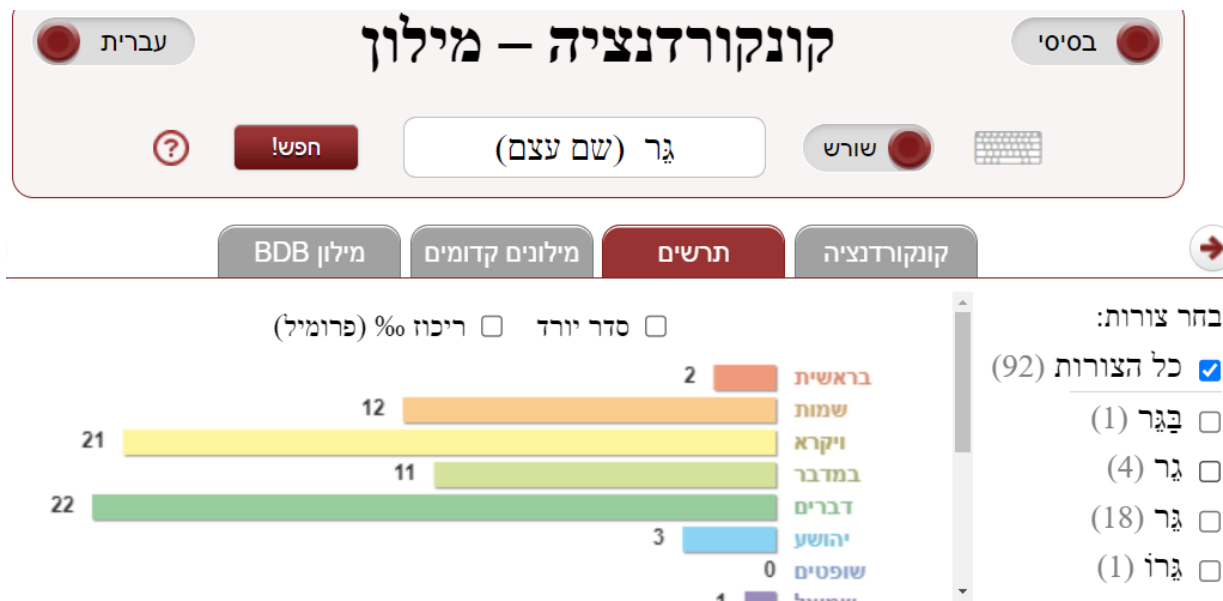


Converts or Strangers? Who Does the Torah Care About - Class #2 The 'stranger' in Sefer Breishit

Source sheet for TIM shiur by Menachem Leibtag-

I. Review of introductory class:

How often 'the stranger' is mentioned



Discussion: Is the Biblical 'ger' a Jew or Gentile?

II. Different names for the stranger – examples:

Shmot 20 / in Ten Commandments re: shabbat **וְגֵרָךְ אֲשֶׁר בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ**

. Dv 10: 19 **וְאַהֲבַתְּם, אֶת-הַגֵּר: כִּי-גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם**

. Dv 24:14 **לֹא תַעֲשֶׂק שִׁכְרִיר עֲנִי וְאֶבְיוֹן מֵאֲחִידָה אוֹ מִגֵּרָה אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרְצְךָ בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ**

Dv. 26:11 **וְשִׂמְחַתְּ בְּכֹל הַטּוֹב ... אִתָּה וְהִלְוִי וְהַגֵּר אֲשֶׁר בְּקִרְבְּךָ**

Shmot 12:49 **תּוֹרַה אֶתַּת יְהִיָּה לְאֶזְרַח וְלַגֵּר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם**

Vayikra 17:13 **וְאִישׁ אִישׁ מִבְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמִן הַגֵּר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם אֲשֶׁר יִצְוֶה צִיד חַיָּה אוֹ עוֹף**

ו. Vay. 18:26 **וְשִׂמְרַתֶּם אִתָּם אֶת חֻקֹּתַי... וְלֹא תַעֲשׂוּ מִכָּל הַתּוֹעֵבוֹת הָאֵלֶּה הַאֲזַרְתִּי וְהַגֵּר בְּתוֹכְכֶם**

III. A proof for a 'ger'; who is NOT Jewish: Devarim 14

כא לא תאכלו כל-נבלה- לגר אשר-
בשעריך תתננה ואכלה, או מכר
לנכרי--פי עם קדוש אתה, לה'
אלהיך; לא-תבשל גדי, בחלב אמו.

