

Rabbi's Column

A fairly brief series of thoughts this week:

This week's Torah portion contains the words, "a person does not live by bread alone, but by anything supplied by God does a person live." The original context references the Manna which was received by the Israelites during the wilderness journey, as being something healthy enough to keep a person alive, according to God who provided it. I'd like to expand this verse a bit, so that it says "a person does not feel alive merely from those things which they choose to focus upon. A person may feel alive from those, providing that their choices agree with what God has in mind to help make the world a better place. However, the more accurate statement is that it is God's set-up of the choices in the first place, providing options which will sustain life in a life-affirming way, which enables a person to choose how to acquire the food they consume (which bread stands for). May it be God's will that the choices you make for how you sustain your sustenance be life affirming ones.

The programming year has begun once more. As a reminder, if there is a class you would like to see offered, please let Rabbi Larry know.

Andrea and I, along with Dr. Jason Bloomberg and other members of Cheyenne Interfaith Community went to take a tour of the new Mormon Temple in Fort Collins. There may eventually be some pictures forthcoming of that event, although most of the inside could not be photographed by us during the tour.

If you would like to help out during the High Holiday season, or if you would like to learn to lead part of regular Shabbat services, please let either Rabbi Larry or Jeff Weinstein know.

If you want to help blow shofar this year, please let Rabbi Larry know.