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Pekudei

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A Rose is a Rose

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." "A rose is a rose is a rose." These two quotes are basically true, except when it comes to a rose, for instance, that somehow grows in the middle of a cornfield. For then, at least to the farmer, it's not a rose but a weed. And if it has lots of sharp, prickly thorns, it might be even worse than that!

The idea that something can be good, or positive, or appreciated in one situation but considered bad, or negative, or not respected in another is not only applicable to roses.

For instance, the Previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Schneersohn, made the following powerful statement: "In material matters one should always look at one whose situation is lower than one's own, and thank G-d for His kindness. In spiritual matters one should always look at one who is higher than oneself, and plead with G-d to grant him the intelligence to learn from the other, and the ability and strength to rise higher."

Sounds like something your mother told you when you were a kid and wanted everything you saw in the toy store, or at least the same bike your next-door-neighbor had: "You can look up or you can look down," she might have told you. Her admonition and the Previous Rebbe's advice are sane counsel for these days of consumerism and kids-who-have-everythingism, aren't they?

It's important, however, to notice the Rebbe's emphasis on when you look up and when you look down. In material matters you should look at those who have less, and then you will be satisfied with what you have. But in spiritual matters you should look for guidance and direction toward those who have managed to develop and refine themselves and their relationship with the Divine more than yourself.

These thoughts are echoed in the response of Rabbi Shneur Zalman, the founder of Chabad-Lubavitch philosophy, to a young genius, famed for his intellectual gifts. But he takes them one step further: "Spiritual and physical are antithetical in their very essence," he told the student. "A superior quality in the physical is a deficiency in the spiritual. In material matters, one who is "satisfied with his lot" is an individual of the highest quality. A person possessing this trait can attain the highest levels. In spiritual matters, however, to be satisfied with one's lot is the worst deficiency, and leads, G-d forbid, to descent and falling."

A rose is a rose is a rose, except when it's a weed.

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Community Information of Interest

March 9: Lecture by Rabbi Dovid Katz. **Democracy, Peace, and its Discontents: The State of Israel and the Jewish World in the late 1970s.** *Quo Vadis? Diaspora Jewry in the Late Seventies.* This lecture will begin at **8:00 p.m.** and be held at the Congregation Shomrei Emunah.



We wish Mazel Tov to **Chaim and Estie Kahn** on the **engagement of their son, Yaakov** to

Miriam Hoenlein of Baltimore, Maryland.

We wish both of you much mazel, simcha and a long life together.

Everyone is invited to the vort at the Hoenlein home Sunday 2-5 at 6227 Berkeley Ave.

We happily wish Mazel Tov to

Jay and Dina Bernstein

on the **Birth of a Grandson**, born to their children

Ezra and Ariella Bernstein.



“The Rav’s Friday Night Hashkafa Q&A Shiur for Men”

The final shiur of the season will take place **this** Friday night (Pekudei, March 8th) at 8:30 p.m. and will be held at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Dovi Ziffer**, 6610 Clarington Road (in Beazer).

Rabbi Kaplan will be leading a trip for Matzah baking in Brooklyn, New York on Monday, March 18. Anyone interested in participating should please contact Yehudah Buchwalter.



Yahrzeits This Week:

Howard Elbaum
Harry Rashbaum

6 Adar II - Tuesday night / Wednesday
8 Adar II - Thursday night / Friday

for mother
for father

Chaya bas Yisrael Pinchas
Jacob Rashbaum

Remember to set your clocks **AHEAD 1 hour** before going to sleep Saturday night.



Starting this Monday, we have a **daily Minchah / Ma'ariv minyan**. This week will be at 6:55 p.m.

Davening and Shiurim Schedule

Friday — Rosh Chodesh Adar א, 3/8 — 1 Adar א

Shacharit — 6:40 a.m.
Candles — 5:48 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:50 p.m.

Shabbat, 3/9 — 2 Adar א

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:20 a.m.
Berachot Gemora Shiur — 5:05 p.m.
Minchah & Seudah Shilishit — 5:35 p.m.
Ma'ariv — 6:49 p.m.

Sunday, 3/10 — 3 Adar א

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Monday, 3/11 — 4 Adar א

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m. — **Eastern Daylight Time**
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Tuesday, 3/12 — 5 Adar א

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Wednesday, 3/13 — 6 Adar א

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Thursday, 3/14 — 7 Adar א

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.

Friday, 3/15 — 8 Adar א

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.
Candles — 6:55 p.m.
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 6:55 p.m.