Putting the "Mitzvah" back into B'nai Mitzvah

Mechina Family Session - 3/10/2024



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Barukh atah Adonai, Elohaynu, melekh ha-olam, Blessed are You, Lord, our God, Sovereign of the Universe,

אֲשֶר קּדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנָּנוּ

asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu who sanctifies us with his commandments, and commands us

לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁלשַבָּת(אָמֵן)

l'had'lik neir shel shabbat (Amein) to light the candles of Shabbat (Amen)

I. Mitzvot in the home/family? (Shabbat, kashrut, mezuzot, honoring each other, etc)

Already part of our practice	Curious to Try	Not feeling it

II. Mitzvot in/with our CBS community (minyan, bikkur cholim (visiting sick), learning, etc)

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III. Mitzvot in the broader community (tzedakah, pursuing justice, environment, service...)

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GEMILUT CHASADIM: ACTS OF LOVING-KINDNESS

(non-financial)

- *Nichum Aveilim* comforting mourners
- Bikkor cholim visiting the sick
- Volunteering at a hospital / animal shelter / soup kitchen / food pantry
- Advocacy (letter to editor, meet with elected official, etc)
- What else?

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Other Mitzvot

- ❖ Talmud Torah Learning
- Hidur Penei Zakein Honoring the Elderly
- Zicharon Memory
- ❖ Shabbat Honoring and Remembering
- ❖ Kedushat Ha-aretz Sanctifying our Relationship to the Land of Israel
- Kedushat Halashon Sanctifying our Speech
- ❖ Kedushat Hazeman Holiness of Festivals and Seasons
- ❖ Tzar Ba'alei Chayim Avoiding Cruelty to Animals
- ❖ Tikkun Hanefesh Self-Care
- Darchei Shalom Ways of Peace

Why do mitzvot anyway?