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פרשת אחרי מות-קדושים Parshas Acharei Mos-Kedoshim  
יב אייר תשפ"ה

### Dvar Torah by Rabbi Yaacov Marmor

How appropo that the parsha before Lag Ba'Omer contains the pasuk of **וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ**, "love your neighbor as yourself". Rebbe Akiva famously stated that "this is a great principle in Torah". And yet, his talmidim all died in a plague because they did not properly respect one another. How ironic.

This irony is generally expressed as a question by our Mefarshim: How could the students of Rebbe Akiva, **THE** proponent of **וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ** miss the boat on their Rebbe's primary teaching? How could 24,000 disciples all fail to embody and internalize the sacred teaching of their master?

Some Mefarshim provide a clever historical answer. The truth is, we don't know exactly when Rebbe Akiva said his famous statement regarding **וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ**. They posit that he actually said it in response to his 24,000 students dying for not respecting one another. It was the tragedy itself that caused Rebbe Akiva to exclaim, "This is a great principle in Torah!"

But, I heard a beautiful pshat this week from Mrs. Nancy Blaire that doesn't require any chronological assumptions. In fact, this explanation turns our previous question into the answer itself!

The truth is that Rebbe Akiva's students *did* heed his sacred teaching. In fact, they completely embodied the concept of **וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ כָּמוֹךָ**, so much so that they actually loved their colleagues as themselves. But sometimes, too much love can have a negative effect.

In most positive relationships, there are two essential emotions that have opposite expressions: Love and Respect. Love creates a deep bond of closeness between two individuals, which blurs the line between self and other. Respect, on the other hand, creates a healthy separation between two individuals rooted in admiration and veneration.

For example, even if a father and son share a deep love for one another, they must also maintain a certain distance as a result of the son's obligation to respect his father. This is healthy and appropriate as it emerges from the esteem and reverence the child feels for his father. If the child would lack this feeling, it would result in a casual, buddy-buddy relationship that would not be appropriate or healthy.

The problem with Rebbe Akiva's students was that they did not feel the proper reverence for one another. Their deep love overwhelmed their ability to feel respect. The Mishna in Pirkei Avos teaches: **וְהוֹיָה... כְּבוֹד חֲבֵרְךָ כְּמוֹרָא רַבָּךְ; וּמוֹרָא רַבָּךְ כְּמוֹרָא שְׁמַיִם**; Let the honor of your friend be like the reverence for your Rebbe, and the reverence for your Rebbe be like your fear of Heaven.

Very often, in our relationships, we become overwhelmed by the intensity of our love and lose sight of the healthy boundaries delineated by respect. Perhaps this was the error of Rebbe Akiva's students. Rebbe Akiva's "Klal Gadol BaTorah" was taken to the extreme and ultimately undermined the proper respect that they should have felt for one another.

May we ensure that all of our relationships contain the proper balance of love and respect in which we feel a closeness to one another, but also display the proper respect that our feelings of honor and admiration demand.

Have an amazing Shabbos!

### Shabbos Schedule

#### Friday

Candle Lighting	7:38 PM
Mincha	7:46 PM

#### Shabbos

Shacharis	7:10 AM
	9:00 AM
Rabbi's Tanya Shiur	7:00 PM
Mincha	7:30 PM
Maariv & Havdalah	8:39 PM

### Weekday Schedule Shachris

Mon/Thurs	*6:30 AM
	8:00 AM
Tues/Wed/Fri	*6:45 AM
	8:00 AM
Sunday	*6:45 AM
	8:00 AM
	9:00 AM

\*Rosh Chodesh 6:15

### Mincha/Maariv

Mincha for the week:	7:45 PM
Followed by short Drasha and Maariv	



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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOUSEKEEPING

Please enhance the overall decorum of the Shul by making sure that you clean up after yourself. Please put away any siddurim, chumashim, sefarim, taleisim, etc. after you use them.

### REFRESHMENTS

Please enjoy coffee and tea available in the lobby. Milk is available in the refrigerator below. Please assist us by keeping this area clean.

