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## “The Other Half” the Cairo Genizah Reveals its Secrets (Part 4)

by Rabbi Shana Chandler Leon



The world of the Genizah, of the thriving and surviving Jewish community of Old Cairo in the 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> centuries CE, was a man’s world. The hundreds upon thousands of official, sacred and “everyday” documents uncovered in the storeroom of the Ben Ezra Synagogue were written by men, and offer a distinctly masculine perspective on absolutely everything – marriage and family life, business and trade, education and *all* aspects of religious life.

Stories of women have comprised a predictably tiny sliver of genizah scholarship, due to a deep lack of first-hand testimonies about what life was like for half of the Jews of the era. We do know, from extensive care taken by Professor S.D. Goitein and his research teams beginning in the 1950s, that women and girls tended to have extremely limited formal education, lived primarily as wives and mothers who labored in domestic arts, and were almost exclusively dependent on male benevolence and fortune.

But we also know that many women worked - especially merchants’ wives who supplemented intermittent and unreliable income – as commercial brokers, doctors, astrologers, textile workers, dressmakers, and tenders to the dead (*from Shelley Buxbaum’s guide to the Genizah for instructors*

*in the Melton Adult School*). Some were savvy investors who contributed generously to their communities and religious institutions, some excelled at Torah learning, and a rare few were renowned for actual spiritual influence, with one young Baghdadi woman even briefly hailed as a possible messiah (this last reference is remarkable because life for girls in Egypt and Tunisia was restrictive, but far less so than in Iran and Iraq, where women lived in severely cloistered and secluded conditions).

**WUHSHA al-DALLALA** - A rare and colorful woman appears in numerous Genizah documents, bucking the trend now as she certainly did during her life in Alexandria, Egypt in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. “Wuhsha” was not a proper name, but a designation meaning “one without whom one feels lonely” (side note: I love that

description of a person). Her given name was Karima, meaning “dear one,” and *al-dallala* is Arabic for “the broker” or “the banker.” Professions often dictate surnames, as we know.

Following in her father’s footsteps in business, Wuhsha is painted as gutsy, brash, outspoken, independent and tenacious (still, it must be noted, in documents written by men or likely dictated to men, such as Wuhsha’s extensive last will and testament). She seems to have been married briefly, and had at least two children, her son being the product of an “unsanctioned” union with a man with whom she later fell dramatically out of sorts. In an attempt to force her paramour to accept paternity, she even took part in a sting operation so that he would be “found in her rooms” and thus unable to deny the charge.

“Wuhsha the Broker came in (where the Jewish Court was meeting) and said: Do you not have advice for me? I slept with Hassun and conceived from him...but I am afraid that he may deny being the father of my child. The cantor/judge said: Go and gather some people, and let them surprise you with him so that your assertion might be confirmed. She did so, gathering the two who ‘surprised’ her with him, and confirmed her assertion. She was then pregnant with this Abu Sa’d, her son, whom she had conceived in her illicit relation with Hassun. I know that she went on the Feast of Atonement to the synagogue of the Iraqis, but when the Nasi/Head rabbi of blessed memory noticed her, he expelled her from the synagogue...” (from: *Testimony Concerning Wuhsha’s Love Affair*, c. early 1100s.)

What a medieval melodrama! First, it’s head-shaking and almost comical to think of a woman a thousand years ago setting up her lover to be “caught with the goods.” And then Wuhsha is in the synagogue on Yom Kippur day, when the esteemed rabbi actually throws her out, ostensibly because of her reputation and tendency to cause a stir everywhere she went! It’s hard to imagine (the invitation to “sinners” to come into the synagogue on Kol Nidre night would not become part of the liturgy for several hundred more years), but apparently, Wuhsha was quite a singular figure in her day, one who attracted no small bit of controversy and comment.

