



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Devarim-Shabbat Chazon

July 25 2015 9 Av, 5775

TORAH ARTSCROLL 938 HERTZ 736		Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Parshat Devarim	
HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1195 HERTZ 750		<p>As Moses begins his great closing addresses to the next generation, he turns to a subject that dominates the last of the Mosaic books, namely justice: I instructed your judges at that time as follows: "Listen to your fellow men, and decide justly [tzedek] between each man and his brother or a stranger. You shall not be partial in judgment. Listen to great and small alike. Fear no one, for judgment belongs to God. Any matter that is too difficult for you, bring to me and I will hear it." Tzedek, "justice", is a key word in the book of Devarim – most famously in the verse: Justice, justice you shall pursue, so that you may thrive and occupy the land that the Lord your God is giving you. (Deut. 16:20) The distribution of the word tzedek and its derivative tzedakah in the Five Books of Moses is anything but random. It is overwhelmingly concentrated on the first and last books, Genesis (where it appears 16 times) and Deuteronomy (18 times). In Exodus it occurs only four times and in Leviticus five. All but one of these are concentrated in two chapters: Exodus 23 (where 3 of the 4 occurrences are in two verses, 23: 7-8) and</p>	<p>Leviticus 19 (where all 5 incidences are in chapter 19). In Numbers, the word does not appear at all. This distribution is one of many indications that the Chumash is constructed as a chiasmus – a literary unit of the form ABCBA. The structure is this:</p> <p>A: Genesis – the prehistory of Israel (the distant past) B: Exodus – the journey from Egypt to Mount Sinai C: Leviticus – the code of holiness B: Numbers – the journey from Mount Sinai to the banks of the Jordan A: Deuteronomy – the post-history of Israel (the distant future)</p> <p>The leitmotiv of tzedek/tzedakah appears at the key points of this structure – the two outer books of Genesis and Deuteronomy, and the central chapter of the work as a whole, Leviticus 19. Clearly the word is a dominant theme of the Mosaic books as a whole. What does it mean? Tzedek/tzedakah is almost impossible to translate, because of its many shadings of meaning: justice, charity, righteousness, integrity, equity, fairness and innocence. It certainly means more than strictly legal justice, for which the Bible uses words like mishpat and din. One example illustrates the point: If a man is poor, you may not go to sleep holding his security. Return it to him at sun-down, so that he will be able to sleep in his garment and bless you. To you it</p>
Times			
Candle Lighting	8:00 pm	KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE	
Friday Mincha	7:00 pm		
Hashkama	8:00 am		
Youth Minyan	8:30 am		
Main	9:00 am		
Beit Medrash	9:15 am		
Gemara Shiur	6:15 pm		
Mincha	7:15 pm		
Shabbat ends	9:07 pm		
Saturday night - Sunday Tisha B' Av See schedule on page 2			
Mon., Thurs	6:35/7:45 am		
Tues., Wed., Fri.	6:45/7:45 am		
Mincha	7:55 pm		
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei			
July 25	9:18/10:33 am		
August 1	9:27/10:38 am		
Next Shabbat Va-Etchannan			
Candle Lighting	7:53 pm		
Mincha	7:00 pm		

of Portia's speech in The Merchant of Venice:

The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
 It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
 Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest;
 It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:
 'Tis mightiest in the mightiest: it becomes
 The throned monarch better than his crown;
 His sceptre shows the force of temporal power,
 The attribute to awe and majesty,
 Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;
 But mercy is above this sceptred sway;
 It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,
 It is an attribute to God himself;
 And earthly power doth then show likest God's
 When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,
 Though justice be thy plea, consider this,
 That, in the course of justice, none of us
 Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
 And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
 The deeds of mercy. I have spoke thus much
 To mitigate the justice of thy plea ...

