

Mendocino Megillah

★ Mendocino Coast Jewish Community ★

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Rabbi's Notes: A Fine and Beautiful, If Impossible, Question

I'm not always one for the quaint Hasidic stories, but here's one I think about probably every day:

Two disciples of Rebbe Dov Ber, the Maggid of Mezritch, once asked their master, "The rabbis say that a person should rejoice in his afflictions and bless God for the bad things just as he makes a blessing to thank Him for the good. How is that possible?" ... The Maggid sent them to ask their question to another disciple of his, Rabbi Zusya of Hanipol.

They went to Rabbi Zusya's broken-down cottage and found him smoking his pipe. They told him that the Maggid had sent them to him to ask him their question -- "How can one thank and bless God for the bad?"

Like some other holy people, Rabbi Zusya was on a very high spiritual level where he never used the word I but instead always referred to himself as "Zusya." He said to them, "Zusya can't understand why the Maggid sent you to him, since Zusya has never experienced anything bad in his whole life!"

*Now everyone knew that in fact Rabbi Zusya had suffered greatly in his lifetime: He was poor and sickly. Yet they also knew and saw that he always glowed with inner peace and joy. (as re-told by the marvelous Yitzhak Buxbaum in *Jewish Tales of Mystic Joy*)*

Okay, Reb Zusya, what gives? How do you do it? What's in your pipe? How do you go about being poor and sick in your broken-down cottage without sometimes thinking, "This is bad!?" How can you be a Jew in Galicia in the 1700's, beset with all that we know beset the Jews, without at the very least finding that you need to "thank and bless God for the bad?" How do you never experience anything bad in your whole life?

I am sitting in my crazy little yellow study here, looking out the window in the dusk, watching the trees blow above the canyon behind our house. I am daydreaming

about all the sick people in my life right now, and those around them who are grieving and worrying. And, I must confess, I am thinking a bit about a sore wrist which has been dogging me lately, about extra pounds, about my crowded and cranky calendar, about phone calls I should make, bills I should pay -- the real noise of the front of my mind most of the time.

And through all that noise I can faintly hear Reb Zusya trying to answer my question. "What," he is asking me, "makes an experience 'bad?'" Is it 'bad' to be sick? Is death 'bad'?

This line of questioning isn't so difficult for me, actually. I know that illness can be miserable, but it is a natural thing. Death, all the more so -- death is almost always exquisitely sad, but it isn't evil. As I keep saying to myself these days, "Everyone dies." What can possibly be bad about the last experience of every living being? How can something as lovely as life end "badly?" (At least on this plane -- personally I'm pretty much agnostic about lives beyond this one. Maybe it all goes onward. That neither scares nor consoles me very much.)

Now that I am in a time of life when more and more people I care for are actually taking the plunge and dying -- my elders and, increasingly, my age-mates as well -- I find peace in what I can imagine Reb Zusya might say. Death is not a *bad* thing. Even illness, well, easy for me to say... Illness is difficult, but natural, part of life as a finite being. Not what I want, for myself or for anyone else. And illness seems to fall so heavily on some people, while brushing others only lightly. I've had a small share of illness myself over the years. I haven't liked it much. But I can't say it has been *bad*.

Okay, I admit, I'm kind of a cerebral girl. It matters to me what I think about things. Thinking sometimes even helps me feel better (and, I suppose, sometimes worse...) And so I work my way down my little list of preoccupations. And none of it is truly *bad*. It's life ("and life only...") Life with a body, with a mind, with friends and family and community and world -- finite, fragile, always at-risk, ultimately fatal, but not *bad*.

What, then, Reb Zusya, of Darfur? Gaza? Iraq? Afghanistan? AIDS? Global poverty? Climate change? Extinction of species?

Here my cognitive faculties leave me short, and my joy naturally fails. The damage we can do to each other is enormous, truly terrible. Even still, sometimes for a moment I can see us all as comets flashing through the sky, lighting up for a moment, hitting what we hit, then burning out, falling to the ground, crumbling. In those split seconds, from that great distance, it can all look sort of beautiful. Sometimes for just a flash I can see even violence and terror as holding within them some kind of hunger for life, our fragile and foolish species flailing in fear.

