Parshas KEDOSHIM

5776

13-14 May 2016 / 6 Iyar 5776

CANDLE LIGHTING THIS WEEK: 5.12PM
EREV SHABBOS MINCHA THIS WEEK: 5.15PM
SHABBOS MINCHA: 4.50PM
SHABBOS ENDS: 6.02PM

SHABBOS CANDLE LIGHTING NEXT WEEK: 5.09PM

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LATEST TIME FOR MORNING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 9.21AM
EARLIEST TIME FOR EVENING SHEMA THIS WEEK: 5.58PM

Ohr Somayach

Overview

The nation is enjoined to be holy. Many prohibitions and positive commandments are taught: :

Prohibitions: Idolatry; eating offerings after their time-limit; theft and robbery; denial of theft; false oaths; retention of someone's property; delaying payment to an employee; hating or cursing a fellow Jew (especially one's parents); gossip; placing physical and spiritual stumbling blocks; perversion of justice; inaction when others are in danger; embarrassing; revenge; bearing a grudge; cross-breeding; wearing a garment of wool and linen; harvesting a tree during its first three years; gluttony and intoxication; witchcraft; shaving the beard and sideburns; tattooing.

Positive: Awe for parents and respect for the elderly; leaving part of the harvest for the poor; loving others (especially a convert); eating in Jerusalem the fruits from a tree's 4th year; awe for the Temple; respect for Torah scholars, the blind and the deaf.

The Command To 'Be Holy' Was Given In A Mass Gathering

Parshas Kedoshim begins with the words "Hashem spoke to Moshe saying: Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel (kol adas bnei Yisrael) and say to them: 'Kedoshim Tihiyu – You shall be holy…'" [Vayikra 19:1-2]. Rashi points out that the uncommon inclusion of the phrase "the entire assembly of the Children of Israel" in the standard formula "Speak to the Children of Israel…" teaches us that this mitzvah was specifically given in the presence of the entire assembly of Israel (b'hakhel). There is a famous disagreement among the early commentaries as to exactly what is meant by the mitzvah "You shall be holy." Rashi interprets the mitzvah as one of abstinence — "You shall be removed from arayos [forbidden sexual union] and from sin." The word "Kadosh" literally means: "separate." When we say "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh" about Hashem, we are emphasizing his separateness and uniqueness. Thus, the meaning of "You shall be Kedoshim" is "You shall be separated – from forbidden sins."

The Ramban, in a famous argument with Rashi, says that "You shall be Kedoshim" has nothing to do with illicit sexual acts. Rather, Kedoshim Tihiyu [You shall be holy] is referring to perfectly permissible activities. The concept is "sanctify yourself by withdrawing from that which is permissible to you" (kadesh es atzmecha b'mutar lach). Without such self-limitation, the Ramban declares, a person can be a 'naval b'rshus haTorah' [a glutton 'sanctioned' by the Torah]. The level of sanctity required by this pasuk [verse] is that achieved by restraining oneself somewhat from even those physical pleasures that the Torah permits.

The Chasam Sofer points out that whether we accept Rashi's interpretation or the Ramban's approach, the message of this mitzvah is one of abstinence. One could perhaps erroneously come to the conclusion that the only way to achieve this level of sanctity would be to lock oneself on the top of a mountain in a monastery. One could think that one should ideally have nothing to do with people; one should not get married and have nothing to do with the opposite gender at all. The Torah therefore makes clear that the "holiness" of a monk is not desirable. This section was specifically delivered "b'hakhel". Everyone was present – the men, the women, and the children.

One must be a Kadosh [a holy person], but one must be a Kadosh in the context of the congregation and the community. One must get married and one must raise children. One must play with his kids and spend time with his family and be a part of the community. The Torah wants the holiness of complete human beings.

The Kotzker Rebbe used to stress "MEN of holiness you shall be to Me" [Shmos 22:30]. "G-d is not looking for more angels." The Torah was not given to angels [Brachos 25b]. It was given to human beings who have wants and desires and are social animals. In that context we are commanded to develop holiness.

