



# Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Acharei Mot

May 7, 2016 29 Nissan, 5776

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**SHABBAT MEVRACHIM IYAR**  
MOLAD: FRIDAY 5/6  
AT 11:59:17 PM

**ROSH CHODESH:**  
SUN. - MON. 5/8 - 5/9

## Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Acharei Mot

The strangest and most dramatic element of the service on Yom Kippur, set out in Acharei Mot (Lev. 16:7-22), was the ritual of the two goats, one offered as a sacrifice, the other sent away into the desert "to Azazel." They were to all intents and purposes indistinguishable from one another: they were chosen to be as similar as possible in size and appearance. They were brought before the High Priest and lots were drawn, one bearing the words "To the Lord," the other, "To Azazel." The one on which the lot "To the Lord" fell was offered as a sacrifice. Over the other the High Priest confessed the sins of the nation and it was then taken away into the desert hills outside Jerusalem where it plunged to its death. Tradition tells us that a red thread would be attached to its horns, half of which was removed before the animal was sent away. If the rite had been effective, the red thread would turn to white. Much is puzzling about the ritual. First, what is the meaning of "to Azazel," to which the second goat was sent? It appears nowhere else in Scripture. Three major theories emerged as to its meaning. According to the sages and Rashi it meant "a steep, rocky or hard place," in other words a description of its

destination. According to the Torah the goat was sent "to a desolate area" (el erez gezerah, Lev. 16: 22). According to the sages it was taken to a steep ravine where it fell to its death. That, according to the first explanation, is the meaning of Azazel. The second, suggested cryptically by Ibn Ezra and explicitly by Nahmanides, is that Azazel was the name of a spirit or demon, one of the fallen angels referred to in Genesis 6:2, similar to the goat-spirit called Pan in Greek mythology, Faunus in Latin. This is a difficult idea, which is why Ibn Ezra alluded to it, as he did in similar cases, by way of a riddle, a puzzle, that only the wise would be able to decipher. He writes: "I will reveal to you part of the secret by hint: when you reach thirty-three you will know it." Nahmanides reveals the secret. Thirty three verses later on, the Torah commands: "They must no longer offer any of their sacrifices to the goat idols [seirim] after whom they go astray" (Lev. 17:7).

Azazel, on this reading, is the name of a demon or hostile force, sometimes called Satan or Samael. The Israelites were categorically forbidden to worship such a force. Indeed the belief that there are powers at work in the universe distinct from, or even hostile to, God, is incompatible with Judaic monotheism. Nonetheless, some sages did believe that there were negative forces that were part of the heavenly retinue, like Satan, who brought accusations against humans or tempted them into sin. The goat sent into the wilderness to

Azazel was a way of conciliating or propitiating such forces so that the prayers of Israel could rise to heaven without, as it were, any dissenting voices. This way of understanding the rite is similar to the saying on the part of the sages that we blow shofar in a double cycle on Rosh Hashanah "to confuse Satan." The third interpretation and the simplest is that Azazel is a compound noun meaning "the goat [ez] that was sent away [azal]." This led to the addition of a new word to the English language. In 1530 William Tyndale produced the first English translation of the Hebrew Bible, an act then illegal and for which he paid with his life. Seeking to translate Azazel into English, he called it "the escapegoat," i.e. the goat that was sent away and released. In the course of time the first letter was dropped, and the word "scapegoat" was born.

The real question though is: what was the ritual actually about? It was unique. Sin and guilt offerings are familiar features of the Torah and a normal part of the service of the Temple. The service of Yom Kippur was different in one salient respect. In every other case the sin was confessed over the animal that was sacrificed. On Yom Kippur, the High Priest confessed the sins of the people over the animal that was not sacrificed, the

