



## This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



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## Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

This weeks Torah portion discusses the spot in the Land of Israel that the Temple is to be built, Mt. Moriah in Jerusalem.

The wording used in the Torah implies that G-d selected this specific location, thereby taking a physical parcel of land and making it permanently holy. Indeed, once the Temple was built there, even after the destruction (twice!), the ground of Mt. Moriah remains holy and must be treated with the same level of respect as when the Temple was standing.

In a similar vein, every mitzvah we do creates a form of permanent holiness in the world. Whether its with a physical object like tefillin, or in a physical location like praying in an airport, or on a specific date G-d gives us the ability to transform the physical creations around us into holy objects, thereby fulfilling the ultimate purpose of creation for G-d to have a home in this world.

Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Wilansky



## Rosh Chodesh Elul



This Shabbat, we bless the new month of Elul. On Sunday and Monday, we mark Rosh Chodesh Elul. Elul is a powerful month in which we gear up for the High Holidays. It is a month of stocktaking and introspection.

Learn more about the month of Elul by [clicking here](#).



## Torah Studies



Join Rabbi Levi for an enriching class on the weekly Torah portion.



## Service Times

### Thursday

7:00 am

### Friday night

8:00 pm

### Shabbat day

10:30 am

### Kiddush and refreshments

12:30 pm



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# Parshah in a Nutshell

## Parshat Re'eh

See, says **Moses** to the **people of Israel**, I place before you today a blessing and a curse the blessing that will come when they fulfill Gds **commandments**, and the curse if they abandon them. These should be proclaimed on **Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal** when the people cross over into the **Holy Land**.

A **Temple** should be established in the place that **Gd** will choose to make dwell His name there, where the people should bring their

**sacrifices** to Him; it is forbidden to make offerings to Gd in any other place. It is permitted to **slaughter** animals elsewhere, not as a sacrifice but to eat their **meat**; the blood (which in the Temple is poured upon the altar), however, may not be eaten.

A **false prophet**, or one who entices others to worship **idols**, should be put to death; an idolatrous city must be destroyed. The identifying signs for **kosher animals and fish**, and the list of **non-kosher birds** (first given in Leviticus 11), are repeated.

A tenth of all produce is to be eaten in **Jerusalem**, or else exchanged for money with which food is purchased and eaten there. In certain years this **tithe** is given to the poor instead. Firstborn cattle and sheep are to be offered in the Temple, and their meat eaten by the **kohanim** (priests).

The **mitzvah** of **charity** obligates a Jew to **aid a needy fellow** with a gift or loan. On the **Sabbatical year** (occurring every seventh year), all loans are to be **forgiven**. All indentured servants are to be set free after six years of service.

Our **Parshah** concludes with the laws of the three pilgrimage festivals **Passover**, **Shavuot** and **Sukkot** when all should go to see and be seen before Gd in the **Holy Temple**.



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