21 Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself; thou mayest give it unto the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner; for thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

Compare with Vayikra chapter 17 : - must be Jewish!

יג ואיש איש מבני ישראל, ומן-הגר הגר בתוכם, אשר יצוד ציד חיה או-עוף, אשר יאכל--ושפך, את-דמו, וכסהו, בעפר....

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that taketh in hunting any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

טו וכל-נפש, אשר תאכל נבלה וטרפה, באזרח, ובגר : וכבס בגדיו ורחץ במים, וטמא עד-הערב--וטהר.

15 And every soul that eateth that which dieth of itself, or that which is torn of beasts, whether he be home-born or a stranger, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even; then shall he be clean.

IV. Our primary distinction ["chiluk"]

Cases where WE are obligated to care for the 'ger'

vs.

Instances where the 'ger' is OBLIGATED to keep a law!

In the latter – we always find the punishment of "karet"

i.e. he is 'cut off' from HIS NATION

which implies he must be Jewish, thus a convert

In contrast, when it is our obligation to the 'stranger', then it can imply any 'stranger' – i.e. either a convert or a gentile

And sometime – it must a non-jew, e.g. the "neveyla"

When going thru the 67 times that a 'ger' is mentioned

The following phrases are found when he is OBLIGATED

e.g. every ger k'ezrach !

- Shmot 12 **korban pesach - karet**
- Shmot 12 **chametz - karet**
- Bamidbar 15 **cursing Hashem - karet**
- Bamidbar 15 **mazid / "m'gadef" karet**

every ger asher b'tochachem /itchem !

- Vayikra 16 **Yom kippur - karet**
- Vayikra 17 **Korban chutz IMishkan karet**
- Vayikra 17 **Eating blood / covering blood - karet**
- Vayikra 17 **Tamey to neveyla / if in mikdash - karet**
- Vayikra 18 **Arayot – karet**
- Bamidbar 15 **Nesaschim [not obligated to bring]**

& ger b'TOCHAM

- Bamidbar 15 **Korban shgaga**
- Bamidbar 19 **Para aduma karet if enter mikdash**
- Bamidbar 35 **ir Miklat - shfichut dam/ bnei Noach**

& ger b'Yisrael

- Vayikra 20 **Molech - karet**
- Vayikra 22 **Koban baal mum -**

Note how in most prohibitions, the punishment is explicitly "karet" –
or in the context of "karet"

Regular 'ger' (not necessarily Jewish) in the three units of daily life

1. Shmot 21->23
2. Vayikra 19
3. Devarim 5->26 – main speech

V. Sefer Breishit - only twice, but important

Avraham to people of Hebron, buying burial plot

& The stranger in the first Covenant w/Avraham Avinu – Br. 15

יג וַיֹּאמֶר לְאַבְרָם, יָדַע תֵּדַע כִּי-גֵר יִהְיֶה זְרַעְךָ בְּאֶרֶץ לֹא לָהֶם, וְעַבְדוּם, וְעָנּוּ אֹתָם--אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת, שָׁנָה.

13 And He said unto Abram: 'Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

יד וְגַם אֶת-הַגּוֹי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲבֹדוּ, דָּן אֲנֹכִי; וְאַחֲרֵי-כֵן יֵצְאוּ, בְּרֶכֶשׁ גָּדוֹל.

