

The Concept of Kedushah

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Read Leviticus Chapter 19 and Isaiah Chapter 6:

At your table, talk among yourselves about what you found:

- What is the concept of *kedushah*—holiness—that you see in Chapter 19 of Leviticus?
- What is the concept of *kedushah* that you see in Chapter 6 of Isaiah?

List some ideas to have for our whole group discussion next

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Kedushah in Two Biblical Texts

<p><u>Isaiah</u></p> <p><i>Let's List Some Ideas:</i></p>	<p><u>Vayikra</u></p> <p><i>Let's List Some Ideas:</i></p>
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There are two texts in your binder for this session, one from Maimonides and one from Halevi:

Looking at the texts...

How does each define holiness and how would you compare their conceptions of holiness to the concepts of holiness in the two biblical texts you just looked at?

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Kedushah According to Two Jewish Philosophers

Halevi

Let's List Some Ideas:

Maimonides

Let's List Some Ideas:

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So...

What have we learned about about the concept of Kedushah-- holiness-- from what we've studied up to now?

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To sum up....

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Two dimensions of the concept Kedushah

- Isaiah
- Experiential
- Mystical
- Mysterious
- etc.

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Yehuda Halevi

- Vayikra
- Practical
- Ethical
- Rationalistic
- etc.

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Maimonides

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To know two different concepts of Kedushah... WHY?

Consider the following three questions and spend a few minutes writing in your journal in reflection about them:

- How could knowing these different dimensions of Kedushah help us answer the question "what is worthwhile to know about this concept?"
- What difference would knowing these meanings make in the pedagogy a teacher would use?
- What difference would knowing these meanings make in addressing different learners?

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