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Perceptions and Motivations

Your 80-something aunt saves wrapping paper, glass jars, and plastic shopping bags. She reuses them, as well as the cotton that comes stuffed into the top of medicine and vitamin bottles. She never has more than one light on in the house, and she is known to mumble something like “We don’t need to make the electric company rich.” Everyone in the family rolls their eyes. The best of you call her “thrifty,” others call her “frugal,” and a few shake their heads about “depression mentality” even though the depression was over more than half a century ago.

Your next-door neighbor has become eco-friendly. She travels almost exclusively on public transportation, turns off lights and raises the thermostat on the air-conditioner when not in a room, drinks water from her Sigg Traveler, saves junk mail to use as scrap paper, and when she’s washing her dishes (of course, she doesn’t use throwaway) she first soaps all of the dishes and then turns on the faucet and rinses them so as to conserve water. She reuses wrapping paper, glass jars, and plastic shopping bags, as well as the cotton that comes stuffed into the top of medicine and vitamin bottles.

You marvel at your neighbor’s devotion to the environment and resolve to emulate some of her earth-friendly behavior.

Is there a difference between the actions of your aunt and that of your neighbor? Not really. What separates them is not their actions but why they’re doing what they’re doing. Or perhaps the difference is in how you perceive or react to their motivation?!

A similar scenario can be used to illustrate attitudes to the observance of mitzvot (commandments) – or our attitudes towards those who observe them.

One person views Torah and mitzvot as restrictive. “How can you limit yourself by doing a, b or c (or not doing x, y, or z)?” he asks. “Shabbat, for example,” he continues. “You can’t watch t.v., you can’t talk on the telephone, you can’t surf the net.”

But another person perceives Shabbat differently. “Prohibitive?” he responds. “On Shabbat I have permission to do so many things! I can actually relax and enjoy a meal without being disturbed by the telephone. I have permission to read a book without caring if my stocks went up or down. My fingers don’t itch and twitch to flip the switch on my computer this one day a week. What a pleasure!”

A Midrash describes a bird complaining to G-d that she was created with cumbersome and weighty wings. How can she possibly get anywhere wobbling along on two tiny feet while balancing her feathered appendages? G-d explains to her how she can use the wings to gracefully and swiftly soar to the highest heights and furthest distances.

Mitzvot and Torah study are like wings. With the right attitude, we can use them to carry us to unimaginable heights and distances.

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

The Service of Service

“May Hashem bless you and safeguard you. May Hashem illuminate His countenance for you and be gracious to you. May Hashem lift His countenance to you and establish peace for you.” (6:24-26)

R’ Shlomo Zalman Ulman z”l (20th century Hungarian rabbi) notes that all of the Priestly Blessings are phrased in the singular. They are addressed to each individual separately. How then can the last blessing speak of peace? Isn’t peace a collective concept—peace between nations, peace between neighbors, etc.?

He explains: A Jew is commanded (Devarim 6:5) to love Hashem with all his heart and with all his soul. But man has other interests, and his organs are at war with each other. Some want to love and serve Hashem, while others may not. How can man win this war? Our Sages teach that one who wants to purify himself receives Divine assistance. This is the meaning of the blessing that the Kohanim utter: “May G-d establish peace for you,” i.e., within you. (Quoted in Otzrotaihem Shel Tzaddikim)

(by Rabbi Shlomo Katz from Project Genesis at www.torah.org)

This Summer beginning

**Shabbos Parshas Korach,
3 Tammuz-June 16, 2018
5:30 – 6:30pm**

Join ladies of our community for weekly
Shabbat afternoon Torah Learning and Refreshments.

Presented by **Mrs. Rochel Kaplan**
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לעילוי נשמת חיה יוטא בת חנוך הענוך הכהן ה.ב.צ.ג.ת.



Someone mistakenly took Louis Temple's tallis on Yom Tov from a shelf in the coat room and left another one in its place. Louis just moved to Greengate, and he was in Shul on Monday, the second day Yom Tov with a 2 year old boy. He sat next to Reuven Frank. Please check your tallis, and if you have Louis's by mistake, see Shmuel Tarshish to arrange the exchange.



We happily wish Mazel Tov to
Mr. Aaron and Mrs. Laurie Margolies and Family
on the **Birth of a Granddaughter**,
born to their children **Atara Margolies and Michael Serlin** of Silver Spring.
Mazel Tov also to grandfather **Nathan Serlin** of Chicago.

The Rav will deliver a Breakfast shiur after the 8:00 a.m. Shacharit minyan on Monday, Memorial Day, 5/28 entitled:

Serving Hashem Through Upheaval, Adversity and Uncertainty

Breakfast is sponsored by **Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Kahn**
in honor of **Reuven Frank** and all that he does for our Shul!

Yahrzeits This Week:

Kate Genut 16 Sivan - Tuesday night/Wednesday for mother Sarah bas Yaakov

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 5/25 – 11 Sivan
Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, 5/26 – 12 Sivan
Shacharit – 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema – 9:22 a.m.
Berachot Gemora Shiur – 6:50
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit – 7:50 p.m.
Ma'ariv – 9:06 p.m.

Sunday, 5/27 – 13 Sivan
Shacharit – 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 8:05 p.m.

Monday – Memorial Day, 5/28– 14 Sivan
Shacharit – 8:00 a.m.
Shiur – ***Serving Hashem Through Upheaval, Adversity and Uncertainty*** – after Shacharit
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday, 5/29– 15 Sivan
Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday, 5/30 – 16 Sivan
Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 8:05 p.m.

Thursday, 5/31 – 17 Sivan
Shacharit – 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 8:05 p.m.

Friday, 6/1 – 18 Sivan
Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.
Candles – 8:09 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv – 7:00 p.m.