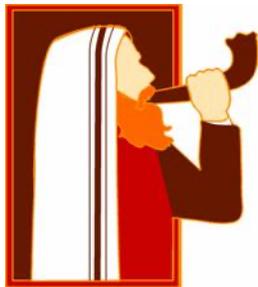


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Rabbi's Message (Based on a sermon delivered on Shabbat Hagadol, March 27, 2021)

There is Nothing New under the Sun

Kohelet (also known as Ecclesiastes) observes: "That which has been what will be / That which is done is what will be done / And there is nothing new under the sun" (Koh.1:9) One interpretation is based on nature: We observe natural cycles like the seasons that repeat themselves over and over again; thus, "there is nothing new under the sun." Another interpretation applies repeating patterns to human activity, claiming all that we do in our lifetimes is insignificant when compared to the universe.

Kohelet presents a sobering view of life, especially at Pesach and Springtime when we should be reading the exuberant love poetry of *Song of Songs*. Nonetheless, I am not exuberant this Pesach or this Spring, because there is nothing new under the sun, nothing new I can say or that I can read regarding our ongoing epidemic. I don't mean the COVID one; I mean **the other public health crisis**—that of gun violence in our country. We have witnessed yet two more dramatic mass shootings in the space of one week, and several others involving at least four murders each that have not made headlines. Thus, there is nothing new except the names of the victims and the town where they suddenly and inexplicably were killed.

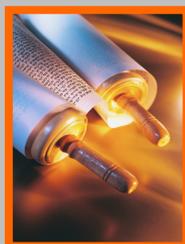
So, what more can anyone say? How many more times will religious leaders cite **traditional texts and contemporary statements regarding the sanctity of life?** Will it make any difference for rabbis to cite rabbinic texts that warn of the dangers of selling weapons to others? [1] Why even bother complaining about the repeating pattern that we see each time we suffer yet another outrage? Mass shooting. Outpouring of grief, shock and outrage. Call for changes in our society to combat this epidemic. Debate resulting in nothing. We go on. Some forget about the problem; some have grown numb while others hold our collective breaths until the next one. Repeat. There is nothing new under the sun.

There is nothing new about citing statistics like, "Every year, almost 40,000 Americans die as victims of gun violence. That's over 100 deaths per day." "Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with a gun than people in other developed nations" (<https://rac.org/issues/gun-violence-prevention>). This statistic includes the over 23,000 suicides committed with a gun.[2]

I once thought that these kinds of facts might finally inspire our nation's leaders and citizens to act. But there is nothing new.

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We are collecting food for the pantry at Jesus is Lord Fellowship in Lakewood. Please use the bins in the foyer.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

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Cantor is here!

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Shabbat Emor

WHAT OUR TEACHER'S ARE TEACHING

Why is this year different from all other years?

A tale of a Third Grade religious school teacher amid a pandemic.

On all other years we have sat in class, we sang songs, we ate food, even belly-laughed out loud. On all other years, we danced to music, joined fellow classes and had parties, we played musical chairs, ate sufganiyot until our bellies burst full of jelly, and we had mock-seders filled with ten plagues and lots of chocolate!!!! LOTS OF CHOCOLATE! On all other years we drank grape juice in wine cups and proudly recited the entire Kiddush that my amazing students worked so hard to learn...but this year, there is no juice, there is no belly-laughter together, there wasn't even sufganiyot. However, this year I was blessed with an amazing class of students who have shown what true resilience is amid a pandemic! I have a third grade class of children that are far more mature than their years, children who yearn for their religious school education. Yeladim who are so excited to show off everything that they have so eagerly learned over the past six months. This year, my students have been the teacher...they have taught me a patience that I never knew existed, they have taught me to be optimistic even when there was doubt, and they have taught me to show up even when the Temple lights went out. To the moms and dads of our synagogue, you should all be so very proud of your children, I know that I am! My love of teaching these brilliant little minds has kept your children not only on track, but ahead of schedule from previous years. Together as a class we still have fun! We played a virtual game of dreidel over Chanukah. Together we've watch tons of educational Israeli, Hebrew, and holiday you-tube videos while I screen share from my computer in the comfort of my safe environment, after all what kid doesn't love YouTube? We've learned prayers and songs and we sing loudly online from the safety of our homes. We belly-laugh, act silly, and tell jokes all from the comfort of our homes. We go over our flash-cards in the beginning of every class, virtually from the safety of our homes. Your children have learned to read hebrew with incredible fluency. Every week they learn something new. Ask them to recite the four questions for you. Perhaps the kiddush. Ask them to sing Shalom Aleichem for you... but don't just ask them to sing, have them read for you. Maybe this year has been an unconventional one but it truly hasn't been all that different. The delivery may have changed but the message was the same and the acceptance overwhelmingly wonderful!!! So, to the moms and dads of our synagogue and the parents of my beautiful students, thank you for blessing me with the gift of teaching your yeladim!

Morah Farrah

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is here!!

Never before has spring felt so important, so rejuvenating. It is a time for new life in nature. It is also a time to start seeing a new life for many of us. We are able to see a light after what was a pretty dark winter. We can not touch the light yet, but we see it, we feel it, we know it is there.

