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Dvar Torah - Maintaining our קדושה by Rabbi Yaakov Flamholtz

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The second of this week's double פרשיות opens with the commandment of קדושים, תהייו, you shall be holy. There are a number of explanations of the

exact nature of this מצוה, but all share the common theme that we should somehow rise above our animalistic drives and live a life imbued with קדושה. We have all probably felt this level of dedication at least once in a while. Perhaps it was due to a particularly distressing moment in our lives or after the inspiration of a moving Yom Kippur culminating in a heartfelt נעילה. We have been motivated to rise above the mundane and feel genuinely committed to live a life of קדושה. By the same token, many times we find ourselves back where we started from faster than we could have imagined. We are left feeling defeated, scratching our heads and wondering what happened to all our resolve.

Later in the פרשה we have another פסוק charging us with this mitzvah of קדושים: קדושים וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים: "Make yourselves holy and you shall be holy". Rav Zalman Sorotzkin wonders about the meaning of this seemingly redundant statement of "you shall be holy." He explains that the Torah is addressing this very point:

Dvar Halacha - The Reading of the הפטרה Part 2 (see issue 11) by Nadav Levine, 11th Grade

The משנה ברורה states that every man has a חיוב to hear the reading of the הפטרה just like he has a חיוב to hear קריאת התורה. The משנה ברורה, based on רש"י, brings this down as the reason for the פסק of the מהבר in סימן רפ"ד סעיף ו' where he says not to begin the הפטרה until גלילה is done; the גולל must be finished and ready to hear and be יוצא his חיוב of הפטרה.

Besides listening, the פוסקים (in סעיף ה') say that if the הפטרה is being read from a חומש as opposed to a קלף, then one should also quietly read the הפטרה along with the בעל קורא in order to be יוצא in the best

possible way. However, the ביאור הלכה clearly says that one should be careful not to read the הפטרה during the ברכות, especially if he might prevent another from hearing them. Therefore, if one is in a situation where he did not yet finish reading the הפטרה and the בעל קורא is beginning the ברכות after the הפטרה, he should stop and continue after the ברכות are finished. In addition, the ביאור הלכה states that the בעל קורא should pause after he finishes the הפטרה before beginning the ברכות so as to enable those who fell behind to either finish completely, or at least finish the פסוק they are on.

The Weekly Quiz

Q: What Rosh Chodesh is also a fast day?

Answers or ideas for future questions may be submitted in writing to the Spotlight office or emailed to Quiz@ytcteam.org

The first correct answer submitted will be announced in the next Spotlight. You need not be a student to participate. Hatzlochah!

Answer to last issue's question:

Q. How many generations are there between Shaul and Mordechai?

A. 10

Yasher koach to Alexander Weiss for submitting the correct answer!

Aish HaTorah's Discovery Seminar by Netanel Raden, 10th Grade

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Last Sunday, Rabbi Bergida's 10th grade Shiur attended the Discovery Seminar presented by Aish HaTorah of South Florida. It was a day of inspiration and growth as notable speakers discussed the many aspects of Judaism and having faith in G-d. The audience ranged in age from young to old. With its crisp, entertaining style and state-of-the-art educational techniques, the seminar packed the wisdom and relevance of Jewish values and ideas into a spectacular and moving demonstration. Rabbi Berger, an exceptional speaker on Kiruv from New York, was the first to speak and began by inviting participants to challenge Judaism's central principles in a process

called "Failsafe". Based on analytical techniques used by the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, this chain of discussions drew the audience into a fascinating and rigorously intellectual means of testing the rational basis for belief in Judaism. Rabbi Berger would ask deep analytical questions such as, "How do we know the Torah was actually written by Hashem and not by man himself?" The audience was forced to ponder questions like this one throughout his lecture. The final speaker, Rabbi Solomon, a noted lecturer and author of many books, spoke mainly about "Hidden Codes of the Torah." They demonstrate the startling ability of how computers can analyze the

letters of the Torah to reveal secret messages of events, names, or even dates encoded within the text of the Torah that have or eventually will come true. This is just one of the many methods that proves that the words in the Torah were not randomly placed and that the Torah must have been given by Hashem. The seminar taught participants how to take advantage of Judaism's insights for their own personal enrichment. Through the warm and entertaining atmosphere, people discovered that Judaism has the tools for enhancing one's self-esteem, personal power and enjoyment of life.



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