



Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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Parshas Emor, May 14, 2022

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The kiddush this week is unsponsored. If you want to sponsor this week's kiddush, please call the office, and we will announce it in next week's Shmooze News.

An Extra Bit of Encouragement

Our *Parashah*, which introduces the special laws that apply to Kohanim, begins by stating that Hashem commanded Moshe אָמַר אֶל הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם, *say to the Kohanim, the sons of Aaron, and say to them [the following laws...]* (Vayikra 21:1). What does the verse mean to convey by this seemingly repetitive language, “say...and say”?

The Midrash (*Bereishis Rabbah* 26:5) explains that the double expression of the command of our verse is in contrast with commands given by Hashem in a different context. That is, when Hashem commands His angels, our Sages note that there is no need for Him to give them multiple exhortations. Rather, as the verse says, בְּגִזְרַת עִירִין פְּתִיחָא וּמְאִמַּר קְדִישִׁין שְׂאֵלְתָא, *the matter is by the decree of [Gd upon] the angels, and the inquiry is by the word of [Gd to] the holy ones* (Daniel 4:14). When it comes to *malachim* (angels), one command (a single word) suffices to get the job done. The commentators (*Maharzu ad loc.*) explain, this “one command” refers to the very command of Hashem that produced the *malach* to begin with! *Malachim* are produced to fulfill a particular role in Hashem’s Plan. Once produced, they simply follow through, irrespective of the “difficulty” of the task at hand.

Humans, by contrast, need multiple exhortations. And even then, our Sages exclaim הֲלוֹאֵי לְשֵׁתֵי אֲמִירוֹת יַעֲמִדוּ, *“If only they would stand [steadfast] with two exhortations!”* We, who possess a *yetzer hara*, need more encouragement to do what we are supposed to do, even when we know that what we are supposed to do is actually for our own good. For it is specifically here, in our *parashah*, where the demands made of the Kohanim confer honor and

Shabbos

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| Candle Lighting | 7:40PM |
| Early Mincha | 6:20PM |
| Mincha | 7:00PM |
| Early Minyan | 8:00AM |
| Rabbi’s Shiur | 8:20AM |
| Shacharis | 9:00AM |
| Teen minyan | 9:45AM |
| Women’s Circle | 5:40PM |
| Rabbi’s Shiur | 6:40PM |
| Mincha | 7:30PM |
| Havdalah | 8:44PM |

Weekday

Shacharis

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| Sunday | 8:00AM |
| Mon - Fri | 7:00/8:00AM |

Mincha

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| Sun - Thu | 7:50PM |
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The Izhak family in memory of Yechezkel ben Chaim z”l.
Jack & Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z”l;
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distinction upon them, that the Torah teaches this lesson of the human need for additional prodding! Even here, the verse recognizes human frailty and our tendency to need more encouragement (*Eitz Yosef*, ad loc). Indeed, this is true of all commands of the Torah. We are certainly the ultimate beneficiaries of the goodness that emerges from the positive fulfillment of the Torah's mitzvos, and yet we still need a little extra hand holding.

The terminology of our Sages cited above is (as always) very specific. They note הלואי לשתי אמירות יעמוד, "If only they would **stand** with two exhortations!" The term עמד, stand, is reminiscent of the very angels to whom we are being compared. Angels are described as עֹמְדִים, *standing* or *stationary*, as opposed to humans who are described as מְהֻלְכִים, *in movement* (*Zecharia* 3:7). Humans have the unique ability to grow, but also face the danger of regressing. We are in constant flux, and the human experience is such that we have our ups and downs. We have days where we have an expansive outlook and feel spiritually supercharged. And then we have the other type of day; where we have a constricted outlook, doubting ourselves and our future, and feeling like we are moving in the wrong direction. For both situations there is an אמירה, a statement of encouragement from Above! (*Shemen HaTov*).

When we are in an upward swing, feeling a little more angelic, we get an אמירה, a statement, prodding us to stay strong and steadfast. And when we feel the opposite, we get another type of statement. We get the encouragement we need to once again see the world of possibilities that is before us. Hashem sends us that extra nudge, inspiring us to stop looking down, and instead to start looking up. He sends us that reminder that just beyond the horizon of the present challenge, lies the greatness that flows from the positive fulfillment of that which we knew to be for our good all along.

Wishing you a good Shabbos / shabbat shalom

Rabbi Moskowitz

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 18th - 8:15PM to 9:15PM - Bais Medrash learning program - Join us for a limited time program in conjunction with Yeshiva Toras Chaim Toras Emes. 5 weeks only! Three small classes from which to choose. Or request a study partner. Refreshments served.
The first week's program is sponsored by Tammy & Aaron Attias. Sponsorships for weeks 2-5 are welcome. Please visit www.yicbh.org for more info.
- Sunday, May 22 - 10:30AM to 12:30PM - Exercise class in the pool (AquaTread exercise) and salad bar for women only - Cost \$18 - At the home of Tammy Attias, 145 Biscay Drive, Bal Harbour - Please RSVP to Malkie Raskas 754-230-2896