Many of you know my beloved midrash: *A person is walking from place to place, and he sees a castle on fire. Perhaps, thinks that person, the castle has no master. A voice emerges from the flames and says, "I am the master of the castle."* (Genesis Rabbah 39:1)

Sometimes, for just a second at a time, I can grasp that the burning castle has a master, even that the divine voice comes from the midst of the flames.

As I write this, I hear Rabbi Zusya again, tapping on the corner of my mind. *"Zusya has never experienced anything bad in his whole life!"* "What," I hear him asking me, "do you actually experience of the suffering of Darfur or of Gaza?"

What do I actually experience? News images, words of concern, feelings of complicity, feelings of outrage and frustration, admiration for those who step forward to help, admiration for those who survive and endure. Flashes of empathy, of bodily identification with people's wounds. I experience my distance from zones of war. I experience how tentative that distance really is. I occasionally experience the call of my conscience to try to contribute something. Befuddlement, discouragement, stretches of forgetting, indifference. Being reawakened to concern, usually by someone's words. Especially by the personal witness of people who have been there. More forgetting, more discouragement. Excitement when someone offers a way to make a gesture of support. Moments of hope. Long stretches of hopelessness.

I can't begin to speak for any other person, animal, plant or landscape. I can't even begin to imagine life of any kind in places of war or hunger or desperate illness. But I can, in my small, fleeting way, begin to hear Rabbi Zusya's tacit admonition. It is possible that, even while I

have witnessed my small share of human cruelty, and have found it sad, shocking and infuriating, I have also never experienced anything bad in my life.

At the very least, I find myself challenged by the serenity of Reb Zusya in the face of whatever sorrows and outrages he knew. He wasn't stupid, and he wasn't shallow. He lived in a time of world upheaval surely no less shocking than our own. In the midst of it all he clearly brought peace of mind and heart to the students who came to his house, and no doubt to others as well. He did so despite his poverty and his frailty -- and no doubt the poverty and frailty of his disciples too.

"The rabbis say that a person should rejoice in his afflictions and bless God for the bad things just as he makes a blessing to thank Him for the good. How is that possible?" I think that it may matter how we think about our own experiences and about our world. A fine and beautiful, if impossible, question.

- Rabbi Margaret Holub

PURIM IN TWO ACTS

Purim starts Thursday, March 20! Revels commence at 6:00 PM, with Act One -- an all-ages Megillah "telling." Come in costume, in a mask, in a disguise, in someone else's clothes, with a bag over your head, with funny make-up... Dress as Haman or Vashti or Esther or one of the court eunuchs -- or as a peanut or a witch or Spiderman. Bring hamantaschen to share if you'd like.

Act Two begins at 7:00 with the Angel of Death Purim!!! There is no escape... See the enclosed poster for the devastating details. Vashti's Revenge will be open with maiming libations to blind and bend us all. Horrific prizes for the best Angel of Death get-up. Scary! Sick! Weird! By 8:30 we will all be begging for hamantaschen, and they, like we, will be consumed. See you then, you poor suckers... (mh)

MULTI-MEDIA TALK ON ETHIOPIAN JEWS

Len Lyons, author of the stunning photo-essay, *The Ethiopian Jews of Israel: Personal Stories of Life in the Promised Land* will give a talk and show photos on Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 PM at the shul. Refreshments and time for questions and conversation will follow.

Len Lyons' book is the first to recount in captivating photographs and candid interviews the profound challenges and inspiring accomplishments of Ethiopian

Jews struggling to become Ethiopian Israelis.

This book is also unique in presenting the personal stories of Ethiopian Israelis, offering the reader a sometimes painful, sometimes touching look at Israel through their eyes, told in their words through in-depth interviews.

The book is a winner of a Gold Medal from the Independent Book Publishers Awards, 2007. Copies will be available for purchase. (mh)

DELICIOUS PEACE GROWS HERE

A benefit dinner for the Peace Kawomera Cooperative of Uganda Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:00 PM Caspar Community Center (across the parking lot from the shul.) Join us for an evening of lively dialogue, a fascinating film, energetic songs from Grammy-nominated musicians, and celebration of the peace-building efforts of the 705 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim members of the Peace Kawomera Cooperative of Uganda. Hosted by Thanksgiving Coffee Company.

