

**Handout to accompany “Judaism’s Take on the Stranger, Neighbor, Other”
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Gen. 15:13 “And He said to Abram, ‘Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed 400 years...’”

Gen. 2:22 (on the naming of Moses’ son) “She bore a son whom he named Gershom [associated with the Hebrew *ger sham*, meaning “stranger there”], for he said, ‘I have been a stranger in a foreign land.’”

Gen.22:20 “You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

Deut. 10:19 “You shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

Deut. 1:16 “I charged your magistrates at that time as follows, “Hear out your fellow men, and decide justly between any man and a fellow Israelite or a stranger.”

Lev. 19:18 “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your countrymen. Love your fellow as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Lev. 19:33-34 “(33) When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. (34) The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I the Lord am your God.”

(you can also check Lev. 19:10 re fallen fruit, and Lev. 23:22 re gleanings)

Psalms 146:9 “The Lord watches over the stranger; He gives courage to the orphan and widow, but makes the path of the wicked tortuous.”

Malahi 3:5 “But [first] I will step forward to contend against you, and I will act as a relentless accuser against those who have no fear of Me: Who practice sorcery, who commit adultery, who swear falsely, who cheat laborers of their hire [wages], and who subvert [the cause of] the widow, orphan, and stranger, said the Lord of Hosts.”

Jeremiah 7:5-8 “(5) No, if you really mend your ways and your actions; if you execute justice between one man and another; (6) if you do not oppress the stranger, the orphan, and the widow; if you do not shed the blood of the innocent in this place; if you do not follow other gods, to your own hurt—(7) then only will I let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers for all time. (8) See, you are relying on illusions that are of no avail.”

Zechariah 7:9-10 “(9) Thus said the Lord of Hosts: Execute true justice; deal loyally and compassionately with one another. (10) Do not defraud the widow, the orphan, the stranger, and the poor; and do not plot evil against one another.”