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Schedule

- The Daf Yomi shiur begins after the first minyan, Sunday-Friday.
- Rabbi will be giving a brief Sefer ha'Chinuch shiur (on a mitzvah related to the parashah) at 8:20AM on Shabbos morning.
- 5:40PM - The Women's Circle, Shabbos afternoon, with Malka Moskovitz.
- 6:40PM - Rabbi Moskovitz's Shabbos afternoon shiur. New Series: Pirkei Avos; Ancient Wisdom for Modern-day Living.
- 10:30AM - Every Monday - Ladies Tehillim Group in the Beit Midrash.
- 6:30PM – Every Tuesday - New summer session - Dinner with the Nevi'im – Now learning Sefer Shoftim (Judges) – Last week's class was sponsored by Debbie & David Popper in memory of Debbie's father, Sylvan Garfunkel z"l, Pinchas ben Caalev. This week is sponsored by Miriam & Heshie Greenblatt in memory of Miriam's father, Shlomo ben Elchanan z"l. Thank you for sponsoring!

Congregational Family and Shul News

- Seuda Shlishit this week is being sponsored by Tamara & Ilya Braz in memory of Ilya's grandfather Shmarya ben Yisrael z"l.
- Mazal Tov to Rabbi Simon & Alice Truzman on the engagement of their grandson Netanel Baruch Rosenthal to Dalia Sieger.
- Mazal Tov to Miriam Lisbon on the birth of her great granddaughter, Evah Bella.
- Mazal Tov to Salomon Juroviesky on the engagement of his grandson in Israel.
- Mazal Tov to Salomon Juroviesky on the birth of his great grandchildren, one boy and one girl (twins).

Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Ginette Dekelbaum (Dina bat Margalit), Allan Krieger (Aron Yitzchok ben Miriam Toba), Allen Packer (Alexander ben Esther Rayzl).

Youth Program

- Every Shabbat: Teen minyan – For teens by teens (Ages 13 through 25) – At 9:45AM in the Beit Midrash, upstairs, followed by teen kiddush.

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Yahrzeits May 14 – May 20, 2022

- 13 IYAR Shopsis Schraga for his mother Minnie Schraga on Shabbos May 14
13 IYAR Rachel Neuman for her sister Eva Feldman on Shabbos May 14
13 IYAR Deborah Popper for her father Pinchas ben Caalev on Shabbos May 14
14 IYAR Edward Senker for his father Jerome Senker, Yaakov ben Shimon on Sun May 15
14 IYAR Helen Ratzker for her father Albert Moses, Avraham ben Yehuda on Sun May 15
14 IYAR Breindy Pomper for her mother Raizel bas Moshe on Sun May 15
14 IYAR Susan Freundlich for her mother Rosalie Mann, Blima Rivka bas Tzvi on Sun May 15
16 IYAR Paula Hertzberg for her brother Jacob Hertzberg, Yaakov ben Freidel on Tue May 17
16 IYAR Avi Gilbert for his uncle Avraham Yitzchak ben Gedalya Aryeh on Tue May 17
16 IYAR Malkie Raskas for her father Avrohom Tzvi ben Shimon on Tue May 17
17 IYAR Anne Kirschner for her father Avigdor on Wed May 18
17 IYAR Jeff Weiss for his father Morton Weiss, Elimelech Chaim Ben Shmuel Tzvi on Wed May 18
17 IYAR Seth Cohen for his father Michael Cohen on Wed May 18
17 IYAR Ilya Braz for his grandfather Shmarya ben Yisrael on Wed May 18
17 IYAR Mary Gut for her mother Sima bat Mordechai Gimpel on Wed May 18
17 IYAR Shoshana Halpern for her mother Lea Jakubovic, Leah bas BenZion on Wed May 18
18 IYAR Judy Tuchman for her father Benjamin Gruss, Binyamin ben Yechiel Michl on Thu May 19
18 IYAR Murry England for his father Raphael England on Thu May 19
18 IYAR Robert Bernstein for his father Bernard Bernstein, Yissachar Dov ben Moshe Yisrael on Thu May 19
19 IYAR Greta Hirmes for her father William H. Cohen, Zev Chaim ben Yoel Hakohen on Fri May 20

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Please report any errors or omissions to Steve Schwartz at stevenbarrschwartz@gmail.com

The Refuah Fund provides meals for families that are experiencing an illness or sitting Shiva. Please donate directly to the Young Israel indicating on your check, or alternative payment, that it is specifically for the Refuah Fund. Special thanks to Susan Gluck and Susan Packer for establishing and continuing this very important mitzvah. Thanks for everyone who already contributed to the Refuah fund!

Yahrzeit Plaques Available

If you are interested in purchasing a permanent satin brass Yahrzeit Plaque for a dearly departed loved one on our beautiful, automated Yahrzeit memorial displays in our main sanctuary, please contact David Herman or the Young Israel office. To order a plaque online, please use the website www.yiplaques.com

Eruv Bal Harbour: While the Eruv in Surfside includes both walking paths, in Bal Harbour the Eruv only includes the inner (western) walking path. The pier at Haulover Cut is not included. We would like to emphasize that every Erev Shabbos, individuals should call the Eruv Hotline to make sure that the Eruv is operational prior to carrying on Shabbos. The number is 305-866-ERUV (3788). The Eruv message is recorded approximately two hours prior to Candle Lighting. Miami Beach Eruv web page: www.miamibeacheruv.com

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