

# Weekly Teaching

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Each of us is created in God's image.

Sometimes we think the job of a religious person is to "seek God."

But, I think the real obligation is to make ourselves as Godly as possible, and in this way perhaps God can better find us.

- Heal the Sick
- Feed the Hungry
- Lift up those who have Fallen
- Pursue Peace
- Love our Neighbor

These are just a few of the mitzvot by which we become more Godly.

The Sage, Hillel, taught: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"

The balancing act is challenging, but if we don't try and carefully walk the tightrope that is our mortal lives, we will most certainly risk more easily falling down.

It is important to take care of the "me," but if we don't find the balance to take care of others as well, then we cease to be the human being who was created in the image of God; thus we are not really "human" at all.

Each day is a gift from God; truly the PRESENT.

But, each individual day is never returned to us.

Within our very mortal period of time we have to decide how "human" — how "Godly" — do we really want to be.

Asking the question hopefully prompts the answer that will serve as a catalyst to more seriously approach how we can manage to better bring God's light into our world.

Each of us was created in God's image; the essence of God dwells within each of us.

When seeking God we can hold up the Divine mirror, and then follow the mitzvot that lay the path to the true holiness we all seek for ourselves and our world.

Shabbat Shalom,

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