

Justice For 'Agunot'

Perhaps it is true, as reported in the women's issue of *The Jewish Week*, that in some circles I am viewed as "beyond the pale of Orthodoxy" ("A Divorce For Dina," Sept. 12). That should surprise no one.

But in the matter of *agunot*, women whose husbands refuse to give them a get, I have been more faithful to the Torah tradition than most of my critics.

Those who challenge a status quo that often is less than humane are likely to offend some of its champions, but I especially had to seek ways of changing that situation because I devoted much of my life to teaching the greatness of Torah and inspiring its love.

With compassion for the helpless victims of the status quo as well as the honor of the halachic tradition that I cherish, I simply had to break with many of my colleagues and lead a revolt.

No one is being coerced to join me, but scores already have. None of us seeks to disturb a woman who prefers her martyrdom. But for those who want to be liberated, we have the answers — as of course most rabbis do. Yet for reasons they deem honorable, they prefer to see others suffer to establish some kind of authority that is ephemeral, while the relief sought by many women would only cause them to respect the Torah more.

My apologies for indulging in a bit of autobiography. The problem has agitated me from the very first time that an *agunah* confronted me and I was unable to help her. I spoke and wrote about the situations; I even helped in 1960 to create a new *bet din*, rabbinical court, when I retired from the presidency of the Rabbinical Council of America. My hope and prayer was that this new *bet din* would take the action I wanted, but its members were more concerned with winning recognition from similar courts in Israel and England and wanted to do nothing liberal until their status was clearly established.

I had known of the proposal of one authority in Israel, but I hesitated to use it because I feared that those who took advantage of it might find it difficult to obtain an Orthodox rabbi who would officiate at their subsequent marriage.

In 1976 I came upon a simple way to annul marriages by taking a survey as to whether women prefer even the worst marriage to none. Upon this presumption, the halacha was established that circumstances which developed after the marriage could not be taken into account to dissolve a marriage and make it void from its inception.

The suggestion of a survey was enough to frighten some of my colleagues, who reported my view to the late Rabbi Joseph B.

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Soloveitchik. For a metahistorical reason he rejected my proposal, but later apologized for his anger when he was told by many that my view was held by earlier authorities. That story is now fairly well known.

By that time, however, the bold proposal of our Israeli colleague was well known and about 25 rabbis were using it. Indeed, I myself performed one wedding ceremony after the wife had received the divorce through Rabbi Moshe Antelman. At first the Israeli authorities hesitated to record the marriage but they finally did.

My religious obligation was now clear: To help the *agunah* in one of two ways — either by annulling her marriage or giving her without her husband's consent, the special kind

of divorce of which halachic giants of the past had approved.

But the resistance of the rabbinic establishment was still very great. I do not fault them. They may want to play it safe, while I risk God's anger and His punishment.

But how does one find rabbis who are as independent as I?

I had to find someone as financially independent as I am and at least as competent as I am in these halachic matters. Rabbi Moshe is one of the most learned in this area, and, like me, is financially independent. Indeed, his mastery of the sources is overwhelming.

Few other rabbis I know have mastered the relevant sources as he has.

We announced the creation of a *bet din* to the women assembled in February at the conference on feminism and Orthodoxy. A third rabbi joined us — here in America, one who like us was financially independent, but his illness compelled him to resign, as did the pressure of colleagues (I was with him when he received such a call from a leading rabbi in Queens, a leading member of the Vaad that placed the ban on women's prayer groups).

In any event, we know many rabbis who are willing to preside at the weddings of women who have been liberated by our progressive *bet din*.

Certainly in the face of such success I am willing to suffer the demeaning of my own status.

Unfortunately, Rabbi [redacted] has been maligned and lies were sent to former Chief Rabbi Yosef in Israel to discredit him. But like me, he knows that as our patriarch Jacob had to wrestle with an angel before he could face Esau, so too the halachic giants of the past had to wrestle with midgers to achieve halachic innovation. And I cherish the words of Ibsen, one of whose characters exclaims, "The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone."

