

Laws & Customs

Geniza

In *Devarim* (12:4) we are commanded to destroy and break any idol, and to remove their names from our midst. However, one is forbidden to do the same to G-d's name. Our Sages teach us that this means erasing or destroying G-d's written or printed name in any language. The prohibition extends to any form of *Torah* text even if it does not include G-d's name. The reason for this *mitzvah* is that through giving respect and handling holy writings with fear it permeates oneself to have a greater fear of G-d.

Being that all these types of writings can not be destroyed, therefore they need to be properly buried. There are special laws pertaining to this process and should be done under the supervision of a Rabbinic Authority.

Jewish Newsletters & Magazines – If the entire publication contains *Torah* teachings then it should be placed in *Geniza*. If only a part of it is of *Torah* teachings then only that part should be placed in *Geniza*. Because burying the other pages together would be disgracing the *Geniza*.

Holy book- Any part of a *siddur*, *chumash*, or part of *Tanach* necessitates *Geniza*. If a part of a holy book with no printed letters was torn, it is also *Geniza*.



Temple Study

Although today we no longer have Bet HaMikdash or Mishkan, it is a great *mitzvah* to study the plan and design of the Mishkan with all its parts and elements.

Our sages tell us that the prophet received a Yechezkel Nevue, prophecy of God. Nevue this she was shown the plan of the Third Bet HaMikdash to be built after the arrival of Moshiach. Gd described Yechezkel the exact plan of the Third Bet HaMikdash, all parts and measurements.

Yechezkel asked the Creator: "Why should I pass this prophecy to the Jews? Anyway can not build the Bet HaMikdash now. Let me wait and will report them when the time comes to build it." But Gd Yechezkel answered: "No, I do not want aguardes. If Bene Yisrael now studying plans for the rebuilding of the Bet HaMikdash, I will reward them as if they had actually built!" The same applies to us. If we study the plans of the Mishkan and the Bet HaMikdash, God rewards us as if we are really building a sacred Address for Him

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March 4-5 2011
Candle Lighting
6:05
Shabbat Ends
6:59

In Honor of the
Klein Family

World to Come

A famous merchant was once on a business trip. On his return from the trip, he decided to stop by his rebbe. At the time it was cold and rainy and when he entered the rebbe's home he went close to the oven to dry himself. That is when he started to think about his life. He asked, "Rebbe, look at what I enjoy in this world. What can I hope for in the world to come?" The rebbe said to him, "Learn from your dealings in this world. If, in this world, in which you have invested so much, that is what you get in return, how much do you expect to get in the world to come, in which you are not investing?"

Saying

There are three types of Jews:

- 1 - Jews who do mitzvahs.
- 2 - Jews who do more mitzvahs.
- 3 - Jews who do more mitzvahs.

Our Sages