

SCHEDULE

שבת קודש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	6:14 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"ס	מ"א 10:03 גר"א 9:27
Shiur	5:35 PM
Mincha	6:10 PM
Followed by Shalosh Seudos	
Maariv	7:21 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Shiur will resume 10/21/07</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	6:20 PM
Torah Youth Shiur for High School Boys	7:30 PM
<i>Followed by Maariv at 8:00 PM</i>	
Maariv	9:45 PM

Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur	6:00 AM
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New Shiur

Masechet Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman

New Minyan

Shacharis	
Mon/Thur	6:40 AM
Tues/Wed/Fri	6:45 AM
Open Beis Hamedrash	8:00 PM
Shiur (resumes Monday 10/15)	9:30 PM
Nightly Maariv	9:45 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

ירח בול; Hitting a "bull's eye"!

As the season of joy departs there is an overwhelming sense of loss and emptiness. Where are all the beautiful and meaningful מצוות that accompanied us these past few weeks? How do we find the strength to head into the dark days of winter empty handed? With what will we stay connected to השם as we have so wonderfully related to Him during the days of awe and joy that have just ended?

In ספר מלכים it describes how שלמה המלך concluded the בנין בית המקדש in the ירח "בול" which is the month of חשוון. The מדרש tells us that for all the years since the מבול, the weather and rains that fell during the month of חשוון, the month when the forty day flood of water historically began, were extremely violent as evidence of the impact it still left on the world. Upon the completion of the building of the בית המקדש in the days of שלמה המלך however this phenomenon ceased. It is for this reason that the month is known as "בול" minus the "מ" from the word מבול, the "מ" being the numerical equivalent of 40, the number of days the rain fell during the מבול, to indicate this idea.

Ironically despite the greatness inherent in this month the מקדש was not dedicated by שלמה המלך until much later and in the month of תשרי. Evidently the powers needed to ward off the effects of the מבול and its associated darkness lies not in the סגולות of the actual function of the עבודה and the מקדש but rather in the greatness of the כוחות הגוף והנפש of the human spirit and endeavor of ישראל led by שלמה המלך that so expeditiously built it and brought it to reality and possibility.

Perhaps it was to emphasize this supreme value of inner greatness and accomplishment that the external celebration was held off to a different time.

Man possesses great energy and potential and has the task to direct it positively. The דור reports that the דור המבול were destined to receive the תורה but tragically missed their opportunity. The greatness was misplaced and ended in depravity. The rain began as גשמי ברכה but ended as אלה קללה.

The word גשם comes from the idea to materialize, to actualize as in גשמיות, or להגשים חלומות. Rain is the metaphor for השם's response to man's station for better or for worse, לקללה or לברכה. Another word for rain is "מטרי" stemming from the concept of reaching ones מטרה; goal and purpose in life.

The word בול too, can mean to wither and wilt as in נבל or to produce as in יבולה.

The ימים טובים provides us with the tools to hone our נשמות so that they may eventually function independent of the unique עבודה of each טוב. We have the chance to display our inner essence precisely in a month void of special מצוות so that in our dedication to each other, in our commitment to לימוד התורה, in our זריזות for תפילה we can show our true colors.

Our קהילה is riding on a true high after having experienced such wonderful אחדות and עלייה in רוחניות due to the special quality of תפילה, תורה, and שמחה unique to our קהילה that we enjoyed together.

Now is the time to implement that joy and inspiration into the activities of our every day life enriching our families through our carrying out our commitments to השם that were generated these past weeks.

May we succeed in hitting a "bull's (בול) eye" and meriting השם's special favor!

! A healthy and productive winter , א געזונטען ווינטער !

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