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Arguments for the Sake of Heaven: Debating Israel and Gaza

By Rabbi Steve Gold

Commenting on *Parashat Bo*, Rabbi Reuven Greenvald teaches us the importance of asking questions:

The raising of critical questions about the Torah here is not an attempt to whitewash our sacred texts. Rather, raising questions is what Jewish tradition has always done to reapply its core values of justice and mercy to the complicated struggles in each generation.

We should raise critical questions also whenever we discuss Torah, history or contemporary and controversial issues. More than an academic exercise, it is an attempt to grapple with the tough questions, remain true to our fundamental values and teach them honestly with application to this extremely complicated and troubled world.

Eight months into Israel's war against Hamas, we should be asking some tough and painful questions. Asking them, however, invites some to question one's Zionist credentials. With the spread of campus protests, that statement is even more true now, because as the protests have spread, so too have antisemitism, blind support for the Palestinian cause, and misinformation about Israel and its history.

Both sides have hardened their positions, and there is no room for even a little doubt or a slightly nuanced position. But I refuse to allow complicated and tragic events to shake my fundamental values, even as those events inspire questions and rethinking of my views.

For example, commenting on the campus protests, Rabbi Evan Moffic (of Makom Solel Lakeside Congregation in Highland Park, Illinois.) states, "While one can suggest Israel's response has been flawed, ignoring the origins of this conflict and the hostages held by Hamas suggests a disregard for Jewish lives. That's antisemitism."

I agree. Therefore, I will not proclaim the sacredness of Jewish lives while denying the sacredness of others' lives. And we should condemn the campus protesters and others for doing just that. Nonetheless, Rabbi Moffic's comment about Israel's response is an anathema to those who are absolutist and will not even consider that Israel can err. But for me, as the war has evolved, so has my thinking. I now question Israel's war strategy in light of other options that could free the hostages, end the killing of civilians and neuter Hamas. (See Thomas L. Friedman in the *New York Times*, 12/22/'23, Richard Haass the *Wall Street Journal* 3/16/'24 and Nicholas Kristof in the *New York Times* 4/21/'24.)

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WORSHIP SERVICES



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the pantry at
Jesus is Lord Fellowship
in Lakewood
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EVENTS THIS MONTH

Friday, June 7
7:00PM Erev Shabbat Family Service

Shabbat Bamidbar

Wednesday, June 12
10:00AM Shavuot Service with Yizkor

Friday, June 14
7:00PM Erev Shabbat Service

Shabbat Nasso

Friday, June 21
6:00PM Nosh & Schmooze
6:30PM Erev Shabbat Service

Shabbat Behaalotecha

Friday, June 28
6:00PM Nosh & Schmooze
6:30PM Erev Shabbat Service

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My dear Beth Am Shalom Family-

It's hard to imagine that I am completing my first year being your President, the time really flew by. It has been a very challenging and rewarding year. We have shared many happy times together and unfortunately, some sad occasions as well. But the most important part is we are a family who support each other in good and bad times.

Beginning on Friday evening, June 21st, we will begin our **SWEET, SHORT, SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES**. We begin with a nosh at 6 PM followed by Shabbat Services at 6:30 PM and hopefully the services will be over no later than 7:15PM.

I want to thank all of you for your support of Beth Am Shalom. We have been facing many challenges, whether it is the change in demographics in Ocean County, worldwide antisemitism, and a decline in our membership.

AGAIN, WE DID NOT RAISE OUR TEMPLE DUES, BUT WE ARE HURTING FINANCIALLY. I ASK IF YOU ARE ABLE, TO PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN BEYOND TEMPLE DUES. ADDITIONALLY, OUR BINGO GAMES ARE THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER THAT TEMPE HAS. I URGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME WHETHER SELLING BINGO SHEETS OR HELPING IN THE KITCHEN, WE NEED YOU!

Please know that I value each and every one of you and am looking forward to serving you, my Temple family for the next two years.

I wish all of you a safe and beautiful Summer.

B'Shalom,
Francine Gimpel, President

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT'D

But whether or not the options those gentlemen suggest are better than Israel's current strategy is beside the point—the point being, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has gone on far too long and is far too complicated to have one party who is completely virtuous and the other, evil. The fact that I support Israel and believe it has *usually* acted more ethically is also irrelevant. We should be able to discuss and debate with respect, without rancor or labeling one another.

We should feel comfortable asking painful questions. Asking them does not make us anti-Israel, any more than someone questioning and even criticizing the current U.S. administration is anti-American. I can love and support Israel while criticizing its present government. Advocating that governments act more justly makes us good citizens and supporters. Insisting that our leaders enact policies in accordance with our own values—even when it is inconvenient—and judge ourselves by the standards we judge others by, means we care deeply about those values and the people and nations we love.

