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DEMOCRACY AND TRUTH

Excerpted from Rabbi Goldman's Kol Nidre sermon

The ninth commandment reads: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. While the formal injunction is against committing perjury in a court of law, the commandment has long meant: Do not lie. Period. Unfortunately for us, it seems that the commitment to telling the truth has waned in some parts of our society. This has grave consequences from how people engage with public officials and elections, to disaster recovery.

In American life we have now entered, full force, into the election season. Free and fair elections are a human right and, according to the National Task Force on Election Crises, there are six elements needed for a fair election:

1. A free and fair election is nonpartisan in its organization and implementation.
2. All eligible voters can vote and have their votes counted.
3. The election is conducted in a manner consistent with the law of the land.
4. Voters have access to timely, accurate facts about the election.
5. Officials are given time to count all votes, including absentee and mail-in ballots.
6. People, including politicians, avoid making unsubstantiated claims about “rigging” or “stealing” the election.



Rabbi Shelley Goldman

The Biblical injunction “do not lie” is principally operative in elements 4 and 6: Voters have access to timely, accurate facts about the election and people avoid making unsubstantiated claims about “rigging” or “stealing” the election. Lying has no place in public life. I believe this as a Jew. I believe this as an American. I believe this as someone who wants to continue living in a democracy. Noted historian Heather Cox Richardson has written that: Lies establish dominance over people being lied to, because lies take away a person’s right to make good decisions about their own life.

In his 2017 book, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*, Yale historian Timothy Snyder advises that in times of crisis, professionals need to remember their professional ethics as one way to counteract the disastrous consequences of living under an authoritarian regime. While exploring life under the Nazis, Snyder writes: “If lawyers had followed the norm of no executions without trial, if doctors had accepted the rule of no surgery without consent, if businessmen had endorsed the prohibition of slavery, if bureaucrats had refused to handle paperwork involving murder, then the Nazi regime would have been much harder pressed to carry out the atrocities by which we remember it.”

Part of what makes lying in public life possible, part of what makes our current moment so precarious, are widespread feelings of isolation and social alienation. In her 2023 book, *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World*, Rabbi Sharon Brous explores our moment, with a particular eye towards the isolation of the internet age, with words from half a century ago by the Jewish holocaust refugee and political theorist Hannah Arendt.

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always welcomes comments from CoM congregants and invites you to attend its regular meetings, held monthly.

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"Terror can rule absolutely only over men who are isolated against each other...therefore, one of the primary concerns of all tyrannical governments is to bring this isolation about. Isolation may be the beginning of terror; it certainly is its most fertile ground; it always is its result.

"For Arendt, isolation is always impotence. The more limited our meaningful contact with one another, the more we lack the ability to act together toward the common good, let alone to respond effectively to the grave dangers we face. Alone and apart, we are powerless."

A possible antidote for our current moment is to situate ourselves in community. Ultimately, we will help to make our society stronger if we make our synagogue stronger. In October 2020, I was privileged to be on an organizing call with New Yorker staff writer Masha Gessen. At the time, Gessen reminded us that non-governmental organizations, principally social clubs and religious institutions, are the laboratories from which democracy grows. In the best of times, and in the worst of times, the strength of our organizations presage the health of our entire society.

This summer while attending an online panel organized by The Jewish Partnership for Democracy, I was astounded to learn that fully 70% of the world's population lives under authoritarian regimes and that global democracy peaked in about 2006. No matter the outcome of this current election, the project of maintaining and strengthening our own democracy will be a lifelong project for everyone in this room. Even a baby born tomorrow will need to engage in the important work of maintaining our connections with each other and strengthening our institutions, so that democracy can simply survive, though hopefully thrive.

After signing the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin was asked by a passerby on the street if the new constitution created a monarchy or a republic. Franklin quickly responded: "A republic, if you can keep it." He understood, even at the dawning of our nation, the need for constant maintenance of our sacred system.

