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שבת פרשת תצוה/שושן פורים קטן SHABBAT PARSHAT TETZAVEH SHUSHAN PURIM KOTON

Haftorah is Ezekiel 43:10-27. We say neither סוף אב הרחמים nor צדקתך צדק. Kiddush Levanah for Adar I can be said all Friday night if it is necessary.

FRIDAY EVENING

MINCHA 5:25 PM

SHKIA 5:40 PM

TZAIT HAKOCHAVIM 6:20 PM

SHABBAT

HASHKAMA 8:00 AM

MAIN 9:00 AM

LAST KRIAT SHEMA 9:24 AM

POST-HASHKAMA SHIUR 10:00 AM

PRE-MINCHA SHIUR 4:25 PM

MINCHA 5:15 PM

MAARIV 6:26 PM

SEUDAH SHLISHIT

Seudah Shlishit is sponsored in honor of Stu Oppenheim to help him celebrate one of his favorite holidays, Shushan Purim Koton (his other favorites are Tu B'Shevat, Purim Koton, Shushan Purim, Pesach Sheni, Lag B'Omer, and Tu B'Av).



ROUND ROBIN PEREK-BY-PEREK SHIUR



Thank you to those that signed up for the March 23 Megillat Esther "round robin": Chava Wernick (Ch. 2), Chayim Goldberg (Ch. 3), Yoni Gorelick (Ch. 4), Amy Agress (Ch. 5), Avi Vann (Ch. 7), Steve Plotnick (Ch. 8), Ilana Schwitzer (Ch. 9), and Yedidya Weiss (Ch. 10).

Now we need more volunteers to sign up for Shir Hashirim chapters for the round robin to take place at seudah shlishit on Shabbat Hagadol. Click here to indicate the Perek you want to speak on: [SHIR HASHIRIM](#).

MISHLOACH MANOT

Purim is rapidly approaching, which means it is time to order your Ahavat Achim Community Mishloach Manot! The deadline to order is March 10th! This year, you can order using the printed form, or you can order using this [Google Form](#)! Mishloach Manot will be delivered on 3/24!

MAZEL TOV

Mazal tov to Betsy & Marty Sonnenblick on the birth of a grandson to Esti & Orel Cohen.

יגדלוהו לתורה ולחופה ולמעשים טובים ויכניסוהו לבריתו בזמנו ובעתו. May they raise him to Torah, chuppah and good deeds, and may he be entered into the covenant of Abraham.



SUNDAY
2/25

MONDAY
2/26

TUESDAY
2/27

WEDNESDAY
2/28

THURSDAY
2/29

FRIDAY
3/1

WEEKDAY MINYANIM AT AHAVAT ACHIM

SHACHARIT	8:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM	6:25 AM	6:15 AM	6:25 AM
MINCHA/MAARIV	5:30 PM	5:32 PM	5:33 PM	5:34 PM	5:35 PM	5:35 PM

ZMANIM

Earliest Talit	5:43 AM	5:41 AM	5:40 AM	5:39 AM	5:37 AM	5:36 AM
Gedolah	12:38 PM	12:38 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM	12:37 PM
Shkia	5:42 PM	5:44 PM	5:45 PM	5:46 PM	5:47 PM	
Tzait	6:22 PM	6:24 PM	6:25 PM	6:26 PM	6:27 PM	

Rabbi Ely Shestack

President Robert Safren

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8 - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

March 9 - Dr. Nava Siltan Lecture.

March 10 - Musical Hallel and Open House

March 23 - Megillat Esther Round Robin.

Contact Andrew to volunteer.

March 30 - Trivia Night, Details to Follow.

April 20 - Pre-Pesach Luncheon/Shir

Hashirim Round Robin

May 11 - Prospective Family Shabbaton

May 18 - Mental Health Awareness

Discussion at Seudah Shlishit.

May 26 - Lag B'Omer Community Event.

Doors Open at Noon. BBQ at 12:30 PM,

with special activities for youth.

