



Shabbat Announcements

Parshat Yitro

January 26, 2019 20 Shevat, 5779

<p>TORAH ARTSCROLL 394 HERTZ 288</p> <p>HAFTORAH ARTSCROLL 1154 HERTZ 302</p>	<p>Rabbi Jonathan Sacks on Yitro</p>	
<p>Times</p>	<p>In the course of any life there are moments of awe and amazement when, with a full heart, you thank God shehecheyanu vekiyemanu vehigiyanu lazeman hazeh, "who has kept us alive and sustained us and brought us to this day." Two that particularly stand out in my own memory were separated by almost ten years. The first was the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury in 2008. The conference is the gathering, every ten years, of the bishops of the Anglican Communion – that is, not just the Church of England but the entire worldwide structure, much of it based in America and Africa. It is the key event that brings this global network of churches together to deliberate on directions for the future. That year I became, I believe, the first rabbi to address a plenary session of the conference. The second, much more recent, took place in October 2017 in Washington when I addressed the friends and supporters of the American Enterprise</p>	<p>Institute, one of the world's great economic think tanks.</p> <p>The two gatherings could not have been less alike. One was religious, Christian, and concerned with theology. The other was secular, American, and concerned with economics and politics. Both of them, though, were experiencing some kind of crisis. In the case of the Anglican Church it had to do with gay bishops. Could the Church accommodate such people? The question was tearing the Church apart, with many of the American bishops in favor and most of the African ones against. There was a real sense, before the conference, that the communion was in danger of being irreparably split. In Washington in 2017 the issue at the forefront of people's minds was quite different. A year earlier there had been a sharply divisive American Presidential election. New phrases had been coined to describe some of the factors involved – post-truth, fake news, flyover states, alt-right, identity politics, competitive victimhood, whatever – as well as the resurfacing of an old one: populism. It all added up to what I termed the politics of anger. Was there a way of knitting together the unraveling strands of American society?</p>
<p>Candle Lighting 4:45 pm</p> <p>Mincha 4:45 pm</p> <p>Hashkama 8:00 am</p> <p>Youth Minyan 8:30 am</p> <p>Parsha Shiur 8:30 am</p> <p>Main 9:00 am</p> <p>Beit Midrash 9:15 am</p> <p>Gemara Shiur 4:00 pm</p> <p>Mincha 4:40 pm</p> <p>Shabbat Ends 5:54 pm</p> <p>R' Reisman Video 7:30 pm</p> <p>Sun. Jan. 27 7:30/8:30 am</p> <p>Mon. & Thurs. 6:35/7:45 am</p> <p>Tue., Wed. & Fri. 6:45/7:45 am</p> <p>Mincha 4:55 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Latest Times for Shema/Shemoneh Esrei</p> <p>January 26 9:39/10:28 am</p> <p>February 2 9:36/10:27 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Shabbat Mishpatim</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:54 pm</p> <p>Mincha 4:55 pm</p>	<p>KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY GREAT NECK SYNAGOGUE</p> <p>SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY OLGA & MATT GARTENHAUS IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER STANLEY GARTENHAUS AND BY KATHY & ARNIE FLATOW IN MEMORY OF HIS PARENTS MIRIAM & MORRIS FLATOW</p>	

and John Winthrop's famous "City upon a Hill" speech aboard the Arbella in 1630.

Over time however, and under the influence of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the word "covenant" was gradually supplanted by the phrase "social contract." Clearly there is something similar between the two, but they are not the same thing at all. In fact, they operate on different logics and they create different relationships and institutions. In a contract, two or more people come together, each pursuing their self-interest, to make a mutually advantageous exchange. In a covenant, two or more people, each respecting the dignity and integrity of the other, come together in a bond of loyalty and trust to do together what neither can achieve alone. It isn't an exchange; it's a moral commitment. It is more like a marriage than a commercial transaction. Contracts are about interests; covenants are about identity. Contracts benefit; covenants transform. Contracts are about "Me" and "You"; covenants are about "Us."

