

Parashas Kedoshim 5782 • May 6th • Iyar 5 • 20 ba'omer

Reminders

The fasts of BeHaB begin this coming Monday, May 9th. A *Mi Shebeirach* is said before Mussaf this Shabbos for those who fast on BeHaB. Many congregations recite Selichos on the days of BeHaB. Reasons given for BeHaB include: 1) to atone for any sins which may have been committed over Yom Tov; 2) to atone for work performed during Chol Hamoed; or 3) to strengthen the health of the body for the change of season.

At Mincha this Thursday, May 12th, those davening Nussach Ashkenaz will have omitted *Mashiv Haruach* for the 90th time. Those davening Nussach Sefard will have included *Morid Hatal* for the 90th time during Shacharis on Thursday. After the 90th instance, one is considered accustomed to the new text, and thus need not repeat Shemoneh Esrei if he is unsure if he davened correctly.

In regard to *V'sein Beracha*, Mincha of Tuesday the 16th of Iyar will mark the 30th day of reciting *V'sein Beracha in place of V'sein Tal uMattar*. Therefore from Maariv on Tuesday night, May 17th, one need not repeat Shemoneh Esrei if unsure if he davened correctly.

Eretz Yisrael remains one Parashah ahead and will lein Parashas Emor this week.

The final opportunity for Kiddush Levana (USA) is next Motzaei Shabbos, May 14th. (USA)

Pirkei Avos: Chapter 2 (Chapter 3 in Eretz Yisrael)

Daf Yomi: Erev Shabbos is Yevamos 60

Mishnah Yomis: Erev Shabbos is Shevi'is 2:1-2

Make sure to call your parents, in-laws, grandparents and rebbi to wish them a good Shabbos. If you didn't speak to your kids today, make sure to do the same!

Next on the Calendar

The series of the three BeHaB fasts begins this Monday, May 9th.

Pesach Sheini is on Sunday, May 15th.

Lag Ba'omer is on Thursday, May 19th.

Shavuot is on Sunday and Monday, June 5th and 6th ("three-day Yom Tov").

Parshah in a Paragraph

Kedoshim: Be holy • Korban of *Asham Shifcha Charufa* • Do not profane your child and defile the land • Love the Ger

• Punishment for *Molech* worshipers and for silent bystanders • Forbidden relations • Our holiness and the resulting higher standard to which we are held (see many others in Taryag list below)

Haftarah: The Haftarah for Acharei Mos is leined (it was not read last week due to Erev Rosh Chodesh). The end of Sefer Amos (9:7-15) discusses how despite the lengthy exile, the Jewish identity remains distinct, similar to the identifiable dark skin of the African nations. The Haftarah ends with the promise that Hashem will restore us to our heritage in Eretz Yisrael, never to be uprooted again.

613 Taryag Weekly

Kedoshim • 64 pesukim • 13 Obligations • 38 Prohibitions

1) Fear your parents. 2-3) Do not recognize or manufacture idols. 4) Do not eat *Nossar* (leftovers) from a Korban. 5-6) Do not harvest a field entirely; leave a *Pe'ah* area for the poor. 7-12) Do not gather remnants of the harvest or vineyard, as well as the small grapes; leave them for the poor. 13) Do not steal covertly. 14-15) Do not deny or swear falsely about financial claims. 16) Do not swear falsely in Hashem's Name. 17) Do not retain others' possessions forcibly. 18) Do not steal openly. 19) Do not withhold wages. 20) Do not curse anyone, even a deaf man. 21) Do not "place a stumbling block before the blind" by giving bad advice. 22) Do not corrupt the judicial process. 23) Do not treat litigants unequally. 24) Judge people favorably. 25) Do not peddle gossip. 26) Do not stand by when another's life is in jeopardy. 27) Do not harbor hatred against a fellow Jew. 28-29) Deliver effective rebuke; do not rebuke in an embarrassing manner. 30-31) Do not exact revenge or harbor vengeful resentment. 32) Love your friend like yourself. 33-34) Do not crossbreed livestock or plants. 35) Do not benefit from the first 3 years' produce of a tree. 36) Eat the fruits from fourth year in Yerushalayim. 37) Do not eat in the gluttonous manner of a *ben sorer umoreh*. 38-39) Do not act based on omens or lucky times. 40) Do not cut off *peyos* of the head. 41) Do not shave a beard with a razor. 42) Do not tattoo. 43) Revere the Temple. 44) Do not inquire about the future by means of the occult. 45) Do not engage in necromancy. 46) Stand up for Torah scholars and elders. 47-48) Do not use inaccurate tools of measurement in business; ensure that they are accurate. 49) Do not curse

parents. 50) Beis Din should mete out the punishment of *sereifa*. 51) Do not follow the ways of the nations.

For the Shabbos Table

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"You shall not take revenge nor bear a grudge against your fellow" (*Vayikra 19:18*)

Chazal explain the parameters of these mitzvos with a practical example. One who requests assistance from a friend and is turned away may be tempted to act in kind down the line. Alternatively, even if he does later provide assistance to this friend, he may do so begrudgingly, letting the friend know that he is assisting despite the friend's past refusal to help. Although it seems natural to react this way, the Chofetz Chaim shows the true absurdity of such behavior with a humorous parable. A person has spent his day searching for a fellow named David. He asks a passerby, "Are you perhaps David?" The fellow replies "no, I am not David. The seeker asks angrily, "But why not? Why aren't you David?!"

When a friend turns down a request, although it may feel personal, this simply means that Hashem decided that one's needs should not be met through this individual. To begrudge the friend because of a Divine decree is akin to begrudging a stranger for not being David. Everything is destined from above. Nobody can withhold or provide any assistance without Hashem decreeing so.

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