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Parshas Achrei-Kedoshim

פרשת אחרי-קדושים

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Weekday Shiurim

Mussar Chabura: 15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura: Mon and Wed after Maariv
Nefesh HaChaim: Thursday at 10:10pm
Mussar Shiur for Women: Monday at 9:30am at 8 Concord Circle.

Bnos and Pirchei

Bnos will meet from from 4:30 to 5:30pm at LMS. Contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.
Torah Youth will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm on the lower level of LMS. Grades k-8. To sponsor a Shabbos or for more information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or SilverDollar@verizon.net.

Chevra Mishnayos

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

Shabbos Schedule



Light Candles:	7:40pm
Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbos:	7:00pm
Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen:	7:55am
Special Visiting Scholar Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:26am
Shabbos Groups, upstairs, for ages 2 and up.	9:45am
Kiddush is sponsored by Sandy and Margie Bruck to commemorate the yahrzeit of Margie's father, Avraham ben Moshe, a"h, Albert Kraftsow.	
Mincha:	7:25pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:44pm

Sun, May 6

Pesach Sheni
Shacharis 8:00am
Mincha/Maariv 7:50pm
כ"ט בעומר

14 Iyyar

Mon, May 7

Shacharis 6:40am
Mincha/Maariv 7:50pm
ל' בעומר

15 Iyyar

Tue, May 8

Shacharis 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv 7:50pm
ל"א בעומר

16 Iyyar

Wed, May 9

Shacharis 6:50am
Mincha/Maariv 7:45pm
ל"ב בעומר

17 Iyyar

Thu, May 10

Lag b'Omer
Shacharis 6:40am
Mincha/Maariv 7:50pm
ל"ג בעומר

18 Iyyar

Fri, May 11

Shacharis 6:50am
Light Candles 7:47pm
Mincha 7:00pm
ל"ד בעומר

19 Iyyar



- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Chesky and Aviva Weiss and family on the birth of a baby girl!
- Mazel Tov to Dan and Michaela Perez and family on the birth of twins, a boy and a girl. The Brit Yitzchak will iy”H be Sunday night from 8 to 10pm at 228 Upland Road, Merion Station. The Brit Milah will iy”H be at Young Israel of the Main Line on Monday morning following Shacharit.
- Mazel Tov to Jonathan and Batya Goldberg on the birth of a baby boy.

Special Shiur this Shabbos Morning

This Shabbos we will have the privilege of hearing a special shiur from 8:15 to 8:45am. Rav Yosef Carmel shlit”a, Av Bais Din and co-founder of the Eretz Chemda Institute, will speak on the topic of: The Re-establishment of Batei Din as part of the Process of Geulah.

Rav Yosef Carmel is the Av Bais Din of Eretz Chemda-Gazit, as well as Rosh Yeshiva of the Eretz Chemda Institute, a premiere institute for training dayanim in Eretz Yisroel. He is the author of Tzofenat Eliyahu, a commentary on the Vilna Gaon’s commentary to Shulchan Aruch Choshen Mishpat, as well as co-author of Teshuvot B’Mareh HaBazak – a voluminous work of practical responsa based on the rulings of Rav Shaul Yisraeli zt”l.

Thought of the Week

The Midrash Rabbah notes that the opening of Parashat Kedoshim, the second parashah we read this week, restates the Aseret Ha’dibrot / Ten Commandments, albeit in a different order. There it says, “I am Hashem, your Elokim,” and here (repeatedly), “I am Hashem, your Elokim.” There, “You shall not have other gods,” and here (19:4), “Molten gods you shall not make for yourselves.” There, “You shall not take the Name of Hashem in vain,” and here (19:12), “You shall not swear falsely by My Name.” There, “Keep the day of Shabbat,” and here (19:3), “My Sabbaths you shall observe.” There, “Honor your father and your mother,” and here (19:3), “Your father and mother you shall revere.” [The midrash continues, showing parallels between our parashah and the second half of the Aseret Ha’dibrot.]

R’ David Zvi Hoffman z”l (1843-1921; Rector of the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin) writes: The first five of the Aseret Ha’dibrot are listed in Parashat Kedoshim with the last two (honoring parents and Shabbat) appearing first because, to reach the highest level of kedushah / holiness [the subject of Parashat Kedoshim], one must start on the bottom rung. Honoring parents has been equated with honoring Hashem, and in order to reach the stage where one obeys Hashem unconditionally, one must start with honoring one’s parents. One who would never commit an unseemly act in front of his best friend doesn’t hesitate to do that thing when Hashem is watching. However, by honoring and fearing parents, one can develop the awe of Hashem. One should reflect that, just as one’s parents watch over his every step, so Hashem is watching his every deed. (Peirush Al Sefer Vayikra).

"...the two of them shall be put to death..." (20:11)

Parshas Kedoshim contains the consequences that befall a person who engages in the prohibited consanguineous relationships. In the previous parsha, Acharei Mos, the Torah enjoins Bnei Yisroel from engaging in these relationships.[1] This reflects the Talmudic dictum "ein onshim elah im kein mazhirim" - "A punitive action is not meted out for the transgression of a prohibition unless there is a prior warning." [2] Why does the Torah divide the warnings and the punishments into two separate parshios?

A legal system which expects its citizens to abide by its laws for fear of the consequences that occur if the laws are broken is doomed to fail. If the only restraint is punishment, man will risk the negative consequences to attain the perceived benefits. Only a system which instructs its adherents to abide by the laws because transgression of them is inherently wrong and damaging to the individual, can be successful. Therefore, the Torah separates the directives enjoining us from engaging in these illicit acts from the consequences that accompany them to illustrate that we should not adhere to these rules out of fear of punishment, but because they are inherently destructive.

Adapted from <http://www.torah.org/learning/hamaayan/5772/achareimos.html> and www.torah.org/learning/rabbizweig/5772/achareimos.html.