Shortly, Rabbi [redacted] will meet with more Orthodox rabbis who want to learn from him precisely how and what we are doing. □

Book 38

Netzech Israel Lo Ishaker
Eternal Israel Does Not Lie
Moshe Siselsender
Dynamics of Jewish
Marriage

All of mankind are God's children. We all have one father. God has no favorites . God loves all his children the same. Each man/woman born or to be born is Chosen and is a member of the Chosen people . However God has different laws and standards

for each group of his Chosen people. God created the souls and bodies of all non Jews and Jews. Because **only** God created all men/women God knows what is necessary for each soul to reach perfection and have communion and become **One** with God.
Rambam Lws of Kings
8:10,11 Baylonian Talmud
Sanehdrin 59, 64, 105.

Israel and the Nations
when each follow the laws
given by God for their group
to have their soul reach
perfection then they become
One with God. God
therefore assigned each
group those laws that would
enable their Souls to reach
perfection.

Every human being non
Jews and Jews must- it is

mandatory -that each one observes the Seven Nohadite Principles. [1] Not to worship idols . Not to believe that the idol possesses power to curse - harm or bless -benefit . Man/woman must therefore appease the idol and worship the idol. [2] Not to curse God [3] Not to kill . [4] Not to steal . Not to make and or give false testimony and as a

result steal or enable others to steal what does not belong to them. Not to create false narratives and steal an other's possessions land and right to live and live in peace. Not to deny the historical connection of the Jew and Jewish people to all of new and historical Eretz Israel. Judea Shomron Gaza Golan and of course Jerusalem are part and parcel

of the Jewish people. They belong to every Jew going back to Abraham Isaac and Jacob. The entire world can stand on their heads and deny this a zillion times . This will not change the historical event and promise from God to preserve this tiny area of the planet earth for God himself. God elected to give this tiny strip to the Jewish people. Just like

Rockefeller donated in New York City the Rockefeller Center as a public domain. Or other wealthy people donate land as a public domain. However once a week or once a month or once a year they stipulate that the public be banned from entering. This is done in order not to relinquish the land and have it become public property by reason of

uninterrupted and unchallenged use for a period of weeks months or years. Thus the grantor retains title and enforces his ownership . So too, God created the world and permits people to use it. However God enforces his title to the world by setting aside a tiny strip for Himself. God elected to have the Jewish people use this

tiny strip of land. All other people are prohibited from using this strip of land .

Why? Because God does not have to answer or account to any one else. He is God . He created the entire universe. The world belongs to him. This is His Will.

No United Nations or

Security Council or
President Obama or
Secretary of State Kerry or
British Prime Minister or
European Union declaration
to the contrary will change
and create a new reality. The
artificial never existent
Palestinians can not be given
life to supplant and replace
the Jews by the repetition a
zillion times of a their false
narrative.

Continuing with the seven universal laws the Nohadite laws -

[5] Not to commit adultery . [6] to legislate laws and establish courts of law and police and army to enforce the laws.

[7] Not to be cruel to animals. Not to tear and eat a limb of an animal while

the animal is still alive.

All creation existed in the mind of God before time and space were created.

That PER SE DOES NOT
MEAN THAT ALL
CREATIONS EXISTED .
NOTHING EXISTED
OTHER THAN GOD.
It does not make all the

universe gods like the ancient pagans Aristotle and later the Pantheism of Spinoza and modern atheists postulate.

Modern atheists just drop God and leave natural laws and the earth as a god. There exists no demands made on man/woman by the gods .

However, all these

mentioned philosophies are false. All that the concept that God always had the idea of creating the universe and that idea is timeless just like God is timeless means that God always **WANTED to Create. However when God elected to bring his ideas to fruition He CREATED .**

All of the universe are God's handiwork. None could evolve or remain one split second without God's approval and God's Providence.

