

**CSH Community Shabbat Dinner
Friday, June 25
Sponsored by
Marilyn Mishaan and Sheila Pack**

**following Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30pm
at the home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach
258 Redwood Road (directions below)**

RSVP by Monday, June 22 for dinner

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Friday June 18, 2010      **Candle Lighting 8:07pm**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service at 6:30pm**  
at the home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach  
258 Redwood Road (directions below)

**Shabbat Morning 9:30**  
Old Whalers Church  
Union Street, Sag Harbor  
**Kiddush sponsored by Jill Erlitz**

**This week's Torah reading: Chukat**  
Annual (Num. 19:1-22:1): Etz Hayim p. 880  
Triennial (Num. 20:22-22:1): Etz Hayim p. 890  
Haftarah (Judges 11:1-33): Etz Hayim p. 910

**Musings on Chukat ...**

Theodicy. The problem of God's justice.

Here is the question: In this world created by an all-powerful God who is good, why so much gratuitous suffering?

Many, many answers, have been given. Today I want to focus on just a few ideas found in Parshat Chukat. The parashah begins with the words:

***Zot chukat hatorah*** This is the chok of the Torah.

Literally, a chok is a rule. Torah offers several different words for rules that are set out by God. Each of these words has its own nuances. The word chok is used to introduce a rule whose purpose is difficult for us to understand rationally. Some say the word chok introduces a ritual that bypasses the mind and speaks to the heart. Others say chok introduces a ritual whose symbolism spoke to our ancestors but no longer speaks to us. Still others say a chok is a commandment with no reason behind it except to test our obedience to God.

So the parashah begins: ***Zot chukat hatorah. This is THE chok of the Torah.***

This is the teaching that bypasses the mind, speaks to the heart, contains obscure symbolism, and tests our obedience to God. This is the ritual we cannot understand that helps us deal with things we cannot understand.

To read this d'var in its entirety go to:

[http://web.mac.com/lauraduhankaplan/Writings/Torah\\_Blog\\_format/Entries/2007/6/23\\_Entry\\_1.html](http://web.mac.com/lauraduhankaplan/Writings/Torah_Blog_format/Entries/2007/6/23_Entry_1.html)

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Near the end of their journey in the desert, the Israelites arrived at Kadesh. But there was no water to drink, and the people complained bitterly. God commanded Moses to take his staff before the entire people and speak to the cliff-rock, to provide water for the nation. Moses took the staff and assembled the people. But he shouted,

"Listen now, you rebels! Shall we produce water for you from this cliff?" (Num. 20:10)

Moses then struck the cliff twice with the staff, and a huge amount of water gushed out. There are many explanations as to what exactly was Moses' sin, for which God did not allow him to enter into the Land of Israel. Perhaps it was his uncontrolled anger (Maimonides); or for disobeying God by hitting the rock (Rashi); or because he initially fled from the people (Ibn Ezra); or for saying, "Shall we produce" and not, "Shall God produce" (Rabbeinu Chananel).

To read this d'var in its entirety go to:

<http://www.ravkooktorah.org/CHUKAT58.htm>

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### **This Shabbat -- June 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

We are invited to Temple Adas Israel for Mincha and Seudah Shlishit to honor Rabbi Minna Bromberg on the occasion of her ordination.

### **August 13th -14th**

Zvi Gitelman returns to CSH. Maybe he'll talk about the "Litvak-Galitsianer Wars" and/ or "the history of the Jews in Russia."

### **End Quote**

On Father's Day, we honor our fathers not by comparing them to some ideal but by acknowledging them for who they really are. We pause to reflect on their history, remember the challenges they faced, and meditate on what they taught us along the way. In that, we truly live by the words "Honor thy Father." *Rabbi Daniel Brenner*

**Shabbat shalom. Happy Father's Day.**

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Directions to  
Home of Rabbi Jan Uhrbach  
258 Redwood Road

*From East Hampton and points east (via Route 114)*

Take Route 114 north to Sag Harbor. Turn left on Union Street (there is a deli on the near left corner called Madison Market). Turn left onto Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Sagaponack or Wainscott (via Sagg-Main)*

Take either Sag Harbor Tpke or Sagg-Main Street into Sag Harbor. Turn left on Union Street. Take the first left onto Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Bridghampton (via Bridge-Sagg Pike)*

Take the Sag Harbor Tpke into Sag Harbor. Turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Watermill (via Scuttle Hole Road)*

From 27, turn left onto Scuttle Hole Road. Stay on Scuttle Hole Road until the end, then turn left onto the Sag Harbor Turnpike. Take the Sag Harbor Turnpike all the way into Sag Harbor, and turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Southampton, West Hampton, and points west*

Take 27 (Montauk Hwy) east. Turn left at the large green sign pointing toward Sag Harbor (just past East End Clambakes). This will be Sandy Hollow Road. Turn left at the first light onto North Sea Road. Take North Sea Road to Noyack Road – turn right onto Noyack Road, following the signs to Sag Harbor. Turn left onto Long Beach Hwy. Turn right onto South Ferry Road at the traffic circle (sign will say Route 114 South). Cross the bridge into Sag Harbor. Turn right onto Main Street (opposite the windmill and the wharf). Go straight along Main Street past the stores. Toward the end of the stores there is a fork in the road (at the monument and Allen Schneider realty); bear right to stay on Main Street. Turn right onto Glover Street (directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

*From Southampton, West Hampton, and points west - Alternate*

Take 27 (Montauk Hwy) east. Turn left at the large green sign pointing toward Sag Harbor (just past East End Clambakes). This will be Sandy Hollow Road. Turn left at the first light onto North Sea Road. Take North Sea Road for a very short distance, and make a right onto North Sea

Mecox Road. Take that to the end, then turn left on Seven Ponds Road. At the end of Seven Ponds there is a stop sign, and fork in the road. Take the middle path (always a good idea anyway), onto Lower Seven Ponds Road. Make a left at the end of the road onto Head of the Pond Road, and bear right at the next fork, staying on Head of the Pond. Stay on Head of the Pond Road until the end (it will curve and turn a fair amount, then take a left turn on Scuttle Hole Road. Stay on Scuttle Hole Road until the end, and turn left onto the Sag Harbor Turnpike. Take the Sag Harbor Turnpike all the way into Sag Harbor, and turn left onto Glover Street (just past Canio's Bookstore and directly across the street from the Cove Delicatessen). Pass Long Island Avenue on your right, and turn left at the next stop sign onto Redwood Road. Pass the marina on your right, and take the first left onto Cove Road. As the road swings to the right, number 258 will be the second house on the left, the tan house with the red door.

#### *PARKING*

You may park in the driveway, or on the street, but please be particularly careful of the neighbors' driveways. There is also a small public parking area on the right side of Redwood Road, just past the marina and directly opposite the left turn onto Cove Road. It is then a very short walk to the house.