As my teachers and rabbis advise in a new pamphlet entitled *Democracy, Judaism, and the Vote*: Our freedom and safety in America depend on the freedom and safety of all individuals and communities in this country. Not only must we strengthen our ties with our neighbors, and with those in our wider communities of Kalamazoo, Southwest Michigan and beyond, but we must be engaged with the processes of democracy.



We must be engaged in elections. We must remind ourselves and our neighbors that in most of the world (and throughout history), ballot counting takes many days. We must remind ourselves that close elections are nothing new and that the results may change as votes are processed and counted. We must remind ourselves and each other to keep focused on official results and information from reliable sources like election administrators and Secretaries of State offices.

In a recent post, Timothy Snyder wrote, “Democracy is not an easy form of government. It has none of the certainties of the various forms of tyranny. It demands that the governed as well as the governing make compromises, learn to listen and sometimes resist impulses.” Democracy is not an easy form of government but it sure beats all the available alternatives.

I would like to share a blessing penned for this moment by my colleague and friend, Rabbi Elyssa Cherney.

May we feel driven toward creating a world full of respect, kindness, and love.

Let us embody the vision we want to see realized.

While we note there is still so much to be done,

It is incumbent upon us to recognize that we are not alone.

We work in community with our families, our neighborhoods, our cities, our towns, our state, and our country.

We will not rest until our world looks better for the nation’s children.

Baruch atah ADONAI eloheinu melekh ha'olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu la'asok betzorkhei tzibur.

How full of blessing you are, Eternal One, our God, majesty of the Universe, who has consecrated us with Your commandments and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the community.

Rabbi Goldman

LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Sunday, November 3, 12:00 pm at CoM (following school)

Join us after school this Sunday as we show the movie, *The Book Thief*, based on the book by the same name. *The Book Thief* tells the story of an orphaned German girl and a young Jewish man sheltered during the Holocaust. It chronicles what they learned from each other and the friendship that endured. The film is rated PG-13 and the run time is 130 minutes.

We will be grilling kosher hotdogs for lunch, including fixings and vegetarian options. To help us with planning, please contact the CoM office by emailing comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org or call Kristil at 269-342-5463, and let us know how many will be attending.



Services and Events Calendar

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| Friday, November 1 | 6:17 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, November 2 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Genesis 11:1-32 Maf: Numbers 28:9-15 Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24 |
| Saturday, November 2 | 11:30 am | Tot Shabbat Family Services at CoM | |
| | | Kiddush set up and clean up | Tregerman/Weiner |
| Sunday, November 3 | 9:00 am | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Sunday, November 3 | 12:00 pm | Lunch and a movie at CoM: The Book Thief | |
| Wednesday, November 6 | 4:30 pm | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Wednesday, November 6 | 7:00 pm | Mussar class | |
| Friday, November 8 | 5:08 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, November 9 | 9:00 am | Shabbat Shacharit Services | Torah: Genesis 16:1-17:6 Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16 |
| | | Kiddush set up and clean up | Patrick/Strauss |
| Sunday, November 10 | 9:00 am | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Wednesday, November 13 | Noon | Lunch & Learn on Zoom, "Ease & Presence in a Climate-Changing World" | |
| Wednesday, November 13 | 4:30 pm | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Wednesday, November 13 | 7:00 pm | Oversight Board meeting | |
| Friday, November 15 | 5:02 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Friday, November 15 | 6:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat Services | |
| | | Oneg set up and clean up | Fogel/Kimmel-Kurtz |
| Saturday, November 16 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Services | Torah: Genesis 21:1-22:24 Sephardim: II Kings 4:1-23 |
| | | Kiddush set up and clean up | Deems/Ruterbusch |
| Sunday, November 17 | 9:00 am | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Sunday, November 17 | 4:00 pm | Joe Buchanan Concert at CoM | |
| Tuesday, November 19 | 7:00 pm | Colef Tzedakah Committee Meeting | |
| Wednesday, November 20 | Noon | Lunch & Learn on Zoom, "Ease & Presence in a Climate-Changing World" | |
| Wednesday, November 20 | 4:30 pm | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Friday, November 22 | 4:56 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, November 23 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Services and Text Study | Torah: Genesis 24:53-25:18 Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31 |
| | | Kiddush set up and clean up | Avner/Scheidt |
| Sunday, November 24 | 9:00 am | Okun Kalamazoo Community Jewish School classes | |
| Thursday-Friday, November 28-29 | | CoM Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday | |
| Friday, November 29 | 4:53 pm | Shabbat candle lighting time | |
| Saturday, November 30 | 9:30 am | Shabbat Services | Genesis 27:28-28:9 Haftarah: I Samuel 20:17,35-42 |
| | | Kiddush set up and clean up | Rubin-Behar/open |

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We profoundly thank all the above-named persons for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Endowed funds provide substantial support to the Synagogue year after year.

While most gifts are promised as bequests, all forms of Etz Chaim donations are welcomed. Our Congregation already is benefiting from the thoughtfulness of these past and current members as we address the substantial stress of today's financial challenges. This coming year we hope many more of you will join in this long-term, continuing support of our Jewish community. These gifts secure religious, educational, and social needs – even beyond our lifetimes. **The future of the Congregation of Moses depends on your generous actions today.**

For further information, please contact the synagogue office (269-342-5463), Stephen Grode (sgrode@congregationofmoses.org), or Brad Hershbein (bhershbein@congregationofmoses.org).

PLEASE NOTE!

New CoM office hours:

Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Family (Tot) Shabbat Services

Saturday, November 2, 11:30 am at Congregation of Moses

Rabbis Goldman and Schicker invite you and your little ones to join us for our relaunch of Tot Shabbat Services. All are invited - so bring some friends!

Please note that each month the location will alternate between CoM and TBI.



**You are Invited
to Tot Shabbat!**

**Join Rabbi Goldman
at CoM at 11:30 AM
on November 2,
January 11, March 1
and May 3**

**Join Rabbi Schicker
at TBI at 9:00 AM on
December 7,
February 1 and
April 5**

What's Happening at the Okun School?

October was an exciting month at the Okun School, with many holidays to learn about and celebrate. Our students dove headfirst into activities and lessons centered around each holiday. We appreciate Rabbi Goldman, Rabbi Schicker and Naomi Morse for leading engaging services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that were perfect for our kids. Thank you!



Sukkot emerged as a clear student favorite – perhaps due to the creative snacking involved! Armed with edible building supplies, students created their own mini sukkahs, a deliciously fun way to connect with the holiday.

During Religious School, Rabbi Goldman shared more Torah insights during Simchat Torah, ushering a few classes into the sanctuary to learn about the Torah's components and its sacred dressings.

The month concluded with a Simchat Torah celebration at TBI. Students participated in the service and enjoyed exploring the Torah while it was unrolled. They had many questions and liked finding the prayers they've been learning.

October may have been busy, but it was full of unforgettable moments and enriching experiences for our Okun School community.



Rabbi Goldman talks about the symbols on the Torah crowns with the 6th and 7th graders.



Students creating and eating edible mini Sukkahs.

"Ease and Presence in a Climate-Changing World" Lunch and Learn Series

Five sessions, presented on Zoom by Rabbi Ora Nitkin-Kaner, beginning Wednesday, November 13

How do I live with presence in a climate-changing world? It's hard to think of a more contemporary spiritual question. And yet, our tradition is dotted with ancestors who wrestled with many of the same underlying issues: How do I grieve without losing myself to grief? How do I act from a place of hope? How do I imagine more than just loss? How do I trust in the future?

In this five-week Lunch and Learn series, we will begin to answer these questions.



Get more information and sign up here, congregationofmoses.org/event-signup-dev/?EID=99249.

Save the Date! Hanukkah Market

**Sunday, December 15
9:00 am - 1:00 pm at CoM**

Calling all crafters, artists and creative folks in our community to join us for the annual Hanukkah market at CoM.

Tables to sell products cost \$15 and all fees benefit the Okun Jewish School. Any type of art or crafts are welcome, including food items (must not contain pork, shellfish, or meat).

