

RELIGION



RABBI'S VIEW >>
JEREMY WEISBLATT

The sukkah, a reminder of life's fragility

THE FALL is in full swing. The kids are back in school. We're all back to the grind. It's time for football-watching on Monday and Thursday nights and Sundays.

Ah, autumn.

But in the frenetic fall, it is all too easy to get lost in the shuffle and miss the change of the seasons.

Just as this change takes place, Jews are called to stop, look and embrace this change. We celebrate the holiday known as Sukkot, one of three harvest holidays in the Jewish calendar. It begins just five days after Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar.

The Torah tells us to "dwell for seven days in sukkot," the Hebrew word for "booths." So for seven days, beginning on the 15th of the month of Tishrei (sundown of Oct. 9 this year), Jews observe Sukkot.

Sukkot marks the time when Jews used to bring offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. It is also intended to remind the Jewish people of the Exodus from Egypt, when God "made the Israelites dwell in

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THEATER >> A FINAL PERFORMANCE



Actor Bryce Lenon relocated from Los Angeles to Culpeper three years ago. His play, 'Acts the 3-Man Show,' brings New Testament figures to life.

Biblical drama in Culpeper

BY DONNIE JOHNSTON
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

"Acts the 3-Man Show: A New Testament Stage Epic" will be performed at Culpeper's Eastern View High School on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2:30 p.m..

The Culpeper show will be the Christian play's final performance on its 2014 East Coast tour.

The show—the brainchild of actor-director Bryce Lenon—premiered in Los Angeles in 2011 and has played all over the United States since then. A year later, Lenon moved his family to Culpeper and says he is looking forward to performing in his adopted hometown.

"I can't wait to bring the show here," Lenon said. "The local support for it is already evident and has showed me how quickly and passionately a small, vibrant community can rally around an important Christian theater project."

"MY DREAM OF DOING FILM, TV AND STAGE IN L.A. AND NEW YORK CHANGED INTO A DESIRE TO ACT, WRITE AND DIRECT FOR CHRIST."

—BRYCE LENON

Lenon, who was born in Minnesota but grew up in England, moved to California when he was 15. He has had acting roles in a number of movies, including "Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties" and "The Seduction of Will." He has also appeared on such TV shows as "Cold Case" and "Crossing Jordan."

Three years ago, he decided to get out of the Hollywood rat race and move to Culpeper.

"Living in Los Angeles was exciting

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FAITH COMMUNITY NOTES

SPOTSVYLVANIA COUNTY
Craig's Baptist Church, 14123 W. Catharin Road, will hold the Annual Harvest Festival and Craft Fair in the Community Life Center on Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with hay rides, pumpkin patch, games, baked goods, cake walk and more. **Broccoli Fest** will be served at 1 p.m. 540/854-5284; craigsbaptistchurchva.org.

The Christian Women's Ministry of Piney Branch Baptist Church will hold a woman's Conference on Oct. 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is free. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation. On Oct. 12, the Rev. Marketta Robinson of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Culpeper will be the guest speaker for the 11:30 a.m. women's service. All women are asked to wear black with pink accessories.

Zion Hill Baptist Church, 10411 Cocktown Road, will hold a breast cancer awareness "Walk for Life" on Oct. 11, noon to 3 p.m., with registration at 11:30 a.m. There will be a health care speaker, breast cancer survivors and Sister Tori McMurren will be guest speaker. A concert will be given by Solid Rock Baptist Church of Washington, accompanied by Pastor Mildred Joyce and Deacon Michael Banks

and Solo Tributes. There will also be food, games and fellowship. On Oct. 12, the 8:30 a.m. service will be "Worship in Pink" day with Sister Gillette McCall-Stallings of Piney Branch Baptist Church in Spotsylvania as guest speaker. 540/972-7115.

Faith Christian Center World Outreach, 10606 Benchmark Road, will host the RPJ Leadership Workshop 2014 on Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop is open to all ministers, deacons or church group leaders, and will be taught by Apostle Christine and Ella Rock. For registration information call 540/374-1251 or visit fcwcc.org.

Mount Olive Baptist Church in Partlow will hold a "Church Ladies and Their Hats" service on Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. Music will be provided by the Warriors of Faith and the Mighty Gospel Melodies of King George County.

Beulah Baptist Church, 5215 Arcadia Road, Woodford, will hold Annual Choir Day on Oct. 11 at 3 p.m. The Hour of Power Choir of St. John's Baptist Church and other local groups will be guests. Minister Walter Baker Jr. will be the worship leader.

