Class # 22 - Parshat Vayakel -Pekudai: Is it weird to be a Shomer Shabbat??

Advanced Fellowship Parsha Class - Sponsored in memory of Alice Toby Barbanel Z”l

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**Annie Hall Easter Dinner**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8TSvMx2wPI>

1)      How does Annie’s grandmother view Woody Allen? Why?

Video: Ivanka Trump and  being a shomeret Shabbat

<http://www.aol.com/article/2015/02/26/ivanka-trump-talks-about-her-conversion-to-judaism/21147086/>

1)      Should a person be open about being a shomer Shabbat?

2)      How do you feel about her revelation?

3)    Why is Ivanka Trump the ideal spokesperson for Shabbat?

4)     What should we add to Ivanka’s description of her Shabbat for a Jewish audience?

Parshat Vayakel

*The Sabbath*

35:1 Moses assembled the entire Israelite community and said to them, '[These are the words that God has commanded for [you] to do](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=35#C1901): 35:2 'You may do work during the six weekdays, but Saturday must be kept holy as a Sabbath of Sabbaths to God. Whoever does any work on [that day] shall be put to death. 35:3 Do not ignite any fire on the Sabbath, no matter where you may live.'

1.     Why is the mitzvah of Shabbat repeated again?

2.     Why is there a death penalty associated with Shabbat? nobody was hurt!?!

3.        If Shabbat is essentially about quality family time - would there be a death penalty? Or would you ever consider stopping the construction of G-d’s home for “quality family time”?

Rashi:

Six days: He [Moses] prefaced [the discussion of the details of] the work of the Mishkan with the warning to keep the Sabbath, denoting that it [i.e., the work of the Mishkan] does not supersede the Sabbath. -[from Mechilta]

1.     Why doesn’t the building program of the Mishkan supersede the Shabbat?!?

*The Sabbath*

31:12 God told Moses 31:13 to speak to the Israelites and say to them: You must [still](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=31#C1817) keep My sabbaths. It is a sign between Me and you for all generations, to make you realize that I, God, am making you holy.31:14 [Therefore] keep the Sabbath as something sacred to you. Anyone doing work [on the Sabbath] shall be cut off spiritually from his people, and therefore, anyone violating it shall be put to death. 31:15 Do your work during the six week days, but keep [Saturday](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=31#C1818) as a Sabbath of sabbaths, holy to God. Whoever does any work on Saturday shall be put to death. 31:16 The Israelites shall thus keep the Sabbath, making it a day of rest for all generations, as an eternal covenant. 31:17 It is a sign between Me and the Israelites that during the six weekdays God made heaven and earth, but on Saturday, He ceased working and [withdrew to the spiritual](http://bible.ort.org/books/pentd2.asp?ACTION=displaypage&BOOK=2&CHAPTER=31#C1819).

1.     Shabbat is called a “ot” a sign. What does that mean?

2.     The term “ot” is used twice in regards to Shabbat - what are the two messages?

**Isaiah chapter 56:6-7**

**ו**  וּבְנֵי הַנֵּכָר, הַנִּלְוִים עַל-יְהוָה לְשָׁרְתוֹ, וּלְאַהֲבָה אֶת-שֵׁם יְהוָה, לִהְיוֹת לוֹ לַעֲבָדִים--כָּל-שֹׁמֵר שַׁבָּת מֵחַלְּלוֹ, וּמַחֲזִיקִים בִּבְרִיתִי.

**6** Also the non-jews, that join themselves to the LORD, to minister unto Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, every one that keeps the sabbath from profaning it, and hold fast by My covenant:

**ז**  וַהֲבִיאוֹתִים אֶל-הַר קָדְשִׁי, וְשִׂמַּחְתִּים בְּבֵית תְּפִלָּתִי--עוֹלֹתֵיהֶם וְזִבְחֵיהֶם לְרָצוֹן, עַל-מִזְבְּחִי:  כִּי בֵיתִי, בֵּית-תְּפִלָּה יִקָּרֵא לְכָל-הָעַמִּים.

56:7 Even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be acceptable upon Mine altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

1.     What is the Migdash referred to by the Prophet Isaiah?

2.     What is viewed as core element of being a Jew?