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### RABBI'S MESSAGE

uring the development of the Talmud, the rabbis conducted their discussions on a high level. When points of Jewish law were being contested, our sages generally stuck to the issues. They supported their opinions with concrete evidence from Scripture or from legal precedent. Halachic decisions were made on the basis of "majority rule". Minority opinions were tolerated, even encouraged, provided they were carefully reasoned and based on biblical texts. The mark of a great scholar was his ability to analyze text and his ability to persuade colleagues to accept his point of view. Personal attacks and cheap appeal to the emotions were frowned upon.

Over the past several months, we have been exposed to political rhetoric and political analysis ad nauseum. If our Talmudic Sages were living today, they would be appalled by how public discourse has sunk to the level of the gutter. Discussion of substantive issues, as was prevalent in the Talmud, has given way to cheap demagoguery and demonization of opponents.

At the two major political conventions, the speakers and the speeches were carefully orchestrated to portray a one-sided contrast between the candidate of choice and the candidate from the opposing party. Loaded language and provocative statements are freely used to whip up the fury of the delegation. In effect, a group of political activists, many of whom were important leaders, were transformed into an unruly mob. Such rabble rousing is out of place in a modern, democratic society.

When public figures attempt to portray one another as one-dimensional individuals and resort to stereotypes, they are attempting to set up "straw men" and straw women" who can easily be knocked down. As a private citizen, I accept as a given that political leaders have a mixture of strengths and weaknesses. I am outraged by name calling. I am outraged when so-called leaders use loaded language to label their opponents and put them into pigeon holes.

A candidate who constantly disparages others is one who has very few ideas of his or her own. In essence, they are saying, "Vote for me, not because of what I bring to the table, but because my opponent is unfit for office. You may not like me, but my opponent is a disaster!" Now that the election took place several months ago and we have a new president, the level of public discourse remains at an abysmally low level. In debating the major issues of the day such as immigration, health care, trade, and international relations, too many political leaders and ordinary citizens have gravitated to the extremes. They are quick to view the world in terms of black and white and do not see shades of gray. The good intentions of opponents are often summarily dismissed and are often vilified in the press and in the social media.

There are a lot of angry people in our country. Toxic rhetoric feeds

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May 2017 IYYAR-SIVAN 5777

Friday, May 5, 2017

**IYYAR9** 

6:00 pm: Hebrew School Slyuum/Oneg

Saturday, May 6, 2017

**IYYAR 10** 

Parashat Achrel Mot-Kedoshim 10:00 am: *Shabbat Service* 

12:00 pm: Artist Opening: Life Signs

Friday, May 12, 2017

**IYYAR 16** 

6:00 pm: Tot Shabbat

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Saturday,** May 13, 2017

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

**IYYAR 17** 

Parashat Emor

Friday, May 19, 2017

**IYYAR 23** 

6:00 pm: Tot Shabbat

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

**Saturday**, May 20, 2017

**IYYAR 24** 

Mental Health Weekend of Faith Parashat Behar-Bechukotal

10:00 am: *Shabbat Service* 12:00 pm: *Study of the Zohar* 

Friday, May 26, 2017

SIVAN 1

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

SIVAN 2

Saturday, May 27, 2017 Parashat Bamidbar

10:00 am: Shabbat Service



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**June 2017 SIVAN-TAMUZ 5777** 

**Friday, June 2, 2017** SIVAN 8

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 3, 2017 **Parashat Nasso** 

SIVAN 9

**SIVAN 16** 

10:00 am: FTJC Sanctuary JS Bar Mitzvah 12:00 pm: JS Bar Mitzvah Luncheon

Social Hall

**Friday, June 9, 2017** SIVAN 15

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 10, 2017 Parashat Beha'alotcha

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, June 16, 2017 SIVAN 22

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 17, 2017 SIVAN 23 Parashat Sh'lach

10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, June 23, 2017 SIVAN 29

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 24, 2017 SIVAN 30 **Parashat Korach** 

**Rosh Chodesh Tamuz** 10:00 am: Shabbat Service

Friday, June 30, 2017 **TAMUZ 6** 

7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service



### RABBI'S Message

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upon anger and fear. It incites mobs and often provokes violence. It rarely offers constructive solutions and invariably paralyzes social progress. What is needed in the twenty first century are positive messages which offer optimism and hope. What is needed are encouraging words which provide a wholesome environment for positive change. As Michelle Obama wisely put it at the Democratic National Convention, Americans do not stoop to the level of a bully. "When they go low, we go high."

America has the oldest Constitution in the world. The notion that all people are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with three unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, has fired the imagination of our friends around the globe. Our world view has conquered the deadly ideologies of despotism, fascism, and communism. However, unless we dramatically raise the level of public discourse and stop feeding on the frustration of so many American citizens, our country will end up by making a shameful conquest of itself.