14 and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

יח בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, כָּרַת ה' אֶת-אַבְרָם-- בְּרִית לֵאמֹר: לְזַרְעֲךָ, נָתַתִּי אֶת-הָאָרֶץ

18 In that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: 'Unto thy seed have I given this land,...

Note how this is the first dialogue between Avraham & Hashem

Also, the first covenant – and b'shem Hashem

Review how stories in Breishit set the stage for Chumash

Breishit chapter 15:

א אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, הָיָה דְבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם, בַּמַּחֲזָה, לֵאמֹר: **אֶל-תִּירָא אַבְרָם, אֲנֹכִי מִגֹּן לְךָ-- שְׂכָרְךָ, הִרְבֵּה מְאֹד.**

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying: 'Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield, thy reward shall be exceeding great.'

ב וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם, אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה מַה-תִּתֶּנּוּ-לִי, וְאֲנֹכִי, הוֹלֵךְ עֲרִירִי; וּבֶן-מְשָׁק בֵּיתִי, הוּא דֹמְשֵׁק אֵלַיִעֶזֶר.

2 And Abram said: 'O Lord GOD, what wilt Thou give me, seeing I go hence childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?'

ג וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם--הֵן לִי, לֹא נָתַתָּה זָרַע; וְהִנֵּה בֶן-בֵּיתִי, יוֹרֵשׁ אֹתִי.

3 And Abram said: 'Behold, to me Thou hast given no seed, and, lo, one born in my house is to be mine heir.'

ד וְהִנֵּה דְבַר-יְהוָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר, לֹא יִירָשְׁךָ זֶה: כִּי-אִם אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא מִמֶּעֵיךָ, הוּא יִירָשְׁךָ.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying: 'This man shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.'

ה וַיּוֹצֵא אֹתוֹ הַחוּצָה, וַיֹּאמֶר הִבֵּט-נָא הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וּסְפֹר הַכּוֹכָבִים--אִם-תּוּכַל, לְסַפֵּר אֹתָם; וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ, כֹּה יִהְיֶה זְרַעֲךָ.

5 And He brought him forth abroad, and said: 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if thou be able to count them'; and He said unto him: 'So shall thy seed be.'

ו וְהֶאֱמַן, בַּיהוָה; וַיַּחְשְׁבֶהָ לוֹ, צְדָקָה.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and He counted it to him for righteousness.

ז וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵלָיו: אֲנִי יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאוּר כַּשְׂדִּים--**לָתֵת לְךָ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת, לְרִשְׁתָּהּ.**

7 And He said unto him: 'I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.'

ח וַיֹּאמֶר : אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה, בְּמָה אֵדַע כִּי אִירָשָׁנָה.

8 And he said: 'O Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?'

ט וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו, קַח לִי עֵגְלָה מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת, וְעֵז מְשֻׁלֶּשֶׁת, וְאֵיל מְשֻׁלֵּשׁ; וְתוֹר, וְגוֹזָל.

9 And He said unto him: 'Take Me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'

י וַיִּקַּח-לוֹ אֶת-כָּל-אֵלֶּה, וַיְבַתֵּר אֹתָם בִּתְנוּךְ, וַיִּתֵּן אִישׁ-בִּתְרוֹ, לְקִרְאֵת רֵעֵהוּ; וְאֶת-הַצֶּפֶר, לֹא בָתַר.

10 And he took him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other; but the birds divided he not.

יא וַיֵּרֶד הָעֵיט, עַל-הַפְּגָרִים; וַיֵּשֶׁב אֹתָם, אַבְרָם.

11 And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away.

יב וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לְבוֹא, וַתִּרְדָּמָה נֹפֶלֶה עַל-אַבְרָם; וְהָיָה אֵימָה חֹשֶׁכָה גְדֹלָה, נֹפֶלֶת עָלָיו.

12 And it came to pass, that, when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a dread, even a great darkness, fell upon him.

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טו וְאַתָּה תָּבוֹא אֶל-אֲבֹתֶיךָ, בְּשָׁלוֹם; תִּקְבְּרָ, בְּשֵׂיבָה טוֹבָה.