Other women of the time lived more conventional stories, though their struggles and concerns may touch us deeply. Many were abandoned or stranded, held for ransom or forsaken by family and husbands. Others sent plaintive letters to absent children

begging for help, and others had children who pined for their company (and possibly their babysitting or housekeeping help), such as when a cantor at a faraway post sent this urgent SOS:

“I have no tongue – my witness is God – to describe how much we are longing and yearning after you. Do not tarry any longer, for our eyes are lifted only to God and to your coming...we wish to move to our new place, but we said “let us wait until she comes.” Please take a Nile boat, or I shall come up to get you – whatever you command me to do. Or I shall send a Jewish muleteer. The little one and his mother (*the editor notes that the mention of the wife was added above the line of text as a clear afterthought*) kiss your hands and eyes and send most special regards...”

In a most unusual and rare letter, a woman named Miriam writes to her brother Moshe. Extensive research asserts that these siblings were none other than Moshe ben Maimon – the great Maimonides himself – and his sister Miriam.

Another side note: most Jewish families of the time did not use Biblical names for their children, especially the girls, but chose Arabic names to suggest traits or destinies the parents hoped the girls would have, such as Munisa/intimate friend; Jamila/beautiful; Salama/happiness; or Fa’iza/good fortune in marriage.

Miriam, humble and desperate, begs Moshe’s help in locating her son, “who I have lost contact with, and it is as if he is in a well. I have received no letter from him and...I have no idea where he is, and I am crying and fasting. He has left me and forgotten about me, and I would like you to help

me with this...as you have a broad influence...”

How the pain and suffering of this mother reaches out to us across the centuries, and humanizes and gives dimension to the family situation of even one of our most celebrated intellectual and religious luminaries! That of course is what the Genizah documents do – in the nearly-lost heaps of paper and “rubbish” rescued in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century from the ashbin of history, an entire world of very real people is still being brought to light. In our own deeply challenging times, these windows into a nearly forgotten world might give us much-needed perspective about the mark we might yet make on our day, and on times yet to come that we can but barely imagine.

~ With deep gratitude again to the teachers and curriculum designers of the Florence Melton School for Adult Jewish Learning, through which Rabbi Shana taught a course on the Genizah contents in 2020.



These medieval Jewish women are portrayed as musicians. The square instrument in the center is notable for the appearance of the “rub al hizb,” the design that would become the “star of Jerusalem” in Islamic culture. Jewish and Muslim communities affected one another, more for the good than might have been previously thought, in the age of the Genizah.

## What a Year This Was! President's Message

Dear Friends,

It is my hope that everyone is healthy and staying safe and avoiding this terrible surge in COVID cases. If anyone is ill and in need of food or medication or assistance, please let me know. It is a time when we must care for one another in mind, body and spirit.

Since the last edition of HaGesher so much has happened and I want to bring you up to date.

During the summer we painted the entire inside of our building, cleaned and discarded items that we no longer needed, had the floors refinished in the chapel, new linoleum in the "meat closet", replaced part of the social hall carpet, repaired tile in one bathroom, purchased air purifiers and had a thorough deep cleaning of the inside of the building in anticipation of opening.

Some of you made generous contributions towards these projects which are deeply appreciated and without your help we could not have done all of this work. It took a team of volunteers moving items, organizing, contributing and working together to see these projects come to fruition. Everyone has been thanked for their generosity and assistance, but not forgotten.

Throughout the time of the pandemic (March 2020) to the present, although our physical doors have been locked, never once have our online doors been locked. Week after week Ner Tamid has provided Torah Study, Friday night and Shabbat morning services, holidays, special events, classes and programs because of **Rabbi Shana, Cantor Rudy, Rabbi Reuben and Cantor Andy**. This takes a village and each and every week I marvel at the beautiful online programs that appear on our screens. Kol hakavod to our amazing Rabbi and this dedicated clergy team.

Finally, we were able to open our doors and invite you to in person services for a few weeks. What a joy to see people and wish them Shabbat Shalom and make Kiddush together.

Here we go again!! Something new on the horizon. No heat in the building and COVID on the rise. We are back to

online services again, but never missing a service until this current rampant variant gets under control, but still no heat.