### Times

Candle Lighting	7:38 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm
Hashkama	8:00 am
Youth Minyan	8:30 am
Parsha Shiur	8:30 pm
Main	9:00 am
Beit Midrash	9:15 am
*R' Weil Shiur	6:35 pm
Mincha	7:35 pm
Shabbat Ends	8:47 pm
R' Reisman Video	10:30 pm
Sunday May 8	7:30/8:30 am
Mon.	6:30/7:45 am
Tues., Wed. & Fri.	6:45/7:45 am
Thurs.	6:35/7:45 am
Mincha	7:45 pm
Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei	
May 7	9:18/10:29 am
May 14	9:14/10:27 am
Next Shabbat Kedoshim	
Candle Lighting	7:45 pm
Mincha	7:00 pm

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scapegoat that was sent away, "carrying on it all their iniquities" (Lev. 16:21-22). The simplest and most compelling answer was given by Maimonides in The Guide for the Perplexed: There is no doubt that sins cannot be carried like a burden, and taken off the shoulder of one being to be laid on that of another being. But these ceremonies are of a symbolic character, and serve to impress people with a certain idea, and to induce them to repent – as if to say, we have freed ourselves of our previous deeds, have cast them behind our backs, and removed them from us as far as possible. Expiation demands a ritual, some dramatic representation of the removal of sin and the wiping-clean of the past. That is clear. Yet Maimonides does not explain why Yom Kippur demanded a rite not used on other days of the year when sin or guilt offerings were brought. Why was the first goat, the one of which the lot "To the Lord" fell and which was offered as a sin offering (Lev. 16:9) not sufficient? The answer lies in the dual character of the day. The Torah states: This shall be an eternal law for you: On the tenth day of the seventh month you must fast and not do any work ...This is because on this day you shall have all your sins atoned [yechaper], so that you will be cleansed [le-taher]. Before God you will be cleansed of all your sins. (Lev. 16:29-30)

Two quite distinct processes were involved on Yom Kippur. First there was kapparah, atonement. This is the normal function of a sin offering. Second, there was teharah, purification, something normally done in a different context altogether, namely the removal of tumah, ritual defilement, which could arise from a number of different causes, among them contact with a dead body, skin disease, or nocturnal discharge. Atonement has to do with guilt. Purification has to do with contamination or pollution. These are usually two separate worlds. On Yom Kippur they were brought together. Why? We owe to anthropologists like Ruth Benedict the distinction between shame cultures and guilt cultures. Shame is a social phenomenon. It is what we feel when our wrongdoing is exposed to others. It may even be something we feel when we merely imagine other people knowing or seeing what we have done. Shame is the feeling of being found out, and our first instinct is to hide. That is what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden after

they had eaten the forbidden fruit. They were ashamed of their nakedness and they hid. Guilt is a personal phenomenon. It has nothing to do with what others might say if they knew what we have done, and everything to do with what we say to ourselves. Guilt is the voice of conscience, and it is inescapable. You may be able to avoid shame by hiding or not being found out, but you cannot avoid guilt. Guilt is self-knowledge. There is another difference, which explains why Judaism is overwhelmingly a guilt rather than a shame culture. Shame attaches to the person. Guilt attaches to the act. It is almost impossible to remove shame once you have been publicly disgraced. It is like an indelible stain on your skin. Shakespeare has Lady Macbeth say, after her crime, "Will these hands ne'er be clean?" In shame cultures, wrongdoers tend either to go into exile, where no one knows their past, or to commit suicide. Playwrights have them die. Guilt makes a clear distinction between the act of wrongdoing and the person of the wrongdoer. The act was wrong, but the agent remains, in principle, intact. That is why guilt can be removed, "atoned for," by confession, remorse and restitution. "Hate not the sinner but the sin," is the basic axiom of a guilt culture.

Normally sin and guilt offerings, as their names imply, are about guilt. They atone. But Yom Kippur deals not only with our sins as individuals. It also confronts our sins as a community bound by mutual responsibility. It deals, in other words, with the social as well as the personal dimension of wrongdoing. Yom Kippur is about shame as well as guilt. Hence there has to be purification (the removal of the stain) as well as atonement. The psychology of shame is quite different to that of guilt. We can discharge guilt by achieving forgiveness – and forgiveness can only be granted by the object of our wrongdoing, which is why Yom Kippur only atones for sins against God. Even God cannot – logically cannot – forgive sins committed against our fellow humans until they themselves have forgiven us.

