campfire, and Sunday breakfast. Snacks are not included.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW by contacting David Koppel, 485-8910 or davekoppel@yahoo.com and then returning the form below with a check made out to KHE and earmarked "KHE Campout- 2011" to cover the costs of campsite and food. Send to KHE Campout Weekend, P.O. Box 416, Redwood Valley, CA 95470.



Name of Family _____	# of family members _____		
Description	cost	Quantity	Total
Campsite per Family (Friday and Saturday)	\$60	\$	_____
Food for Adults – 4 meals (13 and older)	\$25each x _____	\$	_____
Food for Children 4 meals (4 to 12 years old)	\$12.50each x _____	\$	_____
		Total: \$	_____

We will arrive Friday afternoon, set up tents (we have some extra tents for those without--let us know if you need one), enjoy Shabbat dinner together followed by a celebration, including preparing our bnei mitzvah for their own adventure. Saturday morning, we'll have a leisurely breakfast and more holiday celebration together, and after lunch, (the bnei mitzvah will have rejoined us by then) free time in the afternoon. We'll re-gather for supper and then havdalah and campfire fun (smores, singing and drumming!)

**TODAH RABAH! (Great Thanks)
For The Following Generous Contributors Who in the Last Month
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Dani Spievak; Mindy Rosenfeld & Hilleary Burgess; Nancy Harris; Bonnie Sarrow; Roberta Belson; Susan Tubbesing; Joan & Paul Kateff; Shirley Issel; Sue Siskin; Buzz Pamela Graham; Polly Green; Cecile Cutler; Betty Deutsch.

In memory of Cy & Harriet Block, family of Larry & Margy Bauman, from Shelley Martin.
To the Judith Meisel fund, in thanks to Michael & Soni Cohen for Pesach from Mina, Jeff, Elena & Yael. (dm)

Book Group

The book group will meet Monday, June 20th at 3:00 pm. Please call Fran Schwartz at 937-1352 if you wish to join us.

THE GOD THAT ISN'T

The God that isn't
is in the hospital
following the gurney
that's headed for the operating
room.

The God that isn't
is under the car
where the girl is pinned
after the accident.

The God that isn't
is in the trenches of war
alongside the boys
who huddle in fear.

The God that isn't
is on the ceiling
of the darkened bedroom
when you can't sleep.

The God that isn't
is or isn't
depending on where
life finds you.

- Jay Frankston



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We will be reading "[The Kabbalah of Stone](#)" by Irene Helen Reti. This novel takes place on the eve of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, when a rabbi struggles to save one of the birthplaces of Jewish mysticism in Girona. Help comes in the unexpected form of the biblical prophet, Huldah, and a Christian scribe who discovers his hidden Jewish identity. This selection is available at Cheshire Books in Fort Bragg and you can get a 10% discount if you mention the MCJC book group. (mc)

Prayer Book Dedications

If you would like to honor or remember someone, a dedication plate can be inserted in one of our prayerbooks at the shul. Cost for this is \$36. Please include information that you would like on book plate when you send your donation to P.O. Box 291, Little River 95456. (mc)

Megillah Thanks

Thank you to Jay and Monique Frankston for folding and mailing the May megillah. This is a task that you can do at home in about an hour or two. If you can help with this please contact Mina at 937-1319 or mcohen@mcn.org. (mc)



Reflections on Missing Miriam

Earlier this week, I stood on a hillside in Marin, covered with green grass and wildflowers, as the shrouded body of Miriam Grosman z'tl was lowered into the ground. Since then, I have been haunted by thoughts of Miriam.

I did not know Miriam very well, we had met in Mendocino through the MCJC about 15 years ago. Over the years, we had a few very pleasant and interesting conversations, and I always enjoyed seeing her. She was a remarkable woman in many ways. She was quite talented musically, with a voice like an angel, and had a strong gift for languages. She was intensely intelligent, but in a very quiet and unassuming way. I think that it would be fair to describe her as quirky, and this is something I am usually drawn to in a person.

I really don't feel that I can eulogize her. We were not close friends. Instead, I want to share some thoughts on friendship and some feelings of regret, which I hope might be worth reading.

The last time I saw Miriam was a little over a year ago at a Passover seder. She was recovering from cancer and had painful joint and back problems. We talked about getting together for a beverage, since I was spending a good deal of time working in the Bay Area and she was living in Berkeley. We exchanged a few emails and talked on the phone a couple of times, but never managed to find a time when we could both meet.