Update on the heat situation. We had one company come out on Thursday who said the two furnaces we have are no longer operational and need replacing. They are rusted, there is water leaking from the roof or heating ducts and the furnace floor is wet and has puddles. Not good news, but understandable. Our building is old and not well maintained for many years so this is the result.

We have another company coming next week for another opinion, but probably not any different. We need to have a roofer look at the roof, the furnace company and not sure what else may be involved. We could be looking at **\$25,000 or more depending on what is found**.

I think we should start a "**Fire Up The Furnace Fund**" and reach out to all of you to help Ner Tamid defray this huge expense we will be facing. We cannot reopen until the building can be properly heated and the Omicron surge quiets down. I feel we have more control over the heat, and need your assistance with this huge financial burden. I know I can count on you to help us. No contribution is too small and each one is appreciated. Thank you in advance.

To those who give their time and effort on a regular basis you are appreciated beyond words, **Rabbi Shana**, who gives her time, her talent, knowledge and wisdom and it is my honor to have this sacred connection with her, **Cantor Rudy** who is a mensch, has the voice of an angel and with whom I enjoy a relationship that I consider an honor. **Rabbi Reuben** has a sweet and gentle soul and his talent and expertise for reading Torah are extraordinary. **Cantor Andy** is responsible for the technology involved in our online services and is a consultant to **David Farrow**, our new streaming technician for our in person services. Welcome to our family, David and thank you to Cantor Andy for your part in this integral connection to our online programming.

To the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, volunteers and each of you, Todah Rabbah for the help and support you give. I am so appreciative. **Adele Shafer, our Administrator**, who works at home, keeping up with members, finances, weekly dispatches and anything that is needed, thank you.

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Please continue to support our Ner Tamid community any way you can. Join us online which means so much to us, send a contribution when you can, send our links to family and friends and help us keep our Eternal Light burning brightly always.

Stay well, get your vaccinations and booster and hopefully soon we can be together in our sacred sanctuary and be fulfilled socially, spiritually and be there for each other.

Shalom,  
**Charlotte Hyman**  
President



Ner Tamid has received some nice donations from the Community Thrift Store in the past, because people like you donated their unneeded items and our synagogue benefitted by a portion of the funds when the items were sold. Likely in part due to COVID restrictions, too few donations have

been made in the past quarter, and now **our account is in jeopardy!** If no items come from our people in the next three months, we will be taken off their list – for good! So please, click here to learn what they accept and don't, and how to arrange for a furniture pick-up.

**You must specify Ner Tamid, #207, when you donate.**

**For more information, call them at 415-861-4910.**

Community Thrift Store ♦ 623 Valencia Street, between 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Street

*Coming up in March...*  
**PURIM** and  
**SHALACH MANOS**



*Dear Charlotte, Rabbi Shana, members of the Board,  
Ner Tamid and C3 members,*

*Thank you all so much for the Hanukkah gelt! It's so  
nice to be thought of during the holidays. Your many  
warm sentiments are also appreciated.*

*I hope you and all your families enjoyed a wonderful  
Hanukkah and have a happy and healthy New Year!*

Best,

*Adelle*

Thank you, Leon Levy, for  
your continual care of the  
gardening at Ner Tamid!

## RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Friends,

On November 13, Ner Tamid opened for in person services for the first time since the beginning of Covid-19. The Rosh Hashanah size crowd were all vaccinated and masked. Services were live streamed to those who could not be with us in person. And lunch was served after services.

Slight alterations were made to our ritual practice to be able to comply with the Covid-19 guidelines. The Torah was taken out of the ark by the Cantor and not carried around the sanctuary as was our usual custom. We decreased the number of participants on the bimah to Rabbi, Cantor, Torah reader and 1 Gabbai with Cantor Hassid serving as Gabbai #2.

All of the Aliyot and the Haftarah were read by Rabbi Reuben and the congregation chanted the blessings from their seats. There were other small changes in the service that were necessary to be able to achieve a shorter amount of time that people sat masked.

