



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

When we were kids, we would joke about ostentatious people who thought they were so holy, they confused themselves with Swiss cheese. Indeed, in Chabad tradition there is no one quite as vilified as the *chitzon*, someone who puts on an ostentatious show of holiness that doesn't quite reflect his or her inner world.

Yet the second of this week's Torah portions, Kedoshim, opens with the command to be holy, for I am holy. What does that actually mean?

As you can imagine, there are multiple interpretations. One that resonates with me is quite simple. Gd made the entire universe and sustains all of creation every single minute, yet he hid His fingerprints so well that people doubt His very existence. When we do an act of kindness, we can do the same thing. Not only should we not make a big deal about ourselves, we should shy away from recognition and self-congratulation.

Sure, it may be the lonelier path but we will be in the company of Gd Himself. And if that isn't holy, I'm not sure what is.

Rabbi Wilansky

This Shabbos, the 12th of Iyar, marks the 17th Yahrtzeit of Chana's father, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Raskin, shliach to Morocco.

Please add a mitzvah in his memory, whether lighting Shabbos candles or giving some extra charity.

May his memory be a blessing to us all.



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The Challah Circle is back! Last one of the year!



Pesto Stuffed Challah

Friday, May 7 | 10:00 am

On Zoom

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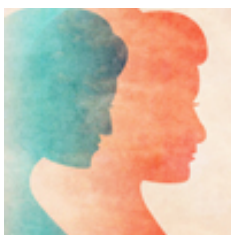
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Both Nisan and Tishrei are referred to as the start of the Jewish calendar. Iyar is the second month from Nisan and month number eight from Tishrei.

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My Journey of Transformation

A first-person story of transformation from a secular newswoman to a newfound passion for Judaism. In this short presentation, Molly Resnick describes her life journey, as well as her encounters with the Rebbe. (A short film by Merkos 302)

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Acharei-Kedoshim

Following the deaths of **Nadav and Avihu**, Gd warns against unauthorized entry into the holy. Only one person, the *kohen gadol* (high priest), may but once a year, on **Yom Kippur** enter the **innermost chamber** in the Sanctuary to offer the sacred **ketoret** to Gd.

Another feature of the Day of Atonement service is the **casting of lots** over two goats, to determine which should be offered to Gd and which should be dispatched to carry off the **sins** of Israel to the **wilderness**.

The Parshah of Acharei also warns against bringing **korbanot** (animal or meal offerings) anywhere but in the Holy Temple, forbids the consumption of **blood**, and details the laws prohibiting incest and other deviant sexual **relations**.

The Parshah of Kedoshim begins with the statement: You shall be **holy**, for I, the Lrd your Gd, am holy. This is followed by dozens of

mitzvot (divine commandments) through which the Jew sanctifies him- or herself and relates to the holiness of Gd.

These include: the prohibition against **idolatry**, the mitzvah of **charity**, the principle of **equality** before the law, **Shabbat**, sexual **morality**, **honesty** in business, honor and awe of ones **parents**, and the sacredness of **life**.

Also in Kedoshim is the dictum which the great sage Rabbi Akiva called a cardinal principle of Torah, and of which Hillel said, This is the entire Torah, the rest is commentary **Love your fellow as yourself**.



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