IN OUR FUTURE

March 9 - Seudah Shlishit is sponsored by Eli Zeton in memory of רינה בת חנה

May 25 - Kiddush is sponsored by Aliza & Richie Mayer in honor of Sophie's Bat Mitzvah.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Feb. 27 - 8:30 PM, **March 26** - 8:30 PM,

May 28 - 9:00 PM, **June 25** - 9:00 PM,

July 30 - 9:00 PM, **August 27** - 9:00 PM,

Sept. 24 - 9:00 PM, **Oct. 29** - 8:30 PM,

Nov. 26 - 8:30 PM, & **Dec. 24** - 8:30 PM.

KIDDUSH & SEUDAH SHLISHIT

• THIS WEEK'S KIDDUSH IS DAIRY.

- To sponsor a Kiddush (prices start at \$318, plus a bottle of scotch) email dmgarfunkel@gmail.com to coordinate details and budget.
- To sponsor for \$136 Seudah Shlishit (or in the case of multiple sponsors, \$100 per sponsor), email David at dmgarfunkel@gmail.com.

SHIURIM



- SAMSON RAFAEL HIRSCH ON THE PARSHA**, Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, in person and on zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/7291311899> (PW: 112233).
- TORAH FOR YOUR COMMUTE**, via a Whatsapp group, with 3-minute daily halacha insights and a weekly 5-minute parsha elucidation. To join email Rabbi Shestack at rabbishestack@gmail.com.
- SHABBAT SHIUR**, 40 minutes before mincha.
- FUNDAMENTALS OF JEWISH THOUGHT, ON HIATUS.**
- MESORAH-IN-REVERSE** lecture series at Seudah Shlishit.
- Tzurba M'Rabanan on Shabbat, Tuesdays, 7:30 PM, on Zoom with Shalom Brauser.

SHALOM BRAUSER, TEEN MENTOR/ADULT EDUCATOR



Middle school Chabura takes place every third shabbat: **Feb. 23/24, March 15/16, April 5/6**

DR. NAVA R. SILTON LECTURES

Last part of "Parenting & Mental Health in the Modern World", is March 9 at 8:30 PM at the shul entitled "Creativity" with an interactive game: RSVP click: [Mental Health](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

Feb. 17 - First Annual Fair Lawn Mikvah Dinner, at Shomrei Torah, 8:00 PM, \$85 PP. Sign up at fairlawnmikvah.org/dinner.

RABBI'S OFFICE HOURS



The Rabbi is always available for halachic and/or pastoral matters. For less exigent discussions, drop by during the Rabbi's office hour, Tuesdays, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM, or feel free to reach out to the Rabbi to make other meeting arrangements.

GITA COOPERWASSER י"ע YOUTH EVENTS

March 10 - Musical Hallel & Mask Making, 9:45 AM. RSVP: [Hallel/Masks](#)

March 17 - Hamantash Baking, 2:00 PM.

March 23 - Youth Zachor reading and Dinner, 4:00 PM. To RSVP by March 20, email youth@ahavatachim.org.

GITA COOPERWASSER י"ע YOUTH PROGRAM



- SHABBAT YOUTH LEADERS, 1ST - 4TH GRADE: NICOLE & RAQUEL; 3 YRS - K: ARIELLA & PERRI**
- Youth group for children in 1st to 4th Grades starts at 9:00 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the left upon entering the social hall.
- Youth group for children 3 years old through Kindergarten starts at 9:30 AM (Drop Off) in the Youth Room on the right upon entering the social hall.
- Parent & Me room opens at 9:30 AM in the Beit Midrash.
- 5th through 9th graders will meet for Torah and games at 10:00 AM in the David Schwitzer Social Hall.
- Rabbi Meet & Greet, every Friday night, kids can come over to the Rabbi after davening to receive a cup of grape juice and a ticket!
- Children's corner at Seudah Shlishit, 1st to 4th graders will get 10 Torah questions in 10 minutes from Rabbi Shestack, with special snacks, tickets and more.
- Children earn tickets for coming to minyan (Friday night and/or Shabbat day), asking the rabbi questions or attending parent-child learning programs! Tickets can be redeemed for prizes.



