

**“THE DEATH OF OSAMA BIN LADEN”
 A SOURCE SHEET TO HELP GUIDE CLASS DISCUSSION**

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| Proverbs 11:10 When the wicked perish there is glad song. | משלי יא:י וּבָאָבֹד רִשְׁעִים רִנָּה. |
| Psalms 37:34 You will witness the excision of the wicked. | תהלים לז:לד בְּהַפְרִת רִשְׁעִים תִּרְאֶהָ. |
| Psalms 91:8 You will merely peer with your eyes and you will see the retribution of the wicked. | תהלים צא:ח רַק בְּעֵינֶיךָ תִּבְטֹחַ וְשַׁלַּמְתָּ רִשְׁעִים תִּרְאֶהָ: |

What is a wicked person?

How does a person become good or wicked?

According to these texts, is it appropriate to rejoice in the death of a wicked person such as Osama bin Laden? Explain your answer.

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| Proverbs 24:17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles. | משלי כד:יז בְּנֹפֵל לְאוֹיְבֶיךָ אַל תִּשְׂמַח וּבְכַשְׁלוֹ אַל יִגַּל לִבְּךָ: |
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According to this text, is it appropriate to rejoice in the death of an enemy such as Osama bin Laden? Explain your answer.

What is the difference between this text and the previous three?

What is the difference between a “wicked” person and an “enemy”?

In which category does Osama bin Laden belong?

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| Megillah 10b The Holy Blessed One said: My children are drowning and you sing songs to Me? | מגילה דף י עמוד ב אָמַר הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא מַעֲשֵׂה יָדַי טוֹבְעִין בַּיָּם וְאַתֶּם אוֹמְרִים שִׁירָה. |
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Our tradition teaches that when God killed the Egyptians after splitting the sea for the Israelites, it was inappropriate for the angels in heaven to rejoice at the Egyptians' deaths, although God allowed the Israelites to rejoice and sing songs.

Why was it permitted for the Israelites to sing but inappropriate for the angels to sing, especially when God was the One doing the killing?

How does this text relate to the death of Osama bin Laden?

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| <p>Passover Haggadah</p> <p>...in every generation they rise against us to destroy us and the Holy Blessed One saves us from their hand.</p> | <p>הגדה של פסח ...שְׁבָכָל דּוֹר וָדוֹר עוֹמְדִים עָלֵינוּ לְכַלּוֹתֵנוּ וְהַקְדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא מַצִּילֵנוּ מֵיָדָם.</p> |
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How does the death of Osama bin Laden relate to this text?

How can bin Laden's death strengthen our belief in God?