

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:41 PM
Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"ס- מ"א 9:14 < גר"א 9:50	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	4:40 PM
Maariv	5:50 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
~ Shiur will resume next week	
Mincha / Maariv	4:50 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Shacharis	
Monday, Thursday	6:40 AM
Tues, Wed, Fri	6:45 AM
Mincha (Mon-Thur)	1:45 PM
Maariv (Mon-Thur)	9:45 PM

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman after Maariv

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Oh, How Sweet It Is !

The מדרש informs that although the Jews were initially destined to be enslaved for 400 years the actual time served was reduced to 210 years. This was attributed to the קושי השעבוד, the intensification of the enslavement within that shorter span, that equaled the originally intended suffering that was to be spread with less harshness over the longer era.

The period of cruel decrees that were divinely initiated to serve to speed the process of redemption was heralded when the Torah describes, (וימררו את חייהם (שמות א, יד), *They embittered their lives*. From this point until the exodus was 86 years long. This number corresponds to the age of מרים at the time of liberation. Indeed the commentaries point out that she was so named precisely because she was born at the onset of the most "bitter" phase, thus she was called מרים, emphasizing the "מרי", the bitter and difficult epoch.

It seems strange that a parent would name their child commemorating pain rather than hope! What legacy could be in store for a child with so harsh of a name and all its bleak implications?

The גמרא (סוטה יב) and מדרש רבא (שמות פ"א ס"י"ט) give a fascinating account of a dialogue that took place between עמרם and his daughter מרים.

ויילך איש מבית לוי (שם ב, א), *A man went from the House of Levi*. The גמרא inquires as to where he was going and responds, "he went after the counsel of his daughter". As עמרם was the "גדול הדור", the greatest of the nation, when he saw that Pharaoh decreed all boys should be cast into the water, and realized the futility in raising children he promptly divorced his wife. The rest of the Jews followed suit and did likewise. מרים then confronted her father with three arguments: "Your decree is worse than Pharaoh's! He only decreed against the boys, you will cause that also girls will not be born!. Pharaoh's decree is only in this world, your decree also affects the world to come!(Children's souls only enter the world to come if they are born first (רש"י)) It is uncertain whether Pharaoh's decree would be fulfilled, but you are a צדיק, and your decree will certainly be fulfilled (ותגור אומר ויקם לך (איוב כב, כח) 'As you decree, it will be fulfilled'".

ויקח את בת לוי (שם ב, א), *and he took a daughter of Levi*. The גמרא goes on to describe his remarrying of יוכבד, standing beneath the חופה as מרים and אהרן dance and sing joyously in front of them.

So often we get caught up with "חשבונות", calculations of the "big picture" that impede and cloud our clarity of vision. מרים with her youthful and pure exuberance, hope and innocence sees the opportunity in the moment. The raising of the daughters, the joy of a boy being born even if it short lived and affording it a share in the world to come and the anticipation of possible better times, was a reality even עמרם didn't perceive readily. A true "גדול", he "got it" and immediately retracts his miscalculation and "rejoices" in his wedding even though the future is still in doubt!

One can adapt a "bitter" attitude towards life and all its travails, or one can select to seek the sweetness that is always there. One can drown in worry or regale in the opportunities at hand. No one ever knows the length of time one will be dispensed on this earth. Every moment is laden with prospects to grasp eternity.

מר, more accurately means to oppose as in the word "מרי", rebellion. When we succumb to our fears and lose hope because of all the challenges that "oppose" us, we are destined to becoming embittered with dejection and despair. If we however "resist" the inclination to give up, we have hope of discovering the sweetness of life and all its prospects.

מרים was so named in order to stave off the bitterness that prevailed at the time of her birth. She possessed the positiveness needed to fight off the temptation to surrender to misery.

She merited to marry כלב who refused to yield to the negativity of the מרגלים, the spies. Their son חור maintained his upbeat and faithful commitment to משה and Hashem in boldly facing the sinners of the golden calf, giving his life in the process. She merited to bequeath this unique quality to דוד המלך who descended from her, the נעים זמירות ישראל (שמואל ב כג, א), the "Sweet Singer of Israel", who embodied this ability to see the positive and make the most of every situation he faced and always sing joyously the praises of Hashem!

May we ward off bitterness in our lives and merit to taste the sweetness of life every moment of our existence!

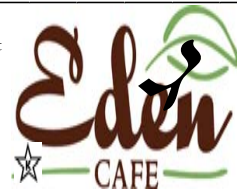
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