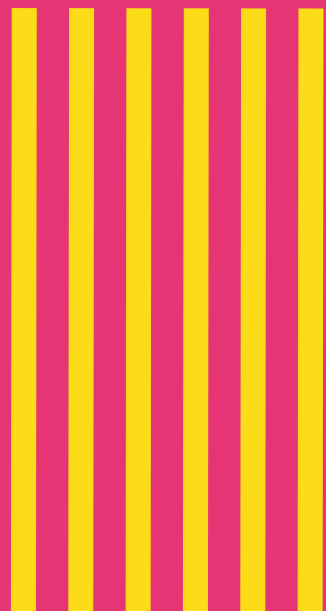


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HAPPY PURIM





Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Joshua Kalev

Senior Rabbi

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By the time you are reading this, I am happy to share that I will be done with my chemotherapy treatments. Thank you so much to the many of you who made the last many months so bearable with your constant outreach, delicious ice cream deliveries, and nonstop kindness. I am excited to now look forward to the next stage of my journey which includes targeted therapy (with no side effects) and getting my voice back.

As many of you might have heard, one of my vocal chords was affected during this process. Luckily, with today's medical technology, my voice should be restored. However, with greater technology comes more questions and decisions. I have been told by my doctor that as they repair the vocal chord, they can adjust vocal pitch and intonation (tone) so that my voice has the ability to sound any way I would like - or, more specifically, like anyone I would like. They even have the ability to produce a certain dialect, but my family felt that was going overboard (and it is definitely not covered by insurance). This new technology is now one of the reasons they ask all Grammy winners to prove they have not had voice altering surgery.

So, my family and I have had long conversations about whether or not I should change my voice as it could truly make a huge difference in my singing ability for the future. Of course, my son would like me to have Dwayne Johnson's voice and my daughter would like me to sound like Daveed Diggs, but Selilah and I really don't care. We have listened to so many "sample" voices that the doctors have sent us that it becomes harder over time to make a decision... and, it feels so significant!

In considering CTJ's future, it would be wonderful for me

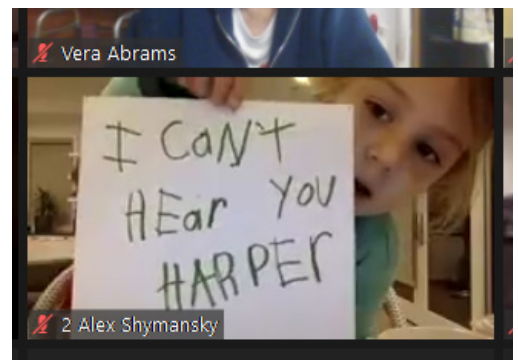
to have a voice that could easily accompany Cantor Beth on the bimah. As Cantor Beth's duties shift and change, I know it would be welcomed by our leadership to have a rabbi that could also help assist with cantorial duties when needed. I am sure Cantor Beth also wishes her bimah partner could better help out with recitations of Kol Nidre and other difficult liturgical pieces.

To be totally honest, I also have thought about what it would be like to do voice overs. I have always loved those iconic voices like Mel Blanc, Frank Welker, James Earl Jones and even Elwood Edwards (the "You've Got Mail" guy). Hollywood is in desperate need of for voice over actors and I think it could be a fun way to make extra money for our CTJ community.

I try not to write personal articles where I share my "issues" but I thought it might be helpful to hear from our very wise CTJers as to what they would do in this circumstance... is there a voice I should consider or should I just go back to the Josh Kalev voice of old? I am so blessed to have one of the top doctors in this field overseeing my care and I cannot believe I live in a day and age where such technology exists.

I will admit - as a Rabbi, it is hard not to think about sounding like Neil Diamond, Adam Sandler, or even someone like David Ben Gurion. But, like with any pretty permanent decision, I really need to weigh my options and try not think about just this moment, but the future as well. Thank you in advance for your ideas and consideration - what an exciting moment this is for me and my family. Wishing you a wonderful Purim and a very happy start of Spring.

Rabbi Kalev



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Stacy Young
CTJ Social Action

Social Action! ◆◆◆

Even in the face of Omicron, CTJ still rises to the call to action - at this time a severe blood shortage.

In January, we were able to completely fill the blood drive sign-up schedule with 55 volunteers (48 successful donations) And thanks to the concurrent parking lot "Essentials Drive" collecting clothing, food, toiletries and more we were able to deliver a heaping load of donated goods to the Downtown LA Mission. The next date for Bloodmobile and Essentials Drive at CTJ is Sunday, May 1.

