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Rebbetzin Jungreis has been featured in numerous national publications, including The NY Times, Newsweek, Time, and People, is the author of four best selling books, "Jewish Soul of Fire", "The Committed Life", "The Committed Marriage" and "Life Is A Test", writes a weekly column for the Jewish Press, has a weekly television program and lectures around the world.

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🌀 **Wednesday, May 20, 8:00 pm at The CTN / Shaarei Tzedek Campus**
2832 West Touhy, Chicago (in the main Shaarei Tzedek Sanctuary)
Lecture will be followed by book signing.

🌀 **Tickets and Sponsorships**

Sponsor / Reserved Seating: \$180 (Will be listed in event program)
Early Registration (by May 6): \$15 (\$20 at the door)
Full time students: \$10

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Hang in there - Shabbos is coming!

ACHAREI MOS - KEDOSHIM (LEVITICUS 16:1 - 20:27)

This week's CTN Shabbat Fax is sponsored by Jo & Jonah Bruck, in honor of their son Akiva's Bar Mitzvah. "Mazal tov! We are very proud of you!"

1. 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (19:17)

"Love your neighbor as yourself". It's one of the most famous verses of the Torah. And one of the most beautiful.

... But what about the end of the verse?

'I am G-d.'

... What's that doing here?

After all, the Torah could say 'I am G-d' after every commandment. But it doesn't!

So why here?

Jewish tradition teaches that the words 'I am G-d' aren't just the Author 'signing off'.

... They're telling us why we should love others.

Because 'I am G-d. And your neighbor is my child.

And just like you should love Me, you should love My children"!

... And Jewish tradition says there's more to it.

That loving others has everything to do with our relationship with G-d.

...There's an old story told about two very devoted friends.

One was falsely accused of treason. And sentenced to death.

And his friend starts yelling, "He's innocent! Free him!

I committed the treason. Not him"!

And the other friend - the one accused - says, "No! Don't believe him! He's just trying to protect me!

I did it. If you kill anyone, kill me.'

The king hears about it. His reaction?

"Someone so committed to a friend ... I can't believe he's a traitor"!

The king frees him. And then he does something else.

He calls in the two friends. And says that he has a request:

"I've never seen such a devoted friendship. I would like to be part of it.

Let me be the third friend"!

That's how it is with G-d.

When he sees that we love our neighbor. That we have a special relationship with them?

He says, "Count Me in. I want to be part of this relationship"!

2. "You must be holy because I, the Lord your G-d, is holy." (19:2)

Be Holy. It's a commandment.

And it's the Torah's perspective on life.

That as human beings, and as Jews, we can be holy.

We can transcend the physical world. Our lives can be deeper. More meaningful.

Our lives can be infused with spirituality.

And why are we able to be holy?

Because G-d is holy! And we are created in His Image.

There is something G-dly within us.

Being holy is about being in touch with our Divine Image.

And always seeing the Divine Image in others.

... Rabbi Henschel Leibowitz was one of the great Rabbis of our generation.

And he spent his life perfecting his character through Torah.

... One Friday he wanted to call someone to wish her a good Shabbos.

He finally tracked her down in the hospital. She was visiting a patient.

After schmoozing with her for a while, and wishing her a "good Shabbos", he hung up.

A minute later? The phone rang again.

"Hi. I would love to speak to the patient. And wish him well."

... Why a separate phone call?

The Rabbi's students would know exactly why.

Because he had always taught them to see the Divine Image in each person.

And it's not respectful to ask to speak to someone "since you happen to be on the phone".

They deserve a separate phone call.

... Which is how even a phone call can be holy!



Shabbat Shalom and have a wonderful week.


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