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Jewish Recycling

Let's take a moment to look at recycling. We're not talking about writing on scrap paper for convenience sake. Nor saving the tomato sauce can for the drippings from the meat. We're talking about the check-the-number-on-the-plastic-put-the-used-foil-aside-shred-documents kind of recycling.

In most states in the U.S. and most countries in the world, recycling is not yet mandatory. And even where it is written into city or state ordinances it is not actively enforced. After all, what law enforcement officer wants to go through someone's smelly garbage just to see if the person is throwing out cans or recycling them?

Despite the lack of legislation or enforcement of recycling, many, many people do recycle of their own free will.

Have you ever thought about what kind of a statement you're making every time you put aside a newspaper for recycling, or return a soda can to the store even though you could care less for the nickel?

You're saying, "I have a responsibility to future generations, and I believe that my one small act can make the world a better place."

That's a pretty powerful statement to make by simply tossing a bottle into a recycling bin rather than a garbage bin. And yet, it's so simple that most of us don't even consider its significance.

Now, you're probably wondering if we're "into" recycling, or we're anti-Styrofoam or pro-green. We're none of the above. We're just interested in seeing how meaningful simple, daily acts can be, thus recognizing the higher purpose in everything. And also, of course, how these types of actions relate to basic Jewish concepts.

Jewish philosophy explains that each one of us should look at the world as if it is perfectly balanced. There is an equal number of good and evil deeds. Therefore, one good deed could, quite literally, tip the scale. The magnitude or magnificence of the deed is not at issue. For, if a scale is totally balanced even a feather can shift it - which is not to say that Judaism prefers quantity over quality. Rather, no one should think that they or their action is too insignificant or puny to make a difference.

Here Jewish philosophy and recycling converge. Because the underlying premise in concern for the environment is that despite the fact that billions of tons of glass, plastic, paper and aluminum is not being recycled, I make a difference each time I choose to recycle.

Recycling teaches us, in this instance, to forget about the rest of the world. Forget about the next-door-neighbors who aren't recycling. Forget about the fast-food place that is still using Styrofoam. Forget, even, about the fact that it's becoming harder and harder to find uses for some of the recycled materials. That's not my problem. My responsibility is to shift the scale with my small, seemingly insignificant act. And, in truth, it is just "seemingly" insignificant. For only G-d knows the import and ultimate consequence of a person's actions. I have to try to the best of my ability, and even stretch myself a little further than my ability allows, to tip the global scale through my small but world-shifting actions.

(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)

The Olive Branch of Peace

"Noah built the ark and the rains fell for 40 days." 314 days later, Noah sent out a dove and it returned with an olive branch in its mouth. The dove is symbolic both of the Jewish nation and of peace.

It returned with an olive branch to show that, even after destruction, the Jewish people pick themselves up and rebuild (Rabbi Avigdor Miller, 20th century). The Jews as a nation have faced countless floods, exiles, Crusades, inquisitions, pogroms, libels and the Holocaust. Yet just like the dove, they have always returned and focused on rebuilding rather than on exacting revenge.

In fact, Rav Yaakov Emden writes that the survival of the Jewish nation is as great a miracle as the splitting of the sea. He made this statement 200 years before the establishment of the State of Israel, a clear symbol of the ability of Jews to rebuild in spite of the many factors opposing them. Civilizations come and go, empires rise and fall, but with God's protection, the Jewish nation will always be around to remind the world what its values should be. Part of the Jewish people's DNA is to focus on building a nest for our future generations just as the dove. It is no coincidence that just as the dove only found a place to rest the third time it was sent out from the ark, the Jews have also come back to the land of Israel three times. May Israel be blessed with peace.

(by Rabbi Ron Jawary at aish.com)

Community Information of Interest

October 13: Democracy, Peace, and its Discontents: The State of Israel and the Jewish World in the late 1970s. Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz. *Two Tango Tenuously: The State of Israel and the Ford Administration.* This lecture will begin at 8:30 p.m. and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.

October 24: The Family Challah Bake & More as part of the Baltimore Shabbat Project at the Rosenbloom Ownings Mill JCC. Tickets are \$10. 5 to 7 pm: Registration, Shabbat themed projects and Gaga pit. Pre-order pizza for %15% discount at <https://mamaleahkosher.forms-db.com/view.php?id=15908>
7 to 8 pm: Challah Bake with music and entertainment.

October 25: The Great Pink Challah Bake as part of the Baltimore Shabbat Project at the Rosenbloom Ownings Mill JCC. Tickets are \$15. 6 pm: Pink Dessert Reception / BTCA Screening. 7:30 pm: Challah Bake (Very Limited Seating). In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Sharsheret and Myriad will be offering educational resources. BRCA screening and testing by a local provider will be available before the event. Please bring your insurance cards.

We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Dr. Allan and Mrs. Kate Genut
on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children
Jordan and Lindsay Genut.



We extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to **Charles Schuman**
on the loss of his mother, **Selma Schuman.**

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

Yahrzeits This Week:

Dr. Allan Genut	6 Cheshvan - Sunday night / Monday	for father	Yisroel ben Boruch
Laurie Margolies	8 Cheshvan - Tuesday night / Wednesday	for mother	Sheindel bas Avraham

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 10/12 — 3 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:14 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:15 p.m.

Shabbat, 10/13 — 4 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 10:01 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 5:00 p.m.
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:00 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, 10/14 — 5 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Monday, 10/15 — 6 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/16 — 7 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/17 — 8 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Thursday, 10/18 — 9 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:10 p.m.

Friday, 10/19 — 10 Cheshvan
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Candles — 6:03 p.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:05 p.m.