So here are a few of my questions:

- Is the return of the hostages a top priority, or is PM Netanyahu's government merely paying lip service to this objective?
- Is Hamas' complete destruction even possible? (Some say "no," while many argue it will survive, just with a new name but the same goal.)
- If Israel does manage to kill every last Hamas fighter and fully destroy the terror group's infrastructure, at what cost in human life? How many more civilians will die from the fighting, starvation and disease? Can anyone reasonably expect Hamas to return our hostages—alive? How many more Israeli soldiers will be killed in combat or suffer life altering injuries to body and spirit?
- What is the government's plan once the fighting ends? Did it ever even have one?
- What will Israel's international standing in the world be when this is over? Right now, the Hamas-run health ministry cannot provide accurate data even if it wanted to. No independent confirmation exists for any figures. But since videos and photos show such high levels of destruction, I think we can acknowledge that thousands of people—mostly civilians—have been killed. Eye witness accounts also tell the story of widespread bloodshed.

--Palestinians killed (according to the Hamas Health Ministry as of May 24): at least 35,000

WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

--Hamas terrorists killed: I have found figures ranging from 9000 to 13,000

--Hamas leaders killed (as of April 5) 113

Also:

--Aid workers killed (as of late April) 200

--Journalists (as of late April) almost 100

Without doubt, the world scrutinizes Israel more closely than other nations. We can assume that the "peace-loving" campus demonstrators who cry "from the river to the sea" have no qualms about destroying Israel. When some cry "resist by any means necessary," they try to justify 10-7 (for which there is no justification.) Hence, they don't let the murder of infants, the rape and murder of women and the abducting of old and young alike trouble them in the least.

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT'D

I am troubled. And I am especially troubled by the fact that there are Jews among these campus protesters. With them, I acknowledge the humanity of Palestinians and mourn the deaths of all innocents. But why do some of our own young people not acknowledge the humanity of Israelis and Jews? Don't they understand that had they been at the Nova Music Festival, they too would have become victims? Have they no realization that had they been visiting one of the kibbutzim, they too might have been murdered or kidnapped?

Why do those who hold absolutist views insist on seeing the world and this issue in black and white? Why do they recognize the humanity and suffering one people while denying the same to the other?

But I will ask one more question:

- If any other nation were inflicting this amount of bloodshed and destruction on a civilian population, what opinions would we hold? We complain (rightly) about the international community's double standard for Israel. Are we not also guilty of a double standard if try to justify Israel's government's war strategies when we would condemn them when employed by any other entity?

For the sake of heaven, I ask those questions and make those arguments.

Those questions notwithstanding, however, for the sake of heaven, I must also remind ourselves:

- 10-7 marks the worst single day massacre against Jews since the Holocaust.
- Terrorists murdered 1,163 Israelis who were engaged in peaceful pursuits, most of whom were "peaceniks." Some drove Gaza residents to Israeli hospitals for medical care
- Hamas terrorists committed rape against some before killing them.
- Approximately 240 Israelis were kidnapped by Hamas terrorists and around 130 still remain half a year later, some of whom are victims of sexual violence.
 - Over 600 Israeli soldiers have been killed defending Israel.
- 10-7 is emblematic of Hamas's depravity and goal of destroying Israel and proof of the existential threat it poses to Israel. It has promised to repeat 10-7.
- Hamas demonstrates its utter disregard for human life also by its cynical strategy of embedding its military infrastructure deeply into centers of Palestinian civilian life.
- Israel's government has the same obligation that all governments owe to its citizens: to protect. Therefore, 10-7 obligated Israel to launch its offensive.
- Israel is not a colonial power inhabiting another people's land. Jews are indigenous to the land and the oldest surviving people to have lived upon it. Yes, others have lived and do live there; so, Israel has put attractive deals on the table with the simple recognition we all learned in kindergarten; *we must share*. Each time, Palestinian leaders have walked away from their own independence and statehood, contributing greatly to their own *Nakbah*. (catastrophe.)

RABBI'S MESSAGE CONT'D

I know my words will trouble some and anger many on both sides who hold extremist positions. I don't mind when people disagree with my views. My goal is to inspire people to think and question, because we Jews have a long history of disagreeing agreeably (albeit with some shouting.) In fact, the Rabbis viewed a *machloket* (argument) as something good but only if the *machloket* was "*l'sheim shamayim*" ("for the sake of heaven"). Arguments which are for the sake of heaven, they taught, will prove fruitful; those not for the sake of heaven will prove fruitless. (Pirkei Avot 5:20)

We are experiencing (at a distance) a turning point in the State of Israel's history. Never before have we witnessed the Jewish State engaged in this type of war. Thus, arguments amongst us about Israel are critical—they are very much "for the sake of heaven."

