



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Aug. 28 7:05 pm

Torah Portion: [Ki Teitzei](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

An interesting mitzvah in this week's Torah portion is that anyone who builds a new house is required to fence in the roof, so nobody will fall and hurt themselves. This teaches us to always take precautions to ensure there are no dangers that might trip up others.

These precautions apply to physical dangers and also to spiritual ones. Teachers and communal leaders have an obligation to protect their students and communities from the spiritual pitfalls of the world.

As we grow in our observance of Torah, we often encounter temptations that can potentially lead us astray. Creating spiritual fences means enacting restrictions that will prevent people from inadvertently transgressing a Torah commandment.

Of course, included in this is the obligation to educate ourselves about the care that Torah has for the safety of every single person and how our fellow Jews' protection is very much our responsibility.

We must always be there for each other.

Shabbat shalom!



The High Holidays are around the corner!

HIGH HOLIDAYS
with Chabad of Maine

During the High Holidays, the doors to Heaven are open to all...
and so are ours! Reserve your seat at our FREE high Holiday Services

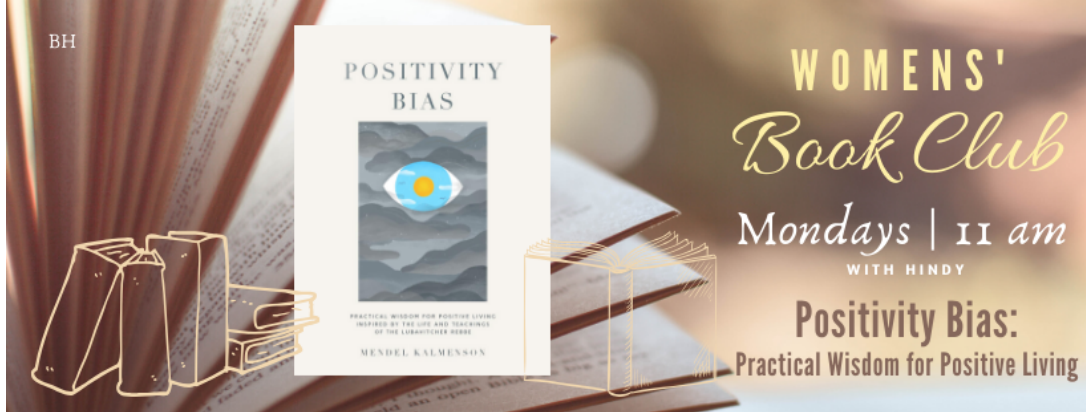
Rosh Hashana Sept 18 th -20 th Shacharit begins 10:00 AM SHOFAR BLOWING SEPT 20TH AT 12:45PM	Yom Kippur September 27 th -28 th Kol Nidrei 6:15PM Holiday Services 10AM Neilah 6PM
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✻ Outdoor, socially distant services, masks provided ✻
✻ No membership fees or ticket needed ✻
✻ Children's packages, interactive services, warm and friendly atmosphere ✻

Join us this year for outdoor services. Email rabbi@chabadofmaine.com or call 207-871-8947 for more information.



Women's Book Club




Women, come join the Weekly Book Club, as we delve into "Positivity Bias".

Monday, August 31, 11:00 am.

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Torah Studies: Thank You For Everything



Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING

The Joy of Gratitude

WE'RE ALL FIERCELY POSSESSIVE, taking joy in the things we own and the experiences we make. An ancient mitzvah that tells a farmer to bring his first fruit to the Temple turns into a lesson about possession: you don't actually own anything. And the surprising thing is—recognizing that will only make you happier.

Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly class on the Torah Portion. **Wednesday, September 2, at 11:00 am.**

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Hebrew School House Calls



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Sit back and watch as your children learn about Judaism in a fun and meaningful way in the hassle-free environment of your own home.

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 3-13

1.5 hours include:

- Hebrew reading lessons
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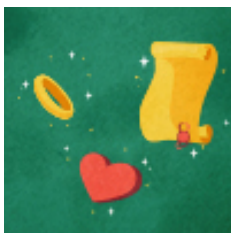
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PARSHAH

The Three Forms of Betrothal

Judaism's perspective and insight into the profound meaning, beauty, romance and mystery of marriage can be discovered by exploring the

meaning behind the seemingly technical details of the law.

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JEWISH JOURNEYS

How Two Russian-Born Crypto-Jews Rediscovered Their Identity

One day, as I was washing my grandmothers hands before eating challah, Svetlana smiled and said that she, too, was Jewish. I was surprised because she often mentioned her Greek Orthodox beliefs and wore a crucifix around her neck.

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VIDEO

Mutual Defense Pact

The bravery and sacrifice of Israels soldiers on the front lines will continue to meet success when bolstered and secured by their spiritual supply corps the Torah study of the support troops back home.

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STORY

The Belated Dinner

After waiting for what seems like an eternity, his wife places a plate before him. He takes a look, and all he sees is a hard-boiled egg and a potato!

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Ki Teitzei

Seventy-four of the Torahs 613 commandments (**mitzvot**) are in the Parshah of Ki Teitzei. These include the laws of the **beautiful captive**, the inheritance rights of the firstborn, the wayward and rebellious son, **burial** and dignity of the dead, returning a **lost object**, sending away the mother bird before taking her young, the duty to erect a **safety fence** around the roof of ones home, and the various forms of **kilayim** (forbidden plant and animal hybrids).

Also recounted are the judicial procedures and penalties for adultery, for the rape or seduction of an unmarried girl, and for a husband who **falsely accuses** his wife of **infidelity**. The following cannot marry a person of Jewish lineage: a *mamzer* (someone born from an adulterous or incestuous relationship); a male of **Moabite** or Ammonite descent; a first- or second-generation Edomite or Egyptian.

Our Parshah also includes laws governing the purity of the military camp; the prohibition against turning in an **escaped slave**; the duty to pay a worker on time, and to allow anyone working for you man or animal to **eat on the job**; the proper treatment of a **debtor**, and the prohibition against charging **interest** on a loan; the laws of **divorce** (from which are also derived many of the laws of **marriage**); the penalty of thirty-nine lashes for transgression of a Torah prohibition; and the procedures for *yibbum* (**levirate marriage**) of the wife of a deceased childless brother, or *chalitzah* (removing of the shoe) in the case that the brother-in-law does not wish to marry her.

Ki Teitzei concludes with the obligation to **remember** what **Amalek** did to you **on the road**, on your way out of **Egypt**.



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