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Parsha Kedoshim
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IN THE WEEK AHEAD

*The Week of Learning is being sponsored by
Ari & Sara Kohen for the merit of a complete
recovery for those who are ill and need a recovery in our
community and in the entire nation of Israel.*

Saturday, May 11

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Kiddush Sponsored	11:30 a.m.

Joshua & Anna Priluck
in honor of the birth of their daughter
Ariella Adara

<i>Insights into the Weekly Torah Portion</i>	7:10 p.m.
Mincha/Seudah Shilshit.....	7:55 p.m.
Havdalah.....	9:19 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Shacharit.....	9:00 a.m.
Blood Drive.....	9:00 a.m.
<i>Kabbalah & Mysticism: What Is It and Why Has It Become So Popular? with Rabbi Shlomo</i>	10:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:20 p.m.

Monday, May 13

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Jewish History: Your History</i> with Rabbi Shlomo.....	12:00 p.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:20 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:20 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:20 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
<i>Connecting with Our Faith</i> with Rabbi Ari	9:30 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv @ Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.....	8:20 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Shacharit.....	7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv	7:30 p.m.
Candle Lighting.....	8:20 p.m.

In Memoriam

Beth Israel extends condolences and wishes of comfort
to members of the community on recent losses.

☆ Steven H. Goodman ☆

Ha'makom yenachem etkhem betokh she'aravelei Tziyon vi'Yerushalayim

Mazel Tov to Those Celebrating Next Week

Celebrate

Birthdays

Anna Kohll	May 12
James Polack	May 12
Melissa Shrago	May 13
Lily Tam	May 13
Lauren Kirshenbaum	May 13
Bruce Goldberg	May 16
William Theodore Dunning	May 16
Judah David Kohen	May 16
Hadar Nachman	May 17
Ester Dembitzer	May 17
Nathaniel Joseph	May 17

Anniversaries

Ari & Sara Kohen	May 17
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Celebrate

*Celebrating a special simcha in April or May?
Its graduation season don't forget to call Kaitlin in the office or contact
Bette Kozlen to be apart of the April/May Simcha Kiddush.*



...Ari & Sara Kohen for sponsoring the Week of learning.

...Joshua & Anna Priluck for sponsoring kiddush in honor of the birth of their daughter Ariella Adara.

...Dani Shrago for doing our weekly shopping.

...Jack Kozlen for the Donation of several bottles of whiskey and gin.

...Janet Kohl and Adina Schuller for serving on the Beth Israel Board of Commissioners.

...Bruce Goldberg for his service as VP of Finance and Susie Shyken for her service as Secretary for the Board of Commissioners

...Everyone who came to our very meaningful Yom HaZiaccaron event

...Sara Weiner for making sure our chapel looks nice for Shabbos

...Deb Platt for helping us proofread the Bulletin



Congratulations to Danny, Hannah, & Zach Stein for qualifying and competing in the National Chidon Hatanch (Bible Quiz). Extra congratulations to Danny for placing 3rd and Hannah for placing 7th in the National Chidon Hatanch. Chidon Hatanch is run by the Jewish Agency. The winners at the National level advance to the International level that is held in Israel on Yom Ha'Atzmaut each year.

Teen Fundraiser

We are looking for youth, 11 years and up, who have benefited from Beth Israel's youth programming. Whether it be the adventures of NCSY/NCSY Junior shabbaton, financial help to Friedel, or even attending JYE BI events, please consider talking to your teens/preteens about giving back! We are looking at organizing a teen-led fundraiser with preteen assistance! This will be completely youth run with educational opportunities from folks in our community that have experience with fundraising, advertising, business sense and more. We would like to showcase all the amazing talent that our kids have, while providing opportunities for them to grow, and empowering them to lead.

If you are a teen, know a teen, or have a teen, that would be willing to help us plan and execute a teen led fundraising project, please contact Lauren Tam: usbooksandme@yahoo.com

BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

MAY AND JUNE TORAH CLASSES

Unlock your potential by deepening your understanding of true Torah Judaism

MAY 12 • 10-11 AM
KABBALAH & MYSTICISM
WHAT IS IT AND WHY HAS IT BECOME SO POPULAR
RABBI SHLOMO ABRAMOVICH

MAY 19 • 10-11 AM
ANTI SEMITISM: THE WORLD'S OLDEST FORM OF HATE
WHAT IS THE SOLUTION TO THIS AGE OLD PROBLEM
RABBI ARI DEMBITZER

JUNE 2 • 10-11 AM
JERUSALEM
WHY IS IT SO SPECIAL AND SO CONTENTIOUS
RABBI ARI DEMBITZER

BETH ISRAEL
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

OMAHA GIVES! **May 22** OmahaGives.org

Presented by AMERICAN JEWISH WORLD SERVICE Presented by Omaha Community Foundation



Spring into Life: Blood Drive

Beth Israel Synagogue

Sunday, May 12th

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donate blood this Mother's Day and receive a flower and admission ticket for Lauritzen Gardens to gift your mother (or keep for yourself)!

For an appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and search sponsor code: BethIsrael or call 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

Please call or email Faige Jeidel with any questions.



Register for Lag Baomer Bonfire/ BBQ Picnic by visting orthodoxomaha.org or calling Kaitlin in the office.