There was one exception to having a congregant on the Bimah and that was Charles Drucker who read the Torah celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. This exception was made because reading from the Torah scroll can only be achieved by going up to the Bimah. We will make the same exception to anyone who wishes to celebrate a Simcha by reading the Torah. Just let me know and I will make the appropriate arrangements.

We were just getting adjusted to gathering together in person on Shabbat, when we were once more struck back with more Covid problems and a sanctuary without heat. So, we returned to virtual services once again. Thanks to Rabbi Shana and Cantor Andrew, the infrastructure was already in place to return to Shabbat-at-Home services.

I know that many of us look forward to the time when we can gather in person again at Ner Tamid, but it must be a time when we have a nice warm sanctuary and we do not have the shadow of Covid-19 hanging over us. Until then, we will continue to see each other virtually.

I want to thank our clergy, Rabbi Shana, Cantor Rudy and Rabbi Reuben for always bringing us beautiful, inspira-

tional and meaningful services wherever they are being held. Also, special thanks to Cantor Andrew who has gone above and beyond to make our virtual services seem so alive, and to our newest member of the team, David Farrow, for doing the live streaming. To all of you, our dear congregants, thanks for sticking with us, for turning on and tuning in. ☆

**Beverlee Hassid**  
**Ritual Chair**

**C<sup>3</sup>** Five years ago, our “Women’s Group (with Men)” became the Community & Culture Club of Ner Tamid (NT), most often referred to by the shorter “C3”. C3 has been the “personhood” of NT, celebrating community simchas and working to provide enriching and kehillah-building events.

Throughout December, C3 has included a message in Ner Tamid’s weekly Constant Contact “Shabbat at Home and Beyond” campaigns, that our group would be needing a new Chairperson in the New Year. As of January 1, we no longer have anyone to lead C3.

Unless we find a volunteer, it appears C3 will have to be disbanded. This will be put to a vote of the Ner Tamid membership at the next Annual Membership Meeting. Until then, it seems the group will be mostly dormant.

**Shirley Edelson** will continue to send Golden Book cards to acknowledge celebrations or events. I will continue to process all donations for C3.

If you enjoy coordinating programs and events and are interested in “taking the reins” as C3’s new Chair, please contact me for information.

Please G\*d, stay safe, and have a happy, healthy 2022!

B’Shalom,

**Adele Shafer**  
**Community and Culture Club at Ner Tamid (C3@NT)**

## Poetry corner....

### HA'ONOT

#### The Seasons

Yet a year runs full circle,  
So *Selichot* comes with the sense of what is to follow ~  
The Gateway with penitential prayers  
To *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*,  
Trying the flesh with fasting  
And cleansing the soul with Atonement.

In the wake of the Sacred Days of Awe,  
The *Autumn Equinox* emerges  
Tracking the sun of the *Summer Solstice*.  
And the *Festival of Booths* arrives.

Then all celebrate the gathering of the harvest  
As thoughts turn to rain  
With prayers for precious water  
To fill the cisterns and sustain us for what is to come.

In advance of that cool and clinging season and  
With a wistful farewell to *Sukkot*,  
The *Festival of Simchat Torah* comes with great rejoicing.  
And *Genesis* returns to begin a new cycle of *Torah*.

Now trees display their colorful leaves as *Tu b'shvat*  
is marked ~  
The New Year of the Trees!  
Those leaves soon to decay and begin their fall  
From branches stirred by wild and colder winds.  
As all festers and spoils which formerly flourished.

Winter! At last the drenching rain  
And the winds blow dusty as the *Festival of Lights*  
hastens  
With *Menorahs*, candles gleaming, and presents to open.  
Though the enlightened know the true message of  
*Hanukkah* ~  
The bold *Maccabean* revolt and holy Rededication!

But soon the season of softer breezes quickens,  
Birds hurrying to build, blossoms swelling into bloom.  
On the cusp of Spring and the Festival of *Purim*.