Our goal is to raise \$2,000 to purchase mosquito nets for the Cooperatives' members to help prevent malaria. Tickets will be for sale at: The Mendocino Bakery on Lansing Street in Mendocino and Tangents on Main Street in Fort Bragg. A delegation of four Ugandan coffee farmers an Anglican, Muslim, Catholic, and Jew will visit our community to share the story of their efforts to build peace through RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE, FAIR TRADE, and ORGANIC coffee farming.

These farmers, representatives of the interfaith Peace Kawomera Cooperative, will share the story of their struggle to overcome a history of religious conflict by uniting in a common effort to earn a fair price for their coffee. Come learn about how Fair Trade is helping to build peace among people of different faiths, and about the grassroots interfaith mobilization taking place across the United States in support these remarkable farmers.

Your donation towards the purchase of mosquito nets, if you are unable to join us for the evening, would be gratefully received. Checks can be sent to Thanksgiving Coffee Company, Att to: Holly (mh)

KABBALAT SHABBAT

This month we will be celebrating our home Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner on Friday, March 14th at the home of Rosamond Gumpert Jorgensen. Please call her at 962-0390 for directions and to let her know you are coming. In April we will be at the home of Claire Ellis and

Chuck Greenberg in Little River. The monthly Kabbalat Shabbat includes a song-filled short service that begins at 6:00 pm and is followed by a pot luck vegetarian dinner. If you would like to host this wonderful event in your home in future months, contact Mina at 937-1319. (mc)

MCJC BOARD MEETING DATES

The next MCJC board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13th and then again on Thursday, April 10th. If you would like to attend a meeting please contact Raven Deerwater at raven@taxpractitioner.com so he can include you on the agenda. (mc)

BOOK GROUP

The book group will be skipping the month of March but will meet on Monday, April 7th at the home of Rosamond Gumpert Jorgensen. Please call Fran Schwartz at 937-1352 if you wish to join us. We will be reading "The Yiddish Policeman's Union" a novel by American author Michael Chabon. The novel is an alternate history detective story based on the premise that after World War II, a temporary Yiddish-speaking settlement for Jewish refugees was established in Alaska in 1941. It also incorporates the (fictional) destruction of the State of Israel in 1948 after an unsuccessful struggle for independence. It takes place in a fictionalized version of the real city of Sitka. In May we will be reading Tamar Yellin's book The Genizah at the House of Shefer. We welcome new people at any time. (mc)

TISCH

The monthly Tisch has been lots of fun and we've enjoyed delicious Shabbat dinners these past few months. The children will be baking challah in preparation for the dinner and you are welcome to join them at 4:30 to braid your very own challah. We welcome one and all at 6:00 on Friday March 28th for candlelighting, Kiddush, and Challah followed by dinner, singing, and general schmoozing. Our entrée is provided but we welcome salads and desserts if you are so inclined. (mc)

ELLA RUSSELL

Our beloved Ella Russell has been diagnosed with a Stage IV glioblastoma, the most malignant stage. Radiation and Chemotherapy are being recommended to improve her quality of life and life span. This tumor is not curable. Without treatment her prognosis was about 3 months. With Radiation alone her prognosis was up to a year. With both Radiation and Chemotherapy statistically 25% of people in Ella's situation could live about 2 years. She will also receive radiation for 6

weeks. Ella was assured that she could receive the treatment needed in Berkeley. She received all of this news with a clear mind and an open heart. Ella has started treatment at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley.

While she is interested in supportive and alternative treatments, she wants for them to be researched by someone with medical expertise. Her cousin Len Doberne, an MD, has offered to help with this. Please send information about alternative and complementary treatments, that you think could help Ella, to Kris Reiber at krisr@mcn.org as she will be working with Len on this.

Ella's immediate need is for people to stay nights with her in Berkeley. If you can do this sometime during the next six weeks, please contact Donna Montag at 877-3243 or montag@mcn.org. (best) She enjoys receiving cards and notes, which can be sent to her at Ella Russell, PO Box 84, Elk, Ca 95432

A tax-deductible fund to help Ella with her expenses has been set up: you can send contributions made out to MCJC, PO Box 291, Little River CA 95456. Please mark your check "health fund" in the memo field. We are trying to make a central list of everyone who would like to receive updates about how Ella is doing. If you would like to receive updates, requests for help and so on, please contact Mickey Chalfin at mc@mcn.org.

