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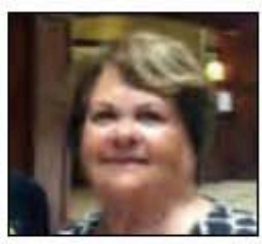
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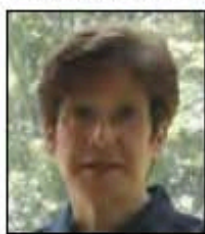
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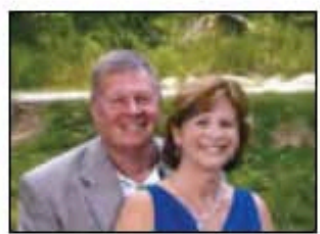
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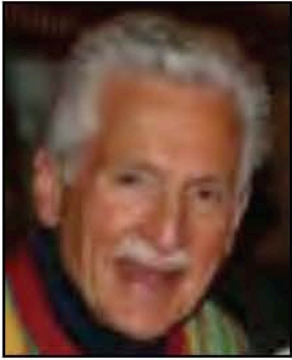
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BETWEEN THEE AND ME

Rabbi Mark Goldman



L'hitraot - Till We See Each Other Again

In the early chapters of the Book of Genesis, Abraham, our first patriarch, was summoned by God to go forth from Ur of the Chaldees (in what is now modern Iraq!) to a land that the Almighty would designate. Actually, his name was still Abram, before he earned his mature title: "Father of a Nation". The mysterious land was Canaan, which became Palestine, and then became the State of Israel. This process took only 4,000 years. The Promised Land was known poetically as the Land of Milk and Honey.



Nine years ago, Yours Truly was called by our Abraham, Marty Cohen; after his assistant, Joshua, (Elliot Stone) made an initial telephonic outreach to lubricate the journey. As we remember, Joshua and some spies had to scout out the land to assure a safe arrival. So, dear Temple Family, I cannot confess that I got a phone call from On High, but I did obviously respond in the affirmative in February of 2004.



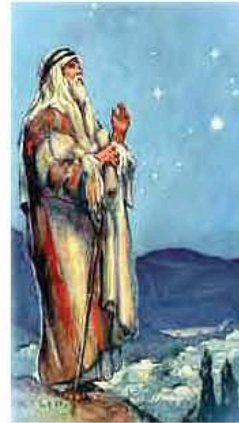
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On our horizon, St. Augustine, did not spring up as the Promised Land!

However, it quickly became a land of milk and honey for Meryl and me to nurture and cultivate. Together with you, we fertilized and planted well to reap a harvest of rich blessings.



So many of you entered into this spiritual-agricultural covenant with us. Blessedly, we have become fruitful and multiplied. Like Moses we have climbed many mountains to gain perspective on the future. We have seen many sunrises and marveled at many full moons.



We are grateful and awestruck for everything we have shared by the dawn's early light.

We remain transformed and uplifted by every sacred encounter with you. We have felt God's Presence while dwelling in your midst.

With the wave of our hands, with love, and the constancy of friendship, we shout *L'hitraot*, Till we see each other again!

With Love,
RM/MNG



Please note!

The Shofar will not be published during the summer months of July and August.

See inside for the next three months of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Yahrzeits and Calendar of Events