

Role Models

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In this week's Parsha, Parshat Emor, we learn the mitzvah of making a Kiddush Hashem; meaning that we are to behave in such a way that Hashem's name is sanctified. This Mitzvah is such an important responsibility that the Talmud says that making a Chillul Hashem (the opposite of a Kiddush Hashem) is difficult to repent for and the most serious transgression. Why is a Chillul Hashem so terrible? As we see through History and current events, Jews are held under a microscope when they behave poorly. It seems that parts of society hold Jews to different standards than the rest of society, since we are supposed to behave appropriately as our Torah dictates. When a Jew does something terrible, it will be publicized in an extreme light. On the other hand, when other people see Jews behaving uniquely positive, it encourages positive change. Do mitzvot with a smile, set a good example for those around you!

Parsha Questions

- 1) Name two relatives that a Kohen can bury. (Mother and father)
- 2) What can you not do on Shabbat? (Melacha-work)
- 3) When is the Korban Pesach brought? (Erev Pesach)
- 4) When is erev pesach? (14th of Nisan)

- 5) Can we do most Melachot on Yom Tov? (No)
- 6) Can we do the Melacha of Ochel Nefesh (eg. baking, cooking) on Yom tov? (Yes)
- 7) Which type of Korban is brought the second day of Pesach?
(Korban Omer)
- 8) What is this Korban made up of? (Barley)
- 9) What Mitzvah do we have starting on the second day of Pesach?
(Sefirat Ha'omer)
- 10) What are we counting towards? (Matan Torah)
- 11) What is the name of the fast day that falls out on the 10th of Tishrei? (Yom Kippur)