Ella and her family have said repeatedly that they feel very much supported by the love, practical help and prayers of their many interlocking circles of community, friendship and family. She is not in pain and has been told that she should not anticipate being in pain, even if her condition worsens. She has a very difficult medical condition, but she faces it with the courage and spiritual strength that we all know in Ella. (mc)

A LETTER OF THANKS

From Phil Goldsmith and Susan Newman

Dear Margaret:

When we flew out of Little River in late October, Susan was beginning her recovery. Since then, she has been making great progress in returning to her normal health. She has none of the deficits which the herpes encephalitis could have caused, and particularly this month has been rapidly regaining strength and energy. We are extremely grateful to you and many other people associated with the Jewish community for friendship and support during Susan's hospitalization. As Susan's energy increases, we will start thinking about returning to the Mendocino Coast for a more belated celebration

of our tenth anniversary than originally planned and to visit our community away from home.

MEGILLAH THANKS

Thanks to Judy Minkus for collating and mailing last month's Megillah. This is a task you can do in the comfort of your own home and takes a couple of hours at the most. If you would be willing to help with this mitzvah contact Mina at 937-1319.

MENDOCINO MAVEN

The last month has seen some great joy and some sorrow in our precious little community

On the joy side of the ledger, I thought the last Tisch at the shul was especially joyful, with lots of little kids running around and tasting the joy of Shabbat, some probably for the first time. It has been a long time, since this community has seen so many little ones. Baruch Hashem

The evening of Kabbalat Shabbat hosted by Missy, Jesse, Jazmine, and Kayla Fiedler in Fort Bragg

was very sweet, and not just because of Bonnie's ice cream pie and the Manechevitz. This event is always different and always the same, like much of life. I think it is a great mitzvah realized when people open their homes to members of this community and invite people, in some cases complete strangers, to break bread and sip that fine wine of upstate NY. If you haven't been for a while, check it out.

Check out too the exhibition at the Mendocino Art Center of the Artists in Residence. One of the artists, Dena hails from New Orleans and has been in our community since the summer. She is a ceramic artist.

Ronnie Kemper will be included in an Invitational Quilt exhibit at Partners Gallery for the month of March. The exhibit opens with a reception for the artists on Saturday, March 8th, 5-8 pm.

Pamela Duncan who teaches Language Arts and Mendocino Middle School will be honored by the Mendocino Unified School Board along with five of her students for their writing which was published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Pamela encourages the students to submit articles and five have been published in the last year.

Peace Kowamera Fair Trade Coffee, Thanksgiving Coffee Company, and Kulanu have been awarded the Dr. Jean Mayer Global Citizen Award by the Tufts

Institute for Global Leadership. Dr. Jean Mayer, former president of Tufts University, was a world renowned nutritionist and scholar who advised three US Presidents on issues of hunger and nutrition. Ben Corey-Moran and Holly Moskowitz from Thanksgiving Coffee were present at the awards ceremony to talk about the project. Tufts Hillel will be cosponsoring the reception and include this in their “Moral Voices” program. (mc)

SEND YOUR CHILD TO SUMMER CAMP FULLY FUNDED

A new incentive to encourage middle school students (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) to attend a Jewish camp is available through the JWest Campership Program. If your child has never attended a Jewish camp they can do so regardless of financial need. For more information go to www.jewishcamping.org. The information is located at the bottom of the home page under JWest Campership. Jewish summer camps are a great way to get kids excited about being Jewish, meet other Jewish kids, and learn while having fun (mc)

LIL REV PERFORMING AT FRANKIE’S

Lil Rev from Milwaukee, WI, will be playing at Frankie's on Saturday, March 1st from 6:30 - 9ish. Lil Rev is a "purveyor of folk, old-time, blues, novelty and original songs and stories for the young and old." He plays the mandolin,uke, banjo, guitar and harmonica. Rabbi Larry Milder said that "Lil' Rev is the Jewish Pete Seeger." You can find out more at www.lilrev.com. As always, there is no charge to come see the music and all ages are welcome.