Shakespeare is here expressing the medieval stereotype of Christian mercy (Portia) as against Jewish justice (Shylock). He entirely fails to realize – how could he, given the prevailing culture – that “justice” and “mercy” are not opposites in Hebrew but are bonded together in a single word, tzedek or tzedakah. To add to the irony, the very language and imagery of Portia's speech (“It droppeth as the gentle rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb ...The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. (Deut. 32: 2-4)

The false contrast between Jew and Christian in The Merchant of Venice is eloquent testimony to the cruel misrepresentation of Judaism in Christian theology until recent times. Why then is justice so central to Judaism? Because it is impartial. Law as envisaged by the Torah makes no distinction between rich and

powerful and powerless, home born or stranger. Equality before the law is the translation into human terms of equality before God. Time and again the Torah insists that justice is not a human artifact: “Fear no one, for judgment belongs to God.” Because it belongs to God, it must never be compromised – by fear, bribery, or favoritism. It is an inescapable duty, an inalienable right. Judaism is a religion of love: You shall love the Lord your God; you shall love your neighbor as yourself; you shall love the stranger. But it is also a religion of justice, for without justice, love corrupts (who would not bend the rules, if he could, to favor those he loves?). It is also a religion of compassion, for without compassion law itself can generate inequity. Justice plus compassion equals tzedek, the first precondition of a decent society.

TISHA B'AV 5775
Sunday, July 26, 2015
10 Av, 5775

Saturday night schedule

Gemara Shiur (Tisha B'Av Selections) 6:15 pm
Mincha 7:15 pm
Seudah Shlishit must be finished by 8:16 pm; Fast begins 8:16 pm
Introduction to Eicha by Rabbi Polakoff 8:30 pm
Maariv 9:00 pm
Shabbat ends 9:07 pm
Eicha and Kinot 9:30 pm

Sunday schedule

First Shacharit 7:00 am (with kinot)
Second Shacharit 9:00 am (with explanatory kinot until 1:00 pm)
Tisha B'Av Shiur by Rabbi Lichter 1:00 – 1:35 pm

Chatzot 1:01 pm

1st Mincha 1:40 pm

2:10 – 3:10 pm
Tisha B'Av 2015 Video Presentation from the OU and YU
“Rebuilding from the Ashes”
 Rabbi Hershel Schacter & Rabbi Shalom Rosner

3:30 – 5:00 pm
Defiant Requiem

During the oppressive days of World War II in 1942, the Nazis established a unique concentration camp outside Prague in an old army garrison known as Terezin, which the Germans renamed Theresienstadt. Defiant Requiem is a feature-length documentary film which illuminates the extraordinary, untold story of the brave acts of resistance by the Jewish prisoners at Terezin.

6:00 – 7:35 pm
The Power to Yield
 Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein, Rabbi Eli J. Mansour,
 Rabbi Yisroel Reisman,
 HaRav Shmuel Kamentesky & Rabbi Ephraim Eliyahu Shapiro
Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation

2nd Mincha 7:45 pm
Shiur between Mincha and Maariv
Rabbi Polakoff

Ma'ariv 8:45 pm
Fast ends 8:56 pm



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: Phone: (516) 320-9818 Email: gnsyoetzet@gmail.com All conversations/ emails are strictly confidential.



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WEDNESDAY 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
JULY 22
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Guest Speaker:
Dr. Edward Reichman
 Medical Halakhah Update 5775:
 From Gene Editing to Brain
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Edward Reichman is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Associate Professor of Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) of Yeshiva University, where he teaches Jewish medical ethics. He received his rabbinic ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and writes and lectures widely in the field of Jewish medical ethics. He is the recipient of a Kornfeld Foundation Fellowship and the Rubenstein Prize in Medical Ethics. He is a past member of the advisory board of the Institute for Genetics and Public Policy. His research is devoted to the interface of medical history and Jewish law.

Tuesday, July 21
 following 8:05pm
 Mincha

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26 Old Mill Road
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Teen/College Shiur
Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Rabbi Ian Lichter
"Understanding the Moed of Tisha B'av"

All Seniors, College and Graduate School Students are invited to a special shiur geared to provide inspiration during the nine days and provide motivation for Tisha B'av. Refreshments will be served.

Great Neck Synagogue
Mincha: 8:00 pm
Shiur: 8:30 pm Chalfin Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RABBI POLAKOFF'S SHABBOS DRASHA THROUGH 5775, IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF **PINCHAS BEN YOSEPH** FOR OTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITIES PLEASE CONTACT HOWARD WOLF [212-686-9800](tel:212-686-9800) EXT 220

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS MOVING INTO THE GREAT NECK AREA PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW.

TISHA BA'V NOTICE

Eicha begins 9:30 pm. If you will be staying in shul from after Shabbat is over until Eicha, please remember to bring non-leather shoes with you to shul on Friday afternoon.

