



MESSAGE FROM THE RAV

Dear Chevra

After Mשה finishes delivering the message of משפטים and נעשה ונשמע, משה's famous response of משה goes up הר סיני for the 5th time, this time for 40 days and 40 nights. He receives the לוחות and instructions for building the משכן, the vehicle for עם ישראל to take the הר סיני experience with to ארץ ישראל.

There is a beautiful comparison between the various parts of the משכן and their corresponding parts in our homes as well as to the parts of our bodies. The ספר חן טוב (quoted by the מעם לועז) reminds us that the main point of the משכן is not its boards and vessels, but rather that we purify our own hearts to enable us to have the שכינה in our midst. It's not enough that a person goes to the משכן, a person needs to elevate their personal environment to levels of חז"ל. חז"ל קדושה present the following list of parallels:

Body	House
Head קודש קדושים	Bedroom
Heart / human wisdom (רמב"ם)	Bed
Lungs / our health (רמב"ם)	Sheets
Neck	Curtains
Digestive system / lungs	Kitchen
Intellectual center (corresponding to the light of understanding) / spleen (רמב"ם)	Lighting
Skin	Walls of our house
Digestive system / natural body heat (רמב"ם)	Dining room table
Nose / intuitive illumination (רמב"ם)	
Water functions	Washroom
Our 4 אמות	Outer walls

חז"ל are emphasising the need to surround ourselves with קדושה. We are walking בתי מקדש and our homes should reflect that same message. Additionally, the רמב"ם and טור rule that everywhere a Jew goes he has the obligation to set aside a place to be a מעט מקדש.

The בית כנסת is, literally, a place of gathering for all the Jews in that location to daven to ה'. Its layout should be according to the layout of the בית המקדש and משכן as each בית כנסת is aligned with the מעלה של בית המקדש. This should obviously also affect our conduct when in the בית כנסת. We have learned that one may not use a בית כנסת as a shortcut, as a place of idle conversation or a place to do anything that is not suitable to be done in the house of ה'. Ideally, the very entry into the בית כנסת should bring about the awareness of being in the awesome presence of הקב"ה.

Rav Yosef Soloveitchik points out that one can feel lonely in a crowded room, and yet not feel alone at all when by oneself in the presence of ה'. At the same time, the בית כנסת should be a place where we all feel comfortable with הקב"ה and with our fellow members of the קהילה. A way of achieving that is by having a common view of the בית כנסת as a place of קדושה and of our קהילה as a קהילת קודש. In order to attain this vision of קדושה in all aspects of our lives, we need to have the correct recognition of ה's constant presence permeating all of existence.

שבת שלום
Rav Shmuel and Taly

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WE NOW HAVE TWO MAILING LISTS. THE FIRST IS FOR GENERAL NEWS WITH REGARDS TO THE LATE MINYAN. THIS WILL GENERALLY BE OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS AND WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS AND ALSO MAZAL TOVS. THE SECOND IS TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY PARASHAT HASHAVUA SHEET. THIS IS OPEN TO ALL. IF IN DOUBT, THEN YOU SHOULD SUBSCRIBE TO BOTH LISTS. YOU MAY EASILY UNSUBSCRIBE AT ANY TIME. [HTTP://WWW.LATEMINYAN.COM/MAILINGLIST/](http://www.lateminyan.com/MAILINGLIST/)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"IF A IS A SUCCESS IN LIFE, THEN A = X + Y + Z. WORK IS "X". "Y" IS PLAY. AND "Z" IS KEEPING YOUR MOUTH SHUT."
- ALBERT EINSTEIN



For Our Members

THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL

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EVENT, WITH GET-TOGETHER AFTERWARDS AS PART OF OUR PURIM FESTIVITIES.

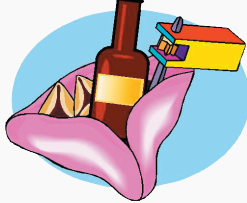
WE WILL BE ARRANGING MEALS OR OUR MEMBERS, TOGETHER WITH NEW OLIM FROM ULPAN ETZIYON.

REGISTER EARLY TO ASSURE A PLACE, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST

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FINAL DEADLINE IS THURSDAY 1ST MARCH.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WE WILL BE



COLLECTING "Ma'anot Laevyonim" TO BE DISTRIBUTED ON THE DAY TO HELP NEEDY FAMILIES WITH THEIR MAKOLET BILLS. FOR MORE DETAILS,

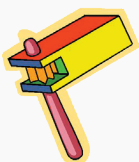
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TA'ANIT ESTER: THURSDAY 11TH ADAR (1ST MARCH) - 04:37 TO 17:55

PURIM: SUNDAY NIGHT/MONDAY 15TH ADAR (4TH-5TH MARCH)



Megilah Readings IN THE EVENING AND MORNING, AFTER THE HAREL READING SEE NEXT WEEK UPDATE FOR THE TIMES.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL THE NEW FACES TO OUR MINYAN. IF YOU ARE NEW IN THE AREA, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EITHER RAV SHMUEL OR TALI AFTER SHUL. IF YOU NEED A PLACE FOR LUNCH, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ORGANISE ONE FOR YOU.

*FOR COMMENTS ON THE PARSHA PAGE OR QUESTIONS FOR RAV BLOOM PLEASE E-MAIL: RABBI@LATEMINYAN.COM

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SHABBAT SHALOM

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