What makes the Hebrew Bible revolutionary in political terms is that it contains not one founding moment but two. One is set out in 1 Samuel 8, when the people come to the prophet Samuel and ask for a king. God tells Samuel to warn the people what will be the consequences. The king will take the people's sons to ride with his chariots and their daughters to work in his kitchens. He will take their property as taxation, and so on. Nonetheless, the people insist that they still want a king, so Samuel appoints Saul. Commentators have long been puzzled by this chapter. Does it represent approval or disapproval of monarchy? The best answer ever given was provided by Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Chajes, who explained that what Samuel was doing at God's behest was proposing a social contract precisely on the lines set out by Thomas Hobbes in The Leviathan. People are willing to give up certain of their rights, transferring them to a central power – a king or a government – who undertakes in return to ensure the defense of the realm externally and the rule of law within.

contract that creates the state. The market is about the creation and distribution of wealth. The state is about the creation and distribution of power. But a covenant is about neither wealth nor power, but rather about the bonds of belonging and collective responsibility. As I put it in The Politics of Hope, a social contract creates a state. A social covenant creates a society. A society is the totality of relationships that do not depend on exchanges of wealth and power, namely marriages, families, congregations, communities, charities and voluntary associations. The market and the state are arenas of competition. Society is an arena of co-operation. And we need both. The reason that the concept of covenant proved helpful to the Anglican bishops on the one hand, and the American Enterprise Institute on the other, is that it is the supreme example of a bond that brings together, in a single co-operative enterprise, individuals and groups that are profoundly different. They could not be more different than the parties at Mount Sinai: God and the children of Israel, the one Infinite and eternal, the other, finite and mortal.

In fact the very first human relationship, between the first man and the first woman, contains a two-word definition of covenant: ezer ke-negdo, meaning on the one hand "a helper" but on the other, someone "over-and-against." In a marriage, neither husband nor wife sacrifice their distinctive identities. At Sinai, God remained God and the Israelites remained human. A symbol of covenant is the havdalah candle: multiple wicks that stay separate but produce a single flame. So covenant allowed the Anglican Communion to stay together despite the deep differences between the American and African churches. The American covenant held the nation together despite, in Lincoln's day, a civil war, and at other times, civil and economic strife, and its renewal will do likewise in the future. In Moses' day it allowed the Israelites to become "one nation under God" despite their division into twelve tribes. Covenants create unity without uniformity. They value diversity but, rather than allowing a group to split into competing factions, they ask each to contribute something uniquely theirs to the common good. Out of multiple Me's they create an overarching Us.

What made these two experiences in Canterbury and Washington so moving to me was that they showed how prophetic Moses' words were when he told the Israelites that the Torah and its commands "will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people'" (Deut. 4:6). Torah continues to inspire not only Jews but all who seek guidance in hard times. So, if you find yourself in a situation of conflict that threatens to break something apart, whether a marriage, a family, a business, a community, a political party or an organization, framing a covenant will help keep people together, without any side claiming victory or defeat. All it needs is recognition that there are certain things we can do together that none of us can do alone.



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Ed was responsible for tracking all 435 House races and 35 Senate races, ensuring every candidate for federal office was briefed on the importance of the US-Israel relationship and the shared threats we face. Ed is also responsible for keeping the pro-Israel community informed on all political updates across the country.

LUNCH FEATURING



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Congressman Tom Suozzi has made his support for Israel a top priority from the moment he was elected. His first speech on the House floor, just two days after being sworn in, was to denounce the one-sided, anti-Israel UN Security Council Resolution 2334. In August 2017, Congressman Suozzi traveled to Israel on a mission with AIPAC's educational foundation. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, he has been instrumental in introducing and passing important legislation affecting Israel's safety and security including the most recent Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act which passed in December by unanimous consent.



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

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Wednesday night Gemara Shiur with Rabbi Singer has completed Masechet Yoma and will be holding a Siyum at the Breakfast. The sponsors are Andrew Adler, Robert Spitalnick and Sam Yehaskel.

AIPAC SHABBATON

Join GNS on **Shabbat Feb 2nd** for a special Luncheon focused on "Israel & the New Congress", featuring AIPAC's Ed Miller and Congressman Tom Suozzi. Please sign up at gns.org or by calling 516.487.6100. Cost is \$40/adult and \$136/family.

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CAMERA PROGRAM; MEDIA BIAS AGAINST ISRAEL

On **Sunday, February 24th at 10:30am**, Martin and Shoshana Sokol invite you to hear guest speaker, Gilead Ini, Senior Research Analyst of CAMERA, who will discuss how to recognize and refute inaccurate media coverage of Israel. Breakfast will be served. There is no cost to attend but RSVP is required to Lori Posin lori@camera.org. The event will take place at the home of David and Diane Rein, 1 Cove Lane.

