



YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHERRY HILL

Dvar Torah: Jim Kleinburd

Shabbos Times

Mincha & Maariv	5:05 pm
Candle Lighting	5:09 pm
Sunset	5:27 pm
Shacharis	8:30 am
Jr Minyan R' Binyamin	9:45 am
Shabbos Groups	9:45 am
Mincha	5:00 pm
Maariv	6:10 pm
Shabbos Ends	6:19 pm

Most of this Dvar Torah is from writings of Rabbi Daniel Stein:

Rabbi Avraham Pam observed that, "So much has been written and said concerning the sin of speaking lashon hara etc. However, there is another sin relating to speech about which very little is spoken, and that is onaas devarim." Rav Pam reflected upon the irony of this phenomenon. Lashon hara is evil speech which is perpetrated about someone else, usually in their absence. However, the prohibition of onaas devarim relates to hurtful and even abusive remarks that are made directly to the victim, in their presence, which can obviously be all the more offensive and traumatic, and therefore arguably deserves greater attention and vigilance.

For example, while it is well established, that a doctor can cause a wound for a medical or rehabilitative purpose, cruel and insulting comments are prohibited even when one has the best of intentions. Some examples:

The Gemara (Bava Basra 16a) attests that Peninah taunted Chanah (Shmuel 1, 1) about her childlessness only in order to encourage her to daven with greater intensity. Nonetheless, despite her noble objective, the pain Peninah caused Chanah with her words was intolerable, and she was ultimately punished bitterly as a result. The Vilna Gaon suggests that this lesson is alluded to in the language of the ensuing pasuk, "If you dare cause him pain, so that he shall cry out to Me, I shall surely hear his cry" (Shemos 22, 22).

Similarly, the Baal Haturim (Breishis 21, 10) claims that the Jewish people were exiled specifically to the land of Egypt as result of the unforgiving manner in which Sarah unceremoniously evicted Hagar the Egyptian from her home, as the pasuk states, "She said to Avraham, 'Cast out that slave-woman and her son.'" Rav Shlomo Kluger alleges that the familiar statement of the Pesach Haggadah, "And he went down to Egypt forced by the word," does not refer to the "word" of Hashem, but rather to Sarah's callous words towards Hagar. Even though Sarah acted aggressively for the sole purpose of preserving the spiritual integrity of Yitzchok, her descendants were punished for her abrasive tone.

In addition, the Ramban (Shemos 21, 15) notes that the method of capital punishment administered for cursing a parent is more stringent than the death penalty which accompanies striking a parent.

The emotional wounds of hurtful comments can be complex and prolonged, and can never be confined to a financial settlement or mitigated by monetary compensation. One cannot be too careful with one's words.

All Young Israel members in good standing are invited to a congregational meeting on February 17th at 8:30pm.

We will be discussing and voting on a proposal for the building campaign. It is highly recommended that all members attend. If you can not attend and need to vote electronically, please email AriMiller613@gmail.com

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Next Week

Shacharis (Sun)	8:30 am
Shacharis (Mon-Fri)	6:45 am
Mincha & Maariv	5:15 pm
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Nightfall/Shma after	6:17 pm
Kollel Maariv (Sun-Thurs)	9:15 pm
Gemara Makos— Men (Mon)	8:30 pm
Parsha Class —Women (Wed)	8:30 pm

Newsletter submissions deadline 4:00 pm Thursdays.

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