



This Week at Chabad Lubavitch of Maine



CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES
FOR
PORTLAND:

Friday, Sep. 4 6:52 pm

Torah Portion: [Ki Tavo](#)

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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Chabad movement, was the Torah reader in his synagogue. One year, when this weeks Torah portion Ki Tavowas to be read, he was out of town so a substitute reader was called in.

As the reader reached the section of the portion describing the horrible curses that will befall the Jewish people if they do not adhere to the Torahs laws, the Rebbes son and eventual successor, Rabbi Dovber (who at the time was a child), fainted. When he was revived, they asked him what happened. He replied that he could not handle hearing all the curses. Asked why this year was different than past years, he responded: When my father reads, I dont hear curses

In addition to the meaning behind his words being that his father, the holy Alter Rebbe, read more than just the words on the surface, but the deeper meaning of the words (and thus the hidden blessings concealed within the curses), he also alluded to the fact that when a parent reprimands a child, the child should recognize its importance.

And of course, as parents we must remember that even when a child deserves reprimand, it must come from a place of love. That

way the child will surely respond in kind.

Shabbat shalom.

Rabbi Wilansky

P.S.

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around the corner!**

HIGH HOLIDAYS

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During the High Holidays, the doors to Heaven are open to all...
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Rosh Hashana

Sept 18th-20th

Shacharit begins 10:00 AM

SHOFAR BLOWING
SEPT 20TH AT 12:45PM

Yom Kippur

September 27th-28th

Kol Nidrei 6:15PM

Holiday Services 10AM

Neilah 6PM

✻ Outdoor, socially distant services, masks provided ✻

✻ No membership fees or ticket needed ✻

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DUDU FISHER

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 PM

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Dudu will also share some of his life story, including the challenges of life as a Jew on Broadway.

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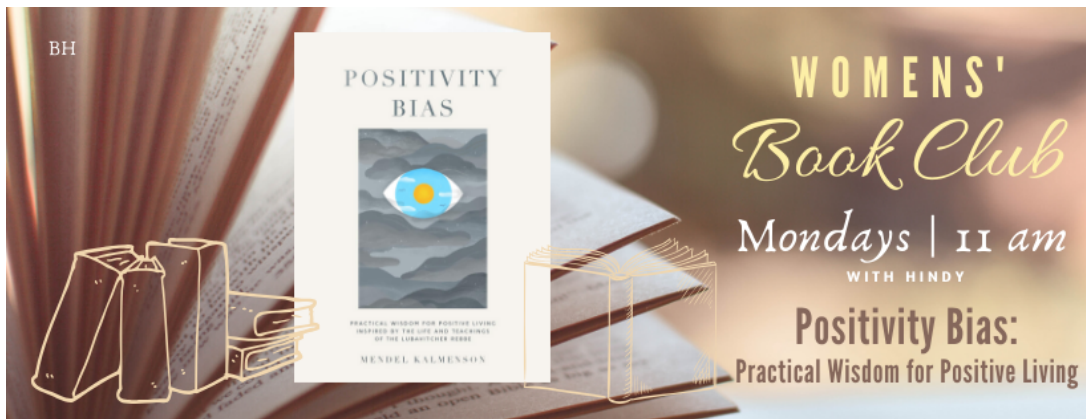
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Each year, we look forward to welcoming you at our annual Rosh Hashana Community Dinner. Although we won't be hosting the meal this year, you can order your home-cooked meal, and enjoy the traditional Rosh Hashana flavor in your own home.

To place your order, email Chana at chana@chabadofmaine.com, or call 207 871 8947.



Women's Book Club



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

Monday, September 7, 11:00 am.

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**New time for Torah
Studies: Tuesdays, 9:30
am**



**PROGRESS WILL ALWAYS
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Cherish the Failures for They Are Part of the Journey Forward

THE TORAH SCROLL we all love and cherish has a set number of lines that correspond to . . . the number of journeys the Jews travelled in the desert. Why is that an important thing to know? Because the desert journey we immortalize includes all the journeys—even the ones that were beaten in hasty retreat. Your life is much the same.

Join Rabbi Levi for the weekly class on the Torah Portion. **Tuesday, September 8, at 9:30 am.**

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BY THE NUMBERS

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If you are planning to spend Rosh Hashanah in

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PARSHAH

Blessings and Curses

Why does the Torah cite only the curses and not use the positive language of the blessings?

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VOICES

The Need to Hit the Refresh Button Every Night

How fortunate we are that G-d, in his abounding kindness, wove the institution of nightly sleep into the fabric of our daily lives!

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YOUR QUESTIONS

Shofar Over the Internet During Elul?

Due to the pandemic, I'm currently unable to attend service. Can I fulfill this custom by listening to the shofar over Zoom?

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Parshah in a Nutshell

Parshat Ki Tavo

Moses instructs the people of Israel: When you **enter the land** that Gd is giving to you as your eternal heritage, and you settle it and cultivate it, bring the **first-ripened fruits** (*bikkurim*) of your orchard to the Holy Temple, and declare your **gratitude** for all that Gd has done for you.

Our Parshah also includes the laws of the **tithes** given to the Levites and to the poor, and detailed instructions on how to proclaim the blessings and the **curses** on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eivalas discussed in the beginning of the Parshah of **Reeh**. Moses reminds the people that they are Gd's **chosen people**, and that they, in turn, have chosen **Gd**.

The latter part of Ki Tavo consists of the Tochachah (Rebuke). After listing the blessings with which Gd will **reward** the people when they follow the laws of the Torah, Moses gives a long, harsh account of the **bad things** illness, famine, poverty and **exile** that shall befall them if they abandon Gds commandments.

Moses concludes by telling the people that only today, **forty years** after their birth as a people, have they attained a **heart to know**, **eyes to see** and **ears to hear**.



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