

# How To Be A Mensch In These Trying Times

In our hyper-polarized world, where sharp divisions and differences are on the rise - how do we find our way to be both critical and kind, to speak the hard truth while remaining decent and helpful?

*November 10, 7:30 pm*

***Offensive speech: are we justified to be offended? Can one be offensive without having any intention to be so?***

Navigating political correctness, cancel culture, how to speak with those we disagree with.

*November 17, 7:30 pm*

***What do we mean by 'Justice'?***

What should our priorities be in our justice agenda: racial equality, antisemitism, government structural change, economic justice? Are we spectators, or actors in bringing justice?

*November 24, 7:30 pm*

***Charity and Philanthropy - how are these different from Tzedakkah and Tikun Olam?***

Are philanthropy and donations to good causes the way to change the world, or mostly 'feel good' ways to avoid the needed deep changes? When are our well-intentioned contributions part of the solution, and when they are part of the problem?

**Join us on Zoom to share your thoughts, on these three November Tuesdays (one or all, free, open to everyone)- Rabbi Ariel Edery will lead the discussions. For Zoom information, contact the [office](#).**

Upcoming Series:

## **Reading Hebrew for Adults**

Have you always wanted to learn to read Hebrew, or possibly forgotten the Hebrew you learned long ago? Whether you are an absolute beginner or a rusty former pupil, this class is for you!

Taught by Rabbi Mike Stevens, this weekly course will enable you to read Hebrew, follow along with the Siddur at our Shabbat services, and have a prayer vocabulary of 100 words.

Sunday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m., starting on January 10, on Zoom.

The book we use for the course is *Learn Hebrew Today: Alef-Bet for Adults*, by Paul Michael Yedwab and Howard I. Bogot, ( URJ Press, New York.)

Are you interested? Email Mike ([michael.stevens@prodigy.net](mailto:michael.stevens@prodigy.net)) and ask any questions.