Not a crafty person? Come stop by and support local artists and congregants. There will also be a table to purchase your basic Hanukkah supplies, including candles, gift wrap, dreidels and gelt.

For more information or to reserve a table, contact Rebecca Pollens at srpollens@yahoo.com.





Joe Buchanan

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 pm at Congregation of Moses

Texas-born and Southern-raised, Joe Buchanan makes country music that is steeped in Torah. Grounded in the idea that there is always room at the table, Joe's music highlights the values, Torah and history of the Jewish people to deliver stories about the struggle and triumph of the human spirit.

Joe grew up struggling with religion and his place in the world until one day – 13 years into their marriage – his wife revealed that she was Jewish during a trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. An exploration of faith led the way home for the whole family and ultimately led to Joe's debut album, *Unbroken*.

Since his conversion, he's toured the country leading prayers, concerts and workshops. Joe's goal is to help drive connection to what connects us all and to hold the door for other seekers.

Support for this concert was provided by the Ravitz Foundation Initiative for Small Michigan Jewish Communities, through the Jewish Federation of Kalamazoo and Southwest Michigan.

Buy tickets at: www.connectingchordsfestival.com/events/2024/joe-buchanan/

"Choosing to be Chosen" Lunch and Learn with Joe Buchanan will be on Sunday, November 17 at noon at TBI, and a free vegetarian buffet lunch will be served. Attendance is limited to 12 members from CoM and 12 from TBI. First come, first served, so **please email Naomi Morse, michish09@gmail.com** if you'd like to attend, and she'll confirm if you are one of the first 12 attendees.

Please Help Support Updates and Improvements at CoM

The continued success of CoM rests on the support of its members. We are embarking upon our first major capital campaign in over a decade as we work toward **two major renovation projects**.

First, we will be replacing all of our external doors as well as the sanctuary doors—almost all of which are original—to increase our safety and security. Second, we will be replacing many of the aging—and not completely functional—appliances in our kitchen, allowing us to continue preparing meals and onegs for special occasions. We are pleased to announce that we have already raised over \$40,000 in seed money from a few members of our congregation to fund these projects. We will need to raise an additional \$100,000 over the next three years.

Please remember the spirit of L'Dor v'Dor—from generation to generation—and respond generously to the annual High Holiday Appeal.

Please send back your pledge card or make your donation online at congregationofmoses.org/.

Thank you!

RABBI SUCCESS TEAM

Do you have feedback for or about Rabbi Goldman? We want her to be successful at Congregation of Moses, so if you have specific comments or feedback, here's what to do: You may contact Rabbi Goldman directly with your feedback or get in touch with a member of the Rabbi Success Team to schedule a time to talk.

The team members are:

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Andrea Johnson - redhead5318@gmail.com

Charlie Ofstein - call (269) 330-1866

Thank you!

November Celebrations

The Congregation of Moses wishes **mazal tov and yom huledet sameach** to our members who are celebrating anniversaries and birthdays this month. If you would like to be included in our monthly recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the office at 342-5463, or comofficemgr@congregationofmoses.org.

November Birthdays

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| November 5 | Michael Rocklin |
| November 8 | Rudy Ruterbusch |
| November 9 | Arthur Feinberg |
| November 9 | Montana Thommes |
| November 11 | Joan (Candi) Levene |
| November 11 | Naomi Verne |
| November 14 | Nava Haus |
| November 18 | Tema Lando |
| November 18 | Darlene Wolf |
| November 20 | Jenna Verne |
| November 21 | Jack Behar |
| November 21 | Troy Zukowski-Serlin |
| November 29 | Rebecca Gourwitz |
| November 29 | Joseph Hirschfield |
| November 29 | Paul Solomon |



November Anniversaries

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| November 9 | Jenna & Richard Verne |
| November 23 | Judy & Lowell Seyburn |
| November 24 | Tamis & Gary Kushner |
| November 27 | Saraphoena & Michael Koffron |

Thank You!

