



THE RABBI'S COLUMN: IS CHANGE POSSIBLE? CONTINUING THOUGHTS ON GUN CONTROL

By Mark Sameth

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An old joke often told by clergy:

Of course I believe it's possible for folks to change; I have no choice. (I said it was old; I didn't say it was good.)

Most, though not all, religious traditions hold that it is possible – yea necessary – for human beings to change. In religious as well as philosophical circles the possibility of change is grounded on something called the doctrine of free will.

This notion though has come in for a rough time of late, as more and more scientific evidence builds up to suggest that decision making is, to a very great degree, an activity undertaken in the unconscious brain, for which our conscious brain then creates ex post facto rationalizations. (A very good book on this topic is Dan Ariely's *Predictably Irrational*; for a related discussion, see the book I mentioned last week, Daniel Kahneman's *Thinking Fast and Slow*.)

One reason it is so hard to change our thinking is that we don't come to our ideas rationally in the first place. Once an idea forms in the mind we are, more or less, stuck with it. That's also why it's so difficult to change activities to which we have grown accustomed, especially if they give us pleasure, or are activities at which we excel, and bring us not only self-satisfaction but peer group status. So

is it possible to change?

I was eight years old when I first learned to shoot. The day camp I attended had a shooting range set up right near the woodworking hut, and so I spent a good deal of time either shooting (22's and BB's) or whittling tikis to the sound of other kids shooting.

And I was a very good shot. I remember the satisfaction when the counselor would pull the paper target in on the wire pulley and you could see up close just how many bulls-eyes, and close-to-bulls-eyes you'd made. It felt good. There was no way you could have told me I wouldn't always love shooting.

Later, at another camp, I continued to excel. I won awards. I was proud of my National Rifle Association certificates; was very happy when I got my Marksman First Class bar (which, if you're not familiar, was hung between the Marksman bar and the medal itself; a work of art!) Had someone gotten preachy with me about shooting I know I would have turned a deaf ear.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Four weeks ago, New York and the Jewish community lost a treasure and one of its very best leaders and spokesman with the passing of former Mayor Ed Koch (a 3-term mayor serving from 1978-1989).

He had many unique qualities, among which were his unabashed pride, loyalty and always aggressive advocacy for New York, the Jewish community and Israel. He made no apologies for it and often was brutally honest, even if delivered with what became his trademark part New York, part Yiddish style of humor (serving him well working his way through law school behind the counter of a Jewish deli).

Humor, so integrally woven in the fabric of Jewish history and heritage throughout time, was a core part of the recollections of Ed Koch from the distinguished speakers delivering eulogies at Manhattan's Temple Emanu-El, among which were President Clinton, Mayor Bloomberg, Israel's Consul General Ambassador Ido Aharoni, as well as longtime staff members.

A quintessential Ed Koch story

was told by Ambassador Aharoni. In 1990, Mayor Koch was in Israel for a government ceremony and was grazed in the head with a rock thrown by a protestor. Although bleeding a bit, he assured everyone that he was fine and wanted the ceremonies to continue uninterrupted. Before they did though, he turned to the dignitary standing next to him and loudly told him, "That was an accident that the rock hit me. He probably was really trying to hit you".

On another occasion, a crew filming commercials in Greenwich Village with Broadway stars singing the one sentence tag line for the "I Love New York" campaign, saw Koch carrying his dry cleaning and groceries. They asked if he would sing the line as well for the commercial. All in one motion, he put his packages down, sang the line, grabbed a bagel from the snack table, picked up his packages and kept walking.

On yet another occasion while serving as mayor, he was on an official visit to Ireland, and during a State Dinner went around the room telling everyone that

"You should be eating tuna from Montauk."

An active, courageous and aggressive civil rights advocate in the early 1960's, Ed Koch went to Laurel, Mississippi to provide legal representation for students who were arrested for sitting in at the lunch counter at Kress' Department Store (a dangerous endeavor for a New York Jewish attorney in the deep South given the time, circumstances and local feelings of the day).

As was pointed out by Mayor Bloomberg, it is very fitting that Ed Koch, a Polish Jew and a life-long proponent of diversity, is being buried at Trinity Church in Washington Heights, in a secular albeit Episcopalian cemetery in a largely Dominican neighborhood. "What could be more New York?"

Given Mayor Koch's pride of being a New Yorker, it was very fitting that "New York, New York" was blaring in the shul at the conclusion of the service, as well as the reference to the next of kin he leaves behind as, "The City of New York."

— Jerry Neuburger

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HEBREW SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Ronni Metzger, Principal

February started off with a wonderful Shabbaton with the Dalet students. Their hard work paid off as they led a beautiful Friday night service. Thank you to their teacher, Jennifer Chervin, and our music instructor, Lisa Lipkin, for preparing them so well.

