



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Noach, Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan

October 25, 2014 1 Cheshvan, 5775

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Rabbi Frand on Parshat Noach

In Parshas Noach, the Torah states: "Go into the tayva, you and all your family, for you I have seen as righteous before Me in this generation." Rashi comments that the Parsha begins with the words "And Noach was a COMPLETELY righteous person (tzadik tamim) in his generation." However, here when Hashem tells Noach to enter tayva, He merely calls Noach righteous, not completely righteous. This teaches, Rashi says, that it is appropriate to only say part of a person's praise in his presence, saving the full description of praise for a time when the person is not present.

person in his presence and all of his praise when the person is not present." In describing to Aharon and Miriam who their brother was, the Almighty was going to spare no detail. He described "all his praises." Therefore, the message had to be delivered away from Moshe's presence. This Rashi in Beha'aloscha, which is almost identical to the Rashi here in Parshas Noach, is based on a teaching in the Sifrei in the name of Rav Elazar ben Azarya. Rav Elazar ben Azarya is a Tanna who taught the principle of "saying part of the praise of a person in his presence and all the praise of a person not in his presence." Rav Yirmiya ben Elazar was only an Amora, in fact, a latter day Amora. The question can therefore be asked: What was Rav Yirmiya ben Elazar adding -- several generations later -- to what already was taught by Rav Elazar ben Azarya many years earlier?

part of the praises.

Rav Elazar ben Azarya in the Sifrei (quoted by Rashi in Beha'aloscha) and Rav Yirmiya ben Elazar in Eruvin (quoted by Rashi here in Noach) were speaking about two different things. Rav Elazar ben Azarya was speaking about a case where the Almighty had to set the record straight. He had to say compliments about Moshe Rabbeinu to impress upon Aharon and Miriam his true nature. Therefore, Hashem took them outside so they would be away from Moshe's presence. But this narrative gives us no indication that it is appropriate to say nice things to a person (the idea of "partial compliments in his presence"). There the emphasis is on saying "complete compliments outside his presence". Therefore Rashi explains there why they were asked to step outside: "Because one does not say complete praise in the presence of the subject". In Noach, however, we see something else. G-d could have merely told him "Come inside the Ark". The sentence could have ended there. But the Almighty adds something: "For you I have seen to be a righteous person before Me in this generation." This superfluous expression teaches us something new: "From here we see that it is part of the Attributes of G-d to give compliments." No matter who one is, no matter how successful and how acclaimed a person may be, everyone likes a compliment. A compliment does something for a person. It strengthens him. This is the novelty that Rav Yirmiya ben Elazar is teaching us from

This Rashi is based on the Talmud [Eruvin 18b] which states this principle in the name of Rav Yirmiya ben Elazar. As a matter of fact, this is not the only place in Chumash where Rashi invokes this teaching. Rashi mentions the exact same idea in Parshas Beha'aloscha. Miriam and Aharon have problems with the fact that Moshe Rabbeinu separated from his wife. G-d addresses them critically regarding the fact that they spoke against their brother, but He first told them to step outside. Rashi [Bamidbar 12:5] attributes the reason that G-d told them to step outside, away from the presence of Moshe, to the fact that He wanted to emphasize the uniqueness of Moshe to them and "one says only part of the praise of a

Furthermore, we should note that in our Parsha, Rashi's expression is "From here we learn..." (m'kaan anu lomid). In Parshas BeHaAloscha, Rashi's language is "Because we say..." (l'fi she'omrim). What is the difference between these two expressions?