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Shabbat Afternoon Youth Fun & Games at Ahavat Achim

March 23rd, 4:00 PM

youth zachor reading

dinner

free play

questions with rabbi
shestack

Rsvp by March 20th: youth@ahavatachim.org





PARENTING & MENTAL HEALTH IN THE MODERN WORLD

A LECTURE SERIES BY
DR. NAVA R. SILTON, PH.D.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH @ 8:30PM ON ZOOM:
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND @ 8:30PM ON ZOOM:
GRIT / EFFORTFUL PERSEVERANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH @ 8:30PM AT AHAVAT ACHIM:
CREATIVITY (W/ INTERACTIVE GAME!)

Nava R. Siltan, Ph.D. is a Developmental Psychologist and a Full Professor at Marymount Manhattan College, where she teaches classes in Child Development, Cognition, Personality, Creativity, Children's Media. Learn more here: <https://www.drnavasilton.com/>



AHAVAT ACHIM
קהלת אהבת אחים
THE FAMILY SHUL



THE FAIR LAWN MIKVAH ASSOCIATION
CORDIALLY INVITES ALL WOMEN
to the

FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MIKVAH CHAVA FAIGA OF FAIR LAWN

FEATURING

Dairy/Parve Buffet Dinner & Dessert
Motivational Health Coach Rorie Weisberg
Israel-focused Kumzitz with Singer Shani Brick
Raffle

INGE & FREDY HEISER SIMCHA HALL
AT SHOMREI TORAH

FEBRUARY 17, 2024
8-10 PM

\$72 EARLY BIRD,
\$85 AFTER 1/26
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FAIRLAWNMIKVAH.ORG/DINNER

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OF FAIR LAWN



CHILDREN'S CORNER @ SEUDAH SHLISHIT 1ST-4TH GRADERS

10
questions
in 10
minutes!

EXCLUSIVE KIDS TABLE

FEATURING

TORAH QUESTIONS WITH RABBI SHESTACK

SPECIAL SNACKS, TICKETS & MORE!

FOLLOWED BY FREE PLAY

Starting 11/25 until Pesach



AHAVAT ACHIM
SEUDAH SHLISHIT

11/25/2019 - 11/26/2019

Youth Pre-Purim

B"H

Hamantash

~Baking~

Sunday March 17

2:00- 4:00 PM

David Schwitzer Social Hall



Bake & take home yummy hamantashen treats, and also give some away in mishloach manot to fellow community members!

March mega food drive drop off day for Matanot Levyonim! (pickup bags at 3/10 event)

Ages 12 and under
RSVP required by March 13
youth@ahavatachim.org



AHAVAT ACHIM
— קהלת אהבת אחים —
THE FAMILY SHUL

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MAR 10TH!

MAR 23, 2024
14TH ADAR, 5784

Purim Mishloach Manot

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PARTICIPATE IN SENDING
MISHLOACH MANOT TO
OUR MEMBERS.

COST: \$7 PER HOUSE OR
\$185 FOR THE ENTIRE SHUL

SIGN UP ONLINE OR MAIL FORMS TO LORI
GARFUNKEL, 12-56 LYLE TERR, FAIR LAWN, NJ 07410

PAYMENT OPTIONS:
CHECK MADE OUT TO AHAVAT ACHIM
OR PAY ONLINE THROUGH PAYPAL

YOU CAN ALSO PARTNER WITH
US TO SEND MISHLOACH
MANOT TO AN ISRAELI CHAYAL!

