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Shabbat - Emor,

Sat. 17 - 18 May 2019 - 13th of Iyyar, 5779 -

שבת פ' אמור - פרקי אבות - פרק ג'

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Pesach Shenee - Sunday 19th May. No Tachnun. פסח שני יום ראשון יד אייר. יהיי שם.

Lag La' Omer - Thursday - 23rd May. לג בעומר ביום חמישי יח אייר.

Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit.	18:45
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Shabbat Candles.	20:33
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Shabbat Shahrit - Followed by Kiddush. (Shema 8:24).	08:30
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Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	19:10
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Mincha Shabbat - Followed by Seuda Shlishit. (Sunset - 20:50).	20:10
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Arbit Motzei Shabbat.	21:56
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Shahrit Weekday - (Sunday - 07:30).	06:30
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Daf Hayomi with Rabbi Asher Sebbag Shlit"a.	18:15
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Mincha & Arbit.	19:00
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Next Friday: Shir Hashirim, Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Arbit.	18:45
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Next Friday: Candles. Shabbat. Behar	20:43
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Emor 5779 (Leviticus 21-24)

May 12, 2019 | by [Rabbi Kalman Packouz](#)

GOOD MORNING! Last week we explored the excuses for anti-Semitism; this week we'll look at the reason. Anti-Semitism is unique amongst the hatreds in the world in a combination of four aspects: 1) Longevity -- it's been around a long time 2) Universality -- virtually everywhere in the world 3) Intensity -- it's expressed in a particularly virulent manner 4) Confusion - there is surprisingly little agreement on why people hate the Jews.

Historians offer many "reasons" to explain why people are anti-Semitic: Jews are too powerful or too lazy; too separate or a threat to "racial purity" through assimilation; pacifistic or warmongers; capitalist exploiters or revolutionary

communists; the "killers" of Jesus or the progenitors of Jesus; possessors of a Chosen People mentality or an inferiority complex. These reasons have only one thing in common -- they have nothing to do with our being Jewish. One might think that we are just the victims of bad luck -- always possessing the needed quality to be hated wherever we are in the world at exactly that time in history.

Do you know who disagrees with the historians? Anne Frank. Writes Anne Frank on April 11, 1944 in her diary: "Who knows -- it might even be our religion from which the world and all peoples learn good, and for that reason and that reason alone do we now suffer. We can never become just Netherlanders, or just English, or representatives of any other country for that matter. We will always remain Jews."

Anne Frank made a point of stressing that Jews have something of special value to give to the world, and that is precisely what the world has resented, and that is why people have persecuted Jews. Anne Frank identifies anti-Semitism as a hatred of Jewishness, a loathing altogether different from the bigotry or racism that other peoples experience.

The Talmud (Tractate Shabbos 69) cites the source of anti-Semitism using a play on words: The Torah - the source of the Jewish system of laws, values and moral standards - was received at Mount Sinai. The Hebrew pronunciation of "*Sinai*" is almost identical to the Hebrew word for "hatred" - *sinah*. "Why was the Torah given on a mountain called *Sinai*?" asks the Talmud. "Because the great *sinah* - the tremendous hatred aimed at the Jew - emanates from Sinai."

At Sinai Jews were told that there is one God, Who makes moral demands on all of humanity. Consequently, at Sinai the Jewish nation became the target for the hatred of those whose strongest drive is to liberate mankind from the shackles of conscience and morality.

At Sinai the Jewish nation was appointed to be "a light unto the nations." There are those who embrace Jews and the Jewish faith because of that light; but there are also those who want the world to be a place of spiritual darkness. They object to morality. Those would-be harbingers of darkness attack the Jews as the lightning rod for their hatred. This "call to Sinai" - the message entrusted to and borne by the Jews - ultimately transforms the world. Yet, it is this very message that draws forth the wrath of those who would give their last ounce of strength to resist it.

A great many people simply can't cope with the burden of being good. However, when they act in ways that are

bad, they can't cope with the resultant feelings of guilt. Try as they may, they can never cut themselves loose from the standards of absolute morality dictated by the Torah. Stuck in this "Catch-22" situation, people turn with their mounting frustrations against the Jews, whom they perceive as personifying humanity's collective conscience.

When the Jews entered the theological arena, they showed people all the mistakes they had been making: Pagan gods are nonsense - there is only one God for all of mankind, Who is invisible, infinite and perfect. Infanticide and human sacrifice are unacceptable. Every human being is born with specific rights. No one can live as he pleases, for everyone must surrender his will to a higher Authority.

Conscious or subconscious, people recognize the Jews' message as truth. Those unwilling to embrace the truth have found that the only way to rid themselves of it is to destroy the messengers - for the message itself is too potent to be dismissed. If Judaism were just another ideology, people could laugh it off and continue on their merry way; however, deep in every human soul is the recognition of the essential truth of absolute morality.

For the last 2,000 years the Jewish people have gone through enormous amounts of persecution, hatred -- ultimately leading to genocide. And through it all, the Jewish people always held onto being Jewish. Why? They understood that it was worth it. They understood what the meaning of being Jewish was, and they were willing to pay the price.

The pain that is part and parcel of being Jewish is obvious; if people cannot see any meaning to that pain, it is unlikely that they will be willing to stand by their Jewish identity. That is why we find such widespread assimilation today - Jews do not

see why they should "lose out" on life and set themselves apart from their host societies.

