

TMI 4 MOMS

KAVOD - HONOR



- What is honor? In reference to another human being and to an object (Torah)?
- In Pirkei Avos it says “**אִישׁוֹ מְבָדֵד, הַמְבָדֵד אֶת הַבְּرִיּוֹת**” - - “Who is honored? One who honors his fellow man” [4:1]. How do we understand this and what does it teach us about both our kavod habrios and how to be a person of kavod ourselves?

TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT—REFER TO TMI BOOKLET FOR MORE

Daily Dose #2:

Both kibbutz av and kavod habrios are displayed when Noach's sons cover him when he is drunk and passed out

- Source: Bereishit 9:23

וַיַּקְרֹב שֵׁם וַיַּקְרֹב יָהֻדָּה וַיַּשְׁלַמּוּ עַל-שְׁבָם שְׁנֵי הַמִּנְחָה וַיַּלְבֹּשׁ אֶחָרֶת יְבָטֵחַ אֶת עֲרָוֹת אֲבֵיכֶם וְפָנֵיכֶם אֶחָרֶת וְעֲרָוֹת אֲבֵיכֶם לְאָרָוֹן:

But Shem and Japheth took a cloth, placed it against both their backs and, walking backward, they covered their father's nakedness; their faces were turned the other way, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

Daily Dose #3:

R' Akiva's students died because they didn't show kavod

Daily Dose #5:

What does derech eretz kadma l'torah mean?

- Source: Bereishit Rabbah 44:1

לֹא נָתַנוּ הַמִּצְוֹת אֶלָּא לְאָרֶף בָּהֶם אֶת הַבְּרִיּוֹת

The mitzvot were only given to refine man.

The whole purpose of learning Torah and following the commandments are to work on our middos and become better people. Therefore, if we are learning Torah but we lack derech eretz and respect for others, then we are missing the whole point.

Daily Dose #9:

As mothers, how do we instill in our children the value and innate ability of honoring our elders, our rabbis and everyone around us?

Daily Dose #11:

We need to ingrain in ourselves the belief that “I am the daughter of the King” and dress in a way that reflects our inner self, in an honorable way.

Daily Dose #14:

As a mother, how do you feel that doing things special in preparation for shabbos will help your family become more of a connected unit?

- Sarah imenu's candles stayed lit all week because of the kavod she gave to Shabbos — when Rivka got married, this miracle of the candles came back
- We give kavod shabbos in how we dress

Daily Dose #18:

The laws of the burial of a Jew completely parallel the laws of kavod hatorah. What can we learn from this?

Daily Dose #23:

Just like we are commanded to judge others favorably, it's crucial to remember to also judge yourself favorably.

Daily Dose #25:

There is an idea of “שׂוֹרֵת הָלְבָדִים שׁ.” *I have placed Hashem before me always* [Tehillim 16:8] and part of this is understanding that everyone around us is a creation of Hashem too. How do we use this concept to help us give kavod to others that we don't believe deserve it?

Daily Dose #29:

The kohen gadol had to wear certain clothes and the Torah goes to great lengths to describe it. We see from this the importance of clothing and also how it shows kavod to others by warning others that he was coming through the bells he wore. How can we learn from the kohen gadol to not only give honor to ourselves through our clothing but also to others. What do the bells teach us?

RECOMMENDED READINGS TO EXPAND YOUR JEWISH HOME LIBRARY

- Run After the Right Kavod, by Rabbi Moshe Don Kestenbaum
- Honor Them Revere Them, by Rabbi Shimon Finkelman and Rabbi Zechariah Wallerstein