

Shavuot 5777



## ~ Infusing our lives with 'holiness', the way to bring 'heaven down to earth' ~

One 'school of thought' in Judaism teaches that life here on earth is merely a conduit or hallway to heaven, which can be reached only after death. Another 'school of thought' teaches that we have the power and ability to bring 'heaven down to earth' by the way we live our lives.

How do we go about accomplishing this? By infusing our lives with *kedusha* or 'holiness'. Not only does each of us have the power to live our lives in a holy way, pursuing holiness in our lives and thus living a life of joy, peace, and meaning is a personal responsibility, according to the Torah. Fortunately, there are myriad ways to infuse our lives with added holiness.

We will hear from a few members sharing the ways in which they bring holiness into their individual or communal lives. I will also lead an interactive teaching on the subject of holiness, and how making holiness a priority in our lives can help make the 'world to come' a living reality.

I am hoping you will agree to participate and attend, for what better way to usher in the festival holiday of Shavuot, when we express our love and appreciation to God for 'matan Torah', the gift of Torah, than through personal sharing and learning.

Please contact Amy or myself if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to share how you are able to infuse your life with holiness.

~ Rabbi Mandell



Tikkun Leil Shavuot Evening Service & Program Tuesday, May 30, 2017 / 5 Sivan

> 6:00pm ~ Service 6:45pm ~ Dinner 7:30-9:00pm ~ Program & Oneg

Wednesday, May 31, 9:30am Yom Tov Services, incl Yizkor



Traditional dairy delights ~ cheesecake & blintzes ~ as well as other refreshments, will be served.

Please let us know if anyone in your party has food allergies/dietary restrictions. RSVPs are appreciated; walk-ins are always welcome! 978.474.0540 ~ office@BethIsraelMV.org



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