

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos **5:43 PM**

Friday Night Learning - After 8:00pm

With Cholent provided by O'Fishe!

Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush **8:30 AM**

Sof Zman K"ס- 9:26 א"ג < 8:50 א"ג

Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos **5:40 PM**

Maariv **6:51 PM**

Sunday

Shacharis ראש חודש **8:30 AM**

~ Shiur following Shacharis

Mincha / Maariv **5:50 PM**

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Shacharis

Monday ראש חודש **6:30 AM**

Thursday **6:40 AM**

Tue, Wed., Fri **6:45 AM**

Mincha (Mon-Thur) **1:45 PM**

Maariv (Mon-Thur) **9:45 PM**

**Rabbi Teichman's Thursday Night
Shiur After Maariv**

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen, Start Up Your Engines!

Every year as we approach the month of Adar we read פרשת שקלים, the portion of the Torah that describes the command, during the times when the Temple stood, to contribute a "half silver shekel" by the month of Nissan, for the funding of communal sacrifices. This obligation to donate was announced at the onset of the month of Adar, giving ample time for everyone to fulfill this responsibility.

(תענית כט) משנכנס אדר מרבין בשמחה (תענית כט) From the entrance of Adar we begin to increase joy, as we enter into the miraculous days of Purim and Pesach. (רש"י שם). Is there a correlation between these two events? Does the giving of a half shekel somehow enhance our ability to be happy?

In the יוצר that is added in many shuls during the Shacharis prayers on שבת שקלים, the great scholar and poet Rabbi Elazar HaKalir concludes the piyut of אומן בשמעו with the following lines.

רחום כרחמת נשואיך בכסף כיפורים, כן שעה שפתינו בשילום פרים
*Merciful One, as you had mercy on Israel through the silver of atonement
so incline to our lips as we pray in place of offerings.*

This passage refers to G-d having forgiven the sin of the Golden Calf with their contributing of the half shekel. We ask in turn that our prayers too should be deemed as if we have brought the offerings in the Temple despite it being in a state of ruin. What does one have to do with the other? These two concepts seem totally unrelated.

Earlier in this prayer Hakalir makes reference to Moshe's quandary as to how can one possibly affect atonement by the mere contributing of a coin? He goes on to describe how G-d showed in a vision to Moshe a אש מטבע של אש, a fiery coin that they shall give without delay, that will accomplish the task. What is this mysterious coin of fire and how did they duplicate it?

Three times a day we beseech Hashem in prayer:

ואשי ישראל ותפילתם מהרה (באהבה) תקבל ברצון
Speedily accept the fire offerings of Israel and their prayer service (with love) and favor

What fire offerings do we bring each day? We don't have an altar to sacrifice on?

The Talmud (מנחות קי) quotes Rav Gidel in the name of Rav that the archangel Michael stands above in heaven and brings sacrifices even today! Tosafos quotes a source that states that Michael offers "כבשים של אש", fiery sheep on the altar each day.

The Shem MiShmuel (הלך המועדים שנת תרע"ד חלק המועדים) says that these sheep are the product of the enthusiasm we express through our prayers and from the yearning we feel in our hearts to restore the service in the Temple speedily.

Similarly he writes (פרשת פקודי שקלים) this is the notion of the אש מטבע של אש, the fiery coin of Adar. Just as the month of Tishrei is preceded by the month of Elul where we humble ourselves with the cry of the Shofar for an entire month in preparation for the day of judgment, so too we get ready in Adar for Nissan. But here it is a call for "courage" and joyous self confidence in our special relationship with Hashem.

On the first of Adar we are (משנה שקלים א א) משמיעין על השקלים, we shout out enthusiastically the message of "fiery and joyous passion" that the mitzvah of Shekalim represents.

When one feels emboldened by his role as a אדם therein lies happiness. It is a time to regale in our unique mission. The poor and the rich contribute equally because despite our differing talents and strengths we are all nevertheless equal in our worthiness before Hashem.

We appeal to Hashem that just as He accepted our fervor in the contributing of the simple half shekel to erase the terrible sin of the Golden Calf, so too may He see our zeal to serve and desire to get close to Him and allow our "sheep of fire" to be consumed on the Altar above!

May we succeed in "firing up our engines" to bring excitement, confidence and passion to our Avodas Hashem and in that merit may we restore very soon the joy that we can only experience with the coming of Moshiach!

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The Eternal Battle Between
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Motzei Shabbos March 5th, 8:30pm
At the home of Bracha Cain 2810 Smith Ave
(next to the shul)

Please R.S.V.P to Leezers34@aol.com.

Light refreshments served.