God used the Attribute of Elokim Midot Hadin -the Attribute of Power Hateva-Natural Laws - as well as

the Attribute of Yud Kai
Vov Kai the Attribute of
Compassion and Equity at
the instant of creating the
universe. God knew that the
world could never remain if
the all men/women would be
subject to the strict
consequences of Midot
Hadin natural laws and
Power of God. God knew
that all laws must be bent
and fused with Midot

Harachamim - with the
Attribute of Compassion
forgiveness and mercy to an
obstinate and stupid
mankind.

In Hebrew the numerical
value of Elokim = 86.
Aleph=1+Lamed =30Lamed
heh =5 yud =10 +mem=40
grand total = 86

The numerical value of

hateva [laws of nature]=86

heh==5 tet=9+bet=2+ayin

=70 grand total =86.

Scientists today claim that there exists an invisible force behind the atom. When they smash the atom they discovered an invisible force that they called the God

Particle. Possibly this force is what the Rabbis called hateva natural laws.

The numerical value of Yud Kai Vov Kai= 26.

Thus $86+26= 111$.

This represents the first day of creation

When one again combines
again both Attributes of
God to the former total =

$$111+111= 222$$

This represents day two of
creation

When one repeats this again

$$111+111+ 111= 333$$

This represents day three of

creation

$$111+111+111+111=444$$

this represents day four of
creation

And so forth -

$$111+111+111+111+111
=555$$

This represents day five of
creation.

$$111+111+111+111+111$$
$$+111= 666$$

This represents day six of creation when God created man/woman

$$111+111+111+111+111$$
$$+111+111=777$$

This represents day seven

when God rested and provided the spiritual value to all of creation.

The Hebrew word for man is Ish . For woman is Ishoh. If one removes the I from Ish and the h from Isho what remains is sh for man and sh for woman. Sh means fire destruction. The vowels I

and h IH combined means
God the source for life and
existence -the opposite of
ESH- destruction. Thus
when man woman
incorporate God in their life
there exists meaning life .
Without God there exists
destruction. Thus same sex
relationships among males
could very well = the
epidemic of Aids and death.

When one has multiple sex partners there exists a 25% - 50 % of getting infected with sexually transmitted diseases that can cause death bareness not being able to bear children or suffering pain itching and or unwanted pregnancies and abortions and killing unborn infants that is also dangerous to the woman.

The numerical value of Ish
or man Aleph=1 Yud =10
Sh=300=311

The numerical value of
Isha or woman aleph -1 shin
= 300 Heh =5=306.

Ish =	311
Isha=	306

Total	617
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Total	617
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need	666
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difference	49
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Difference of 49 means
that in order for man/
woman to attain and reach
perfection and communion

with God

man/ woman must observe
the Torah that was given
after the Jews waited 49
days between Passover and
Shavuot when the Torah was

given at Mt. Sinai 3326
years ago they then achieve
perfection and attain
communion with God. Man/
woman as a unit are a
complete person.

Before man/woman
marry they are incomplete.

When they marry the two souls are united and become one and complete.

In these books we will explore the Laws of the Four parts of the Shulchan Aruch that discuss the duties obligations and Privileges of Wife and Husband toward each other and toward God

by observing the laws of
Taharot Hamishpoch the
laws of family [Sexual]
Purity.

I translated into English the
original laws of Niddah as
recorded by the Aruch
Hshulchon on Yoreh Dayoh.

I have prepared extensive
foot notes and supplemented
the laws with my insights to
make them understandable

to the modern Jewish couple who are interested in observing these mandatory laws. For the past 4000 years Jewish identity was expressed in the observance of the Chukim the laws that transcend mortal understanding as opposed to the Mishpotim the rational laws of all civilized societies based on the Seven Nohadic principles

I plan to highlight each chapter when they are short and prepare a separate Book for those chapters that are long in order to make it

easier to find the area that the reader is interested in researching.

I have received the approbation of one of the greatest Poskim decisors of Jewish Law -the late Yisroel Piekarski Zetzal , Rosh Yeshivah of the Rabbinical School at Lubavitz and the Hallachic advisor to the late

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