Then, I received a "*may her memory be a blessing*" email from Margaret, I had to read it a couple times before it started to sink in. I knew she was sick, but I didn't realize how sick. The last time I had spoken with her, she downplayed her cancer.

At her funeral, with her friends and family gathered in a circle, as too often happens, I found myself feeling "*I wish I had known that about her*" and "*I wish I had known her better*", and especially "*I wish I had made more of an effort to get together*".

I have been thinking about the thousands, or perhaps tens of thousands, of people we meet in the course of our lives, and the of impossibility of attaining any level of intimacy with most of them or of even staying of in touch. How different this must be, from the lives of our ancestors, where they lived their entire lives in a small village, or with a tribe or two, and met maybe a couple hundred of people and saw them continually from birth until death.

In our world, as we struggle to pay the mortgage, race from one obligation to the next and care for our kids (or our cats), it is not easy to make time to keep close to everyone we would like. Yet, I have a growing appreciation for how vital this is. In the course of the day, I know that it is more important to give Miriam a call than to find a replacement gas tank cap, but too often the gas tank cap wins out.

Not for the first time, I am promising myself that I will do more to reach out to people, to do better, at staying "in touch".

Two quotes have been running through my mind. The first one I have not been able to attribute: "*Our friends are the jewels with which we adorn our crown*". The second is from Walt Whitman: "*PASSING stranger! you do not know how longingly I look upon you, You must be he I was seeking, or she I was seeking. (it comes to me, as of a dream.) ... I am to see to it that I do not lose you.*"

When I have the chance to see a friend, I will endeavor to follow through, and when I do, I will remember Miriam, and this is one of the ways her memory will truly be a blessing for me. - Bob Evans

Shabbat Minyan

Every Saturday morning starting at 10:30a, there is a Shacharit (Morning) Service at the shul in Caspar, usually led by Rabbi Margaret Holub. The service is in English and Hebrew, including a short reading from the Torah scroll, but you don't need to know Hebrew to participate. It is a small, variable, and welcoming group. If you have Kaddish to say or Gomel (for surviving a dangerous experience), want to say a prayer for healing for yourself or someone else, or just want a little spiritual recharge, please join us. The service usually ends around 12:30p with Kiddish. R. Margaret always says to come and leave whenever you want. Come as you are, and leave renewed. (rge)

Stage Debut

This just in from Benna "Vashti" Kolinsky about her big-stage debut, alongside stage veteran Danny "Esther" Mandelbaum! Are we supposed to say, "Break two legs???" *I am hoping that you can let our beloved congregation know about the play, Southern Hospitality, that Danny and I are in. Opens this Friday the 27th and runs the 27th and 28th of May and the 3rd and 4th of June. Show time is 7 pm at the Philo Grange.* (mh)



Mendocino Maven

A huge Mazel Tov goes out to Deena Zarin, Judy Minkus and Sandy Glickfeld all of who are retiring after many years of service as local teachers. The Shadow's legions of ninja-like investigators are attempting to learn of their post pedagogic plans. More to come.

Jane Corey emailed the Maven from her IPOD (the Maven and the MCJC board of directors does not endorse any particular brand of mobile device) while aboard the Paris Metro, she remarked on the quality of French onion tarts and the French riparian lock system. She will be returning to Italy to continue her 3 month adventure.

I was delighted to learn that the [Google Translate](#) system has added Yiddish to the list of languages it can translate. Or in other words " איך איז געווען דילייטיד צו לערנען אז די גוגל זעץ סיסטעם האט צוגעלייגט יידיש צו די רשימה פון "שפראכן עס קענען איבערזעצן"

Donna Montag writes that she "was working in Santa Rosa and out for lunch with a co-worker. In Andronico's was Bob & Charlie Silverman taking Miriam Jacobs out for lunch. They had a nice visit; and sent a big hello to all of their friends here on the Coast, as well as Margaret".

Proud mother Luna writes that [Leka Dobbs](#) styled the April cover of [SF Mag!](#)

On May 7th, we lost a member of our community, Miriam Grosman, she was 54. Miriam was an active member of our community when she lived on the coast, and an occasional visitor after she had moved to Napa and then to Berkeley to care for her mother. Miriam was many things, among them a therapeutic body worker and a pastry chef. She is remembered here, perhaps best, as the teacher of Torah trope to that generation of Bar and Bat Mitzvah kids who are now in their 20's and 30's.

If you have simchas (joys) that you would like to share with the community, please email maven@mcjc.org The August Megillah is combined with the July edition, so if you have material you would like included in the August edition, please submit it by June 10th. - The Shadow



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