

Mitzvah Initiative Reading(s)s Schedule

Some activities still need to be scheduled

READING(S)S page #s refer to the Reading(s) in the pages following this schedule

Sun., Oct. 25 - 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Introduction to the Mitzvah Initiative and to each other

Reading(s): 1. Introduction page 1 2. A Signature Mitzvah, page 5

Sun. Nov. 22 - 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Mitzvot that express responsibility to others

Returning lost items (*hashayvat aveidah*) Visiting the sick (*bikkur holim*)

Honoring Parents (*kibbud av va'eim*)

Reading(s): 4. Bet Midrash on Hashayvat Aveidah & Bikur Holim page 18
7. Honoring Parents: The Challenges Of Obligation page 36

Sun. Dec. 13 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

How the history of the idea of commandedness developed over time

Reading(s): 3. A History of the Idea of Mitzvah, page 10

Sun. Jan. 10 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Understanding obligation: *Hevrah kaddisha*

Reading(s): 6. Obligation & Commandedness page 29
8. *Chevra Kaddisha*: The Ultimate Mitzvah of Obligation page 43

Friday night 7:30PM Jan. 22 (Bo)

Lesson 8: Prayer (*Tefillah*)

Praying by oneself, praying with a *minyan*, being a service leader

Reading(s): 5. The Mitzvah of Tefilah page 23

Sun. Feb. 28 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Mitzvot on engagement and the environment:

Heksher tzedek, Shmirat ha'adamah

Reading(s): 9. Mitzvah to Inspire & Activate page 44
11. Stewardship of the Earth: A Compelling Mitzvah of Our Time page 60

Sun. Mar. 14 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Mitzvot that lead to engagement -- *Tzedakah & tikkun olam*

Reading(s): 10. Bet Midrash on Tzedakah & Tikun Olam page 49

Sun. Apr. 11 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Mitzvah as a way to think about G0d

Reading(s): 12. God, Love, Mitzvah: Activating a Relationship page 67

Sun. May 23 -- 10:15AM – 11:30AM

Mitzvah as a way to connect to G0d: Shabbat

Reading(s): 13. Shabbat as a Mitzvah: Constructing a God-Centered Community page 72
14. Coming Full Circle: The Signature Mitzvah Revisited

Fri. June 4 -- 7:30PM Graduation Shabbat

Lesson 14: **Final Reflections and Presentation to Congregation**
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