



In the Image of God

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, in his musings on this week's parasha, *Tetzaveh*, remarks insightfully that in Tetzaveh something new enters the Torah narrative. Up to this point we haven't heard from the priests or much about their position and function; their religious and political agendas have not been clearly articulated. But in many ways in *Tetzaveh* we have a prelude to the book of Leviticus, where the priestly agenda comes into full focus, with detailed accounts of the priestly responsibilities and careful descriptions of the religious rituals they must perform and preside over. The modern understanding of Leviticus is that it derives from the Priestly source, the body of writing that—it is contended by academics and other subscribers to the Documentary Hypothesis—has a human source.

It is most likely that members of priestly families returning from Babylon were the ones responsible for the final redaction of the five books of Moses. The priests' concern was with the relationship with God through ritual and animal sacrifice. After the destruction of the Second Temple, 70 CE, sacrifices could no longer be offered. During the next few centuries the Rabbis instituted formal communal prayer, *tefilah*, as a substitute for the sacrifices. In our tradition there are two categories of law that are traditionally viewed as being of equal importance. They are known as the laws governing the relationship between human beings and God—*ben Adam l'makom*—and the laws governing the relationships between human beings, namely *ben Adam l'havero*.

There is a tendency to divide religious life in our tradition into these two dimensions. This derives from an understanding of our biblical past whereby the priesthood directed ritual sacrifices, and the prophets inspired the people to act with virtue and compassion, both groups in the service of God. The priests supervised ritual and the prophets spoke about ethics. Our tradition as it developed from Rabbinic times through to the present sees these two categories of law as deeply intertwined. From the perspective of the Rabbis, the observance of festivals in their appointed times, and prayer—the mode of worship that replaced sacrifices—were as important as the commandments to love your neighbour as yourself or to clothe the naked and feed the hungry. For many of us this may seem difficult. Prayer is not as meaningful for many people today as it was in the past. Additionally, the images for God that appear in our liturgy and major texts can be hard for us relate to, whereas striving to behave ethically in the world is something that most people with a conscience see as imperative.

However, if we look at the Hebrew word for prayer—*tefilah*—closely, something deeper begins to unfold that brings these two categories of law together: *Lehitpallel* a reflexive verb meaning to pray also means to judge or to observe oneself. Understood this way *tefilah*, the related noun, does not just refer to the form of our prayer service but to a way of being in the world. The

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MAZAL TOV

Lizzie de Paoli & Daniel Folb on their **auf ruf**

(Millie Phillips Building)

Mark & Sarah Fischer on the **naming** of their daughter **Francesca**

(Millie Phillips Building)

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday 7:07pm

Saturday 7:42pm

TORAH (page 503)

Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

Maftir (page 1135)

Deuteronomy 25:17 - 25:19

Haftarah: (page 1280)

I Samuel 15:2 - 15:34

SHABBAT SERVICES

Erev Shabbat

- 6:15pm Shabbat Live
(Millie Phillips Building)
- 6:15pm Masorti service
(Neuweg)

Shabbat Morning

- 9:00am -
Masorti service
(Millie Phillips Building)
- 10:00am -
Progressive service
(Neuweg)

Renewal Beach

Kabbalat Shabbat

- BYO picnic dinner
20 March from 6:00pm at
Nielsen Park

Please register:

emanuel.org.au/event/renewal-beach-shabbat

person who is in a state of prayerfulness is one who sees every encounter in life as an opportunity to calmly observe one's actions and then to act upon that observation by modifying negative behaviour. Every moment of our lives we are faced with challenges. If we are able to observe our triggers and respond to that which challenges us, even slightly, we bring the laws that govern our human interactions and the laws that govern the way we worship God closer together. In fact they become inseparable and we move ever so closer to being *b'tzelem Elohim*, in the Image of God.

Shabbat Shalom,

Cantor George Mordecai



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Thursday, 19th March
from 7:00pm

This fascinating documentary tells the origin story behind one of Broadway's most beloved musicals, *Fiddler on The Roof*, and its creative roots in early 1960s New York.

Book now:

www.emanuel.org.au/event/fiddler

Lunch 'n' Learn Saturday March 14 after services

This month, Reverend Sam Zwarenstein presents *Make a date with the Hebrew Calendar* -

Discovering the evolution of our calendar through the wisdom of our ancestors and sages.

Meet and engage
in a discussion with

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WHAT'S ON

Conversations about Israel - Monday 10:00am to 11:30am

Every Monday, join Rabbi Jeffrey Kamins or guest speakers to examine the complex issues facing contemporary Israel. This Monday March 9 - Dr Mahsheed Ansari, lecturer in Islam and Contemporary Islamic Studies, will speak about associations between Jews and Muslims from scripture, history and beyond, with a focus on the relationship of Islam and Judaism from a Muslim perspective.

Morning Minyan - Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45am (*Neuweg*)

Come along each week for an intimate prayer service, a beautiful way to begin the day with intention and reflection.

Shabbat In The Circle - Saturday 28th March from 10:00am to 12:00 noon

We will begin with the study of Hassidic and other mystical texts then discuss how we can apply them in our daily lives. This will be followed by a collaborative musical gathering based on the Shabbat morning service incorporating melodies, poems and dance to enhance our Shabbat.

***The Lost Princess* - Thursday evenings from 7:15pm**

Join Cantor George Mordecai for a fascinating study of *The Lost Princess*, a deeply insightful story from Rabbi Nahman, incorporating music and meditation.