Shame cannot be removed by forgiveness. The victim of our crime may have forgiven us, but we still feel defiled by the knowledge that our name has been disgraced, our reputation harmed, our standing damaged. We still feel the stigma, the dishonor, the degradation. That is why an immensely powerful and dramatic ceremony had to take place during which people could feel and symbolically see their sins carried away to the desert, to no-man's-land. A similar ceremony took place when a leper was cleansed. The priest took two birds, killed one, and released the other to fly away across the open fields (Lev. 14:4-7). Again the act was one of cleansing, not atoning, and had to do with shame, not guilt. Judaism is a religion of hope, and its great rituals of repentance and atonement are part of that hope. We are not condemned to live endlessly with the mistakes and errors of our past. That is the great difference between a guilt culture and a shame culture. But Judaism also acknowledges the existence of shame. Hence the elaborate ritual of the scapegoat that seemed to carry away the tumah, the defilement that is the mark of shame. It could only be done on Yom Kippur because that was the one day of the year in which everyone shared at least vicariously in the process of confession, repentance, atonement and purification. When a whole society confesses its guilt, individuals can be redeemed from shame.



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Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik is the director of the Zehava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western thought at Yeshiva University and rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel in Manhattan. He graduated summa cum laude from Yeshiva College, received his semikhah from RIETS, and was a member of its Beren Kollel Elyon. In 2010, he received his doctorate in religion from Princeton University. Rabbi Soloveichik has lectured throughout the United States, in Europe and in Israel to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences on topics relating to Jewish theology, bioethics, wartime ethics, and Jewish-Christian relations. His essays on these subjects have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Commentary, First Things, Azure, Tradition and the Torah U-Madda Journal.

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Following Hitler's rise to power, the Blumenthal family – father, mother, Marion, and her brother Albert – were trapped in Nazi Germany. Eventually they managed to get to Holland, but soon thereafter it was occupied by the Nazis. For the next six and a half years the Blumenthals were forced to live in refugee, transit, and prison camps that included Westerbork in Holland and the notorious Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. Marion was only 9 years old when her family was sent to Bergen-Belsen in February 1944. Though they all miraculously survived the camps, Walter Blumenthal, Marion's father, succumbed to typhus just after liberation.

It took three more years of struggle and waiting before Marion, Albert and their mother at last obtained the necessary papers to board a ship for the United States. Their story is one of horror and hardship, but it is also a story of courage, hope, and the will to survive.

An outstanding, inspirational speaker, Marion Blumenthal Lazan has shared her moving first-hand account of the Blumenthal family's life in Germany, from the events preceding Kristallnacht to imprisonment in concentration camps to liberation in April of 1945, with upwards of one million students and adults. She has spoken in public, parochial and private schools, colleges and universities, to church and synagogue groups, and to civic organizations across 37 states and internationally, in Germany, Holland, Israel and the UK. She stresses the importance of positive thinking as well as creativity and inner strength to overcome adversity. She warns her listeners to be true to themselves and not blindly follow a leader.

Marion has been designated a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction, and honored by the New York State Regents Department of Education with the Louis E. Yavner Citizenship award. In November 2010, a new public high school in Germany was named in Marion's honor for the positive influence she has had on young adults.

Marion Blumenthal Lazan lives with her husband Nathaniel in Hewlett, New York. They have 3 married children, 9 beautiful grandchildren, and one magnificent great-granddaughter.

Marion's memoir, Four Perfect Pebbles, has been published in Dutch, German and Japanese, and shortly will appear in Hebrew.

