“And you shall not wrong, one man his fellow Jew, and you shall fear God, for I am the Lord, your God (Vayikra 25:17).”

The Torah is replete with laws that govern our inter-personal conduct. We are taught how to treat each person and the property of the other. We are obligated to help another in need and to be sensitive to the challenges and difficulties of our fellow Jew. So, what is the Torah coming to teach us in the above quoted verse? We are commanded to help and aid when another is in need. Is it necessary to tell us that we “shall not wrong” another? What is being added here that has not been conveyed in the commandments that precede and follow these words?

The Talmud (Bava Metziah 58b) explains that this verse comes to warn us against a very specific transgression – wronging another with our words. Our Rabbis taught: “You shall not therefore wrong one man his fellow Jew;” Scripture refers to verbal wrongs. E.g., if a man is a penitent, one must not say to him, ‘Remember your former deeds.’ If he is the son of proselytes he must not be taunted with, ‘Remember the deeds of your ancestors.’ If he is a proselyte and comes to study the Torah, one must not say to him, ‘Shall the mouth that ate unclean and forbidden food, abominable and creeping things, come to study the Torah which was uttered by the mouth of Omnipotence!’ If he is visited by suffering, afflicted with disease, or has buried his children, one must not speak to him as his companions spoke to Job, ‘Remember, I pray thee, whoever perished, being innocent?’

Words are powerful and can deliver a blow far more debilitating than any fist. The Talmud teaches us important principles in the realm of interpersonal conduct. Don’t dwell on things of the past that cannot be changed. Don’t tell a person that as a result of his past mistakes he has limited his future. Don’t try to give insight into the suffering of another – true omniscience is reserved for God. Every person carries a burden of their past. Every person has things they wish they could change but cannot. Every person has things they wish they could do over, but life does not afford us that opportunity. Be sensitive to this reality – be sensitive to the burden of the other.

But there is another message as well. The great Chassidic leader, Rav Simcha Bunim of Pshischa (1765-1827) writes, “Who is a Chassid (pious individual)? One who goes above and beyond that which is required. The Torah tells us not to wrong another – this is the law. Piety, to go above and beyond requires that we not wrong ourselves.”

The Rebbe teaches us a profound lesson. We all make mistakes. We do things that are wrong. We engage in behaviors and actions that we know are beneath us and undermine our personal growth. As a result, we begin to look down on ourselves, we begin to feel we are worthless, devoid of potential and lack any prospect of becoming holy and significant. Don’t wrong yourself. Don’t compound the sin by losing faith in yourself. It is important to remember that despite engaging in negative activity – at our core, we are good. God created each of us with a beautiful and pure soul, and no matter how many mistakes we make, this soul remains intact; this soul remains unsullied.

And you shall not wrong, one man his fellow Jew, simple words that yield profound lessons. Words hurt and can create irreparable damage. Don’t visit pain upon the other – don’t visit pain upon yourself. We face so many challenges, both personal and national. We have obstacles and hurdles that we must overcome. Don’t create additional obstacles for another with hurtful and harmful words. Don’t create additional barriers for yourself with negative self-perception and image. Build up the other, build up yourself, and pave the way for accomplishment and fulfillment. (From 5779)
MAZEL TOV

Jacob & Goldie Milner on the Bar Mitzva of their son, Judah. Mazel tov to grandparents, Dr. Eliot & Harriet Jacob and Dr. Stuart & Sara Milner along with all the family and friends who have come to celebrate.

Gedaliah & Donna Rosenbloom on the birth of their grandson, Ed & Faith Wolf on the engagement of their son Gideon to Molly Suburban Orthodox Congregation Toras Chaim | 410-484-6114 | office@suburbanorthodox.org | www.suburbanorthodox.org

CONDOLENCES

Avi (Leba) Benus on the loss of his father, Jacob Meyer Benus z”l. Avi will be sitting shiva at 7709 Crossland Road. Schacharis will be Thursday, Friday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7:30 am, and Sunday at 9:30 am. Mincha-Maariv will be Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, and Monday at 6:35 pm. The family requests anyone attending Shiva to please wear a mask.

BIRTHDAYS

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Yona & Shushie Ehrenfeld in loving memory and tz’cher nishmas their grandfather, Yosef ben Shmuel Aron z”l.

Benjamin & Elys Wohl (of Netanya, Israel) in honor and in loving memory of their dear friend and mentor, Moshe Chaim ben Tzvi Hirsch z”l, Dr. Michael Gilfeind, who deeply loved and supported Torah and Israel, touched the lives of so many and inspired their family’s spiritual growth. May his neshama be raised to the highest of heights.

WEEK OF LEARNING

Dr. Shmuel & Robyn Korobkin in commemoration of the 1st yahrzeit of Shmuel’s father, Leonard Korobkin, Lipa ben Yechezkel HaKohen z”l.

Suburban Orthodox Congregation dedicates this week of Daf Yomi learning in memory of Police Commando Noam Raz Hy’d, who learned Daf Yomi daily, never missing a day.

DAY OF LEARNING

Noor & Chani Simhi l’iluy nishmas Chaya Malca bas Moshe Zalman Halevi z”l.

DAF YOMI

Daniel & Avigayel Khaver - מח既可以 be raised to the highest of heights.

Meir & Chava Weinheber in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Chava’s grandmother, Ruthie Steingroot, Rivkah bas Mordechai Halevi z”l.

Seth & Rachel Rotenberg in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Seth’s father, Ze’ev ben Chaim Shmuel z”l.

Moshe & Yocheved Roth in honor of Rabbi Silber for all of his guidance and in honor of the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Michal to Mahyer Reisch.

KIDDUSH & TOAMEHA

Jacob & Goldie Milner in honor of the Bar Mitzva of their son, Judah.

SHALOSH SEUDOS

Yitz & Melissa Shnidian tz’cher nishmas Yitz’s father, Rav Reuven ben Yehuda Leib z”l.

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Rosalie Sklar to commemorate the yahrzeit of her father, Jacob Glassblatt z”l, and her father in-law, Harry Sklar z”l.

Phil & Cheryl Rosenfeld in honor of Richard Buck and Avron Elbaum for the amazing job they do as our shul’s Gabbaim.

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