The Bet class enjoyed their "Ask the Rabbi" session, and the Gimel and Dalet classes had a great time making challah. The Dalet class enjoyed a special pottery program where each child crafted a Kiddush cup, which can be used at their family Seders either as Miriam's cup or Elijah's cup! For Tu B'shvat the students enjoyed tasting the different fruit species, and some of the classes made planters and planted seeds in honor of the holiday. The students learned about Purim and we all enjoyed delicious hamentashen. The younger grades made wonderful masks and graggers (noise makers)!

March promises to be just as eventful, with the Hey class presenting the rabbi with questions for their "Ask the Rabbi" session; the Dalet class's Heritage Day program; the Vav shabbaton on March 16, and we end the month with model Seders for the students!

THE RABBI'S COLUMN, CONTINUED

In time my feelings grew ambivalent. Then a friend of mine from summer camp was shot to death in L.A. and the joy of shooting left me. My brother was accosted with a gun, and moved to another city only to survive a sniper attack on his building there. My feelings about guns darkened. Then I became a rabbi, and within a few years a congregant's beloved mother was gunned down, one of a number of victims in a gruesome mass murder in Binghamton, NY. I strained to find words of solace for the family. Then 20 children and their teachers were massacred in Newtown; multiple wounds to each of the bodies, the body of the youngest riddled with eleven bullets. I felt nauseous; and ashamed that over all of these years I had not done more.

So do I believe change is possible? Yes, I do. But God help us if it takes this much heartache; and God help us if we don't do something positive now with all of the heartache we're all feeling.

Again, I want to emphasize that my purpose here is not to demonize, let alone disrespect, law-abiding gun owners. I hope that's come across. Good people can disagree on many things. But we're also finding that we agree on much more than we might have previously thought.

Consider: A Quinnipiac University survey released last week reports that 92% of respondents support expanding background checks to all gun sales. And in households with guns? The level of support is virtually the same... 91%.

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ASK THE RABBI:

What do Rabbis do, why Hebrew goes from right to left, and other questions from young minds

On February 2 Rabbi Mark met with the Second Graders (Kitah Bet). It was a snowy day and not all the children were there, but the discussion was wonderful. Here's a short excerpt:

Emma Leis: (Holding her toy fish) This is Fishy's question: What is the job of a rabbi?

Rabbi Mark: Well, part of my job is answering your questions! (laughter) But seriously, it is answering questions that kids have, and answering questions that grown-ups have, in other words it's helping people. There are lots of parts to a rabbi's job. But I would say helping people, leading services, and teaching are the main parts of a rabbi's job.

Ben Stahl: My dad says he knew you from camp.

Rabbi Mark: I was once a counselor in a day camp and I worked at a sleep away camp one summer. I'll have to find out from your dad which camp that was.

Ben: Here's my question: Why do we wear a kippah?

Rabbi Mark: The kippah covers the head and is a symbol that we are "under God." The Yiddish term is yarmulke, which comes from the words for "awe of the Ruler." Some people wear a kippah when they pray, some also wear it when they study, some also wear it when they're eating, and some folks wear one throughout the day.

Ava Klein: Why do we write Hebrew from right to left?

Rabbi Mark: I'm a righty. So watch as I write these words here in English. Do you see how as I write you can still see all the letters I just wrote? When a lefty writes English their left hand covers up each letter after they write it. Now I'll write a few words in Hebrew. Do you see how my right hand covers up the letters? That's why English writing was probably invented by a righty and Hebrew writing was invented by a lefty.

Emma Leis: This is not Fishy's question, this one is mine: What's your favorite Hebrew letter?

Rabbi Mark: That's a tough one. But I guess I would say the letter "bet."

Ben: That's my favorite letter, too! Because it has a belly button in it! (Note: In Hebrew, some letters, like the bet, include a Hebrew grammatical sign called a dagesh in the form of a "dot".)

Morah Jaime: Yes, and the Hebrew name Ben begins with the letter bet.

Rabbi Mark: Also the way we say "second grade" in Hebrew is "kitah bet," because the letter bet also stands for the number two.

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ASK THE RABBI, CONTINUED

Emma: And the word Baruch (Blessed)!

Rabbi Mark: Very good! I think I would pick bet as my favorite letter as well because it is the first letter of the first word in Torah - Bereishit. Bet means "in" and Bereishit means "in the beginning..."

Ben: What's your favorite holiday?

Rabbi Mark: It's always the nearest one! So in the fall it's Rosh Hashanna. In December it's Channukah. And the next holiday is... Purim!

Emma: Does it matter what costume you wear?

Rabbi Mark: No, you can wear whatever costume you like.

Emma: Why do we eat challah on Shabbat?

Rabbi Mark: Do you like challah?

Emma: I love it!