15 But thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

טז וְדוֹר רְבִיעִי, יָשׁוּבוּ הֵנָּה: כִּי לֹא-שָׁלֵם עוֹן הָאֱמֹרִי, עַד-הֵנָּה.

16 And in the fourth generation they shall come back hither; for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full.'

יז וַיְהִי הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ בָּאָה, וַעֲלָטָה הָיָה; וְהָיָה תִנּוּר עֶשֶׂן, וּלְפִיד אֵשׁ, אֲשֶׁר עָבַר, בֵּין הַגְּזָרִים הָאֵלֶּה.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and there was thick darkness, behold a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch that passed between these pieces.

יח בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, כָּרַת יְהוָה אֶת-אַבְרָם-- בְּרִית לְאָמֹר: לְזַרְעֲךָ, נָתַתִּי אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת, מִנְּהַר מִצְרַיִם, עַד-הַנְּהַר הַגָּדֹל נְהַר-פָּרָת...

18 In that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: 'Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates;

Note how many mitzvot relate to the Exodus story

A. 'REMEMBER YOU WERE A STANGER' /enveloping Shmot 22:20 -> 23:9

כ וְגַר לֹא-תוֹנֶה, וְלֹא תִלְחָצֶנּוּ: כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם. כָּל-אֶלְמָנָה וַיְתוּם, לֹא תַעֲנִי.

22:20 Do not wrong a stranger, nor oppress him; **for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.** Do not afflict any widow...

ט וְגַר, לֹא תִלְחָץ; וְאַתֶּם, יָדַעְתֶּם אֶת-נַפְשׁ הַגֵּר--כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם.

23.9 And do not oppress a stranger- for you know the heart of a stranger, seeing you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

A similar theme in Vayikra 19 law section re: daily behavior

ט וּבִקְצֹרְכֶם אֶת-קְצִיר אֲרֻצְכֶם, לֹא תִכְלֶה פֶּאֶת שְׂדֵדָה לְקָצֵר; וְלִקְט קְצִירָהּ, לֹא תִלְקֹט.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

י וּכְרַמֶּךָ לֹא תַעֲזוֹל, וּפְרֹט כְרַמֶּךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט. **לְעַנִּי וְלִגֵּר תַּעֲזֹב אֹתָם, אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.**

10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the strange: I am your LORD

לג **וְכִי-יָגוּר אִתְּךָ גֵּר, בְּאֲרֻצְכֶם- לֹא תוֹנוּ, אֹתוֹ.**

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong.

לד **כַּאֲזָרַח מִכֶּם יִהְיֶה לָכֶם הַגֵּר הַגֵּר אִתְּכֶם, וְאַהֲבַתְּ לוֹ כְּמוֹד-- כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: אֲנִי, ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.**

34 The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am your LORD

Emulating God - according to Devarim 10:17-19

יז כִּי, ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם--הוּא אֱלֹהֵי הָאֱלֹהִים, וְאֲדֹנֵי הָאֲדֹנִים: הָאֵל הַגָּדֹל הַגִּבּוֹר, וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִשָּׂא פָנִים, וְלֹא יִקַּח שֹׁחַד.

17 For the LORD your God, He is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awful, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward.

יח עֲשֵׂה מִשְׁפָּט יְתוֹם, וְאִלְמָנָה; וְאַהֲבֵה גֵּר, לְתַתּ לּוֹ לֶחֶם וְשִׂמְלָה. יט וְאַהֲבַתְּם, אֶת-הַגֵּר: כִּי-גֵרִים הֵייתֶם, בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם

18 He doth execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and **love the stranger**, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love hence the stranger; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Devarim 24:17-22

