

The Shul
at the Lubavitch Center
6701 Old Pimlico Road
Baltimore, MD 21209
410-486-2666
www.chabadshul.org



June 1, 2019

Bechukotai — Shabbat M'vorchim

27 Iyar, 5779

Neighbors

Most of us, at some point in our lives, have had obnoxious neighbors. The obnoxiousness can take many forms. Maybe you go to bed at a reasonable hour but your neighbor insists on playing music into the morning hours. Loud. You like classical, or even "oldies but goodies," but your neighbor insists on playing very bad country. Loud. Or worse, he plays it himself, in what seems like an echo chamber aimed at your kitchen. Loud.

Maybe the obnoxious neighbor takes your parking place, or his visitors block your driveway.

Maybe your neighbor walks her dog on your property - or rather, lets her dog run all over your yard, doing whatever it pleases.

There are many ways a neighbor can be a nuisance. Some actions are annoying, create friction, and just get us angry. Yet they may be legally, ethically and in the scheme of things, just petty annoyances, but not dangerous, life-threatening, or illegal.

So what if the neighbor is just obnoxious, a nuisance, irritating, inconsiderate, but not more than that? How do you deal with it?

(If you politely ask the neighbor to alter her behavior, if you explain to him why the music bothers you or why you need the parking space, and the neighbor apologizes and accommodates, you didn't have an obnoxious neighbor. You had - past tense - an insensitive or oblivious one.)

You have three choices: prevent, counterattack, or ignore.

In every case, you'll find the best way to deal with an obnoxious neighbor is ignore him.

This parallels what Chasidic thought teaches us about the yetzer hara, the evil inclination. Although these teachings focus on an obnoxiousness that disturbs our prayer, the advice applies to all our spiritual endeavors. In fact, this advice works well any time we are trying to focus (and accomplish):

"Even if licentious imaginings or other extraneous thoughts occur to him during his service of G-d - in Torah or in prayer with concentration - he should pay them no attention, but avert his mind from them immediately. ... for example, a person who is praying with devotion while facing him stands a wicked heathen who chats and speaks to him in order to confuse him. Surely the best advice in this case would be to answer the wicked heathen neither good nor evil, but rather to act as though he were deaf, without hearing, and to comply with the verse (Proverbs 26:4), 'Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you too become like him.' He should answer nothing at all, nor should he engage in argument against the foreign thought, for he who wrestles with a filthy person is bound to become soiled himself." (From Tanya by Rabbi Shneur Zalman)

So whether the "obnoxious neighbor" is the person living next door, or our own distracting or "foreign thoughts," we have to recognize that both divert us from our goal, drain our energy and keep us from being productive and recognizing the positive in our life.

The obnoxious neighbor and the unhealthy thought should be ignored, and we should concentrate more on what occurs inside our homes - the physical home outside our heads and the spiritual home inside ourselves.

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

We extend a special **Thank You**
to the generous sponsors of the hugely successful Lag B'Omer Event:
**Anonymous, Mr. & Mrs. Reuven Frank, Mr. & Mrs. Nechemia Gertner
Mr. & Mrs. Ariel Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Akiva Gross, Mr. & Mrs. Chaim Kahn,
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Kaplon, Mr. Steven Kaplon, Mr. & Mrs. Larry London,
Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Lyss, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Margolies, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Pazornick,
Mr. & Mrs. Shmuel Siegel and Mr. Wes Wilson.**

We also want to thank those who gave of their time and energy
to help make this event enjoyable for everyone:

**The Belinsky, Bendet, Berry, Givre, Goodman, Green, Hoffman, Kaplan, Levine and
Ostrozinsky kids; ET & Chedva Kaplowitz, Ilana & Avigail Rubin, Rina Silver, Sara
Tarshish; Moshe Berry, Ben Gutman, Rifka Hain, Mike "DJ" Kane, Shmuel Lyss,
Yechiel Rubin and the dynamic duo of Shaul and Wes!**

And we especially thank **Shmuel Tarshish** for coordinating the event
and working tirelessly before, during and after to make it the tremendous success it was.

The Shul is in the midst of a campaign to install new Mezuzahs on all of its doors. The cost of sponsoring each Mezuzah is \$100. The completion of this campaign will enhance the security of our shul. Below are pictures of the first three Mezuzahs being installed. Please add your name to those who are helping us complete this project.



Eliyahu and Jennifer Rosenbloom
are sponsoring a Kiddush after davening this Shabbat
in honor of the **Bat Mitzvah** of
their daughter **Leah**.
Mazel Tov to Leah and the entire Rosenbloom Family.



We wish a speedy and complete recovery to **Mrs. Mindy Pazornick**,
We look forward seeing you back in Shul soon.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Joseph Zakar

4 Sivan - Thursday night / Friday

for father

Emanuel ben Shabsi

DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 5/31 — 26 Iyar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, 6/1— 27 Iyar

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.

Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:21 a.m.

Beitzah Gemora Shiur — 6:55 p.m.

Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 7:55 p.m.

Ma'ariv — 9:10 p.m.

Sunday — Yom Yerushalayim, 6/2 — 28 Iyar

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Monday, 6/3— 29 Iyar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday — Rosh Chodesh Sivan, 6/4— 1 Sivan

Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 6/5 — 2 Sivan

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, 6/6 — 3 Sivan

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:15 p.m.

Friday, 6/7 — 4 Sivan

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.

Candles — 8:13 p.m.

Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.