How good the aroma of fresh baked hamentashen  
As the *Megillah of Esther* retells  
The deliverance of the Jewish people from their enduring foe.

Spring is firmly ensconced as *Passover* wends its way;  
That special festival that celebrates  
Liberation from slavery ~ freedom!  
The ritual meal, the *Seder* is shared  
And all are welcomed at the tables of the World.

In time comes Summer and the Hebrew month of  
*Sivan*,  
Flowers speckling in gardens, fields and fen,  
Thus *Shavuot* arrives marking the wheat harvest  
In *Eretz Israel* and the giving of *Torah*.

With the hint of Autumn in the air  
And branches again laden with multicolored leaves,  
The High Holy Days of Awe draw nigh.  
Each season in turn follows another ~  
So runs out the year, in yesterday's many.

**Nina Zentner**

With Acknowledgment  
To Sir Gawain and  
The Green Knight

### Garden Haiku

by Alberta Mischke

Stones in the garden  
under moonlight, wet with fog  
sit with certainty.



## DAY BY DAY

By Danise Chandler

**I**t may be the year and a half of the “new normal,” weeks of quiet and time for reflection, learning to depend on oneself for exploring values, keeping healthy and enjoying one’s own company. One of the more rewarding surprises for me has been remembering and developing daily habits

I’ve always been happiest when I knew what to expect – from school when I was a child to work these many years – even now Monday is a work day, Thursday Torah Study and so on.

For decades I did the requisite workouts (I was a Joanie Greggains acolyte, watching her at 6 or 6:30 every morning and happy that her show kept me ‘under control.’ I lost some of that firm’n’fit look when she retired-but she is alive and well on YouTube I recently discovered- and it may be time to renew my affection for her.

Other daily habits still endure. There were years of crossword puzzles especially the wonderful Merl Reagle Sunday puzzles in the Chronicle (he died far too early but I continue to solve those brilliant and funny creations in the many published collections in my library). Word games, Scrabble, Password and of course the Daily Jumble never went untried, and in fact today I still do the Jumble on the comic pages and have (along with my bright children and a dear new friend) become nearly addicted to the New York Times Spelling Bee. Online and costing extra, it asks readers to turn seven letters into as many words as possible, insisting that each word found have ONE mandatory letter selected by the beekeeper. We compare totals each day (all of us are competitive but gracious) and aim for Genius before bed each night.

Workouts and words have enriched me for decades.... what has been added to my day recently, however, is really quite wonderful. I am not all that good at it yet (it takes time and patience) and I had no choice but to step in midway, but I am now each day reading A Daily Dose of Talmud. Bless the Internet, for sharing this program depends on the online access that Daf Yomi for Everyone offers. I had known that daily study of the Talmud is a life-long practice of religious students throughout the Jewish world. I never thought it could be a choice for the likes of me.

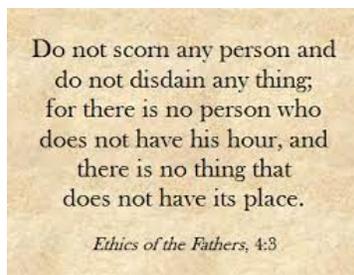
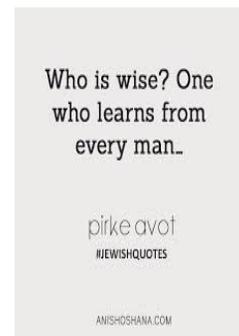
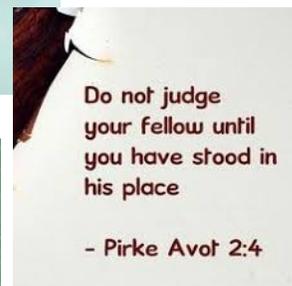
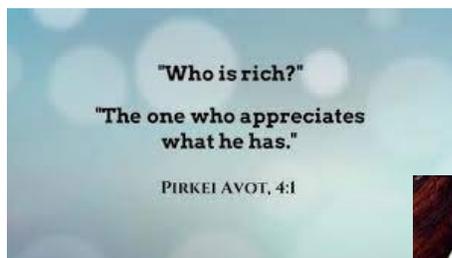
But after I heard an extraordinary show from The Temple Emanuel Streicker Center with poet and critic Adam Hirsch

