

Rabbi's Column – May 11, 2020

Torah Thursday written version:

Genesis 37:21

Reuben heard this and saved him from their hands, "We shall not whomp on that which is living."

Rashi: "We shall not whomp on that which is living" More literally, "let us not strike him a mortal [blow]"

Sforno: He wanted them not to fall into the trap of taking a hasty decision that would lead them down the wrong path, as even a righteous person may sometimes do; Reuben himself had done it in the case of Bilhah.

Rabbi Steinsaltz does not add anything else.

This week from Monday night to Tuesday night is Lag Ba'omer (Day #33 of the Omer period). It is considered a day of celebration since on that day, it is said, none of Rabbi Akiba's students died from the plague which had been afflicting them. (From this side of history, the plague might have been simple Roman oppression designed to discourage Jewish dreamers.)

At it's meeting later this month, the Board will discuss how much longer our COVID sequestration will last. Until then, Religious and Educational programming will continue to be held in a virtual manner to maintain the health and safety of us all.

May kindness and love sustain us all as we continue our journey.

Dave Lerner (in this case Rabbi Larry Moldo) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Torah Thursday

Time: Every week on Thu, until Jun 4, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

May 14, 2020 12:00 PM

May 21, 2020 12:00 PM

May 28, 2020 12:00 PM

Jun 4, 2020 12:00 PM

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Weekly: [https://zoom.us/meeting/tJUvd-](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/tJUvd-CsrzMjEtBAGgA70SOBqwWR_UcEidHJ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCprDsJHtWduRGDRowcAligXejzmFxEj7d_vTjiIncDUSz0J_V1AI1KE_3Z)

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