May the hostages come home "yesterday," may Israel and its allies find a way to end to this war and may this war teach these two peoples that the only path to peace is acknowledging the humanity and rights of the other to live in a secure, sovereign state of its own.

HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

What a year it has been!

From Pizza in the Hut, Chanukah in Candyland, **Mock Wedding**, Purim In China , Interactive Model Seder, Israel Independence Day food tasting and.... 

It was a day to remember at our spectacular End-of-Year Awards Ceremony! 🎉 Amidst cheers and applause, we honored our exceptional students for their hard work and achievements. From the sweet taste of victory in our cake contest to the adrenaline rush of friendly races, the excitement was palpable! 🍰 🏆 🎮 Games, laughter, and delicious food brought everyone together, creating unforgettable moments with friends old and new. 📍 🧑‍🤝‍🧑 Here's to a year of growth, success, and friendship, celebrated in style!

The attendance raffle winners:

Feb 2024- Julia Eisenberg

March 2024 - Lena Rivera

April 2024 - Jaxson Eisenberg

May 2024 - Sara Charne

We are so proud of our students who completed their FAMILY SERVICE punch card.

They had to come to at least 10 services during the year.

Julia and Jaxson Eisenberg, Lena Rivera, Abby, Evie and Cooper Christian, Samatha Sadowsky, Andrew Kulchinsky and Paige Steinberg.

They each received a \$25.00 VISA CARD.

They did a wonderful job at the religious school family service on May 10th.

Thanks for sending your kids!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

Lots of fun educational stuff in the works.....

Any suggestions or input for next year, feel free to reach out!

Mrs. Malamud

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Presenting the Class of 2024...



We would like to acknowledge some very special members of our congregation, the BAS graduates of 2024. This month we are spotlighting our college graduate, as we are very proud of her accomplishments.

Mazel Tov to our graduate of the day, Abigail Bell. She is the daughter of Randi and David Bell.

Abigail graduated from Stockton University in Galloway, New Jersey with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance with a Concentration in Studio Operations and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She graduated Summa Cum Laude as well as with High Distinction.

During Abigail's time at Stockton she participated in their Honors Program, was a member of the Dance Club, Asian Student Alliance, received a Board of Trustees Fellowship to attend the David Dorfman Emerging Artist Intensive and was chosen to represent Stockton University in their "Choose Stockton" campaign. She is now pursuing a professional dance career.

When asked if she has a fond memory of Religious School at Beth Am Shalom, Abigail answered, "Celebrating my classmates Bar & Bat Mitzvahs and continuing on to be confirmed."

Beth Am Shalom wishes Abigail all the best in whatever comes next! Mazel Tov!

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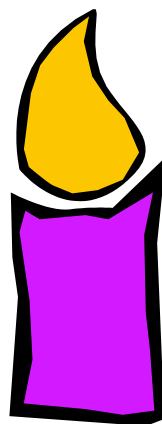


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21 15 tamuz	22 16 tamuz	23 17 tamuz	24 18 tamuz	25 19 tamuz	26 20 tamuz 6:00PM nosh & schmooze 6:30PM Erev Shabbat Service	27 21 tamuz
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		September	25 th , 27 th	<i>Fri., 2nd</i> 7:00 Family Service 1 st Sun. Session: 11 th , Grades 1-7 10:45 Mandatory Parents' Meeting 1 st Tue. 13 th Session: 14 th , Grades 3-9 Sat. 17 th
		October	4 th , 11 th , 18 th	<i>Fri., 7th: 7:00 Family Service</i> <i>Sun., 9th Sukkah Celebrations</i> <i>Sun., 9th: 6:00 Potluck Sukkot/7:00PM Ser.</i> <i>Sun. 16th: 7:00 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah</i>
		November	27 th	<i>Fri., 4th: 7:00 Family Service</i> <i>Tues., 8th Kristallnacht Program</i>
		December	25 th , 27 th	<i>Sun., 18th Hanukkah Fair</i> <i>Tues., 20th Hanukkah Class Parties</i> <i>Fri., 3rd: 7:00 Family Service</i>
		January	1 st	<i>Fri., 6th: 6:00 Potluck & Family Service</i>
		February		<i>Fri. 3rd: 7:00 Family Service</i>
		March	7 th	<i>Fri. 3rd: 7:00 Family Service</i> <i>Sun. 5th: 7:00. Purim Service & Shpiel</i> <i>Tue. 28th: Model Seder Gr. 6-9</i>
		April	4 th , 9 th , 11 th , 16 th	<i>Sun. 2nd: Model Seder Gr. K-5</i>
		May	14 th	<i>Fri. 5th: 6:00 Potluck 7:00 Family Service</i> <i>Tue. 16th: Last Tuesday of Rel. School</i> <i>Sun. 21st: Last Sunday of Rel. School/BBQ</i>
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