

Spiritual Care Corner



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Second Chances

How often do we get a second chance to make amends, or give thanks? In Judaism, you get second chances. Today is one of those second chances: Pesach Sheini the Second Passover. Passover was just about a month ago and, in Biblical times, you observed the holiday by bringing an offering to the Temple. However, in order to bring it, you had to be ritually pure, and that meant you couldn't have come in contact with the dead. If you couldn't satisfy that, you had another chance to bring your offering, a month later: the Second Passover. That would be today.

There are events beyond our control that prevent us from expressing our gratitude and love for friends and family. The coronavirus has stifled our ability to reach out to others. However, there's a simple lesson for all of us in the idea of Pesach Sheini. It's ok to give second chances, and it's ok to need second chances. Circumstances, or errors, can impact any of us. That is the nature of being human and living in this world. But it's never too late to make amends, give thanks, and begin again.

Shabbat shalom,

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