I deeply appreciate the many cards, calls and messages of love and support we received after the death of my beloved brother. We are so grateful for the depth of caring in this community.

~ **Carolyn Kennedy**

Mishpacha

Donations have been made by the following individuals and families.

Condolences to Mike Northrop on the loss of his wife, Julie

Gary Adelman, Michelle & Alan Angel, Pnina & Judah Ari-Gur, Cindy & Larry Beer, Maxine & Neal Berke, Judy Davis & Al Rosenthal, Valerie Eisenberg, The Fischell Family, Diane & Harvey Fogel, Emily Freed & Brad Hershbein, Sallie & Ken Goodman, Rabbi Shelley Goldman & Kieran Kiley, Beth & Stephen Grode, Wilma Kahn & Phil Horwich, Rae Lee Howard, Diane & Bruce Minsley, The Ruterbusch Family, Judy & Lowell Seyburn, Joanne Simon, Shirley Wise

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Condolences to Carolyn & Brad Kennedy on the loss of Carolyn's brother, Barry Arkush, *Tema & Rob Lando*

Condolences to Laurel & Charlie Ofstein on the loss of Laurel's father, Walter Fitzhugh, *Nan Goldenthal*

Condolences to Patrick Welbourne on the loss of his wife, Susan, *Robyn Levene*

Condolences to Jason & Jamie Howard on the loss of their daughter, Jenna, *Robyn Levene*

In Memory

In memory of my brother, Russell Deutsch, *Michelle Angel*

In memory of my husband, Ed Goldenthal, *Nan Goldenthal*

In memory of my father, Robert Goodman, *Ken Goodman*

In memory of my grandmother, Martha Loeser, *Marjorie Gaynor*

In memory of my mother, Eva Halpert, *Diane Field*

In memory of my father, Ben Halpert, *Diane Field*

In memory of my mother, Cecile Cohen, *Alan Cohen*

In memory of my grandparents, Anne & Aaron Cohen, *Alan Cohen*

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November 2-8 (1-7 Cheshvan)

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November 9-15 (8-14 Cheshvan)

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November 16-22 (15-21 Cheshvan)

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| Sylvia S. Badt* | Fayga Hyman* | Jerrold M. Raffel |
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| Morris Dinerman* | Manuel M. Konigsberg* | Eva Stein* |
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November 23-29 (22-28 Cheshvan)

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| Israel Blasky* | Dr. William Haus | Meyer Reingold* |
| Miriam Brot* | Nathan Heckman* | Abraham Schwartz |
| Lucy Anna Feinberg | Sheila Kaufman | Rabbi Abraham Tuchman* |
| Agnes Halpert* | Ruth LaVene* | Sophia Willage* |

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Find Your Yahrzeits Online

Now you can find all yahrzeits listed on the CoM website for the current week, as well as the entire year. The list is also searchable by name. Find your yahrzeit name and date anytime by visiting this page: congregationofmoses.org/yahrzeits



Independence. Dignity. Self-determination.

Colef

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The Colef Fund of the Congregation of Moses supports programs locally, nationally and globally that address hunger, poverty, homelessness, literacy, joblessness, health, education and building safe communities.

The Colef Fund will match your donations dollar-for-dollar, up to a yearly total of \$250 per family (minimum \$50) to any of the nonprofits listed below. Gifts made anytime from January 1 – December 31, 2024 will be matched!

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United Way of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek

Urban Alliance

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Yad Ezra V'Shulamit

YWCA of Kalamazoo

The Colef Fund has previously supported each of the organizations listed.

How to get your donation matched by the Colef Fund

Send the following information along with a copy of your donation receipt from 2024 to:

Congregation of Moses, Attn Colef Fund, 2501 Stadium Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Or email: coleffund@congregationofmoses.org.

Include this information please:

- Your name, address, email address and phone number
- Amount to be matched
- Organization name, and a receipt or acknowledgement of your donation

Please **make your gifts by December 31, 2024** to have them matched. The maximum to be matched by the Colef Fund is \$250 per family per year.

Find us online at coleffund.org