While life is still a challenge, more and more people are becoming vaccinated. The time when all who want to be vaccinated will be vaccinated is closer!

I've done some reading about how spring is perceived in Judaism. Spring is seen as a rebirth of earth after winter. An indication that life overcomes death. Spring is redemption, a time for liberation. Of course we celebrate this during Passover when we escaped slavery and traveled toward freedom.

As I said above, we are now traveling toward freedom. We have a destination, we just have to make our way through our own desert to get there. And we will get there!!!

As we travel, please do so safely. We are staying very safe at Temple and continue to welcome our members into the sanctuary for services. Just call and make a reservation and we will welcome you!!

Please stay safe and stay well.

Melanie

Rabbi's Message Cont.

Therefore, I can only ask questions: When will it stop? What else must happen before we act? Or better, what can we do to stop at least some of the gun violence plaguing our nation. Do we not realize: "That which has been what will be"? "That which [has been] done" in schools and stores "is what will be done" one day in our schools, stores and houses of worship? How does acknowledging this real possibility not spur us to action?

I think I began applying this Kohelet-like philosophy to this crisis shortly after the massacre in 2012 of twenty six-and seven- year-olds and six adult staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary school. I realized then that our nation just does not have the political will to address it.

I believe that until we have the courage to address this health crisis from these three angles, we can expect no positive changes in our predicament: 1) gun safety laws, 2) our attitudes and policies regarding mental illness and 3) the structural racism and bigotry that pervade American culture.

1) No matter how practical, reasonable and modest proposed gun safety laws are, Congress has not passed any new ones since the 1994 crime bill^[3] even though "The vast majority of American, including gun owners support common-sense policies like background checks for every gun sale" (<https://rac.org/issues/gun-violence-prevention>).

2) We are still reticent to speak candidly about mental illness and spend our tax dollars on effective, robust and widespread programs to treat it and destigmatize it. Mental illness is nothing more and nothing less than an illness of the brain. Our fear of it is like the years we whispered the word "cancer." Ignoring a disease does not help us cure or treat it. With more openness and treatment, we could decrease the number of suicide deaths every year, including those done with firearms.

3) As nation we still have not seriously confronted or made significant inroads to reducing the structural racism and bigotry that pervade our culture. True, we have an incredibly open and diverse society that includes different races, many ethnicities, cultural and religious communities and people of varying sexual orientations and identities. Yet too many American express their biases and hatreds by word and deed. Moreover, in recent years hatred as an ideology and a political policy has moved from the fringe to the mainstream.

Even the metrics we use to determine levels violence against specific groups are imperfect. For a variety of reasons, we undercount many instances of hatred, thereby missing the magnitude of the problem.

I settled on these three angles with which to address gun violence, because so much of that violence has one or more of them as an underlying cause. What about criminal activity that involves guns? Solve systemic racism, and we will solve a lot of the poverty and hopelessness that breed crime. Furthermore, I believe that if we addressed all three effectively, we would decrease the number of Americans slaughtered by senseless gun violence.

As great as our country is, we are also terribly arrogant when it comes to some of our most critical problems. We act as if we have all the answers and cannot learn anything useful from other countries. Remember, we "are 25 times more likely to be killed with a gun than people in other developed nations." Are we so sure we cannot adopt and adapt a strategy or two from others? What have got to lose?

So, I ask yet more questions: When will we begin the hard work? When will we finally get serious about reducing gun violence here? I see two possibilities. The first, if it ever happens, will take a terribly long time, because we will have to wait until we reach such a critical mass of victims and mourners that the outcry will be too great for the gun lobby to overcome or our elected officials to ignore. Of course, that time may never arrive because it must be obvious by now that we have a great tolerance for letting people acquire guns, shoot and kill us.

Rabbi's Message Cont.

The second possibility may not take as long but is equally terrible, and I pray never happens. Gun violence will directly affect enough policy and lawmakers so that they will not wait for public outcry to act. In their grief, they will gladly forgo the gun lobby's money, now more than willing to take a stand and forfeit their office to limit the carnage.

If Kohelet returned to this world, I wonder if he would agree with me about agreeing with his philosophy as it pertains to this issue. At first glance, he would see that our world looks very different! He might cry, "there's lots of new things under the sun!" Yet, in time, I think Kohelet would see those familiar patterns of human behavior emerge and repeat themselves. "Ah," Kohelet would sigh, "human nature is still what it has always been—at least in the U.S.A."

But then again, maybe Kohelet would observe that through the centuries we *have* discovered much that is new. We have uncovered and explained many mysteries about our world and ourselves, and our learning has improved our lot and decreased our fears even as it has increased our awe in the Creation.

I think Kohelet would advise us: "Use your new technologies for the good of humankind and use your new psychological insights to solve harmful patterns of human behavior. Use them to combat what is evil. Of course, always apply our ancient teachings to remind us of what is truly valuable, beyond calculation: a human life." "One who takes a life, it is though they have destroyed the universe. And one who saves a life, it is as though they have saved the universe" (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5).

And then Kohelet might promise that "then and only then will we find a vaccine to inoculate us against the public health crisis of gun violence."