on his seven and a half year journey through the Talmud, and I began his book Come and Hear what I saw, I realized the joy and excitement and sheer wonder of what he had done. And all it required was of course first to be curious and then unafraid. I am so new to Daf Yomi, but at 2 am each morning (5 Eastern Time), I get the ‘next’ Megillah page (25 today), a link to the Sefaria text in English and Hebrew and a delightful commentary by Jewish educator and Torah scribe Julie Seltzer. We are also invited to read all previous Tractate Megillah, join a review discussion on Friday (6:30 Pacific time) led by selected rabbis and drop into a Facebook discussion as well.

I will be exploring more week by week and may report back later this year. Day by day, I have found a most splendid new habit – I look ahead to learning what has enriched Jews for millennia and will continue to do so.

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## FROM PIRKEI AVOT.....



## ISRAEL'S NEW GOVERNING COALITION IS ITS MOST DIVERSE

By Jacob Rosenstein

I recently attended a Zoom webinar sponsored by the Diller Institute at U.C. Berkeley called "The New Governing Coalition and Shifts in Israeli Society: Virtual Lunchtime Panel". The coalition is comprised of moderate, center right, center left and an Arab Islamist party. Many women serve in top Ministerial positions. The expert panel consisted of Tal Schneider of the Times of Israel, Professor Noah Efron of Bar Ilan University, and Professor Rami Zeedan from the Kansas University.

Ms. Schneider started the session by stating that this governing coalition is a "miracle". The new Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett, a relative to our own Shelub family, is ruling until August 2023, although his Yamina party didn't receive the plurality of the votes. Yair Lapid's Yesh Atid party was the big winner in the recent elections, and agreed to have Bennett serve first as Prime Minister. Mr. Lapid is serving as Foreign Minister and Alternate Prime Minister until P.M. Bennett's term expires. Benjamin Netanyahu has not acknowledged the new Prime Minister, as of the date of the webinar. Most of the Knesset members do not want to see "Bibi" as Prime Minister, and thus the coalition had this objective in common while forging the new government. Furthermore, Tal Schneider said that Bibi is burning his bridges with the Biden administration in the unlikely event that he returned to power. She spoke about Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority willing to speak with the new coalition, but so far only the Meretz party has secretly met with him, according to Professor Efron. Medical marijuana was recently legalized in Israel, thanks to the vote of Abbas of the Ra'am party. The Islamist party leader had been opposed to this bill previously and only recently switched his vote.

The Ra'am Islamist party is the first legitimate Arab party since the 1980's, according to Professor Rami Zeedan. It is a Hebrew acronym for the United Arab List. It is a moderate party based on the southern wing of the Islamist movement that recognizes Israel as a legitimate nation. The Ra'am split from the more familiar "Joint List" of Israeli Arab parties. Professor Zeedan believes that Ra'am's presence in the coalition is hope for a better Israel and cooperation between Israeli Jews and Arab citizens. He discussed recent Arab on Arab violence in Israel, which

resulted in 100 dead from stolen weapons and urged the Israeli government to deal with Arab gang violence.

Professor Noah Efron addressed the question of the two-state solution by stating that the new government will not deal with this issue. He noted that the left leaning Meretz party went to Ramallah to speak to Mahmoud Abbas. Also, the budget issue is critical to the survival of the ruling coalition. The new budget had subsequently passed the Knesset recently. Regarding the past Prime Minister, Netanyahu, Professor Efron stated that Bibi has attacked Israeli democratic institutions such as the courts and the press. Democracy is strong in Israel and it can withstand these attacks by a former head of state. Sounds familiar? The proposed budget is catering to the right wing of the electorate. The left leaning parties, however, agreed to many of the provisions in the budget. The religious parties are opposed to the austerity in the budget. The middle class is squeezed and there are cuts to the Jewish Orthodox sector in the budget bill. More money is slated for the Palestinian sector.

