

Friday 17th May 2019

Candle Lighting 4.44pm
Maariv 6.15pm

Shabbat 18th May 2019

Shacharit 9.00am
Mincha 4.25pm
Maariv 5.41pm

Lag b'Omer falls on Wednesday night & Thursday 22/23 May.

A word from the Rabbi

EMOR

There is an incident that takes place at the end of this week's parsha that tells of a man who, due to a perceived injustice, curses using the name of Hashem.

Blasphemy, a capital crime according to the Torah, involves using the holy name of Hashem in a casual or derogatory way. Simply understood, the prohibition stems from the need to respect Hashem. Just as we are prohibited from calling our parents by their first names, we are expected to hold the name of Hashem in awe, and not to deal casually with it.

In the narrowest definition of the prohibition, it would necessitate uttering the full Divine name, something we don't even recite during prayer, but from a broader perspective one would have to assume that there is a general ethic about using any Godly name in vain.

"Oh my God", "For God's sake" etc may not be biblically prohibited, but are definitely ethically and morally lacking.

Many people lack the ability to distinguish between the holy and the profane. They move seamlessly from topics of value, waxing both eloquent and poetic, to those lacking any moral content in a vulgar and crude manner.

Words are merely letters on paper; they have no intrinsic value.

Whereas this may hold a kernel of truth, language can reveal a man's true identity. One's conversation divulges what he values and what he disregards.

The ' mocker' is one who does not realise that the time for joking is over, that some things are not – and cannot be – funny.

Trivialising that which is of utmost significance is the underlying theme of blasphemy.

Shabbat shalom

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Anniversary to:

Mikayla Edelman
Zalman Ratzemore

Maish Grauman
Toby Reinhardt

Michael Gurevich

We wish a hearty Mazal Tov on your Wedding Anniversary to:

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Craig and Di Segel

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Rodney and Carmel Kenner

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Helene Shofer
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for his father
for her father
for his grandmother
for her father
for her mother
for his father
for her father
for her mother
for his father
for his sister
for his father
for his mother

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