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VaYakhel-Pekudei— Parshat HaChodesh — Shabat M'vorchim

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## Global Home

Talk of the world as a global village is already passe. But discussing the world as a global home is a different twist altogether. Judaism has been teaching for thousands of years that the world is in the process of becoming one, great big home. Home to G-d.

G-d created the world with a purpose: to make it into a "home" for Himself.

We all know what a home is. "Home sweet home" is a place where we feel totally comfortable, totally at ease. Where we can be ourselves without having to hide anything. With the coming of Moshiach the world will be G-d's home. No longer will G-dliness have to be hidden to a world that is unready or unable to appreciate it. The world and everything in it will be fitting receptors to this G-dliness and G-d will be able to "be Himself," so to speak, in the world of the Redemption.

We are the contractors, the builders, the electricians and the bricklayers of G-d's home. We are its plumbers, tilemen and woodworkers. But G-d is the owner and makes the final decisions.

The 613 mitzvot that G-d gave us are our tools, materials, supplies and instructions. Some are necessary for the foundation and others are for the finishing touches. Some are for the detail work and others are for the basics. But they are all in the original blueprint approved by the Owner.

After thousands of years of working on this great global home (and you thought you had the slowest contractor around!) it's finally complete.

We stand at the threshold of the Redemption and we need only open the door and enter.

But, some ask, how can we say that the home is complete as evil in all its forms and permutations still exists in the world? Maybe we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go!

Chasidic philosophy explains that good is cumulative whereas evil has no permanent substance. Goodness and holiness are eternal. Hence, when one fulfills a mitzva, it is eternal.

Evil, by contrast, has no true existence: it is no more than a concealment of G-dliness, the same G-dliness that will be revealed in all its glory in the world of the Redemption. Hence, when a person has been punished for his evil, or when he repents, the evil ceases to exist.

Considering, once more, the home in the process of being built, makes it easier to understand the temporary nature of evil as compared to the permanence of good. If a brick is not laid level, a pipe is installed incorrectly, or a wall is painted with a mistaken color, the wrong is righted - the "evil" ceases to exist - and the correction remains.

Since good is eternal, all the accumulated good of all the past generations still exists. And this is why now, specifically, even though superficial appearances might indicate that our generation, or the world, is not worthy, we will soon be privileged to open the door and walk over the threshold of G-d's home into the Redemption.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

## Separate Identities

*"See, Hashem has proclaimed by name Betzalel son of Uri son of Chur, of the tribe of Yehudah" (35:30)*

When Betzalel was only thirteen years old, he was designated by Hashem to supervise the construction of the Mishkan and its vessels. The Midrash questions the need to trace Betzalel's genealogy back to his grandfather Chur. The Midrash offers the following explanation: When Bnei Yisroel entertained the idea of constructing the Golden Calf, Chur resisted and consequently was killed. Hashem swore that He would reward Chur's descendants for his act of mesiras

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refesh – selfless dedication. Chur’s situation can be compared to an army that rebels against the king, and the king’s chief of staff is killed while attempting to defend the king. After dealing with the insurrection, the king swears to elevate the chief of staff’s children to the esteemed positions that their dead father held. Why does Hashem wait until the generation of Betzalel, Chur’s grandson to repay Chur for his great sanctification of Hashem’s name, instead of imbuing Chur’s son Uri with these talents?

Every child is comprised of a part which he has received from his parents and a part which he has developed on his own. We all struggle to find our own identity, separate from that of our parents, and therefore, we do not appreciate going through life being told that we are exactly like our parents. If Uri would have been given all of his talents in his father’s merit, his own identity would have been diminished. Therefore, Hashem skipped one generation, waiting to imbue Betzalel with unique talents in the merit of Chur. A person would rather hear that he is exactly like his grandfather than hear that he is exactly like his father.

(by Rabbi Yochanan Zweig from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))

We happily wish Mazel Tov to **Mr. And Mrs. Louis Leder** on the **Birth of a Granddaughter**.



There will NOT be any meals in the Shul on Shabbat Hagadol.  
Please plan accordingly if you were thinking about coming to Shul for those meals.

Sale of Chometz forms are online at [www.chabadshul.org](http://www.chabadshul.org)  
and in the bins in the Shul lobby.

**Deadline** for giving these filled-in forms to Rabbi Kaplan is **Friday, April 7, 2017**.



**Yahrzeits This Week:**

Arlene Gittleson	28 Adar - Sunday night/Monday	for father	Aharon Tzvi ben Tzvi
David Gorelick	1 Nisan - Monday night/Tuesday	for father	Shalom ben Avrohom
Mitch Mayer	2 Nisan - Tuesday night/Wednesday	for father	Yisrael ben Meyer

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**Davening and Shiurim Schedule**

**Friday, 3/24 — 26 Adar**  
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat, 3/25 — 27 Adar**  
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z’man Kriat Shema — 10:05 a.m.  
 Berachot Gemara Shiur — 5:55 p.m.  
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 6:55 p.m.  
 Ma’ariv — 8:06 p.m.

**Sunday, 3/26 — 28 Adar**  
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:10 p.m.

**Monday, 3/27 — 29 Adar**  
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:10 p.m.

**Tuesday — Rosh Chodesh Nisan, 3/28 — 1 Nisan**  
 Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:10 p.m.

**Wednesday, 3/29 — 2 Nisan**  
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:10 p.m.

**Thursday, 3/30 — 3 Nisan**  
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:10 p.m.

**Friday, 3/31 — 4 Nisan**  
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
 Candles — 7:12 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma’ariv — 7:00 p.m.