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SUNDAY, MAY 26 @ 10AM

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Rabbi Moishele Fogel's class is becoming a bi-weekly podcast focusing on the vast area of Jewish Law.

Stay tuned for the first installment this week!

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SHABBAT HAPPY HOUR



FEATURING LITAL SHEMESH
Lital Shemesh is a popular News Correspondent and Journalist in Israel

SHABBAT, MAY 25 • 4:30PM
THE MEDIA AND ITS IMPACT ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

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Backyard Patio at the Home of Rabbi Idan & Shifra Scher

Spring Drinks and Appetizers




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MAY 11, 2019

SHABBAT | ITON

Torah Thoughts, from **Sermonic Wit** by Rabbi Bulka

ABOVE AND BEYOND

On the charge for Israel to be holy, Midrash Rabbah (Leviticus, 24;9) comments—My (God's) holiness is above your holiness.

As if being holy is not difficult enough, we are told that God's holiness is higher than ours, making a difficult endeavour impossible!

Perhaps the suggestion here is that since we are obliged to emulate God, and since God's holiness is always beyond our holiness, we are thereby being told that holiness is not achieved in the attaining of a state of being.

Rather, it is achieved in the process of continual striving, since the attainment of ultimate holiness is impossible.

THEORY AND PRACTICE

On the obligation to love your *re'ah* (fellow) as yourself, there is a famous comment of Rabbe Akiva in Torat Kohanim that this is a great general rule in the Torah.

Rebbe Yehoshua of Kotna remarked that this is a great general rule in the Torah, but alas in life it is not yet. We love a way to go.

POINTS TO PONDER

Why is the obligation to be in awe of one's parents the first command in the long list of ethical obligations (p.723; 19:3)?

Why do the obligations to be in awe of one's parents and to observe the Shabbat follow one another (p. 723; 19:3)?

How is it possible to love others as one self? (p.726; 19:18)

Why does the law regarding diverse species follow on the obligation to love others (p. 726;19: 18-19)?

HAFTARAH

The Haftarah is found in your Humashim on page 735, and taken from the book of Amos.

The Haftarah is in the background of the special obligations that have been spelled out concerning the holy calling of Israel, and the obligation to maintain the standards of holiness as enunciated in the Torah.

The Haftarah speaks of the special obligations of Israel and the concomitant special relationship with God that emanates from the fulfillment of these obligations.

If Israel is true to these obligations, then it stands out as the exemplar of human behaviour, to be specially appreciated by God. On the other hand, those who deny these obligations will suffer the consequences of that denial.

The Haftarah ends on an upbeat tone, speaking about the time when the Divine game-plan will unfold in full clarity, and Israel will be firmly entrenched in its home.

Quote of the week:

You shall keep My statutes and ordinances...

Schedule of Services

Saturday, May 11

8:10 a.m.: Rabbi Scher's Class

8:45 a.m.: Shaharit

6:50 p.m.: Rabbi Moishele Fogel's Class

7:25 p.m.: Rabbi Bulka's Class

7:55 p.m.: Minhah

9:04 p.m.: Shabbat Ends

Sunday, May 12

8:30 a.m.: Shaharit

6:40 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Monday - Thursday

6:45 a.m.: Shaharit

6:40 p.m.: Minhah & Maariv

Friday, May 17

6:45 a.m.: Shaharit

Lighting: After 6:55 p.m./before 8:09 p.m.

6:45 p.m.: Minhah & Kabbalat Shabbat



WEEKLY CLASSES

Sunday Morning Talmud

7:45-8:30, with Rabbi Bulka

Rose Kravetz Ladies Class in Jewish Ethics

Tuesday Morning, 9:45 a.m., with Rabbi Bulka.

An Upgraded Congregational Kiddush will take place in the Social Hall following services sponsored by **Charlie & Frayda Wiseman** in honour of their grandson, Leon Bokhaut son of Yossi and Julia Bokhaut, and to commemorate the yahrzeits of Frayda Gorenstein; mother of Faye Raber, and Louis Wiseman; father of Charlie.



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Yahrzeits for the Week of May 11

6 Iyyar—May 11

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Sylvia Kroll

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Mel Ostroff

9 Iyyar—May 14

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10 Iyyar—May 15

Goldie Miretsky
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11 Iyyar—May 16

Ezra Zeldin
Fae Cracower
Harry Bierbrier
Joseph Osterer

12 Iyyar—May 17

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