Therefore, specifically Kedoshim Tihiyu, of all mitzvos, was relayed in a mass public gathering to emphasize that despite our obligation to achieve holiness through a certain degree of abstinence it must be in the context of the community, together with one's wife, one's children, and one's neighbors.

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Barmitzvah

Mazeltov to **Uri Levin** on the occasion of his Barmitzvah. Mazeltov to proud parents **Steven Levin and Robyn Levin** and the entire **Levin and Block families.**

Main Shul Kiddush

This week's Main Shul Kiddush is kindly sponsored by the **Levin family** in honour of **Uri's Barmitzvah.**

Grandparents

Mazeltov to **Rabbi Shmuel & Lieba Moffson** and **Paul & Fae Strashun** on the birth of a granddaughter born to **Gilan & Rochi Strashun** in Israel

BEHAB

THE NEITZ MINYAN WILL BE DAVENING "BEHAB", STARTING THIS WEEK

EARLY MAARIV

EARLY WEEKDAY MAARIV IN THE BACK SHUL STARTS 30 MINS AFTER MINCHA. MINCHA THIS WEEK IS AT 5.15PM IN THE MAIN SHUL

NEW SHIUR ON SUNDAYS

Rabbi Auerbach
gives a new shiur on
THE RAMBAN ON CHUMASH
Sundays at 6.00pm in the Main Beis Medrash

LADIES SHIUR WITH RABBI AUERBACH

SHABBOS HALOCHA & HASHKOFA
at the Levitt's, 10a Terminal Cres, Glenhazel
Wednesday at 9.00am

LEARN @ NIGHT!

Yeshivas Meshech Chochmah has just started a new Masechta - Bava Kamma.
If you are interested in joining a flexi-time 'Iyun' Chabura please speak to Rabbi Zail 083 655 8000 to find out more

SECURITY TIP: Make it a habit to identify escape routes and emergency exits when entering an unfamiliar building.

Baby Girl

Mazeltov to **Michael & Sarah Joffe** on the birth of a baby girl in Israel. Mazeltov to uncles **Charles, Ivan & Jack Joffe and families**

The community offer sincere condolences to
Lynette Benjamin and Lionel Krawitz
on the passing of their brother
Harry Michael Krawitz z'l
Prayers will take place Sunday 15 May at 5.20pm
12 Merriman Ave, Highlands North Ext
המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

SHABBOS AFTERNOON SHIUR

RABBI AUERBACH
DOES ONE FULFILL THE MITZVAH OF **SEFIRAS HA'OMER BY TEXTING THE DAY** TO SOMEONE ELSE?
Shabbos afternoon at 4.15pm

Dirshu
דרשו ד' ועוזו
קרן עולמית להיווק
ועידוד לימוד התורה

Ohr Somayach

The Halochas of TEFILLA & BROCHOS!
This is the ideal time to join this incredible daily learning program!
Rabbi Yechezkel Auerbach
After 8pm Maariv - Top Shul
Dayan Dovid Badiel
Iyun Chabura - After 5:30pm Mincha - Main Shul
Rabbi Shimon Wolpe
6:10am to 6:30am - Moffson Shul
R' Richard Hochstadter
Before the 6:15/6:25am- Shacharis
For more info speak to Rabbi Ari Taback

BNOS 2016

Bnos is starting this Shabbos afternoon! **Girls age 5 to 11 yrs**
Venue: **Port family, 8 Cross Rd, Glenhazel**. Meet at shul at **4.20pm**.
For more info or you would like to host one week please contact **Karen Shor 0828989027**

Yortzeits this week

- **Alan Wolovitz** for his late mother
- **Adele Joffe** for her late father
- **Clive Bloch** for his late mother
- **Bryan Bonert** for his late father
- **Leon Wolpe** for his late mother