Attitudes are changing in Israeli society. Medical marijuana, once taboo, is the law of the land. For the first time, an Arab Israeli party is participating in the government. Even hard right Minister Ayelet Shaked, spoke well of a former Ra'am minister who had recently died. We in the United States can learn from Israel's experience, to set aside our differences and form partnerships for change. ✨



Yair Lapid (L) and Naftali Bennett

## ARE HUMANS HAPLESS, HELPLESS & HOPLESS?

By Igor Rogi

In welcoming 2022, most people couldn't avoid celebrating the end of 2021, a year of unimaginable challenges and unthinkable hardship. Yet, one might wonder how many also gave thanks to the Almighty not just for being able to complain, but also for the opportunity a new year offers, although no one knows what lies ahead.

Gratitude in Hebrew is *Hakarat HaTov*, translated as 'recognizing the good.' No matter how well we met its challenges and hardships, 2021 also brought much for which to be grateful. Most obvious is using technology for services and synagogue programs.

Here, at Ner Tamid, we are blessed with Rabbi Shana and the insights into our heritage and life itself she provides. Her teaching of *Mussar*, hardening of hearts (Pharaoh), how to see light through darkness, and acts of loving kindness are a few recent examples.

In fact, she, Cantors Rudy and Andy, and Rabbi Reuben make it impossible to forget the sun is shining somewhere even on the darkest day(s), as well as that rain makes flowers grow. In addition supported by Adele, President Charlotte, and the entire lay leadership team, they give so much to help bring out our best as a congregation.

With Rabbi Shana's leadership, their answer to the title question would be a forceful, "DEFINITELY NOT." She'd remind us the *Torah* repeatedly affirms that life (humanity) is a blessing, not a curse. Starting with Day Six, *b'Tselem Elokim* (image of G-d) and *Tov M'od* (very good) and throughout *Tanach* (*Torah, Nevi'im, and Ketuvim*), the guidance on blessings/curses, right/wrong, good/evil, etc define the potential of human life.

Once again, consider Rabbi Shana's teaching. The first quality (*middah*, translated as 'soul trait') she introduced in *Mussar* was humility (*anavah* in Hebrew). Participants may recall *Moshe Rabbenu* is humility's exemplar (*parasha Beha'alotecha, Bemidbar 12:3*).

Humility is one H-word missing in the title, but it is also why humanity, by nature, is not hapless, helpless, or hope-

less. We can always do better. Then why aren't humans nicer to each other?

Let's reject "Nobody's perfect." If one believes perfection and civility are synonymous, then one reaction is it contradicts fundamental precepts underlying Judaism. Further, disrespect of others blasphemes and disrespects G-d, given *b'Tselem Elokim*, (image of G-d) noted above. Perfection is not the same as, or comparable to, treating every person with dignity and respect.

In case of doubt, referring to *Torah parashah K'doshim* should dispel it. In *Vayikra* 19, verses 2, 17, and 18, the *Torah* specifies, "be holy" (*k'doshim*), "don't hate" (*lo tisna*), and "love" (*v'Ahavta*). If any of these were impossible, then there would be no sense in these edicts.

If civility, or decency, is possible, then what blocks it? Opinion and life experience lead me to conclude the impediment is discrimination. (Discrimination herein is not the act of being selective, but the act of dehumanizing, demeaning, or disadvantaging large groups of people due to a trait like faith, race, origin, gender, etc that a perpetrator of discrimination dislikes or fears.)

At the core, discrimination is hate, bigotry, prejudice, and/or control/defense. For far too many, it is either a given or something to avoid, but neither is true. It is a zero sum (winner-take-all) effort, or lose-lose proposition. It represents the worst of humanity, as well as abuse of the Divine gift of free will. It is unnatural, and, for all involved, victim(s) and perpetrator(s) alike, unhealthy. There are no 'innocent' by-standers.