Families - \$20

Member - \$5

Non-member - \$10

FREE for BBYO members and Children 5 & Under



D'var Torah

Source: www.aish.com



*You shall reprove your fellow and do not bear a sin because of him.
(Lev. 19:17)*

The Talmud (1) teaches that one must reprove over and over, even a hundred times. It may be unwise to tell someone bluntly how wrong his actions are, for it will probably antagonize him. How, then, do we understand this statement from the Talmud which requires us to reprove our fellow a hundred times? People abhor criticism. No one enjoys hearing that what they're doing is wrong. In order to give rebuke in the correct manner one must have a proper strategy. By telling us to rebuke even a hundred times, our Sages are teaching us how to give rebuke: one should break up the criticism into a hundred small parts. This way a person can draw the object of rebuke closer to his point of view in a palatable way, one step at a time. Only in this manner will the person be able to hear that what he's doing is wrong, and thus be willing to effect a change.(2)

Additionally, it is important to have the right attitude when giving rebuke. If your intention is to set him straight only because it is bothering you, your rebuke will almost certainly fail.

A Rabbi once told over a story about a student in the Chofetz Chaim's yeshiva who used to smoke on Shabbos. All the guys would scream at him to stop, but it was to no avail. One day he got a message that the Chofetz Chaim wanted to see him in the office. There was a big commotion in the yeshiva - the Chofetz Chaim had found out that he was smoking on Shabbos! The student went into the office, and came out two minutes later. After that, he never touched a cigarette again. No one knew what the Chofetz Chaim had told him, but in two minutes he accomplished something that throughout the years no one else had been able to accomplish!

After the Rabbi finished speaking, an elderly man came over and said "I was the boy that was caught smoking on Shabbos." The Rabbi asked, "So what did the Chofetz Chaim tell you?" The man replied, "When I was called into the office, I started to tremble; I didn't know what to say. I came into the office and there the Chofetz Chaim was. My feet started to shake. He motioned for me to come around the desk. I came around and he held on to my hand, not saying anything. He then looked at me and just said two words slowly: 'Shabbos Shabbos.' As he spoke, two tears dripped down from his eyes on to my arm, which pierced a hole right through my heart! He wasn't just telling me off, like I felt everyone else was doing. Rather, I could see that he really cared about me and the honor of Shabbos. I decided right then and there never to smoke on Shabbos again!"

This is the way one gives rebuke. We need to analyze our motives before giving reproof and work on really feeling for the person.

NOTES

1. Bava Metzria 31a.
2. Alter from Kelm

Parsha Kedoshim

Source: www.torah.org
Rabbi Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: The beginning of Kedoshim states that, holiness is realized through keeping Shabbos, being in awe of one's father and mother, and the prohibition against idol worship. Laws of charity, honesty, and the paying of wages on time are also stated.

2nd and 3rd Aliyot: Showing deference in the administration of justice is forbidden. We have the responsibility to "properly reprimand" each other. The prohibition against wearing any mixture of wool and linen, cutting sideburns (Payot), tattooing, premarital sex, and the use of mediums or the occult are stated.

4th and 5th Aliyot: Proper and equal treatment for the Ger-convert, honesty in business, and the prohibition against worshipping the Molech are stated.

5th, 6th, and 7th Aliyot: The remainder of Kedoshim states the specific punishments that Bait Din would administer for the fifteen prohibited sexual relationships listed at the end of Acharei Mos.

The very end of Kedoshim (20: 22-26) clearly explains the concept of holiness as the means for being separate from the other nations. Three basic formats of Kedusha-holiness exist: time, place, and person. Acharei Mos began by presenting the ultimate integration of the three in the person of the Kohain Gadol entering the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur. The end of Kedoshim states that Eretz Yisroel (place), the Bnai Yisroel (person), and time in general are intended to reflect the integration of G-dliness into the daily lives of individuals and nations. To the extent that we realize our mission as the "Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation" will be the degree to which we retain the right to dwell in the Land of Israel.

Parsha Questions

1. When you reap the harvest of your land, what do you have to leave and for whom?
2. What commandment is mentioned together with the commandment to respect the parents?
3. In a judgment between a wealthy and a poor person, who was to be favored? Why?
4. It says in the parasha: "You shall not put an obstacle in front of a blind person". What does this mean?



WELCOME TO BETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

We are delighted to welcome you to Beth Israel Synagogue. A passage from Deuteronomy 30:11-14 inspired the art work in the sanctuary. "For this commandment that I command you today - it is not hidden from you and it is not distant. It is not in heaven, [for you] to say, 'Who can go to the heaven and take it for us so that we can listen to it and perform it? Nor is it across the seas, [for you] to say, 'Who can cross to the other side of the sea for us and take it for us, so that we can listen to it and perform it?' Rather, the matter is very near to you - in your mouth and your heart - to perform it." Mitzvot are obtainable.

- ◆ The focal point of the sanctuary is the Menorah Window, which frames the Ark and is shaped in the form of the six branched candelabrum. To the right, brilliantly colored windows have forms that reflect the heavens, while the left side depicts the seas.
- ◆ The message is completed in a frieze, the horizontal painting on wood mounted on the wall. The background of the frieze symbolically and abstractly represents the relationship between G-d and the people of Israel through the Covenant. The perochet, or curtain over the Ark, completes the symbolic composition, with an expression that intertwines the Torah and the letter Aleph, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, of the Ten Commandments, and of G-d's name in Hebrew.
- ◆ As is traditional, the sanctuary has 12 windows, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. These windows contain the name of each tribe in flowing, organic letters. The windows are located above the continued frieze, which includes two central texts of the revelation at Sinai - "If you will keep my Covenant, you shall be precious to me," and "You shall be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." This composition expresses the unity of Israel as the people stood together at Sinai and accepted the Torah.

Beth Israel Synagogue strives to perpetuate the legacy of Torah Judaism in the modern world. Beth Israel welcomes all persons of the Jewish faith to join and accepts the diversity of practice and thought among its members.

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