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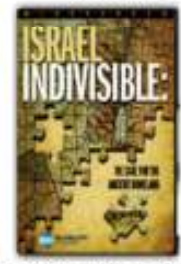
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8:10 pm: Festive Ma'ariv

8:30 pm: Discussion with Alan Dershowitz

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**Fri, July 8** Tour: Kotel tunnels and Southern wall excavations

**Sat, July 9** Shabbat

**Sun, July 10** Tour: Northern Israel with overnight at Kibbutz Lavi with dinner & breakfast

**Mon, July 11** continue Northern Israel Tour, return to Jerusalem

**Tue, July 12** Free day or optional extra cost activities

**Wed, July 13** Tour: Rosh Hanikrah, Caesarea, Acco

**Thu, July 14** Tour: Masada, Ein Gedi, Dead Sea

**Fri, July 15** Tour: Ir David (morning), free afternoon

**Sat, July 16** Shabbat

**Sun, July 17** Free day, depart for airport, 7:15pm flight arrive 11:35p

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## DERSHOWITZ BOOK

Alan Dershowitz Book, "Abraham", is available in the office prior to his GNS Yom Ha'atzmaut visit on May 11th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE

May 3: Bikur Cholim Conference  
 May 4: Chaverim Center  
 May 4: Yom HaShoah Commemoration  
 May 5: Mega Challah Event  
 May 7: Rabbi Steven Weil  
 May 8: Annual Rabbinic Dialogue  
 May 9: Women's Learning Series: Amit Yaghoubi  
 May 11: Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration: Alan Dershowitz  
 May 14: Rabbi Meir Soloveichik  
 May 15: Men's Club: Laurie Cardoza-Moore

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Mazal Tov** to **Randi & Arthur Luxenberg** upon the engagement of their daughter **Jacqueline** to **Jonathan Spiegel**, son of **Michele & Eitan Spiegel** of Woodmere.

**Mazal Tov** to **Anita & Hal Beretz** on the birth of a great grandson born to their grandchildren **Riva & Jordan Kestenbaum** children of **Debra & Alan Kestenbaum**.

**Mazal Tov** to **Dassie & Eddy Barth** on the engagement of their daughter **Zoe** to **Alan Penn**, son of **Joan & Michael Penn** of Brooklyn, NY.

## NORTH SHORE MIKVAH ASSOCIATION

The annual fundraiser will be on **Tues. May 17th at 7:30 pm**, in memory of Sharon Goldwyn's mother, Belle Goldwyn z"tl, featuring back-by-popular-demand speaker, **Rachel Hercman LCSW**, who will be speaking on: *Abandoning Perfection: Learning to let go in life, love and intimacy.*

## EMUNAH SPRING LUNCHEON

Join us for our Spring Luncheon at the Prince George Ballroom in NYC on **Tues. May 24th at 11:30 am**, honoring **Daniella Muller**, with keynote speaker, Lea Goldman, Executive Editor at Marie Claire. For more info call 212.564.9045 or [emunah.org](http://emunah.org).

## NORTH SHORE HEBREW ACADEMY PLANT SALE

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### Saturday, 29 Nissan

Aaron Eliach for David Eliach  
 Madeline Belonsky for Solly Wine

### Sunday, 30 Nissan

Alan Levy for Charlotte Levy  
 David Smootha for Eliahu Smootha

### Monday, 1 Iyar

Jacob Toledano for Moshe Toledano  
 Gloria Miller for Samuel Wang  
 Devorah Wang for Samuel Wang

### Tuesday, 2 Iyar

Janet Greenhut for Sylvia Lipson  
 Ira Lubin for Helen Mannes  
 Jacqueline Hott for Ida Rose

### Wednesday, 3 Iyar

Ellen Siegel for Morris Givner  
 Gerry Gut for Janine Leonie Gut  
 Marcia Toledano for Isidore Karten  
 Renee Krieger for Esther Kotler  
 Herman Kotler for Esther Kotler  
 Rona Mittleman for Philip Kramer  
 Jennifer Mrejen for Albert Zafrani  
 Francine Mermelstein for Gitla Zimmerman

### Thursday, 4 Iyar

Roslyn Dicker for Max Gottlieb  
 Meryl Friedman for Anita Karten

### Friday, 5 Iyar

Ronald Braun for Robert Braun  
 Peter Epstein for Isidore Epstein  
 Ebrahim Gabbazadeh for David Gabbazadeh  
 Michael Nevens for Sally Nevens  
 Roselin Wagner for Recy Prebluda  
 Aaron Seligson for Abraham Seligson