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Even though it is still springtime, once Pesach is over many of us feel that summer is already in the air. Along with the warm weather and longer days come the lengthier Shabbos afternoons which give us more time for study. We study Pirkei Avos on these Shabbosos and according to Lubavitch custom, we continue our study on all the Shabbosos throughout the summer.

This week's chapter of Pirkei Avos, ch. 2, teaches: Rabban Gamliel states "All Torah study that is not combined with work is not lasting."

What does Rabban Gamliel mean when he says "work"?

The Baal Shem Tov explains that here "work" refers to one of the most important mitzvos in the Torah, one mentioned in this week's parshah - Kedoshim.

This "work" is Ahavas Yisrael. When we have Ahavas Yisrael, we care about others and we want to share what we have. When we share what we have with others, HaShem blesses us with more.

Ahavas Yisrael makes our study of the Torah lasting. When a person shares his money with others, he is blessed with more, and he can study more Torah with ease and comfort. When a person shares his Torah knowledge with others, he is blessed with more understanding and he can study in more depth. In this way his Torah knowledge becomes lasting.

But why does the Baal Shem Tov say that the word "work" means Ahavas Yisrael? Is Ahavas Yisrael work like any job, occupation or business?

Yes! A person should busy and occupy himself with Ahavas Yisrael.

The Previous Rebbe explains that Ahavas Yisrael can be compared to doing business. A businessman who wants to sell his merchandise does not sit at home waiting for customers. He does not expect people to somehow find out that he has merchandise, to hear that his merchandise is good, and to come to his house to buy it. Instead, he opens up a store on a main street, he hangs up an attractive store sign, and he goes out of his way to advertise his merchandise wherever he can. He puts in much effort to find customers and sell his merchandise.

Like the businessman, every Jew should be active in the business of Ahavas Yisrael. We shouldn't sit at home and wait until opportunities for Ahavas Yisrael come knocking at our door. We must make it our daily work and occupation, doing all that we can to care for others, reaching out and sharing what we have with them.

(Adapted from Likkutei Sichos, Vol. I, p. 260)

## A Lifetime of Forward Steps

By Lazar Gurkow

Our Parshah exhorts us to "be holy" and the reason given is "for I (G-d) am holy." The Midrash adds that though we are encouraged to reach for G-d's holiness, it will always remain beyond us. What did the Midrash seek to accomplish by this statement? Try to reach Me but know that you really will not. What a disheartening thought!

### Learning to Walk

In teaching his child to walk, a parent will place the child on the floor and stand a little distance away. He will then reach to the child, encourage him to take his first step and thus reach the parent. Encouraged by the thought, the child happily takes the step. Seeing this, the parent now takes two steps back, hoping the child will follow suit.

### The Goal

A mature child may stop and wonder: why would his parent foster an illusion of nearness only to later retreat? Why does he ask me to take a step forward only to become elusive once again? The parent is looking to teach his child the true objective of life: it is not important to reach your parent, it is important to walk on your own. This simple yet incredible lesson will enable the child to take a lifetime of forward steps.

Our father in heaven interacts in the same way. He places us under the illusion that we can indeed reach him. However, the more we learn, the more we discover how humble and insignificant we truly are, the more we know and learn how much we truly don't know. We may wonder in exasperation; why He would appear to be so close only to hide himself once again.

The wise Jew remembers that the goal is not to reach Him but to learn to take forward steps. Indeed a lifetime of forward steps.

Source: [http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article\\_cdo/aid/378925/jewish/A-Lifetime-of-Forward-Steps.htm](http://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/378925/jewish/A-Lifetime-of-Forward-Steps.htm)



Our annual Lag B'Omer family event will take place on Thursday, May 23 from 5:00 to 9:00pm. As in past years, we will have BBQ food for sale as well as free moon-bounces, balloons, magic show, and music, followed by a bonfire. **We will need HELP from adults and children, before/during/after with table setup, grilling, selling tickets, serving food, running attractions, cleanup, etc.** Sponsorships are available at \$250. To sponsor or volunteer please contact Shmuel Tarshish at [Samuel.A.Tarshish@leidos.com](mailto:Samuel.A.Tarshish@leidos.com)

Message from Rabbi Kaplan:

Everyone is welcome to join us weekly for Shalosh Seudos. Anyone who wishes to allow their pre-Bar/Bas Mitzvah age children to join us must sit with them the entire time they are present.

Thank you to the shul security committee for all of their recent and on-going hard work. For questions or concerns, please speak to Jay Bernstein.

**Yahrzeits This Week:**

Helen London	7 Iyaar – Saturday night/Sunday	for Father	Dovid ben Meyer
Rabbi Fred Lewin	8 Iyaar – Sunday night/Monday	for Brother	Yoel ben Shmuel
Marvin Itzkowitz	11 Iyaar - Friday night / Shabbat	for Father	Chaim Dov ben Yosef Tzvi

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**Davening and Shiurim Schedule**

**Friday – 5/10 - 5 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.  
 Candles – 7:51 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv – 7:00 p.m.

**Shabbat - 5/11 - 6 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 9:00 a.m.  
 Sof Z'man Kriat Shema – 9:28 a.m.  
 Gemora Shiur – 6:40 p.m.  
 Minchah – 7:40 p.m.  
 Ma'ariv – 8:55 p.m.

**Sunday - 5/12 – 7 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 8:00 a.m.  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:50 p.m.

**Monday – 5/13 – 8 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 6:50 a.m.  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:50 p.m.

**Tuesday - 5/14 - 9 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:50 p.m.

**Wednesday 5/15 - 10 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:50 p.m.

**Thursday - 5/16 – 11 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 6:50 a.m.  
 Mincha/Ma'ariv – 7:50 p.m.

**Friday - 5/17 - 12 Iyaar**

Shacharit – 7:00 a.m.  
 Candles – 7:57 p.m.  
 Minchah / Ma'ariv – 7:00 p.m.