Rabbi Mark: That's why we eat it. There's another reason, too. When we bake challah we take a little piece of dough out before we bake it as a symbol of giving. So we always remember to give to the poor and people in need when we're eating. Thanks for all of your great questions today!



PCS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The evening started with hors d'oeuvres at the home of Jackie and Steven Zucker. Dinners were hosted by several families and we gathered again at the home of Gary Greenwald and Anne Tetenman for dessert.

We thank everyone that offered their homes with such warmth and good cheer.



Rabbi Mark leading Havdallah prayers



Jan Gordon



Steven Zucker, hors d'oeuvres host



Mark Freiheit

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Progressive Dinner, Continued



Dinner hosted by Vivian and Mark Freiheit



Gary Greenwald, dessert host, and Oren Cohen



Claire Cohen, Progressive Dinner Committee Chair, with Seth Greenwald and Gaby Golod



Yvette Smolin and Doug Gordin

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Susan and Michael Safranek



Karen Sanders, with Bennett Solnick and Elizabeth Feigelson

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PCS will once again be collecting Passover food for Project Ezra, an organization that provides services to the frail elderly on the Lower East Side.



In many cases, this food is the only source of Passover food for Ezra's Elderly.

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INSTANT COFFEE OR TEA
1 SMALL JAR OF HONEY
2 CANNED FRUITS
2 CANNED VEGETABLES
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March 2013 - PCS Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p> <p>Purim</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO YOGA CLASS</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30pm Jerusalem Lecture Series with Dr. Sarah Tauber</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:00pm Tot Shabbat</p> <p>5:27pm-5:45pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bar Mitzvah - Zachary Jacobus-Oseroff Parashat Ki Tisa</p> <p>PURIM SHPIEL!</p> <p>...</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Kita Zayin, 11 am</p> <p>Ask the Rabbi, 5th grade, 11:30 am</p> <p>Pre- and Post-Adoptive Parent Group at PCS - 6 pm, ametz@jccpa.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30pm 5th grade parents' meeting,</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Children's Service PCS House Band</p> <p>5:35pm-5:53pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei Shabbat HaChodesh</p> <p>7:06pm-7:07pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p>10</p> <p>PCS Palooza Week begins Hebrew School Heritage Day Hebrew High School/Rabbi's Comparative Religion Class, 11:30 am</p> <p>Pre- and ...</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh event</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Nisan</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30pm Jerusalem Lecture Series with Dr. Sarah Tauber</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Children's Service Pajama Shabbat PCS House Band</p> <p>6:43pm-7:01pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, Family Education Shabbat Kita Vav Shabbaton Parashat Vayikra</p> <p>8:14pm-8:15pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00am Coffee for Prospective Members 11:30am Intermarried Forum Model Seder Kita Zayin, 11 am</p> <p>Executive ...</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Spiritual Life Committee meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Model Seder</p> <p>Board meeting, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:15pm Children's Service</p> <p>6:51pm-7:09pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Bar Mitzvah - Gabriel Welch Parashat Tzav Shabbat HaGadol</p> <p>8:22pm-8:23pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p>24</p> <p>No Hebrew School Hebrew High School/Rabbi's Comparative Religion Class, 11:30 am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Erev Pesach Ta'anit Bechorot, Fast of the First Born</p> <p>NO YOGA CLASS</p> <p>6:54pm-7:12pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pesach I</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pesach II</p> <p>8:26pm-8:27pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pesach III (CH"M)</p> <p>No Hebrew School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pesach IV (CH"M)</p> <p>6:58pm-7:16pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Pesach V (CH"M)</p> <p>8:29pm-8:30pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Pesach VI (CH"M) No Hebrew School</p> <p>7:00pm-7:18pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pesach VII</p> <p>Yoga Class at PCS, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pesach VIII</p> <p>8:33pm-8:34pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00pm Tot Shabbat Children's Service PCS House Band</p> <p>7:06pm-7:24pm - Candle lighting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Morning Meditation, ; Shabbat Service, Bat Mitzvah - Kyra Schulz Parashat Shmini</p> <p>8:37pm-8:38pm - Havdalah (72 min)</p>

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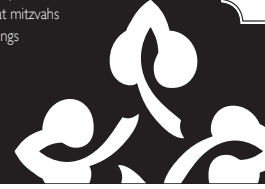


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Sunday March 10 – Sunday March 17: “PCS Palooza” Open House Week (see website for complete schedule of events)

Friday, March 15: Pajama Shabbat (6:00 pm) Dinner (6:15 pm) and Family Service (7:15 pm)

Sunday, March 17: Prospective Member Coffee at private home 10:00 am (contact PCS for details) followed by Intermarried Forum (to be held at PCS, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm)

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27: First and second day of Pesach (Passover) services, 10 am

Sunday, April 7: Yom HaShoa Commemoration at PCS