KENSINGTON GATE PURIM LUNCH AND LEARN

Back by popular demand, please join Rabbi Polakoff for a Purim Lunch and Learn at the home of Roslyn and Zachary Dicker, One Kensington Gate, Apt. 326 on Monday, **March 4th** at noon. Dairy lunch will be served. RSVP to mtwersky@gns.org as an RSVP is required to attend.

MEN'S CLUB EVENT

Sunday, March 10th @ 1:00 pm: Join the Men's Club to see Fiddler on the Roof (in Yiddish w/ Eng. sub-titles) at Stage 42. Great Orchestra section seats available - MC Members/\$95, non-MC Members/ \$110. Call GNS office for tickets.

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YESHIVA HAR TORAH 30TH ANNUAL DINNER

Yeshiva Har Torah's 30th Annual Scholarship Dinner will be Motzaei Shabbat, **March 9, 2019**, at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. Guests of Honor are Lisa & Eli Schilowitz. We will also pay tribute to the legacy of our board member and dear friend, Mr. Harvey Kaylie, a"h.

MAZAL TOVS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Mazal Tov to Aviva & Robert Zausmer on the birth of a granddaughter born to their children **Sara Zausmer & Phil Morrow**.

Mazal Tov to Sonia & Eddie Weiss on the engagement of their son **Jonathan** to **Rachel Hedaya** daughter of **Sofia & Ezra Hedaya** of Deal, New Jersey.

Mazal Tov to Ilene & George Schuman on the engagement of their son **Brian** to **Ashley Dreyfus**, daughter of **Lisa Rothblum** and **Stephen Dreyfus**. **Mazal Tov** as well to grandfather, **Paul Weinberg**.

Mazal Tov to **Ziva & Sandy Nissenbaum** on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their children **Nicole & Jonathan Weltz**.

Mazal Tov to **Zara & Eli Moradi** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children **Natasha & Ebbie Boutehsaz**.

SAVE THE DATE: NSHA ANNUAL DINNER

The North Shore Hebrew Academy Annual Dinner Celebration will take place on **Sunday, April 7th** at Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation. The honorees are our members - Dina & Jonathan Ohebshalom, receiving the Guests of Honor Award, our members, Shoshana & Martin Sokol, receiving the L'Dor V'Dor Award and Sandy Sudberg, receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award. In addition, NSHA will also pay tribute to the Class of 1979, celebrating its 40th year Reunion. Those wishing to serve on the Dinner Committee, please contact aflatow@nsha.org or call the Business office at 487.8687 ext 2.

SHABBAT FOOD

Friday drop-offs are continuing at 91 Baker Hill Rd before 1:30 pm. Please have food neatly wrapped and placed in coolers on front porch.

Y A H R Z E I T

Saturday, 20 Shevat

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Carol Karbowitz for Benjamin Katzmer
Lynn Steinberg for Benjamin Katzmer
Robert Knepper for Elizabeth Knepper
Ruth Seif for Norman Seif
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Sunday, 21 Shevat

Idida Kaplan for Aba Abramovsky
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Monday, 22 Shevat

Arnie Flatow for Morris Flatow
Diane Seidle for Louis Melnick
Rita Silverman for Dora Pentol
Perry Schneider for Samuel Schneider

Tuesday, 23 Shevat

Sheila Bachman for Max Bachman
Halina Greenwald for David Greenwald
Albert Safdieh for Irene Lipstein
Phil Hanfling for Julius Schneider

Wednesday, 24 Shevat

Matt Gartenhaus for Stanley Gartenhaus

Thursday, 25 Shevat

Mark Abraham for Shalom Yitzhak ben David Abraham
David Birnbaum for Andor Jack Birnbaum
Moselle Berkowitz for Hannah Kerben
Reuben Kerben for Hannah Kerben
Abraham Krieger for Tonia Kreiger
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Friday, 26 Shevat

Raphael Shaya for Tikvah Ambar
Ruth Seif for Hadassa Dolinsky
Diane Rein for Helene Marcia Fink
Sharon Goldwyn for Abraham Kessler