

### Thought of the Week

"...Say to the Kohanim, the sons of Aharon, and tell them: Each of you shall not contaminate himself to a (dead) person among his people".

The parsha begins with Hashem commanding Moshe to instruct the Kohanim as to their particular responsibilities in maintaining higher standards of holy behavior and purity. There appears to be a redundancy in these instructions, for Moshe is told twice "say to the Kohanim" - "emor" and "ve'amarta". The Ramban maintains that this double expression is similar to those occasions when the Torah records "daber el Bnei Yisroel ve'amarta" - "speak to Bnei Yisroel and say". According to the Ramban, the Torah uses a double expression in order to stress the importance of the commandment, or if it involves an activity which runs counter to an accepted norm. Rashi, however, cites the Talmud, which derives from this redundancy that the Kohanim are being instructed twice, once in regards to themselves and once in regards to their children: "Lehazir gedolim al haketanim" - "to caution adults regarding their children." What is implicit within the words "emor ve'amarta" which specifically alludes to the instruction of children, while no such conclusions are drawn from the words "daber ve'amarta"?

The difference between "amira" and "dibur" is as follows: "amira" is the relaying of information without any imposition by the person conveying it, while "dibur" imposes the will of the speaker upon the listener. A parent pressuring his child to behave in a manner different than his peers will invariably fail, unless the parent is able to convey the message that such behavior is in the child's best interest. The only way that this can be successfully accomplished is if the parent himself willingly performs that which he is requesting of his child. The problem with "Do what I say, not what I do" is that if the child perceives that the parent is reluctant to willingly perform that which he requires of the child, the child will feel that such behavior is not in his best interest.

"Lehazir gedolim al haketanim" does not mean that adults should caution their children, rather that the adults themselves are being cautioned to perform the commandments without any sense of imposition. By so doing, the children will perceive that following their parents' example is in their best interest. The Torah specifically uses the expression "emor ve'amarta" and not "daber ve'amarta", for "daber" implies imposition. Especially when requiring of the Kohanim to behave in a more restrictive manner than their peers, it is essential that the message they convey to their children is "This is in our best interest, and not an imposition."

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### Shabbos Schedule



Mincha Friday:	7:00pm
Candle Lighting:	7:41pm
Parsha Chaburah by Dennis Rosen:	7:55am
Rabbi's Mishlei Shiur:	8:15am
Shacharis:	8:45am
Sof Zman Krias Shema:	9:25am
Kiddush is community sponsored.	
Mincha:	7:25pm
Shalosh Seudos is community sponsored.	
Medical Halacha Shiur given by Dr Daniel Eisenberg.	
Maariv:	8:45pm

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### **Weekday Davening Times**

Shacharis:	Sunday:	8:00am
	Monday and Thursday:	6:40am
	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:	6:50am
Mincha/Maariv:	Sunday through Thursday:	7:50pm
Mincha Friday:		7:00pm
Candle Lighting Friday:		7:48pm

### **Weekday Shiurim**

Daily Mussar Shiur:	15 minutes before Shacharis
Mishna Brura:	Mon and Wed after Maariv
Melachim Aleph Shiur:	Monday at 8pm
Halacha Shiur:	Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Nefesh HaChaim:	Thursday at 10:10pm
Check with Dr Daniel Eisenberg to confirm.	

### **Chevra Mishnayos**

The Chevra Mishnayos is learning Seder Nezikin. See shul bulletin board to sign up or email eisenber@pol.net with your name and the masechta (and chapters) you intend to learn.

### **Women's Learning Experience – Spring Session**

The spring session begins the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Newcomers welcome. Classes are free.

Mon at 10:30am: Tehillim for Cholim.

Mon at 11am: Rabbi Greenspan - Parsha haShavua.

Tues at 9:30am: Rabbi Shmidman - Sefer Tehillim, at LMS.

Tues at 8pm: Stacey Goldman - Ruth, at 161 Highland Circle.

Wed at 9am: Mrs. Biberfeld - Michtav M'Eliyahu.

Thu at 9:30am: Rabbi Steinberg - Gesher HaChaim.

All classes at 8 Concord Circle, unless otherwise noted. Free babysitting is available, reservations must be made in advance. For information or babysitting, call Janis Fine 610-888-0477.

### **Pirchei and Bnos**

Bnos of Bala Cynwyd will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm at LMS. For Bnos information or to pay your yearly membership dues, contact Meira Friedman at 610-617-9529.

Pirchei will meet from 4:30 to 5:30pm on the downstairs level at LMS. Grades k-8th. Come welcome the new Pirchei leaders! To help sponsor a Shabbos or for more information contact Rabbi Ari Silver at 610-668-6833 or silverdollar@verizon.net.

### **Community Announcement**

Yom Iyun l'iluy nishmat Risa Goldman, a"h, on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 4pm at Lower Merion Synagogue. "Learning - At The Table And In The Classroom." Men and women invited. Babysitting available with reservations. We are requesting short memories and/or pictures of Risa. If you have any to share, please forward them to Mira Korn 610-617-9552. RSVP Janis Fine 610-888-0477 or jfine@comcast.net.

### **Community Announcement**

Bikkur Cholim of Philadelphia presents Rebbetzin Tziporah Heller teaching us about "Living Your Life with Simcha" Thursday, May 12, 11am at the home of Tanya Libesman, 391 Sycamore Avenue, Merion. For women and girls only. Couvert \$10, sponsorships available. For more information call Malkie Schwartz (610 668-1183) or Janet Eisenberg (610 664-8554).

### **Community Announcement**

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Kohelet Yeshiva High School Thursday, May 12th 11am to 5pm In the gym. 223 North Highland Ave, Merion Station. For more information, email adicohen27@gmail.com or call Arney Zaslow at 215-834-1155.