

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:26 PM
Friday Night Learning	7:30 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K"ס מ"א 8:55 א"ג 9:31</i>	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	4:20 PM
Maariv	5:34 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Followed by Shiur</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	4:30 PM
Torah Youth Shiur for High School Boys	7:30 PM
<i>Followed by Maariv at 8:00 PM</i>	
Maariv	9:45 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur	6:00 AM
<i>Masechet Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman</i>	
Shacharis	
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 6:40AM	Tue 6:45AM
Mincha— Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	12:45PM
Additional daily minyan (M-F)	8:10AM
Open Beis Hamedrash	8:00 PM
Shiur	9:30 PM
Nightly Maariv	9:45 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Square Pegs in Round Holes

When the פרשיות dealing with יוסף and his brothers are being read we know the יום טוב of חנוכה is rapidly approaching. It is no coincidence that these portions are read in the proximity of this wonderful יום טוב.

A obvious connection lies in the parallels between יוסף הצדיק and his spiritual heirs, the בני חשמונאים. Their strength of character and the courage displayed in the face of isolation and loneliness that not only helped them overcome their enemies but prodded them to attain ever greater levels of קדושה despite the great odds against them, is the very essence of the message that lies within חנוכה.

יוסף finds favor in the eyes of his captors despite or perhaps in spite of his strict adherence to the tenets of his faith and the מנהגים of his father. His steadfastness and constant attribution of success to his belief in השם is not viewed as an oddity but rather with much admiration.

The חשמונאים were deemed fanatical in their devotion and unwillingness to compromise for the sake of peace. It is precisely this quality that ultimately gained them the greatest respect and made them deserving of possessing מלכות.

יוסף and the חשמונאים were looked upon as square pegs in a round hole, nevertheless their self confidence and unswerving commitment to what they truly believed in is what brought them the ultimate recognition.

The ירושלמי informs us that Alexander the Great, founder of the Greek empire and culture, after having ascended to the clouds on the wings of an eagle and having observed that the world is round adorned his idols with a sphere symbolic of earth and the forces of nature that man was beholden to.

Elsewhere, the ירושלמי observes that there is no "square" in מעשה בראשית; creation. From the structure of the atom to all creatures and beings, the world is essentially in the image of nature and the world, rounded and curved. A sphere has no beginning nor end, the very illusion of the independence of nature from השם.

The מדרש describes how the מזוזה stands to our right and the חנוכה to the left with the יהודי with his ציצית and תפילין in between.

The square shape of the טלית and the precisely squared בתים of our תפילין defy the very laws of nature as we stand in the shadow of the מזוזה and the radiant light of the נרות חנוכה which declare before the world our innate ability to overcome the natural limitations of this temporal world.

So often we find ourselves self conscious in our performance of מצוות and uncomfortable with whom we really are. חנוכה is a time to display proudly our beliefs without apologies or hesitation.

Living proudly, the traditions of our illustrious אבות and אמהות will eventually win us the admiration of all the scoffers.

May we prepare ourselves properly for the יום טוב of חנוכה and be deserving of נפלאות and ניסים with the coming of משיח צדקנו במהרה.

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