יז לֹא תִטָּה, מִשְׁפַּט גֵּר יְתוֹם; וְלֹא תִחַבֵּל, בְּגֹד אִלְמָנָה. יח **וְזָכַרְתָּ, כִּי עֶבֶד הֵייתָ בְּמִצְרַיִם, וַיִּפְדֶּךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, מִשָּׂם; עַל-כֵּן אֲנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה, לַעֲשׂוֹת, אֶת-הַדָּבָר, הַזֶּה.**

יט כִּי תִקְצֹר קְצִירָהּ בְּשָׂדֶךָ וְשִׂכַחְתָּ עֹמֵר בְּשָׂדֶךָ, לֹא תָשׁוּב לְקַחְתּוֹ-לִיגֵר לִיתוֹם וְלִאִלְמָנָה, יְהִיָּה: לְמַעַן יִבְרַכְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יְדֶיךָ. {ס}

כ כִּי תִחַבֵּט זֵיתָךְ, לֹא תִפְאֵר אַחֲרֶיךָ: לִיגֵר לִיתוֹם וְלִאִלְמָנָה, יְהִיָּה. כִּי תִבְצֹר כְרַמֶּךָ, לֹא תַעֲזוֹל אַחֲרֶיךָ: לִיגֵר לִיתוֹם וְלִאִלְמָנָה, יְהִיָּה.

כב **וְזָכַרְתָּ, כִּי-עֶבֶד הֵייתָ בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם;**

עַל-כֵּן אֲנֹכִי מְצִוֶּה, לַעֲשׂוֹת, אֶת-הַדָּבָר, הַזֶּה. {ס}

VI. Avraham to people of Hebron, buying burial plot

Breishit chapter 23

- א** וַיְהִי חַיֵּי שָׂרָה, מֵאָה שָׁנָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְשִׁבְעַת שָׁנִים--שָׁנֵי, חַיֵּי שָׂרָה. **1** And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years; these were the years of the life of Sarah.
- ב** וַתָּמָת שָׂרָה, בְּקִרְיַת אַרְבַּע הוּא חֶבְרוֹן--בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן; וַיָּבֹא, אַבְרָהָם, לְסַפֵּד לְשָׂרָה, וּלְבַכְתָּהּ. **2** And Sarah died in Kiriatharba--the same is Hebron--in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.
- ג** וַיָּקָם, אַבְרָהָם, מֵעַל, פְּנֵי מֵתוֹ; וַיְדַבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי-חֵת, לֵאמֹר. **3** And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke unto the children of Heth, saying:
- ד** **גֵּר-וְתוֹשָׁב אֲנִי, עִמָּכֶם;** תָּנוּ לִי אַחֲזֵת-קֶבֶר עִמָּכֶם, וְאֶקְבְּרָה מִתִּי מִלְּפָנַי. **4** 'I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.'

Note parallel in Parshat b'Har – relating to shemitta/yovel - Vayikra chapter 25

- כג** וְהָאָרֶץ, לֹא תִמָּכַר לְצִמְתוֹת--כִּי-לִי, הָאָרֶץ: **כִּי-גֵרִים וְתוֹשְׁבִים אַתֶּם, עִמָּדִי.** **23** And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and settlers with Me.
- כד** וּבְכָל, אֶרֶץ אַחֲזֵתְכֶם, גֹּאֲלָהּ, תִּתְּנוּ לָאָרֶץ. {ס} **24** And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. {S}
- כה** כִּי-יִמְנֹחַ אָחִיד, וּמָכַר מֵאֲחֲזָתוֹ--וַיָּבֹא גֹאֲלוֹ, הִקְרַב אֵלָיו, וּגְאָל, אֶת מִמְכָּר אָחִיו. **25** If thy brother be waxen poor, and sell some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall redeem that which his brother hath sold.
- כו** וְאִישׁ, כִּי לֹא יִהְיֶה-לוֹ גֹּאֵל, וְהִשְׁיגָה יָדוֹ, וּמָצָא כֹּדֵי גֹאֲלָתוֹ.... **26** And if a man have no one to redeem it, and he be waxen rich and find sufficient means to redeem it;