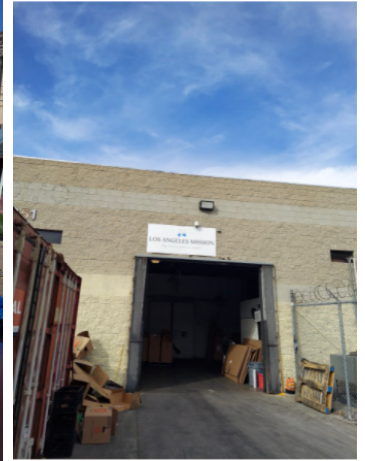
MARCH is South Bay Michael Mitzvah Month, with the theme "Pick Your Own Mitzvah"
For the Grand Finale on 3/27: Blood drive at Temple Menorah plus clothes sorting, Beach Cleanup, and Habitat Torrance Restore service day at 1 pm with Restore collection drive (household and furniture)

We continue to prepare hot meals "to go" on the third Tuesday a month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. Coming up: March 15, April 19 2-5pm.

And there is always something to do. Please let the office or Hildy Stern (hildy.stern@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out with CTJ's Chesed group to support our own community in need. Or let the office or Laura Pinsky (laurap4rbiz@verizon.net) know if you would like to get involved knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. Jewish World Watch (jww.org) needs your support for global efforts to End Genocide. Contact Gwen.Wexler@ctjmb.org for more information on how to get involved. As always, to bring new project ideas, or for anything else Social Action, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.



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Why I'm #TeamVashti (but also #TeamEsther a little bit too)

When I was a little girl I always wanted to dress up as Queen Esther for Purim - just like many of my friends who were girls. Esther was brave and beautiful and the whole book with the story of Purim is named after her. Also, my mom's gorgeous white prom dress, which could have been mistaken for a simple but pretty wedding dress, was in my dress up box and I looked for any excuse to wear it out of the house.

But there are two queens in the Purim story and they are BOTH brave and beautiful. As the book of Esther begins, King Ahasuerus throws a seven day long banquet. (read: drunken shenanigans). The Tanach (the complete Jewish bible including the writings) describes elegant decor and plentiful wine. After seven days of drinking with the boys, King Ahasuerus demands that Vashti come display herself for his friends.

On the seventh day, when the king's heart was merry with wine, he ordered Mehuman, Bizzetha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains who ministered in the presence of King Ahasuerus to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the royal crown, to show the peoples and the princes her beauty, for she was of comely appearance. (Esther 1:10-11)

Vashti refuses the King's command - at great risk to herself. Women had little agency or power at that time, even queens. Vashti must know that the consequences will be severe, but she chooses to maintain her dignity and to not allow herself to be objectified and paraded before the men. The King's advisors tell him that this cannot be allowed to stand, that he must make an example of Vashti, lest all the women get the idea that they may disobey their husbands. She must be

dethroned, and her royal title given to a better woman. The King agrees, and that is the last we hear of Vashti. Perhaps she was executed, or perhaps she was "only" exiled, but a single woman would not have had many opportunities to rebuild a decent life at that time.

The King throws a beauty pageant to choose a new queen and chooses Esther. Later in the story, when the king's right hand man Haman has decreed that all of the Jews in the kingdom will hang, Esther's cousin Mordechai encourages her to speak to her husband the King. Esther is terrified, because not only is the fact that she is a Jew unknown to the king, but because anyone who comes before the king without being summoned can be killed, even the queen. She has not been summoned in 30 days. But even so, with the risk of execution hanging over her, she goes to the King and begs him to save her people.

Both queens are incredibly brave. Both risk their lives, Vashti to stand up for herself and her dignity and Esther to stand up for her people. Both of these fierce women are heroes and role models.

These days I'm mostly #TeamVashti, because I always favor the underdog, and also because I am usually decent at standing up for others. I need a little more Vashti in me sometimes, to stand up for myself. But I can relate to those that are #TeamEsther because standing up for our communities and neighbors is also critically important - and very Jewish.

This Purim, and in all our days, may we each be like Vashti, who stood up for herself, and also like Esther who stood up for her people. May we go forward in bravery.





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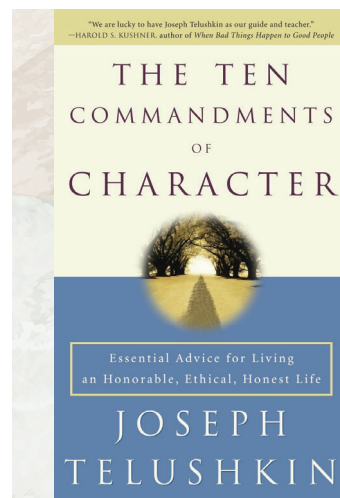
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