Too often, if not always, it is born, and borne, by the unlikely union of innocence and ignorance, one that is toxic for all. Some may see it as inevitable, but a unique facet is that, along with outspoken perpetrators, it is allowed to persist and endure by silence.

Although incompatible with goodwill, it is fed by those who afford it the tolerance its perpetrators deny their victims. In short, it is a plague or malaise of our time and our society. If ignored, the silence legitimizes the past and also encourages more of the same. A weak response is, "We're better than this" or "This isn't who we are", but an unpleasant fact is, if either of those were true, then it would cease to thrive.

So, my greatest challenge in 2022 is to do more to combat this disease. I have spent my life involved in discrimination, one way or another (victim, witness, and working to correct/stop it) both by design and being unable to escape its impact, but I am not satisfied with my efforts to blot it out. Since it threatens my welfare, as a Jew and a human being, I can't rest until it becomes socially UNacceptable.

For those with open minds, and hearts, there are resources available today to use as weapons in the struggle to defeat discrimination. In too many ways, discrimination personifies the legendary *Yetzer HaRa* (evil inclination). While it is stealthy, relentless, and ever appealing, it can be restrained. (For the good of us all, may we never abandon the struggle against it.)

1. Learn about Dr. Alfred Adler, father of inferiority complex theory, who made clear superiority complexes like 'supremacy' {think of "white"} are unhealthy responses, as well as absurd and abusive. ('White supremacy' will never be the same);
2. Get acquainted with the Constitution, especially its preamble giving the purpose. It starts with "to form a more perfect Union." The founders knew their experiment in democracy had a long way to go and grow. Note the second and third purposes, i.e., "establish Justice" and "insure (*sic*) domestic Tranquility", respectively;
3. Re-think any opposition to "systemic" forces that demean races, but they're not alone. They do the same for gender, ethnicities, the less fortunate, etc;
4. Consider reading *Public Opinion* by Walter Lippmann (1922). This classic brought the role and limitations of stereotypes into every day parlance, It may be a century old, but it helps explain how first (often wrong) impressions can poison outlook on certain peoples for a lifetime;
5. Guard your language because, even with jokes about our people, whomever, and in our own family, they plant seeds that may return to haunt us. Humor is great, but not when the joke is on us; and,
6. Look into the 1619 Project for the unreported history it contains, but, before one criticizes Blacks for going back more than 400 years, they should be aware the government of Spain in 2015 passed a law to atone for the Spanish Inquisition (1492), some 523 years before then. It purported to give return rights to Spain

to descendants of Jews who chose exile rather than conversion.

[Regarding #5, I recall hearing jokes at the Kosher Butcher when people would say something like, "when you weigh the hamburger, remember I don't want any thumb. That seemed funny at the time, but it helped perpetuate myths about Jewish merchants and honesty of Jews in general.

There are many other jokes that seem funny, but they are no less lethal. Jokes like how many (of a particular group) are needed to change a light bulb. Another besmirches the intelligence of a particular group, claiming someone in that group was so stupid they were up all night studying for a medical test. Then, there are women, old people, and way too many others who have also been subjects of jokes that seem funny at first, but are no less hurtful and damaging. Good humor requires sensitivity and good taste.

Another example, no joke, is Michelangelo's Moses statue, along with many medieval paintings portraying prominent Jews with horns. While this depiction may have been due to interpreting *Keren* as 'horns' instead of 'rays,' there were some who honestly believed Jews had horns. Sadly, there may still be those who think Jews have horns.

Finally, we need to be sensitive to how our words can be misinterpreted. We may feel we've heard too much about whatever, e.g., Black Lives Matter, and we may even be understandably concerned about anti-Semitism in that group, but that is no excuse to demean that person, or group. BLM continues because it is it clear Black lives haven't mattered. I've never met anyone who would accept having their loved ones at risk of execution by law enforcement whether or not their loved one committed a crime.

Please join me in seeking more to do to fight the epidemic discrimination in our society and realize the best of our blessed humanity. Happy New Year.



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