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VaYeitzei

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Honor, Esteem & Respect

Though published over two decades ago, Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus is still garnering pop-culture references in all forms of media. Well, long before John Gray's book ever hit the best-sellers list, Judaism always opined that men and women are different!

In the Talmud, our Sages say it clearly and succinctly: "Women are a people unto themselves."

Since men and women are different and Judaism acknowledges these differences, the Torah has much to say about the relationship between husband and wife.

The Talmud advises husbands, "Love your wife as much as yourself and honor her more than yourself."

Maimonides suggests to wives, "Honor your husband more than is necessary."

Honor, esteem, and respect - these are fundamental aspects of a Jewish marriage.

But what about love? Isn't love an integral component of a Torah marriage?

Let's look at the Jewish concept of love.

The word for love in Hebrew is "ahava" which comes from the word "hav," meaning "give."

The world says, "What can I get out of this marriage? What can I gain? What's in it for me?"

The Torah says, "What can I put into this relationship? What can I give?" The Torah teaches us that the way to foster love is not by taking but rather by giving, and being a willing and active recipient.

Just for a minute, think about that cute little baby - your own child, the neighbor's, your niece or nephew, or grandchild.

A natural reaction when around an infant is to pick it up, and cuddle it. Before you know it, you'll find yourself saying "I love you" to the baby. What has the baby given to you? Nothing. But you are giving to the baby - hugs, cuddles, kisses, coos - and this giving evokes in you a love for the baby.

Society teaches that each of us is the center of the world.

The Torah, however, teaches that G-d is the center of the world.

If we make room in our lives, and especially in our marriages, not only for our partner, but also for G-d, we have a tested formula for a stable marriage.

This is beautifully expressed by our Sages in their discussion of husband and wife.

"Man" in Hebrew is "ish"; woman is "isha."

Both words have two letters in common, "alef" and "shin," which spell "fire."

The two disparate letters are "yud" and "hei."

When yud and hei are combined they spell one of G-d's names. When husband and wife live without G-d in their midst, all that is left is "aish" - an all-consuming fire.

The Torah calls the wedding ceremony "kidushin," meaning "sanctification."

And the word for marriage comes from the Hebrew "to lift up."

If husband and wife devote themselves to lifting each other up throughout the ups and downs of marriage by following the guidelines of the Torah, they will be truly sanctified and their marriage will be holy.

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

The Arrest and Liberation of Rabbi DovBer of Lubavitch — 10 Kislev 5587 (1826)

Rabbi Pinchas Reizes was a chassid of the second Rebbe of Chabad-Lubavitch, Rabbi DovBer (known as the "Mitteler Rebbe"). When Rabbi Pinchas passed away, his only heir was a nephew, who opposed the chassidic ways.

Among the items that came into the nephew's possession was a letter written by the rebbe to his uncle, asking Rabbi Pinchas to serve on a special committee to disburse funds for charity. The sum cited in the letter was 4,000 rubles.

The nephew showed the letter to a cousin of the Mitteler Rebbe, whose last name was Lipman. Lipman, who unfortunately was a complete scoundrel, saw this as a golden opportunity to blackmail the rebbe.

If the rebbe did not give him money, he threatened, he would go to the authorities and tell them that Rabbi DovBer was collecting funds for clandestine, illegal purposes. But the rebbe was immune to his intimidations. "Not one penny will you get from me," he told him. "Do whatever you want, for I have done nothing wrong and am not afraid of your slander."

Incensed by the rebbe's response, Lipman carried out his threat. With the help of some unsavory associates, he altered the original letter to make it appear as if the rebbe had 104,000 rubles instead of 4,000—a veritable fortune in those days. The rebbe was accused of various criminal activities, such as trying to bribe the Turkish sultan, and it was also alleged that the rebbe's study hall had been built to the exact specifications of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, indicating his pretensions to the throne.

On Saturday night, 28 Tishrei 5587 (1826), investigators showed up at Rabbi DovBer's house. They conducted a thorough search of the premises. Careful note was taken of all written materials, and anything else they considered suspicious. At the same time, a separate group of investigators measured the rebbe's study hall; the astonished chassidim could not figure out what they were trying to find.

For the rest of the story go to

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/334114/jewish/10-Kislev-The-Liberation-of-Rabbi-DovBer.htm

Kol Hanaarim this Friday evening at 7:45 p.m. in The Shul. Chulent is provided by O'Fishel Catering! If anyone is interested in sponsoring cookies and drinks, or have any other questions, please see Rabbi Itzkowitz.

Yahrzeits The Next Three Weeks:

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Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday, 11/24 — 6 Kislev
 Shacharit — 7:00
 Candles — 4:27 p.m.
 Mincha / Ma'ariv — 4:30 p.m.

Shabbat, 11/25 — 7 Kislev
 Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:25 a.m.
 Berachot Gemora Shiur — 3:45 p.m.
 Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 4:15 p.m.
 Ma'ariv — 5:29 p.m.

Sunday, 11/26 — 8 Kislev
 Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
 Minchah / Ma'ariv — 4:25 p.m.

Monday, 11/27 — 7 Kislev
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/28 — 10 Kislev
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 11/29 — 11 Kislev
 Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, 11/30 — 12 Kislev
 Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
 Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday, 12/1 — 13 Kislev
 Shacharit — 7:00
 Candles — 4:25 p.m.
 Mincha / Ma'ariv — 4:25 p.m.