PURIM 5784 MISHLOACH MANOT

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| _ Talia & Etai Barach | _ Risa Goldman & Eli Greenbaum | _ Alana & Slava Rubin |
| _ Zehava & Norman Baron | _ Dina & Elliot Greene | _ Robyn & Jeffrey Safier |
| _ Renee & Lior Ben-Biniamin | _ Margo Greenstein | _ Jewel & Robert Safren |
| _ Tami & Mark Berman | _ Ruchama & Jerry Halpern | _ Marleny & Alex Salazar |
| _ Sara & Larry Bernstein | _ Joyce Heller | _ Sara & Natan Santacruz |
| _ Audrey & Jack Bickel | _ Rebecca Berger & Jay Herman | _ Arielle & Jonathan Schachter |
| _ Natasha & Daniel Borsuk | _ Gail & Elliott Hershkowitz | _ Rena & Matt Schaikewitz |
| _ Lisa & Aryeh Brenenson | _ Liz Jacob | _ Madeline Schmuckler |
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| _ Saragail Chessin Carpe | _ Marc & Elisheva Katz | _ Ilana & Nathen Schwitzer |
| _ Grace Carrion | _ Deborah & Mitchell Kempin | _ Margo Heda & Brian Shanblatt |
| _ Shifra & John Caruso | _ Georgette Kestler | _ Chana & Rabbi Ely Shestack |
| _ Ellen & Murray Chass | _ Debra Kira | _ Miriam & Eli Shteingart |
| _ Laura & Javier Coello | _ Janie & Hymie Kirschenbaum | _ Sabina & Howard Shultz |
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| _ Evi & Michael Dworkis | _ Deborah Lader | _ Betsy & Marty Sonnenblick |
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| _ Arkady Geltzer | _ Amanda & Chaim Pollak | _ Sara Yehaskel |
| _ Chava & Chayim Goldberg | _ Shelly Racenstein | _ Stacey & Avi Zanjirian |
| _ Joan & Barry Goldberg | _ Marty Reichardt | _ Susan Zarabi |
| _ Ronnie & Mitchell Goldstein | _ Howard Rein | _ Orit & Eli Zefon |
| _ Tamar & Yoni Gorelick | _ Andrea & Greg Riskin | _ Esther & Matt Zimmelman |
| _ Farnaz & David Gorelik | _ Tani & Josh Rossman | |

Your name as shown on Mishloach Manot Scroll: _____

MUSICAL HALLEL+ COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE



AHAVAT ACHIM
— קהלת אהבת אחים —
THE FAMILY SHUL

SUNDAY MARCH 10, 2024

**9:15
AM**

**SHACHARIT W/
MUSICAL HALLEL**

Hallel begins ~9:35am



**PURIM MASK
DECORATING**

For Youth

**9:45
AM**



**10:30
AM**

**BREAKFAST+
MEET & GREET**



**RSVP BY
3/1/24**





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FROM THE TEACHINGS AND WRITINGS OF RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS זצ"ל

With thanks to the Schimmel Family for their generous sponsorship of Covenant & Conversation, dedicated in loving memory of Harry (Chaim) Schimmel.

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An extraordinary couple who have moved me beyond measure by the example of their lives." — Rabbi Sacks

This year's series of essays and videos were originally written and recorded by Rabbi Sacks זצ"ל in 5771 (2010–2011). These timeless messages are accompanied by a new [Family Edition](#) (2023–2024), created to inspire intergenerational learning on the parsha.

Leadership Means Making Space

Tetzaveh is, as is well known, the parsha in which for once Moses take second place. In fact, he is not mentioned by name at all, and all the focus is on his brother, Aaron, and on the role he came to occupy and personify, that of High Priest, the Kohen Gadol.

There are many conjectures as to why this went to Aaron as opposed to Moses himself, the most obvious being that this was Moses' punishment for refusing one time too many God's request that he lead the Israelites.

And Moses said, "Pardon Your servant, Lord. Please send someone else."

Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and He said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

He will speak to the people for you, he will be your spokesman, and you will be his guide.

