



▪ Mazel Tov to Rabbi Josh and Dr Tal Weinberger and Family on the birth of a baby girl, Leah Hadassah.

This Shabbos

Parsha Chaburah, given by Rabbi Dr Chaim Diamond: 8:15am

Kiddush this week is community sponsored.

Between Mincha and Maariv:

- Shalosh Seudos this week is sponsored by Drew Dorman in memory of his mother, Sarah Sophia.
- Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.
- There will not be a Chabura this Shabbos.

Torah Youth of Bala Cynwyd

Pirchei of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet from 4:30pm - 5:30pm at LMS in the lower level.

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will not meet this Shabbos.

Save the date – Scholar-in-Residence Shabbaton, Parshas Bamidbar, May 15th

Rabbi Dovid Heber - Rav, K'hal Ahavas Yisroel - Tzemach Tzedek, Baltimore. Kashrus Administrator, Star-K Kosher Supervision. Author, Sefer Shaarei Zmanim. Exciting details TBA soon.

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Parshas Achrei-Kedoshim

פרשת אחרי-קדושים

April 23-24

י"א א"ר



Shabbos Davening Times



Candle lighting:	7:29 pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 pm
Shacharis:	8:45 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:34 am
Mincha:	7:15 pm
Maariv:	8:33 pm

Next Shabbos

Candle lighting:	7:36 pm
Mincha - Friday:	7:00 pm

All submissions, suggestions and sponsorship should be sent (by Wednesday evening) to weeklyupdate@yiml.org

Weekday Davening Times

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	7:35pm

Weekday Shiurim

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 min before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Monday and Wednesday after Maariv
Hilchos Tzedaka:	Monday 8:30pm
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday 10:15pm
Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.	

Chevra Mishnayos

Now learning Seder Nezikin. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net and include your name and which masechta (or chapters thereof) you intend to learn.

Women's Learning Experience - Spring Session

Monday at 10:45am - Tehillim for Cholim followed at 11:30am by Rabbi Avraham Steinberg's shiur on The Chazon Ish's Faith and Trust. At 8 Concord Circle.

Tuesday at 9:30am - Rabbi Abraham Shmidman teaching Tehillim at Lower Merion Synagogue.

Wednesday at 9:30am - Dr. Steven Goldman teaching Parshas haShavuah at 8 Concord Circle.

Thursday at 9:30am - Mr. Drew Dorman teaching Iggeret haRamban at 8 Concord Circle.

Classes are \$5 each. For information and free babysitting, please call Janis Fine 610-617-0913

Thought of the Week

The word *kdoshim* is usually translated as holy. This is a difficult translation, although the word can certainly mean holy. The difficulty lies in defining the word holy in practical terms. One person's holiness is sometimes the destruction of others – witness all of the “holy wars” fought over the course of human civilization. A precise definition of holiness is elusive. Perhaps, therefore, the concept of *kdoshim*, with regard to definition, can be seen more in terms of commitment and dedication. God desires, so to speak, that we be committed to His program and goals for the Jewish people and for humanity generally.

This is also perhaps the understanding of the famous comment of Ramban on this subject that *kdoshim* demands that we do so with those areas of life that are permitted to us by the Torah. Even in our mundane pursuits in life, having apparently little to do with our state of being holy or pious, in those acts of life that are eminently permissible and sometimes even necessary for our overall welfare, we should still be committed to see the enhancement of God's program in those actions as well and not only in our performance of ritual and in the observance of commandments. Great flashes of spiritual uplift occur sporadically, even rarely, in one's lifetime. But commitment to God's Torah and to its values is an everyday possibility and requirement. And that is the crux of God's demand upon us to be *kdoshim*.

Sfat Emet in his commentary to a previous parsha (Shmini) remarks that one of the great manifestations of the *yetzer haraa* – the evil inclination that lurks within all humans – is the refusal to see God in the small and ordinary things in life. Nature is certainly natural but it is also Godly. The wonders of the world about us, the exquisite balance within our bodies that sustains life, even the mortality that is our fate, all bespeak of a connection to the Creator of all. Commitment is the tool of focus that allows us to overcome this *yetzer haraa*. Many times in life, people drift along aimlessly, eventually suffering great psychological discomfort from this state.

The Torah comes to make our lives purposeful and not aimless. One has myriad opportunities daily to do God's bidding and to advance the causes of goodness and virtue. This is true no matter what profession or occupation one is engaged in. It is true in retirement years as it was true in years of professional or business productivity. The commandment *kdoshim* applies to all times and circumstances in life. We read and hear of people during the Holocaust who refused to lose their humanity and remained committed in the worst of imaginable circumstances. The struggle to inculcate the Torah's value system into our daily lives is a challenging and ongoing one. But it is a struggle that can be won if pursued with tenacity and commitment. That is certainly the challenge the Torah advances to us in requesting that be *kdoshim*.

Adapted from "Everyday Holiness" by Rabbi Wein.
<http://www.torah.org/learning/rabbiwein/5766/achareimos.html>