In Judaism, words matter. Abuse of language, whether it appears in print, delivered in public, or transmitted through social media, represents a lack of regard for the gift of speech. Abuse of language destroys human lives, nurtures mob psychology, and even threatens world peace. Abuse of language is the mark of a jaundiced person who looks for the worst and exploits the worst in others.

As a former High School debater, I was taught to respect the views of my opponents. Even though I believed my view to be the correct one, their intentions were beyond reproach. If I used the tactics that were used during the presidential debates, it would have been grounds for automatic disqualification.

As Jews, we must use the gift of speech for constructive, rather than destructive purposes. By using words that help rather than words that hurt, we can rise above pettiness and become generous in spirit. When we recite the prayer, "keep my tongue from speaking evil", we might also ask the Almighty, "Grant me the power to see the best, not the worst, in all my fellow creatures."

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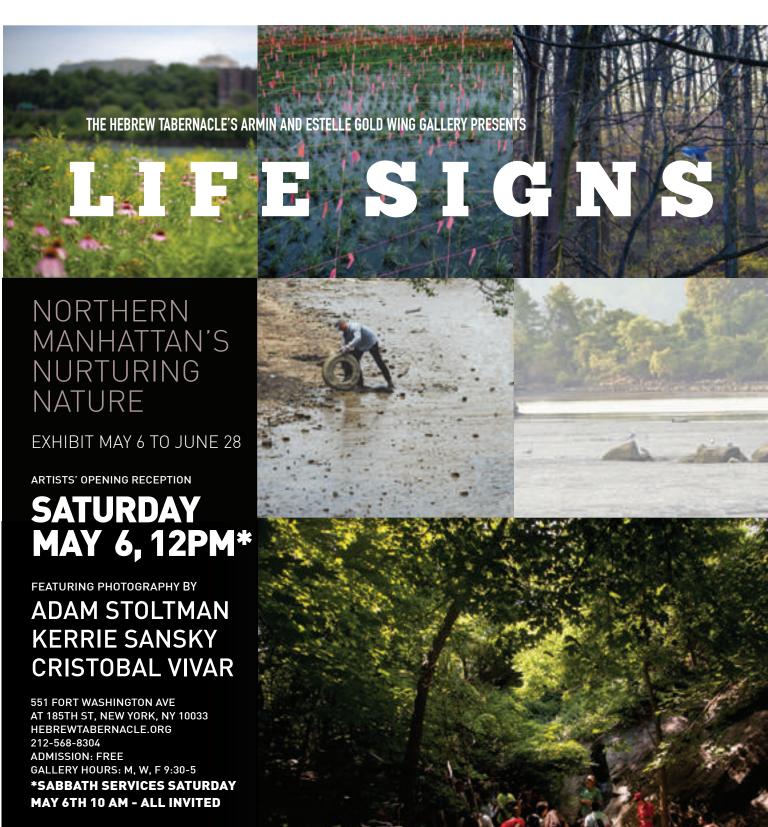
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESD	DAY WEDN	ESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					SIVAN 7 Shavuot II 0:00 am: Shavuot 2 (and Yizkor)	SIVAN 8 7:30 pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Service	SIVAN 9 Parashat Nasso 8:30 am: FIJA Sanctuary JS Bar Mitzvah 12:00 pm: JS Bar Mitzvah Luncheon-Social Hall
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# Letter from one of the Vice Presidents

### **Update On Men's Bathroom Project**

The Men's Bathroom located on the first floor is now usable again after an extensive reconstruction - however, the project is not complete. I want to thank all our congregants, renters and visitors for being so patient and understanding in dealing with this inconvenience. The project consisted of replacing drain and waste pipes that are located under the floor and in the walls of the Social Hall Storage Room.

What's left to be done? We still need to connect one more toilet, complete the finishing touches on the wall panels and molding, remove excess grout from the new tile floor, plaster and paint. We anticipate that all punch list items will be complete for our 111th Gala event.

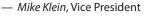
What's next? Over the spring and summer months we will be plastering and painting some of the common areas and restoring the marble and terrazzo floors /stairs.

### **Welcome Good News Church**

We are now sharing our building with three congregations - Fort Tryon Jewish Center, the Uptown Church and now the Good News Church. They hold their services in our Social Hall on Sundays from 3pm to 7pm. They are planning on holding additional function in the future such as concerts and study sessions. Welcome to our home!!!

### **Food Drive**

Please continue to bring canned food and pasta for our food drive pantry in cooperation with the Fresh Youth Initiative. The food bin is located in the vestibule as you enter the main double doors from West 185th Street.





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