Travelers Rest Baptist Church, Snell

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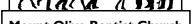
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Weekly Scripture Reading						
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10:1-22	16:18-17:13	72	73	75	82	85

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WEISBLATT: Being taken out of our comfort zone teaches a great lesson

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booths” in the desert.
Today, in the modern Jew celebrates Sukkot by building a *sukkah*—a temporary structure with a fragile roof—in the backyard of one’s home, as well as a communal *sukkah* at the local synagogue. (Beth Shalom Temple has a wonderful *sukkah*!)
During these seven days, Jews spend time in the *sukkah*, often hosting large meals and sometimes even sleeping in it. It is in the *sukkah* that the Jew may feel connected to an eternal truth—the need for permanent shelter, for a home.
Ancient Israelites, journeying through the desert,

had no sense of permanence, aside from the Divine who guided and sheltered them. Today, when we dwell in our *sukkah*, we are reminded of the fragility of life and the importance of not just shelter, but of home.
Taken out of our comfort zones, the *sukkah* reminds us of what it means to encounter the elements, by placing us at the mercy of our environment.
This is the beauty of the Jewish calendar. Only once short days after opening ourselves to God and each other, after promising ourselves that we will do better and remember those in need, we are forced outside

and away from our creature comforts.
Dwelling outside, we come to terms with our humanity and focus on our connection to the environment. In doing so, the Jew is reminded, in a very physical and visceral way, of the fragility of the blessings of life.
Faced with no longer just a spiritual but now a physical sense of discomfort, the process of *tikkun olam* (“repairing the world”) can begin in earnest. In this way, the Jewish calendar calls us to embrace the world as it is, not as one wants.
By forcing us to physically and spiritually connect

with the fragility of life, how can one be anything but moved to keep the promises of Yom Kippur?
As our ancestors were once guided in the desert, we, who are blessed in this country, use this sacred command to call us back to the work that is needed.
And so, as the weather cools, we use this week to remind us of our blessings and of our sacred duty to add a little more permanent shelter between this year and the next.
Rabbi Jeremy Weisblatt is the rabbi of Beth Shalom Temple in Stafford County. He lives in Fredericksburg. Readers may write to him at rabbi@bethsholomtemplefredricksburg.org.



Veteran Fredericksburg stage actor Gabriel Rivera portrays a soldier—among other roles—in ‘Acts the 3-Man Show.’

FAITH COMMUNITY NOTES

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will hold the Annual Baptist Women’s Fall Festival/White Elephant/Balloon Sale on Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brunswick stew will be sold for \$7 a quart, and can be picked up at 804/448-9756.
Mine Road Baptist Church, 11111 Post Oak Road, organized in 1791, will hold its 223rd Homecoming on Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. Pastor James Eure of Mount Hermon Baptist Church will preach and music will be provided by ‘Justified,’ a Southern gospel group. A covered-dish dinner will follow the service. 540/895-5159.
Branx Fork Baptist Church, 6930 Stubbs Bridge Road, Lake Anna region, will celebrate Annual Missionary Day on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Dwight Michael of Piney Branch Baptist Church, accompanied by choir and congregation, as guests, and community missionaries. A fellowship meal will be served at 5:30 a.m.
Eastland United Methodist Church, 10718 Courthouse Road, will hold a Coffee Brunch and Gardening Fall Fund Raiser on Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. The Rev. Edna M. Taylor, of Mussey, extension agent with Virginia Cooperative Extension, Stafford County. Tickets are \$10.

congregation; and Oct. 16, the Rev. A. Lincoln James of Trinity Baptist Church in Richmond, accompanied by choir, ushers and congregation.
Fredricksburg United Methodist Church, 308 Hanover St., will hold the Blessing of the Animals on Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Won Lee will officiate. The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women’s group. 540/699-0256.
First Christian Church, 1501 Washington Ave., will welcome Tracy Luncford as guest preacher at the 40th worship service on Oct. 12, 540/373-7716. 1stchristianchurch.fredva.org.
STAFFORD COUNTY
Shiloh Old Site Baptist Church, 1855 Garrisonville Road, will celebrate Ushers Day on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m., with the Rev. Edward Taylor, of Shiloh New Site Baptist Church in Stafford as guest preacher. Dinner will be served immediately following the morning service. 540/752-0673.
Bethel Baptist Church, 1193 White Oak Road, will hold a Fall Women’s Homecoming on Oct. 18, 9 a.m. noon. Marking Ross of Strong Tower Church will speak and there will be music by Candice McDaniel of Merry Farm Baptist Church. The event is free and open to all women and girls, ages 8 and up, but registration is required, call 540/373-3650 or email secretary@bethelbaptistva.org.
Little Forest Baptist Church, 54 Little Forest Church Road, will observe the 115th church anniversary and the 12th anniversary of the pastor on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Norman Tate, accompanied by his congregation from Heritage Fellowship Christian Church in Reston.
Falmouth United Methodist Church, 23 Pegg Lane, Falmouth, will celebrate Homecoming Sunday on Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. There will be music by Bob Stone and the Virginia Gospel Singers. Luncheon will be served immediately following the service.
Hartwood Presbyterian Church, 50 Hartwood Church Road, will hold a yard sale and barbecue luncheon on Oct. 18. The cost is \$8 for home-cooked beef or pork barbecue, slaw, baked beans, chips, drink and dessert. Carry-out and family rates available. 540/752-4671.
St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, will hold the Annual Yard Sale and Craft Sale on Oct. 11, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with yard sale treasures, crafts and gift items, holiday décor from a variety of vendors, baked goods, lunch to purchase and activities for children. 540/373-8799.

