

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 PM
Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"ס- גר"א 9:27	8:51
Pikei Avos - By R' Teichman	7:30 PM
Mincha - Followed by Shalosh Seudos	8:15 PM
Maariv -	9:28 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Shacharis ראש חודש	8:30 AM
~ Shiur following Shacharis	

Mincha / Maariv	8:25 PM
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Monday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
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Mincha / Maariv	8:25 PM
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Tuesday - Friday

Shacharis	
Thursday	6:40 AM
Tues., Wed., Fri.	6:45 AM
Mincha (Mon-Thur)	1:45 PM
Mincha/Maariv	8:25 PM
Maariv (Mon-Thur)	9:45 PM

Rabbi Teichman's Thursday Night
Shiur After Maariv

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Secret of Longevity

With the passing of the Giants of Torah, Harav Yitzchok Dov Koppelman, Harav Michal Yehuda Lefkowitz, and HaRav Chaim Stein זצ"ל in these past two weeks, the Jewish nation has lost three of its most precious jewels that adorned the Crown of Torah that provided the life force of true existence.

(דברים לב מו) ובדבר הזה תארכו ימים... *for it (Torah) is your life, ... and through this matter shall you prolong your days.*

Each of these illustrious *Gedolei Yisroel* were blessed with unusual longevity, 106, 97 and 99 years respectively. Each one of them was extremely productive almost until the very end. Delivering *shiurim*, offering *chizuk*, guiding and inspiring thousands of visitors from across the full spectrum of religious observance, with an exuberance that betrayed their age. What was the secret of their extraordinary endurance and strength?

(דברים כ כג כד) ויאמר ד' אל משה ואהרן בהר הזה על גבול ארץ אדום לאמר יאסף אהרן אל עמו כי לא יבא אל הארץ אשר נתתי לבני ישראל (במדבר כ כג כד) *Hashem said to Moshe and Aharon at Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom saying, "Aharon shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the Land that I have given to the Children of Israel".*

The Holy S'fas Emes poses a fascinating query. Every person is allotted a specific amount of "days" in which to fulfill one's life's mission on this earth. Did Aharon come to the "end" of his days? If he did indeed complete his task in this world, then what relevance is there to "adding" the sin at Merivah to the equation? If however, his "time" wasn't up yet, then why did he have to die? The consequence spelled out for Aharon and Moshe's indiscretion at the rock, was merely that they would not be able to enter the Land, but not necessarily death. Aharon should have then been able to live out his years "outside" of the Land?

The S'fas Emes answers: *In truth the time for man to depart is when he has accomplished in this world the service that was necessary for his unique "mission" on earth and to fulfill all the commands associated with it. Therefore, Moshe and Aharon sought to enter the Land in order to fulfill all of its special Mitzvos that are contingent there. Were they able to enter they would have had what to "live" for, but since they were prevented from entering, de facto their life's mission was now accomplished.* (שפי"א תרל"ט ד"ה בפסוק ויאסף)

It is averred in the name of the Saintly Maggid of Kosznitz that the legendary Gaon, HaRav Pinchos Horowitz, the *Baal HaHaflaah*, determined at the age of forty two that he had already achieved his life's goal. To lengthen his stay he undertook a most unusual new mission. He assumed the Rabbinate in Frankfurt, Germany, a far cry from the culture he was familiar with, and lived to serve and inspire them for an additional thirty six years!

We are fortunate to possess leaders who constantly seek to expand their influence in enthusing us with new levels of Torah and *Yiras Shamayim*. Never complacent with the vast successes of their past, they are constantly creating new arenas in where to spread the honor of Heaven and assist their generation in maintaining the warmth and excitement of a life of Torah and Mitzvos. So why did they expire? Anyone having been privileged to observe them were immediately smitten with the genuine unconditional love they displayed and the sense of mission that they lived with. Why did it end? The Sefas Emes once again provides us with a powerful answer and message.

The previous verse describing the demise of Aharon gives the geographic location of his death at the "border of Edom". Rashi questions the significance of this fact. He informs that it was due to the Jewish nations befriend of the descendants of Esav, during their travel adjacent to their territory, that "יחסרו הצדיק הזה", *they lost this great righteous one*. The Sefas Emes asks; doesn't the Torah tell us that Aharon died due to the fact that, *you did not believe in me to sanctify me*, when they hit rather than talk to the rock?

He answers; that is a reason that "he" should die but why should "they" be subject to losing such a beloved leader? (ספר תהלים יט) Implicit within this answer is that when the death of a person unduly effects others who are undeserving of that loss, that may be a reason to prolong that individual's life! What did we pick up in those interactions with Edom that made us so undeserving of Aharon?

Prior to Aharon's departure Moshe pleads with the King of Edom to appreciate what role the Jewish nation has played in their "brotherly" relationship and the kindness the Children of Israel extended them, by not inciting war against them. Moshe offers remuneration for the food and drink they will purchase from them despite the fact they have adequate provisions. Moshe recounts the years of Jewish suffering in Egypt and the desire to live peaceably with them.

Edom is so wrapped up in their own self preservation they are incapable of appreciating the magnanimity displayed to them by the Children of Israel. In the casual association with Edom, as they related to them while travelling along their border, the Jewish nation picked up an "attitude" of extraordinary selfishness. The Targum Yehonason (דברים יו) and the Talmud Yerushalmi (ירמ"א א) record that when Aharon died, resulting in the sudden departure of the Clouds of Glory, they neglected to eulogize Aharon properly. It was only eight encampments later, that they realized this terrible lapse and sought to correct it.

No wonder they "lost" the treasure they had! Do we appreciate the leaders we have? How many of us even knew about these great Sages? Are we more knowledgeable of the performers and athletes that preoccupy so much of our lives with nonsense? Do we avail ourselves of the tools of information in a way that can enhance our lives rather than indulging in idle chatter, empty entertainment and foolishness?

We desperately need our precious leaders who give us the merit to live and thrive. May we be deserving of their wishes for our success and their concern for the welfare of Klall Yisrael. May we never take them for granted. We must fill the vacuum that was left by living more inspired and elevated lives!

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Lisa Pachino is sitting shiva for her mother,
Mrs. Marion Cooper, at Ronnie and Lisa's home
2715 Woodcourt Rd.

Shiva concludes Monday morning 7/4.

There will not be daily Minyanim at the house except:
Sunday 7/3 - Mincha/Maariv at 8:25pm



By R' Teichman; Written by the Tanaim and Amoraim.

The group will be meeting daily Monday-Friday 5:45
am, Shabbos 7:30am & Sunday 10am.



Mazal Tov!

Laurie and Ron Reitman

On the birth of a Baby Boy!!!

Laurie and Ron recently moved to NY, we wish them
much Nachas and joy from their new son!