

### Thought of the Week

Parshas Kedoshim begins with the words "Hashem spoke to Moshe saying: Speak to the entire assembly of the Children of Israel (kol adas bnei Yisrael) and say to them: 'Kedoshim Tihyu - You shall be holy...'. Rashi points out that the uncommon inclusion of the phrase "the entire assembly of the Children of Israel" teaches us that this mitzvah was specifically given in the presence of the entire assembly of Israel (b'hakhel).

There is a famous disagreement among the early commentaries as to exactly what is meant by the mitzvah "You shall be holy." Rashi interprets the mitzvah as one of abstinence -- "You shall be removed from arayos [forbidden sexual union] and from sin." When we say "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh" about Hashem, we are emphasizing his separateness and uniqueness. Thus, the meaning of "You shall be Kedoshim" is "You shall be separated - from forbidden sins."

The Ramban says that it is referring to perfectly permissible activities. The concept is "sanctify yourself by withdrawing from that which is permissible to you". Without such self-limitation, the Ramban says, a person can be a glutton 'sanctioned' by the Torah. The level of sanctity required by this verse is that achieved by restraining oneself somewhat from even those physical pleasures that the Torah permits.

The Chasam Sofer points out that whichever approach we accept, the message of this mitzvah is one of abstinence. One could perhaps erroneously come to the conclusion that the only way to achieve this level of sanctity would be to lock oneself on the top of a mountain in a monastery. One could think that one should ideally have nothing to do with people; one should not get married and have nothing to do with the opposite gender at all. The Torah therefore makes clear that the "holiness" of a monk is not desirable. This section was specifically delivered "b'hakhel". Everyone was present - the men, the women, and the children.

One must be a Kadosh [holy person], but one must be a Kadosh in the context of the congregation and the community. One must get married and one must raise children. One must play with his kids and spend time with his family and be a part of the community. The Torah wants the holiness of complete human beings.

The Kotzker Rebbe used to stress "MEN of holiness you shall be to Me". "G-d is not looking for more angels." The Torah was not given to angels. It was given to human beings who have wants and desires and are social animals. In that context we are commanded to develop holiness.

Therefore, specifically Kedoshim Tihyu, of all mitzvos, was relayed in a mass public gathering to emphasize that despite our obligation to achieve holiness through a certain degree of abstinence it must be in the context of the community, together with one's wife, children, and neighbors.

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### Shabbos Schedule Mevorchim haChodesh



Mincha Friday:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	7:34pm
Parsha Chaburah by Ron Werrin:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:29am
Kiddush is sponsored by the Chase Mob in memory of Sharyn's mother, Sima Lieba bas Akiva, whose Jahrzeit was this past Friday (25 Nisan).	
Mincha:	7:20pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:38pm

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### **Weekday Davening Times**

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday:	6:40am
	Wednesday and Thursday (Rosh Chodesh):	6:30am
	Tuesday and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Monday through Thursday:	7:45pm
Mincha Friday:		7:00pm
Candle Lighting Friday:		7:41pm

### **Weekday Shiurim**

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm

Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.

### **Chevra Mishnayos**

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nezikin. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email [eisenber@pol.net](mailto:eisenber@pol.net) with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

### **Women's Learning Experience – Spring Session**

The spring session begins the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Newcomers welcome. Classes are free.

Mon at 10:30am: Tehillim for Cholim.  
Mon at 11:00am: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha haShavua.  
Tues at 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.  
Wed at 9am: Mrs. Biberfeld - Michtav M'Eliyahu, starts May 11.  
Thu at 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Geshar HaChaim.

All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. Free babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477.



▪ Mazel Tov to Yisrael and Rochel Kleinman and family on the birth of baby boy. The shalom zachor will take place Friday night at the Rosenblum residence, 101 Maple Ave (corner of Union and Maple Aves), starting at 8:45 pm. The bris will, iy"H, take place Shabbos morning after davening at the Philadelphia Community Kollel (approx 10:20 am), followed by a kiddush until 12:30 pm.

### **Pirchei and Bnos**

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will iy"H meet this Shabbos from 4:30 to 5:30pm at LMS. For Bnos information or to pay your yearly membership dues, contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Rabbi Chaim Diamond and the Chase Crew (including Grandpa) for shlepping and cleaning pre and post Pesach.

### **Community Announcements**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Yom Iyun in memory of Risa Goldman, a"H, at Lower Merion Synagogue. We are trying to collect written memories and/or pictures of Risa. If you have any to share, please forward them to Janis Fine [jfine@comcast.net](mailto:jfine@comcast.net) or Mira Korn.

Bikkur Cholim of Philadelphia presents Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller sharing "Living Your Life with Simcha" Thursday, May 12, 11am at the home of Tanya Libesman, 391 Sycamore Avenue, Merion. Couvert \$10. For more information contact Malkie at 215 805-8668 or Leta at [hatladypa@aol.com](mailto:hatladypa@aol.com).