



Tiferet

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TIFERET HASHABBAT

This Week in Tiferet

Over the past month, Tiferet was pleased to be able to provide our students who remained in Israel for the Pesach vacation with exciting, enjoyable and inspiring tiyulim throughout the break. On the first week of vacation, Rabbi Rosner accompanied our students to the local **stalactite caves**, located just a short drive away from Beit Shemesh. In addition, that week Mrs Schneider gave our students a guided tour of the **Israel Museum**, supplemented by her own explanations. That same week, a group

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תורת תפארת

K'dosim T'hiyu Rav Moshe Yeshurun Parashat Kedoshim

This week's Parasha, Parashat K'Doshim, begins with the words "K'doshim t'hiyu"- you shall be holy. What does this commandment mean and how does one attain Kedusha? Furthermore, Chazal tell us that Moshe Rabbeinu gathered the entire Jewish nation (Hakhel) to teach them the laws of this Parasha. Why was this necessary?

Rashi and the Ramban explain that the concept of Kedusha means "Prishut"- separation, be it separating oneself from immoral behavior or moderating the amount of worldly pleasures. However, there is a great risk that this concept might be taken to an extreme and a person may find himself completely separated from any form of physical pleasure. This, obviously, was NOT what G-d had in mind for us, for, if so, He would not have placed us in a physical world, surrounded by physical opportunities. So, how do we avoid the extreme?

One way is through the idea of Hakhel. Moshe Rabbeinu introduced the concept of K'doshim T'hiyu to the **entire nation**, thereby saying that only a Jewish lifestyle that is attainable to everyone is one that leads to proper Kedusha.

Another way of attaining kedusha is through perfecting one's Ben Adam Le'Chaveiro. There is a general misconception that attaining Kedusha is **only** through perfecting the relationship between Man and G-d and therefore one must concentrate all his effort on Mitzvot Ben Adam Le'Makom (i.e. Shabbat, Tefilah, Kashrut...). Although it is true that these Mitzvot are essential to attaining Kedusha, the fact that most of the Mitzvot of the Parasha are Mitzvot that deal between Man and his fellow proves that complete Kedusha is attained only through both Ben Adam Le'Makom and Ben Adam Le'Chaveiro.

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Mazal Tov!

Mazal Tov to **Melissa Berger (5770)** on her engagement to Kovi Raskin! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!

Mazal Tov to **Daniella Weitzman (5771)** on her engagement to Joe Mann! May they be zochim to build a bayit ne'eman b'Yisrael together!

This Week in Tiferet (cont.)

of Tiferet students participated in the **Heritage Tour to Poland**. They were fortunate to have our own Rabbi Michael Bramson along with them, adding an additional more personal religious dimension to the tiyul.

During the second week of vacation, our students went on a guided tiyul to the **Ashdod Sand Dunes**, the last remaining sand dune on Israel's coast. They also had time to stop by the beach of the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

That week, our students also participated in their own **Matzah Baking**, supervised by Mrs. Karen Hochhauser and Rabbi Michael Bramson. They learned about the process and produced their own hand matzot for use over Pesach.

Some of our students also had the opportunity to spend the Pesach Sedarim at their teacher's homes. It was a great way for them to experience Pesach in Eretz Yisrael with their extended Tiferet family.

Finally, on Chol Hamoed, a group of students went to the famous **Dialogue in the Dark**, an exhibit teaching sensitivity for the visually impaired at Cholon's Science Museum. It was an enjoyable as well as an educational experience.

We are looking forward to starting classes again on Sunday, and having a productive and uplifting "Kayitz Zeman" together!

תורת תפארת (המשך)

The time period of Sefirat Ha'omer is the perfect opportunity for us to attain true Kedusha through working on both Mitzvot Ben Adam Le'Makom and Ben Adam Le'Chaveiro as we prepare to receive the Torah on Chag HaShavuot!

Shabbat Shalom!