GNS JULY CHESED COLLECTION

Please donate shoes, eyeglasses, sunglasses and cell phones to the Blumner home, 88 Old Pond Rd, or the Ambalo home, 11 William Penn, now through Aug. 2nd.

WOMEN'S TEFILA

Women's Tefila currently sends our announcements out by email. If you would like to be on their email list, please contact either Nechama Liss-Levinson at lisslev@verizon.net or Mark Twersky at mtwersky@gns.org. Announcements also will appear in Shabbat Announcements and on the Great Neck Synagogue website.

We are planning to meet this coming **Monday night, July 20th at 8:00 pm** at the home of **Malka Louzoun**. For more information, contact **Nechama Liss-Levinson**, lisslev@verizon.net or [516-773-3572](tel:516-773-3572).

GNS PASS IT FORWARD

Looking for something meaningful? Join the Steering Committee of GNS PASS IT FORWARD. We deliver over 1000 Yom Tov meals, bringing food and joy to those in need on Long Island. Contact **Michelle Berman**, michberman@gmail.com or **Cindy Hodkin**, koshercookinggn@gmail.com.

THE GNS WEBSITE

Have you visited the updated GNS Website (www.gns.org)? It has davening/candle lighting times, weekly Parsha, Shabbos Announcements, upcoming events (including the Great Neck & NSHA calendars), Mazal Tovs, Sponsorships and photo galleries. You can even make donations and reservations. Check out the Aliya-by-Aliya explanation of the Shabbat morning laining. You'll also find the answers to the Parsha Picture Puzzle sheets we challenge you with every Shabbat. Please visit us on FACEBOOK.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

July 21: Summer Series: Dr. Edward Reichman
August 11: Summer Series: Dr. Elana Stein Hain
August 18: Summer Series: Lisa Septimus
September 8: Teshuva Lecture: Rabbi Baruch Simon

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Mazal Tov to **Ilana & Aaron Wallenstein** on the birth of a daughter.

Mazal Tov to **Michael Moslin** on being appointed to the Architectural Review Board of the Village of Great Neck.

RALLY FOR PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

Join the **Stop Iran Now** Rally on Wednesday, **July 22nd** at Times Square from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will have a bus leaving from **GNS** at 4 pm **SHARP. \$15 per person**. Contact ASAP Dr. Paul Brody at [\(917\) 650-5623](tel:917-650-5623) or Milt Mitzner at [\(516\) 946-6491](tel:516-946-6491) or Dr. Lynne Bursky Tammam at [\(516\) 521-9333](tel:516-521-9333).

SIYUM DURING NINE DAYS

The **Scholar's Kollel of Great Neck** will be holding its 6th annual siyum during the nine days on Wednesday, **July 22nd** at Chattanooga Restaurant, 37 Cutter Mill Rd. in Great Neck. The program will begin at 7:15 pm. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations can be made with **Steve Zuckerman**, zkster@aol.com.

MODEST DRESS

Please be cognizant that despite the warmer weather and summer schedule, we ask that when you come to Great Neck Synagogue, that you are dressed in modest attire. This affords all of us the opportunity to honor the sanctity of the synagogue. Thank you.

MAGAZINES

We temporarily stop collecting magazines for the summer. We will resume to collect in September.

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Sunday, 10 Av

Sanford Brand for Frieda Brand
Marilyn Freedman for Anna Cohen
Claire Behar for Patricia Winston Marback
Jerrald Weinstein for Philip Weinstein

Monday, 11 Av

Charles Berlin for Helen Berlin

Tuesday, 12 Av

Rafael Gad for Michael Gad
Yehoshua Gilad for Shmuel Greenberger
Louis Goldstein for Eva Rubin
Janet Pomerantz for Nathan Siegel

Wednesday, 13 Av

Dahlia Abraham-Klein for Yehuda Haim Abraham
Liliane Benrimon for Marcelle Castiel
Anita Aharonoff for Hadji Kamali
Suzy Sokol for Hadji Kamali

Thursday, 14 Av

Samuel Friedman for Lillian Friedman
Leslie Kahn for Pessah Kahn
Susan Castle for David Kalt
Edmund Kessler for Israel Kessler
Barry Lipsius for Bernard Lipsius