I saw what I think is a beautiful answer to these questions in a Sefer called Heimah Yenachamuni from the current Tolner Rebbe in Jerusalem. He asks whether the principle of saying all of a person's praise in his absence and part of his praise in his presence is an "issur" or a "mitzvah". Another way to express this is -- is the emphasis "do not say all of a person's praises in his presence" (a prohibition) or is the emphasis to say the praises of a person (mitzvah), but we are advised that when we say them in front of him, we should only say

Times

Candle Lighting	5:43 pm
Friday Mincha	5:45 pm
Hashkama	8:00 am
Main Shul	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
Youth Minyan	8:30 am
Shiur	4:40 pm
Mincha	5:40 pm
Shabbat Ends	6:50 pm
Sunday Oct., 26	7:30/8:30 am
Mon., Thur.	6:35/7:45 am
Tues., Wed., Fri.	6:45/7:45 am
Mincha	5:40 pm
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei	
October 25	9:59/10:52 am
November 1	10:02/10:54 am
Next Shabbat Shabbat Lech Lecha	
Candle Lighting	5:34 pm
Mincha	5:35 pm

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Parshas Noach. "From here we see that one says (partial) praise to a person." This idea was not found in Parshas Be'Ha'loscha and it was not taught by Rav Elazar ben Azarya.

It could in fact be that this "compliment" of the Almighty to Noach was the key to Noach's salvation. The Medrash Rabbah in Tehillim indicates that it was Noach who spoke the words: "Thou wilt destroy those that speak lies; the man of blood and deceit the L-rd abhors. But as for me -- due to the magnitude of Your kindness I will enter Your house..." [Tehillim 5:7-8]. The Medrash says that Noach says "As they (the generation of the flood) did, so did I." In other words, "I was as bad as they were". (The Talmud in Sanhedrin teaches a similar idea, that really Noach himself should also have died in the Flood, based on personal shortcomings.) But Noach adds (according to the Medrash) that G-d did him a favor and therefore "I -- due to the magnitude of Your kindness -- will come into your house" "Because", Noach says, "You told me that 'You have found me to be righteous before Me in this generation', I was motivated to be righteous." "What made me change," says Noach, "is that You, Almighty, complimented me. That is why I changed -- because of the 'partial praise' I heard You say before me."

Rabbi Gissenger of Lakewood, New Jersey, was a student of Rav Pam and a very distinguished Rav in his own right. Several years ago, his shul honored him at a dinner and they invited Rav Pam to come speak about his disciple. Rav Gissenger was given the honor of introducing his Rebbe. He said, "When I was 16 years old in Rav Pam's shiur, before we left for the summer, Rav Pam encouraged us to try and write him our Chiddushei Torah over the summer." Rabbi Gissenger in fact did that and sent his Torah insights to Rav Pam in the mail. Rav Pam sent him back a postcard in which he wrote, "I enjoyed very much your Chiddushei Torah..." whereupon Rav Gissenger whipped out the postcard that Rav Pam had sent him 30 years earlier! He kept that postcard. Why did he keep it? He was so inspired and thrilled by the fact that Rav Pam stated he enjoyed his Chiddushei Torah that it made his decade! It inspired him for life! This is what a compliment can do.

"From here we see that one says partial praise of a person to his face" -- it is a good, advisable, practice to engage in! This is teaching us a mitzvah, meritorious practice, not an issur, a prohibition. It is the behavior of the Almighty and it is a behavior worth emulating. When someone davens for the amud, if he is half decent tell him "Yasher Koach! I enjoyed your davening! Good job!" Give a person a compliment. It won't cost you anything and it is emulating the ways of the Ribono shel Olam.



GNS Yoetzet Halacha Dena Block welcomes your questions about mikvah, observance of taharat mishpacha (halacha relating to married life) and women's health, as it connects to Jewish law. Reach out to her at:
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- WED. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI LICHTER** LAWS OF BRACHOT
(BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)
- THURS. 9:15-10:30 **RABBI POLAKOFF**
WOMEN'S CHUMASH CLASS (CHALFIN RM)
- FRI. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI FRAND** PARSHA VIDEO
(BRAUN YOUTH CENTER)

EVENING CLASSES:

- MON. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI LICHTER**
NAVI CLASS IN TREI ASAR (BEIT MIDRASH)
- MON. 9:00-10:00 **RABBI POLAKOFF** GEMORAH ROSH HA-SHANA (BILFELD HOME)
- TUE. 7:00-7:45 **RABBI LICHTER** GR. 6-8 BOYS CLASS
(WEINSTEIN RM)
- WED. 7:00-7:30 **RABBI LICHTER**
PARSHA & PIZZA FOR GR. 1-5 (CHALFIN RM)
- WED. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI SINGER** GEMORAH SHIUR
(WEINSTEIN RM)
- WED. 9:00-10:00 **RABBI LICHTER** CONTEMPORARY TOPICS
(COMMUNITY HOMES)
- THURS. 6:30-7:30 **RABBI LICHTER** HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
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- THURS. 8:30-9:30 **RABBI POLAKOFF** POWER CHUMASH
(CHALFIN RM)

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Tuesday Nights 7:00-7:45 in Great Neck Synagogue
The class will focus on the structure of our daily and Shabbat prayers, their origins and their meanings, based on the curriculum developed by the Beurei Hatefilah Institute.



And of course, we will offer a pizza dinner for all attendees. The class begins Tuesday night Oct. 21st. Please sign up by emailing Rabbi Lichter at lichter@gns.org.



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*Please Join Us at Our
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*Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6 PM
at Shiraz
770 Middle Neck Road*

*Presenting Carole Basri, Esq.
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*"Ethnic cleansing of Jews from Iraq to ISIS:
Lessons to be learned"*

And amazing raffles to win!!!

*Member cost: \$40
Non-member cost: \$45*

*Sponsorships available:
Gold - \$72 Silver - \$36 Bronze - \$18*

Please RSVP with your membership dues with the enclosed card.

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Meals purchased in memory/ in honor of: _____

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I would like to volunteer on Thursday, Nov 27th 11:30 -2 pm

Food Server: _____ Other Talent: _____

Volunteer Names & Kids' Ages: _____

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NIGHT OUT AT THE LANES "STOP, DROP & BOWL"

Team Bowling

**Saturday Night
November 15th, 2014**

7:30-10 pm

AMF Sheridan Lanes

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Mineola, NY

Dairy meal included
\$30 per person / \$60 per couple
Please send check payable to GNS to make a reservation.

GNS Men's Club Presents...

DOUBLE BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday morning, November 2 - GNS Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HASHKAMA MINYAN

Kiddush is sponsored by **Mel Fox**

YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

We would like to thank all of those who have contributed to this year's YK Appeal and to those who will do so in the coming days. A special thanks goes to our committee who make the calls: **Harold Domnitch, Howard Wolf, Phyllis Weinberg, Rahel Ben-Sorek and Jon Ohebshalom.**

GNS SHABBOS PROJECT

The GN Community Shabbos Project steering committee (**Ferry Sedaghatpour, Rebecca Sassouni and Asal Rabizadeh**), working with our community Rabbis, have been actively meeting, coordinating and planning events for the entire community, including Hafrashat Challah on Thursday evening and a Melavah Malka concert on Saturday night.

MEN'S CLUB

SUN. OCT. 26, 10:00am: The next event in our **Medical Forum** series, **ADDICTION**. What we can do as parents to spot addictive behavior and prevent it? **Dr. Michael Salamon**, a psychologist, with a representative from **LICADD (LI Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence)** will inform and advise us.

Barry Libin's signed book "**The Mystery of Milton Manuscript.**" is available in the office.

BLOOD DRIVE: Sunday, November 2.

SISTERHOOD DINNER

Please join Sisterhood on **Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6pm** at **SHIRAZ, 770 Middle Neck Rd.** for their Annual Sisterhood Dinner. Carol Basri, Esq. noted scholar and film producer will talk about "Ethnic cleansing of Jews from Iraq to ISIS: Lessons to be learned." Member cost \$40, Non Member \$45. Sponsorships available: Gold-\$72, Silver-\$36, Bronze -\$18. Please RSVP to Syn. office.