I might add that Frankie’s is now serving a California style falafel, while it has not yet surpassed my favorite falafel of all time which I got from a little shack for 6 shekels outside the bus station after riding the bus from Jerusalem to Tiberius, it has the potential, and is a welcome addition to the world famous cuisine of the Village of Mendocino.

TWO LOSSES

This month we lost two very good friends of the Mendocino Coast Jewish Community, Paul Jorgensen the husband of Rosamond Gumpert-Jorgenson died. He was 91. Paul winning smile and enthusiasm for Jewish food and candle lighting will be missed.

Veronica (aka Vika or Vic) Brauns the wife of Maggie Norton died at home after a long struggle with ovarian cancer. She was last seen at shul rushing up from UCSF to make it to Margaret’s Psalms class. She was my best friend for over 30 years. A memorial service will be held at St Anthony’s Parish hall in Mendocino on Sunday

Match 9th at 3 PM, Margaret will co-officiate and details should appear in the Beacon. (be)

If you have items of interest that you would like to share with the community. Please email bobevans@mcjc.org with Maven in the Subject line. (rge)

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In Memory of Elaine Hofberg: Kenneth Rickler; Art and Rosalie Holub

Prayerbooks: Art and Rosalie Holub In Honor of Margaret's 50th birthday and In Honor of Donna and George Montag and the good work they do (mz)

CALENDAR

- Mar. 1 Shabbat Minyan, 10:30 am
Lil Rev, Frankies, 6:30 pm
- Mar. 7 Rosh Hodesh Adar II
- Mar. 8 Shabbat Minyan, 10:30 am
- Mar. 9 Veronica Brauns Memorial, 3:00 pm
- Mar. 12 Ethiopian Jews talk, 7:00 pm
- Mar. 13 Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- Mar. 14 Kabbalat Shabbat (Rosamond), 6 pm
- Mar. 15 Shabbat Minyan, 10:30 am
- Mar. 18 Mirembe Dinner, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 20 Purim, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 22 Shabbat Minyan, 10:30 am
- Mar. 28 Tisch, 6:00 pm
- Mar. 29 Shabbat Minyan, 10:30 am

- April 1 MCJC Benefit Dinner, 6:00 pm
- April 7 Book Group, 3:00 pm



Please clip and return to reserve a place at the MCJC Dinner:

I (We) are looking forward to attending the 2008 Dinner.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ dinners.

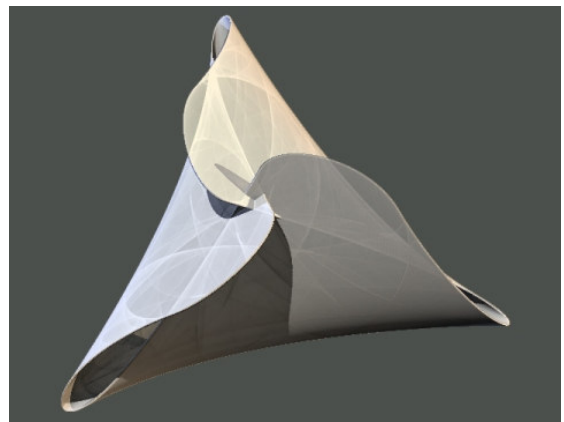
We would like to have the _____ duck _____ vegetarian entrée

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

From time to time members have given additional financial help to MCJC. Upon the sale of a home, stocks or some other positive financial event they have shared their good fortune. Also, several members have remembered MCJC in their wills. These generous acts insure the long term strength and sustainability of the Jewish Community and our shul here on the Coast. We encourage you to do this if you can.

TORAH PORTIONS

March 1	Vayakhel - Exodus 35:1-38::20
March 8	Pekudei - Exodus 38:21-40:38
March 15	Vayikra - Leviticus 1:1-5:26
March 22	Tzav - Leviticus 6:1-8:36
March 29	Shmini - Leviticus 9:1-11:47
April 5	Tazria- Leviticus 12:1-13:59
April 12	Metzora- Leviticus 14:1-15:33
April 19	Aharei Mot- Leviticus 16:1-18:30
April 26	Pesach- special reading



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