

The Shul

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Korach

3 Tammuz, 5779

Rebbetzin Rochel Kaplan will be giving two Shabbat Day Shiurim for women this summer from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

in Memory and ל"י her Mother **הי יוטא בת הנוך הענוך הכהן** .

These will be on: (1) July 6 – 3 Tammuz – Shabbat **פרשת קרה** and

(2) August 31 – 30 Av – Shabbat **פרשת ראה** .

Please call 443-220-9124 or email chabadpikesville@gmail.com, to reserve.

All women are welcome. Classes to be held at Rabbi and Rebbetzin Kaplan's Residence.

The Rebbe's Revolutionary Approach to Women's Role in Judaism **So old, yet so new**

The heart woke up crying one morning and complained to the brain.

"It's so unfair!" the heart said tearfully. "Why do I have to pump all this blood all day? I mean, I know we belong to the same body and all, but why can't I be the brain? How important is it anyway to keep beating? I want to be like the cerebrum that solves math problems or like the cerebellum that controls balance. Can't the body just have two brains, even steven, and then we'll all be happy?"

The brain responded very seriously.

"Dear Heart, Don't let anyone convince you that your only value is to be another brain. The body has one already! You're not less important. Ever see a live human walking around without a heart pumping? The most offensive thing you can do to yourself is deny your own hearthood! Come on heart, stand proud, and do your thing like only you know how!!"

This was the Rebbe's response and view towards the role of women in Judaism. He was unapologetic about the woman's unique role and campaigned for women to be true to their "womanhood," as established by Torah. There was no need for women to be clones of men; in fact, that was an offense to women.

At the same time, he was revolutionary in his approach. His teachings were grounded in Torah, yet they were unconventional; the outlook so old, yet so new.

Here is but a sampling of a few of such examples in how the Rebbe revolutionized our approach towards women.

Education

In the past, girls learned what they needed to know. They were lovingly instructed by their mothers and taught the practical laws that applied to women. They knew the intricate laws of Shabbat, running a kosher kitchen and the laws of family purity.

The Rebbe taught that that was far from enough. Women have an obligation to keep the intangible and constant mitzvot, like Knowing G-d, Loving G-d and Fearing G-d. How would they do so if they were not well-versed in esoteric teachings and did not have a wealth of spiritual knowledge? How could a person have a relationship with G-d if she didn't have a thorough understanding of the inner dimension of Torah, which sheds light on how one goes about having that relationship?

In light of the fact that women were learning secular subjects in high school and universities, the Rebbe encouraged them to learn Jewish subjects on advanced levels of sophistication as well. For this reason, he famously directed girls' schools to include Talmud, hitherto a "male-only" subject, in their curriculum.

Historically, there were a number of women well-versed in Torah, but that was the exception, not the norm. The Rebbe's view was that learning was not only for "Rebbetzins," but for every Jewish woman. This was imperative for the continuity of the Jewish people, and in fact, Torah learning for women even preceded Torah learning for men.

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When G-d told Moses to prepare the Jews to receive the Torah, He commanded him: "This is what you shall say to the House of Yaakov and speak to the Children of Israel." Our sages teach us that the "House of Yaakov" refers to women, and that it was a priority for the women to be prepared for the giving of the Torah.

Women apply the spirit of Torah to practical life and as such their involvement preceded the men because without their commitment, the men's Torah study would not be sustained and would not be translated to real life.

With such a clear precedent, it is no wonder that the Rebbe encouraged women to learn, teach and grow in their understanding of all levels of Torah.

Influence

Generally, a woman is referred to as a "receiver" and a man is a "giver." A great woman is one who fulfills the will of her husband, as in the Proverb, "Who is a good ('kosher') woman? She who does ('osah') her husband's will." The woman brings her husband's insight and learning into the practical realm; she makes it real.

The Rebbe gave new meaning to this proverb.

It is not enough for a woman to fulfill her husband's will; if she observes that he needs to change, she must create it!

The word *osah* can mean "do" (as in she "does" what her husband wants her to), but it can also mean "create" (in that she literally "creates" her husband's desires). In a wise manner, a woman can motivate her husband and cause him to get gratification from spiritual pursuits. People like to receive positive affirmations, and when a man sees how much joy a woman has in matters of holiness, it can impact his own desires to grow.

There's a reason G-d told Abraham: "Whatever Sarah tells you, heed her voice" Women are the ultimate influencers.

(by Sara Blau from www.chabad.org)



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Seudah Shlishit סעודה שלישית

Mr. Marvin and Mrs. Sara Itzkowitz are sponsoring Seudah Shlishit this Shabbat on the occasion of the Yahrzeit of Sara's father, **Abraham Rimler — Avrohom Ahron Ben Eliyahu**, whose yahrzeit is 4th of Tammuz, July 7.

Yahrzeits This Week:

Shmuel Lyss	4 Tammuz - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	R' Reuven Peretz ben R' Getzel
Sara Itzkowitz	4 Tammuz - Saturday night / Sunday	for father	Avraham Ahron ben Eliyahu
Lawrence Ziffer	9 Tammuz - Thursday night / Friday	for father	Pinchas ben Yosef Elimelech

DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Friday, 7/5 — 2 Tammuz

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat, 7/6— 3 Tammuz

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:25 a.m.
Beitzah Gemora Shiur — Cancelled This Week
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 8:05 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 9:20 p.m.

Sunday, 7/7 — 4 Tammuz

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Monday, 7/8— 5 Tammuz

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:25 p.m.

Tuesday, 7/9— 6 Tammuz

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Wednesday, 7/10 — 7 Tammuz

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Thursday, 7/11 — 8 Tammuz

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:20 p.m.

Friday, 7/12 — 9 Tammuz

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 8:15 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.