THE GUEST MINISTER WILL BE TO REV. T. MURPHY LACEY, pastor of Long Branch Baptist Church in Woodford, accompanied by choir, ushers, praise team and congregation. The Women’s Ministry of First Baptist Church, 9426 Guinea Station Road, Woodford, will celebrate its 12th anniversary on Oct. 11 at 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Patricia Wormley of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Spotsylvania County. Dinner will follow the worship service.
Zion Baptist Church, 9450 Fredericksburg Turnpike, Woodford, will celebrate the pastor’s seventh anniversary on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. The Rev. Edward Taylor, accompanied by congregation, will be guests. Lunch will be served after the morning service.
KING GEORGE COUNTY
St. Stephen’s Baptist Church, 9142 Comon Road, will host the annual Fall Rally service on Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. The guest preacher will be Pastor Marvin Fields of Second Mount Zion Baptist Church in Hartwood. Lunch will follow the morning worship.
The Usher Ministry of Antioch Baptist Church, 11102 James Madison Parkway, will celebrate Annual Day on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Jared Beasley, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church in Sparta. All area usher ministries are encouraged to attend in uniform, and give words of encouragement.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY
New Monrovia Baptist Church will celebrate their 100th Anniversary and Fall Rally on Oct. 12 at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Frank Kelley and Galvary Baptist Church will be guests. Dinner will be served following the morning service. 540/907-2758.
CULPEPER COUNTY
White Olive Baptist Church, 8412 Mount Ship Road, will celebrate Annual Ushers Day on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. The guest preacher for the program will be the Rev. Frank Lewis, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Madison, accompanied by the Male Chorus, ushers and congregation.
MISCELLANEOUS
The Church of Restoration Women’s Ministry will host a two-day women’s conference at the Chancellor Ruffin Club in Spotsylvania County, on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 18, with registration from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$40 for both days and include light refreshments and lunch. Christian comedians Shelia Thomas and Valena Metcalfe will be featured, and guest speakers will be Minister Angela Lewis, Minister Michelle White and Sister Cheryl Walker.

PLAY: ‘Acts the 3-Man Show’ will end its East Coast run in Culpeper Nov. 16

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with guest appearances on “Up All Night,” “Desperate Housewives” and “Home-land.”
In “Acts the 3-Man Show,” the trio assumes a number of New Testament roles including those of Peter, Paul, Stephen, Nero and Herod.
All proceeds from the Culpeper show will be donated to Young Life of Culpeper, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that reaches out to adolescents and “presents the Gospel in a way that they might understand it,” according to Virginia Morton, a member of that group.
Rivera starred in “America at Ground Zero” and “He Loved Me.” He also played Peter in “But We See Jesus,” which helped secure his role as Peter in “Acts the 3-Man Show.”
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FREDERICKSBURG
Kingdom Family Worship Center, formerly Tower of Deliverance Church in Richmond, Oct. 16, will hold the 2014 Church and Ministry Summit, “The Sound of Pentecost Releasing Kingdom Authority,” with the following services: Oct. 12, 5 p.m., with guest speaker Apostle Donn Hall of Zion Baptist Church in Kansas; and Oct. 14-17, 7 p.m., with the following speakers and themes: Oct. 14, A Call to Pray; Oct. 15, Prophet Percy Martin of Inspirational Outreach Ministries of Richmond; Oct. 16, Bishop Darryl Williams of First Baptist Church, Loretto; Oct. 17, Bishop Bobby Hudnall of Life in the Word Church of Jesus Christ in White Plains, Va. Oct. 18, 9 a.m. to noon, Leadership Enrichment workshops. 540/371-3662.
Shiloh Baptist Church (Old Site), 801 Soanville St. will hold homecoming and revival services on Oct. 12, with worship at 11 a.m., led by the Rev. Aaron L. Dobyns and at 3:30 p.m., led by the Rev. Craig Myers. Revival will be held Oct. 14-16, at 7:30 p.m. nightly, with the following guest speakers: Oct. 14, the Rev. Edna M. Taylor of Bethel Baptist Church of Alexandria, Gum Springs, and Voices of the Gospel of Fredericksburg; Oct. 15, the Rev. Raymond A. Bell Jr. of Mount Hope Baptist Church in Spotsylvania, accompanied by choir, ushers and

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The Culpeper town police are seeking the public’s help in identifying two men who reportedly entered a home about 3:30 a.m. Friday and robbed a resident there.
The incident occurred on Sally Lou Lane, which is in the Mosby Meadow area at the north end of the town, according to Capt. Chris Settle.
The two, described as black and in their their late teens or early 20s wearing all black clothing, somehow gained entry into the house and confronted a woman who was home at the time.
One of the men displayed a knife, Settle said. After taking undisclosed items, the intruders left.
Anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area Friday morning is asked to call Sgt. Lonnie Myers at 540/829-5515 or Crime Solvers at 540/727-0300.
—Donnie Johnston

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NAVY TO HOLD USS COLE CEREMONY

NORFOLK—The Navy is preparing to hold a ceremony honoring the victims of the 2000 attack on the USS Cole.
A ceremony honoring the victims will be held at the ship’s homeport at Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia on Sunday, the bombing’s anniversary.
—The Associated Press

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