YOETZET HALACHA EVENT

A Taharat Hamishpacha Refresher Course with Yoetzet Halacha Dena Block

Wednesday, November 5th at 8 p.m. Everything You Wanted to Know about Niddah but were Afraid to Ask: A Refresher Course for Women of All Ages and Stages at the home of **Dina Hamerman- 53 Wooleys Lane in Great Neck.**

SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

Sat. Nov. 8, 7:00pm: Dinner and a Show That Will Slay You. It may be a murder, but who done it? Try to solve the mystery while feasting at Colbeh (and no one gets hurt!) and enjoy our Holy Homicide evening. Your friends could be suspects, would you squeal on them? \$65 per person, \$120 couples, \$180 to sponsor. Call **Mark Friedman** 482-9362 or **Judy Lillian** 487-6845 or the **Shul office** 487-6100

FREE CLASSICAL MEMORIAL CONCERT AT GNS

In memory of **Rosalind Mordkofsky** - beloved sister of **Lorraine Domnitch** on **Sunday, November 9th** at 3pm with noted pianist **Elena Klionsky.**

CHANUKAH SCOPE DEADLINE

Please submit all articles, advertisements, photos, recipes, sponsorships and any other matters of interest for our membership for the upcoming Chanukah issue of SCOPE magazine to **Diane Rein** at drein@verizon.net. The deadline for all submissions is **Monday, October 27th.**

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Mazal Tov to Judy & Brett Blatter on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Eli. Mazal Tov to Grandparents Joan & Henry Katz and Fran & Harvey Blatter.**

Mazal Tov to Jackie & Stan Fischer on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Rachel & David Fischer** and on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson **Ben Fischer** son of **Nealy & Seth Fischer** in Israel and on the publication of **Ben's** first book "**The Heir to the Throne**" available at GNS library.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHEVRA KADISHA

The Chevra Kadisha of Great Neck is looking for additional shomrim. This chesed shel emet involves reciting tehillim for a period of 2 hours at a funeral home generally in Great Neck or Queens. If you are interested in joining our group of dedicated volunteers, or for additional information, please email either **Brenda Parver** at bparker@gmail.com or **Rona Jutkowitz** at ronajut@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to our list, please include your home, work and cell phone numbers.

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Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 1 Cheshvan

Lorraine Domnitch for Jennie Speisel
Herschel Flax for Ethel Pasvolksy
Mary F. Flax for Ethel Pasvolksy
Sharon Herman for Muriel Adler
Leon Kutcher for Fran Kutcher
Rita Silverman for Zelda Schwartz

Sunday, 2 Cheshvan

Sheila Bachman for Pauline Bachman
Donald Heisler for Joseph Heisler
Deborah Hollander for Judith Sokol
Ira Lubin for Pauline Gerber
George Schuman for Erna Schuman
Joseph Sokol for Judith Sokol
Mr. & Mrs. Martin H. Sokol for Judith Sokol
Joyce Swartz for Sol Gelfond

Monday, 3 Cheshvan

Peter Epstein for Mollie Eden
Pauline Levy for David Gruber
Paul Marcus for Victor Marcus

Tuesday, 4 Cheshvan

Joseph Ambalo for Esther Cohen Ambalo
Jacob Ambalu for Esther Cohen Ambalu
Marc Epstein for Toby Epstein
Phyllis Weinberg for Ida Tubachnick

Wednesday, 5 Cheshvan

Stuart Braunstein for Stanley Braunstein
Leon Miller for Ira Miller
Albert Safdieh for Julia Safdieh
Pari Schwartz for Kahtoun Torkan

Thursday, 6 Cheshvan

Paul Brody for Joseph Brody

Friday, 7 Cheshvan

Elly Engelstein for Abraham Engelstein
Jill Swartz for Harvey Kronish