

# The Shul

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## Respect

Self-respect, respect for other people, respect for other's property and opinions.

Respect never goes out of style, it's always politically correct, and it does not become obsolete as new isms, philosophies and technology catapults us into the unknown faster than we can blink.

The revered and venerated Sage, Rabbi Akiva, is renown for his teaching, "Love your fellow as yourself. This is a great principle of the Torah." A lesser known teaching of his is: "Beloved is a person, for he was created in the image of G-d..."

Keeping this second teaching in mind can help one act on the first teaching; when we remember that every person is a Divine creation can we do anything less than respect him or her?

This coming Thursday we will celebrate the special day of Lag B'Omer. One of the events commemorated on Lag B'Omer is the suspension of a plague which had been afflicting the students of Rabbi Akiva. The plague, we are told, was caused by the students not displaying enough respect for one another.

A disciple is one who follows in the ways of his teacher. Is it possible that disciples of one whose entire life was consumed by the axiom, "Love your fellow as yourself" - so much so that this teaching is synonymous with the name "Rabbi Akiva" - did not display enough respect for each other?

An amazing insight of the Rebbe on this question is as follows: Each of Rabbi Akiva's 24,000 students was so infused with love for his fellow that this love was all-consuming. He was not able to give his colleague "space." He loved his friend so much that he wanted to not only share his insights, opinions and interpretations but to convince his peer of their validity until the peer adopted them as his own - because of his tremendous love for his peer.

Remember, we're not talking about a person who is opinionated, arrogant, narcissistic, or condescending. We are talking about someone who loves the other person so much that he wants the other person to share his Truth (with a capital "t").

And this is where the hint of a suggestion of a lack of respect comes in. Respect includes giving another person space. It means allowing for divergent opinions. It acknowledges that G-d created every person differently for a reason.

Yes, we can learn to harmonize, modify, accommodate, adapt, perfect. But we cannot expect to become the same, otherwise G-d would have created us that way.

Most of us don't have to worry that our lack of respect for another is caused by such an all-encompassing love. We're still working on the regular, run-of-the-mill respect.

The way to encourage such respect is to begin looking at our fellow person as one who is created in the image of G-d.

*(from <http://www.lchaimweekly.org/>)*

Dedication of plaques on the Shul board which is prominently located in the hall at the entrance to the Shul is an appropriate means of Tzedakah and support the Shul as well. Below is the list of items available. Please contact Howard Kaplon at [hkaplon@towson.edu](mailto:hkaplon@towson.edu) for more information.

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| 1. Top (large) Plaques \$5,400 | 2. Medium Plaques \$3,600 |
| 3. Small Plaques \$1,000       | 4. Simcha Leaf \$250      |

## The Holiday of Lag B'Omer

The holiday of Lag B'Omer is the 33rd day of the Omer count. There are two reasons why this day is greeted with happiness, a break from the customs of mourning observed by many for much of the Omer period.

The Talmud tells us that during the time of the great teacher Rebbe Akiva, a plague raged through his yeshiva, his rabbinical school, during the Omer. He lost 24,000 students during this time; even the great schools in Babylonia, and those of today, are not as large. Rebbe Akiva went on to teach five more students, and it is they who transmitted much of Jewish tradition on to future generations — so one can only imagine what was lost because those 24,000 other students passed away.

The Sages explain that the reason for the loss of these students was that despite their great learning, they were not respectful towards each other. Considering their towering scholarship, they should have showed more care and concern for the honor of their fellows.

There are various traditions regarding the observance of mourning during the Omer, based upon the days when students passed away during the plague. But all agree that the deaths were interrupted on Lag B'Omer.

There was, however, a very notable death on Lag B'Omer — of one of Rebbe Akiva's great students, Rebbe Shimon ben Yochai (also known using the Aramaic form of "son of," Rebbe Shimon bar Yochai). Defying the Romans, Rebbe Shimon and his son Elazar hid in a cave to learn Torah together — for twelve years! They were nourished by a carob tree that quickly grew near the entrance of the cave, and by a spring of water that also miraculously began to flow. Rebbe Shimon was the teacher of the holy Zohar, the first written expression of the revealed Kabbalistic teachings of Judaism.

For these reasons, the holiday of Lag B'Omer carries with it many lessons of the power and fire of Torah, and the need for respect and love between us all. Enjoy the holiday!

*(from Project Genesis at [www.torah.org](http://www.torah.org))*

The Shul is looking to hire a (young) woman to assume responsibility to structure and supervise the children's groups. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact the Rav.



We wish a Mazel Tov to **Daniel Rosenbloom**  
on the occasion of his **Bar Mitzvah**.  
We also wish a hearty Mazel Tov to  
Daniel's parents - **Eli and Jennifer Rosenbloom**,  
and all who are here with us celebrating this Simcha.  
Eli and Jennifer are sponsoring the kiddush in honor of this Simcha.

### Yahrzeits This Week:

Aaron Margolies    15 Iyar - Sunday night / Monday    for father    Horav Yitzchok Asher ben R' Yosef Meir

### DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

#### Friday, 5/13 — 12 Iyar

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

#### Shabbat, 5/14 — 13 Iyar

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:26 a.m.  
Minchah — 7:40 p.m.  
Ma'ariv — 8:58 p.m.

#### Sunday — Pesach Sheni, 5/15 — 14 Iyar

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Father and Son Learning — 6:00 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:00 p.m.

#### Monday, 5/16 — 15 Iyar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, 5/17 — 16 Iyar

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

#### Wednesday, 5/18 — 17 Iyar

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

#### Thursday — Lag B'Omer, 5/19 — 18 Iyar

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday, 5/20 — 19 Iyar

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Candles — 7:59 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 7:00 p.m.