May this be God's will.

Rabbi Steve

[1] There is a second halacha that is relevant to this issue. The Talmud prohibits someone from selling offensive weapons to idol worshippers and suspected criminals (Avodah Zarah 15b; YD 151:5-6). The rule against selling to idol worshippers is based on an assumption that the idol worshippers will use them against Jews; however, if the Jews are allied with the idol worshippers, it is permitted to sell them arms. It is likewise prohibited to sell such weapons to anyone suspected of reselling them to criminals. This halacha requires that the buyers of firearms be carefully screened and resembles in many ways laws requiring a national registry of gun and rifle owners.

[2] Claiming the lives of more than 23,000 Americans every year, including 1,200 children and teens, firearm suicide is a significant public health crisis in the US. Nearly two-thirds of all gun deaths in the US are suicides, resulting in an average of 64 deaths a day. And the problem is getting worse: Over the past decade, the US firearm suicide rate has increased by 13 percent. This trend has been of particular concern for children and teens, whose firearm suicide rate has increased by 59 percent over the past 10 years; and for veterans, who have a firearm suicide rate 1.5 times higher than non-veteran adults. (<https://everytownresearch.org/report/firearm-suicide-in-the-united-states/>)

[3] Part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, signed by President Clinton in 1994, is the subsection titled Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act. This is known as the assault weapons ban — a temporary prohibition in effect from September of 1994 to September of 2004. Multiple attempts to renew the ban have failed.

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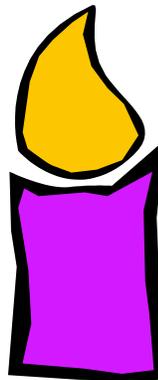


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| <p>2 10:00AM-Noon last Day of Rel. School, field Day</p> <p>BINGO 25</p> | <p>3 21 iyar</p> | <p>4 22 iyar</p> | <p>5 23 iyar</p> | <p>6 24 iyar</p> | <p>7 25 iyar 7:00 Erev Shabbat Family Service Cantor</p> | <p>8 26 iyar <i>Emor</i></p> |
| <p>9 27 iyar</p> <p>BINGO</p> | <p>10 28 iyar</p> | <p>11 29 iyar</p> | <p>12 1 sivan EB 7:30PM BOT Meeting</p> | <p>13 2 sivan</p> | <p>14 3 sivan 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service</p> | <p>15 4 sivan <i>Behar/Bechukotai</i></p> |
| <p>16 5 sivan MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>Men's Club Erev Shavuot</p> <p>NO BINGO</p> | <p>17 6 sivan YOM YERUSHALAYIM 10:00AM Shavuot Morning Service, Yizkor</p> | <p>18 7 sivan</p> | <p>19 8 sivan ROSH CHODESH</p> | <p>20 9 sivan</p> | <p>21 10 sivan 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service Cantor</p> | <p>22 11 sivan <i>Bamidbar</i></p> |
| <p>23 12 sivan BINGO</p> | <p>24 13 sivan VICTORIA DAY CANADA 20 sivan</p> | <p>25 14 sivan</p> | <p>26 15 sivan</p> | <p>27 16 sivan</p> | <p>28 17 sivan 7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service w/anniversary</p> | <p>29 18 sivan <i>Nasso</i></p> |
| <p>30 19 sivan BINGO</p> | <p>31 MEMORIAL DAY</p> | | | | | <p>Beha'afotecha</p> |

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| | September | | <i>Fri., 4th: 7:00 Family Service 1st Sun. Session: 13th, Grades K-6 10:00 Mandatory Parents' Meeting 1st Tue. Session: 15th, Grades 3-9</i> | |
| | October | | <i>Fri., 2nd: 7:00 Sukkot/ Family Service Tues., 6th Sukkah Celebrations Sat. 10th: 10:0 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Sun. 18th: 3rd Grade Book Ceremony</i> | |
| | November | | <i>Fri., 6th: 7:00 Family Service Tues., 10th Kristallnacht Program</i> | |
| | December | | <i>Fri., 4th : 7:00 Family Service, Grades Tues., 8th Class Parties Sun., 13th Hanukkah Fair</i> | |
| | January | | <i>Fri., 8th : Family Service</i> | |
| | February | | <i>Fri. 5th : 7:00 Family Service Thurs. 25th : 7:00. Purim Service & Shpiel</i> | |
| | March | | <i>Fri. 5th , : 7:00 Family Service Tue. 23rd: Model Seder</i> | |
| | <p>Check out our Website & Facebook Page:</p> <p>www.bethamshalom.org https://www.facebook.com/ BethAmShalomLakewood</p> | April | | <i>Fri. 2nd: 7:00 Family Service Sun. 27th Last Tue. Of Rel. School</i> |
| | | May | | Sun. 2 nd : Last Sunday of Rel. School/BBQ |
| Last Sessions: Tuesday: April 27 Sunday: May 2 * Grades K-3 will be participating in all family services. Although attendance is not mandatory, it is a learning experience, enjoyable for the children, and an honor to be called up to the Bima. Please help your children to have this wonderful experience as often as possible. | | | | |
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