Ex. 4:13–16

There is, though, a deeper message, the principle of the separation of powers, which opposes the concentration of leadership into one person or institution. All human authority needs checks and balances if it is to remain uncorrupted. In particular, political and religious leadership, *keter malchut* and *keter kehunah*, should never be combined. Moses wore the crowns of political and prophetic leadership, Aaron that of priesthood. The division allowed each to be a check on the other.

That is the theory. What is especially interesting is how this works out in terms of personal relationships, in this case that between the two brothers, Moses and Aaron. The Torah says relatively little about their family dynamic, but the hints are fascinating.

Consider, first of all, the passage we've just seen from near the beginning of the book of Exodus,

when God tells Moses that Aaron is “already on his way to meet you, and *he will be glad to see you.*” These sound like simple words, but in reality they are far from common.

Moses was Aaron’s younger brother, three years his junior. Would it not have been natural for Aaron to be more than a little envious that his younger brother was about to become the leader he himself was not destined to be – all the more so since Moses had not spent his life among his people. He had been, first, an adopted prince of Egypt, and had then taken refuge with Yitro and the Midianites. Relative to Aaron, Moses, his younger brother, was also an outsider.

Yet God says, “He will be glad to see you.”

Aaron’s ability to rejoice in his brother’s rise to greatness is particularly striking when set against the entire biblical history of the relationship between brothers thus far. It has been a set of variations on the theme of sibling rivalry: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers. The Psalm says:

“How good and pleasant it is for brothers to live together.”

Ps. 133:1

And in response, reading Bereishit, we are likely to add, “and how rare.”

But now comes the second test, this time not of Aaron but of Moses. Moses is now being commanded to create a form of leadership he himself will never be able to exercise, that of the priesthood, and the person he must award it to is his elder brother. Can he do so with the same generosity of spirit that his brother showed toward him?

Note how the Torah emphasises God’s insistence that it be Moses who bestows this honour on Aaron.

Three times the word *ve-atah*, “And you,” is used early on in the parsha:

“*And you* shall command the Israelites to bring you pure oil” (for the Menorah that Aaron and his sons would keep alight).

Ex. 27:20

“*And you* shall draw your brother Aaron and his sons close to you to serve Me as priests – Aaron and his sons Nadav and Avihu, Elazar, and Itamar. Make sacred vestments for your brother Aaron, for glory and for splendour.

Ex. 28:1-2

“*And you* shall speak to all the skilled craftsmen whom I have endowed with a spirit of wisdom, and ask them to make Aaron’s vestments; these will consecrate him to serve Me as priest.

Ex. 28:3

Moses must show the people – and Aaron himself – that he has the humility, the *tzimtzum*, the power of self-effacement, needed to make space for someone else to share in the leadership of the people. Someone whose strengths are not his, whose role is different from his, someone who may be more popular, closer to the people, than Moses is – as in fact Aaron turned out to be.

It's rare for a leader to be able to share the spotlight so generously. In 2005 the historian Doris Kearns Goodwin published an influential book about Abraham Lincoln entitled *Team of Rivals*. In it she tells the story of how Lincoln appointed to his cabinet the three men who had

opposed him as candidate for the Republican party leadership. William Henry Seward, who had been expected to win, eventually said of him, “His magnanimity is almost superhuman . . . the President is the best of us.”

It takes a special kind of character to make space for those whom one is entitled to see as rivals. Early on, Aaron showed that character in relation to Moses, and now Moses is called on to show it to Aaron.

True leadership involves humility and magnanimity. The smaller the ego, the greater the leader. That’s what Moses showed in the parsha that does not mention his name.



Around the Shabbat Table

1. After learning about Moses and Aaron, what qualities do you think make a good leader?
2. What are some challenges that might arise from sibling rivalry, and how can they be overcome?
3. Think of other sibling relationships in the Tanach. Can you find the positive and challenging dynamics from each pairing?

● These questions come from this week’s **Family Edition** to Rabbi Sacks’ Covenant & Conversation. For an interactive, multi-generational study, check out the full edition at RabbiSacks.org/covenant-conversation-family-edition/tetzaveh/leadership-means-making-space/