If we can come to understand why Jews are so hated, we can understand who Jews are and, more important, who Jews can be. A powerful effort has been made to remove the Jewish element from anti-Semitism, by calling it "anti-Israel." However, in doing so, is to ignore the critical message anti-Semitism teaches about the uniqueness and preciousness of the Jew. This alone is a compelling reason for Jews to learn about anti-Semitism and what it means to be a Jew. (drawn from "Why the Jews?")

seminar: www.aish.com/sem/wtj)



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Emor, Leviticus 21:1 - 24:24

This week's portion sets forth the standards of purity and perfection for a Cohen; specifies the physical requirements of sacrifices and what is to be done with blemished offerings; proclaims as holidays the Shabbat, Pesach, Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

It reminds the Jewish people to provide pure olive oil for the Menorah and designates the details of the Showbread (two stacks of 6 loaves each which were placed on the table in the portable sanctuary and later in the Temple once a week upon Shabbat).

The portion ends with the interesting story of a man who blasphemed God's name with a curse. What should be the penalty for this transgression? Curious? Leviticus. 24:14.

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Dvar Torah

based on Love Your Neighbor by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah states:

"And you shall not profane My holy name, rather shall I be sanctified among the Children of Israel; I am the Lord Who sanctifies you." (Leviticus 22:32).

What does this mean?

The Rambam, Maimonides, writes in Hilchos Yesodei Torah 5:11: "When a pious Torah scholar does things which cause people to talk against him, even if the acts are not transgressions, he profanes God's name. For example, when such a person doesn't speak pleasantly to others and does not receive them with a pleasant facial expression, but is quarrelsome and easy to anger. The greater the man, the more careful he must be with his behavior. Such a person should go beyond the letter of the law in his dealings with others.

"If a Torah scholar will be careful about his behavior, will speak pleasantly to people, act friendly towards them, receive them with a pleasant facial expression, will refrain from retorting when he is insulted, will honor even those who treat him with disdain, will be honest in his business dealings, will constantly devote himself to Torah study, will always go beyond the letter of the law, and will avoid extremes and exaggerations, then he will be praised and beloved and others will desire to emulate him. This man has sanctified God. About him it is written, 'And He said to me, "You are my servant, O Israel, in who I shall be glorified.'" (Isaiah 49:3). ' "

And now you know how to sanctify God's name ... and how to be a credit to your Creator!

Dear all: It is a Jewish tradition to have flowers in a Jewish home to celebrate Shabbat and our Jewish Hagim. Following the success of last year's flower demonstration before Shavuot, we asked the Rebbetzin to give another evening of flower arrangement demonstration, on Wednesday the 5th of June, 2 Sivan 5779 time 19.30, at Ohel David Synagogue, £10.00 pp Follows by refreshments. You can book by calling Chava on 07751 434797.

Mazal tov to: Souham Cohen on the birth of her grandson - עוז סעדיה - Oz Sa'adia the son of Leat and Sam Millunchick.

Mazel tov to: Betty and Asaad Cohen on the forthcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Elan.

Stone setting: Reuven Baruch ben Eliyahou Rahamin ל"ז, stone setting will take place on Sunday the 2nd of June at 9:00am, Edgwarebury Cemetery.

Stone setting: Shaoul Imzayin ל"ז, stone setting will take place on Sunday the 2nd of June at 10:00am, Edgwarebury Cemetery.

Ladies Gallery: We are starting the plan for Ladies Gallery and we need your support, you can call Ghassan, David or Moshe for any update.

Dear All: A Hachnasat Sefer Torah is a celebration that centres on the dedication of a new Torah scroll. The family of our president Ghassan Cohen together with his brothers and sisters are dedicating a new Sefer Torah and Sefer Haftarah in the memory of their late Father **Naim** ben Gourgi Hacoen ל"ז and their Mother **Sadia** bat Leah ע"ה, to Ohel David Eastern Synagogue, on Monday 27th May 2019, (bank holiday Monday). at 16:00 Hr, starting from Munks Beth Hamedrash 9 The Ridings, Golders Green, London NW11 8HL (opposite Carmelli Bakery). This will be followed by walking with music and celebrations towards Ohel David Eastern Synagogue Hall 4-15 Broadwalk Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 8HD. We look forward to seeing you all.

Kolel every Sunday: We are still having a Kolel every Sunday at the Synagogue hall from 09.30am - 12.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

THE KEHILLA WISHES חיים ארוכים "LONG LIFE"
TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE YAHRZEIT

01 Iyar Miss Florence David	12 Iyar Mr Meir Fattal
01 Iyar Mrs Bekhor	15 Iyar Mrs Esther Silas
04 Iyar Mrs Annie Benjamin	18 Iyar Mr Saul Ceasar Hannuna
06 Iyar Mr Abraham S. Cohen	19 Iyar Mr Abraham S. Cohen
08 Iyar Mr Joseph Laniado	26 Iyar Mrs Tiba David
12 Iyar Mr Harry Fattal	29 Iyar Mr Charles Benaiah
12 Iyar Mr Jack Fattal	

Quote of the Week

We're tested not to show our weakness,
but to discover our strengths