### YOUTH GROUPS

We encourage attendance in our youth groups, for boys and girls ages 3 years and up. Please contact Chava Pomerantz for more information.  
Cell: 516-754-2033

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### PLOT PURCHASES

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- Mazal Tov to **Morty & Shoshana Aroll** on the birth of a grandson, born to their children, **Rabbi Daniel & Penina Aroll**. Mazal Tov to the siblings **Tzivia, Moshe Akiva, Aharon, Chaya, and Leah!** The Shalom Zachor will be held at the Aroll home: *1125 NE 176th Street at 9:00 pm.*
- Mazel Tov to **Mrs. Seena Eisenman** on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, **Avrohom ben Yeshayahu Dov haLevi (Abie Schreiber)** this coming Shabbos (Acharei Mos-Kedoshim). Mazel Tov to Abie's parents, **Shaya Dov & Tzippy Schreiber**, grandparents **Rabbi Mordechai & Chienna Schreiber** of Lakewood, and to the extended **Schreiber** and **Eisenman** families.
- Mazal Tov to **Raquel & Sam Benson** and **Rabbi Binyamin & Suri Luban** on the birth of a granddaughter! Mazal Tov to **Jamie & Leah Benson**, their children, on the birth of their daughter!
- Mazel Tov to **Michael & GB Brody** upon the birth of their grandson Clev Gershon, born to their children **Josh & Sara Brody!** A special Mazel Tov to the great grandparents, **Dr. Martin & Geraldine Brody!**
- **NEW PARSHA SHIUR** with **Rabbi Avraham Buskpan** on **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**, learning his sefer **Classics & Beyond: Parsha Pearls**. *See flyer on page 5.*
- **Parsha Chaburah** will be meeting this Shabbos. Please contact **Chaim Bursztyn** for more information at (305) 904-1142.
- **Rabbi Marmor's Gemara Shiur** learning Bekius Gemara with Rashi will be meeting **every weekday after the 8 am Shacharis Minyan.**
- Sunday **Semichas Chaver** and **Sunday Morning Kids Club** will be meeting this week.
- **Shimshon Mindick's Parsha & Halacha Shiur** will be meeting this week, Sunday, at 11:15 am. For more information, call (305) 785-8283
- Shiur on **Rabbi Schwab on Prayer** with **Rabbi Marmor** - Monday afternoon, 12:00 to 12:45 pm, will be meeting for this week.
- Shiur on **Rebbe Nachman's Stories** with **Michael Benmeleh** at 8:00 pm will be meeting this week on Tuesday.
- Thursday night **Mussar Shiur** with **Rabbi Yachnes** will be at 8:00 pm.
- Shiur in **Nefesh Hachaim** by **Yosef Polinsky** at 8:45 am on Fridays will be meeting this week.

### SHABBOS SHIURIM

- Rabbi Marmor's drasha before Mussaf
- Parsha Chaburah following Mussaf
- Rabbi's Tanya Shiur before Mincha
- Drasha during Seudah Shlishis
- Hilchos Shabbos at Seudah Shlishis

### WEEKLY SHIURIM

- Semichas Chaver program (Sunday morning)
- Shimshon Mindick- Parsha & Halacha Shiur (Sunday morning)
- Rabbi Marmor- Rabbi Schwab on Prayer (Monday midday)
- Michael Benmeleh- Rabbi Nachman's Stories (Tuesday night)
- Rabbi Avraham Bukspan- Classics & Beyond: Parsha Pearls (Wednesday morning)
- Rabbi Yachnes- Mussar Shiur (Thursday night)
- Yosef Polinsky- Nefesh HaChaim Shiur (Friday morning)

### DAILY SHIURIM

- Rabbi Marmor's 5-minute morning halacha
- Rabbi Marmor's Mishna Berurah Yomi
- Rabbi Marmor's evening Mesilas Yesharim
- Rabbi Marmor's post-Shacharis Gemara Shiur



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- The **Kiddush Club** is up to **68 members!** Please reach out to the office at (305) 988-2523 to **help us reach our goal of 72 members!**
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Please send Refuah Shelaima names to the office's  
WhatsApp (305) 988-2523 or  
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Please Note:

Early plag mincha will start next week on

Lag Baomer

Friday, May 16 @ 6:15 pm.



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**When?**  
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