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Kabbalah Meditation - Tuesdays 24, 31 March & 6 April from 7:00pm to 8:15pm

A chance to learn about Kabbalah Meditation. With Rabbi Dr. Orna Triguboff, and special guests. The classes are free. Be inspired! Please register: www.emanuel.org.au/event/march-meditation

Jewnatal - This Sunday March 8 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm

Join our special group for expecting couples, regardless of whether this is your first, second or more child. Rabbi Rafi Kaiserblueth leads a series of informal sessions designed as preparation for birth in a Jewish context. Please register: www.emanuel.org.au/event/jewnatal2

Havdallah Live! *Feeling the light* - Saturday April 4 from 6:00pm to 7:15pm

Discover the beauty of Havdallah in this service led by young members of our community. Don't miss this special experience.

Purim Carnival

**Sunday 8 March
from 10.00am**

Start with a Hamentaschen bake
Followed by games, arts and crafts,
face painting, a costume parade and
megillah play.

Then enjoy a healthy lunch for the
whole family.

Register now!

emanuel.org.au/event/Purim-Carnival

In Conversation *Who will hear our voice?*

featuring

Thomas Mayor

author of *Finding the Heart of the Nation*

and Teela Reed

**Proud Wiradjuri and Wailwan woman,
lawyer and activist**

Sunday April 5 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm

More information and bookings:
emanuel.org.au/event/voice

IN MEMORY

There are mourners in our community to whom we extend our sincerest sympathies on the death of their loved ones.

Shiva: Rebecca (Bex) Stromin

Shloshim: John Pond, Lily Gottheiner, Brian Liebman, Alan Stafford, David Barnett, Jacques Bouskila, Liliane Cahn, Helen Freed, Kitty (Kathleen) Hearst, Joshua Levi, Janice Schwartz

This week we observe the Yahrzeits of (observed by):

* Memorial Light

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| Greta Abrahams (Batsheva Abrahams) | Sheila Zelda Leigh (Jack Leigh) |
| * Leah Abrahams | Nathan Levitt (Michael Levitt) |
| Joseph Adelman (Laurence Adelman) | Enid Maud Lewis (Joan Lewis) |
| Gretel Baer (Stephen Baer) | Betty Libbert (Stephen Libbert) |
| Sol Brender (David Brender, Rodney Brender) | Susanne Meth (Barbara Lake) |
| Rachel Broer (Roger Davis) | Kurt Mondschein (Carol Engelman) |
| Anita Caplan (Ilona Lee) | * Hertha Mosberg (Wendy Milston) |
| John Marian Celermajer (Danielle Celermajer, David Celermajer) | Rae Newhouse (Daniel Newhouse) |
| Nathan Chernow (Ruth Marks) | Franciszka Pejsachowicz (Greta Goldberg) |
| Heinz Cohn (Ericka van Aalst) | Cynthia (Stenia) Penny (Gary Penny) |
| * Leon Ross Davis | Blanche Perlman (Margaret Perlman Hilmer) |
| Emeric Faire (Anne Newman) | Ted Pincus (Sharon Jacobson) |
| Mary Faire (Anne Newman) | George Pisk (Dennis Pisk, Bertha Pisk) |
| Francis Sydney Fenton (Stephen Fenton, Norah Fenton) | * Elias Polonsky (Sergio Polonsky) |
| Iris Rosetta Fisher (Susanne Fisher) | Soledad Sanchez Rafanan (Olivia Polonsky) |
| Harold Forer (Elizabeth Forer) | Gladys (Billie) Richards (Anthea Hemphill, Lavinia Fuller) |
| Elaine Friedman (Talia Friedman) | Steven Ringler (Rhonda Cutler) |
| * Martha Goldstein | Hyam Roden (Robert Roden) |
| Egon Lyon Gordon (Vivienne Sharpe) | * Ernest A. Roseman |
| Louis Greenblatt (Glenda Cohen) | * Rose Rosen |
| * Miklos Grunberg | Abram Segal (John Segal) |
| Toby Grupel (Lesley Abelsohn) | Alfred Sharpe (John Sharpe) |
| Eric P. Hadek (Thomas Neumann) | Carolyn Susan Shine (Barry Shine) |
| Frederick Heller (Ruth Bender) | Ivan Singer-Remeljan (Ana Singer) |
| Serena Hershon (Fiona Singer, Jennifer Hershon, Melanie America) | Millie Stack (Adrienne Glass) |
| Marcia Hersta (Zara Yellin) | Margaret Stern (Eva Engel) |
| * Margie Israel | Charles Tadmore (Irit Davis) |
| Louis Jacobs (Lynda Greenblo) | Nancy Taylor (Alan Taylor) |
| Rita Jacobson (Pamela Karp) | * Efim Vinogradoff |
| Jacob Jacoby (Lesley-Ann Hellig) | Stanley Wainer (Devorah Wainer) |
| Alan Katel (Lesley Barold) | Kelly Wallace (Michelle Stein-Evers Frankl) |
| Maurice Kelly (Tanya Kelly) | Enez Weinronk (Sandra Hotz) |
| | Frederick (Fred) Wolff (Dianne Wolff) |
| | Marc Yellin (Zara Yellin) |

Shoah Remembrance: Cypora Korcarz was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1918 and lived there until he was murdered in the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust.