

## SCHEDULE

### שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:25 PM
Friday Night Learning	7:30 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K"Z מ"א 9:00 גר"א 9:36</i>	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	4:20 PM
Maariv	5:33 PM

### Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Followed by Chanukah Party at 10:00</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	4:30 PM
Torah Youth Shiur	Next Week
Maariv	9:45 PM

### Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

#### Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur	6:00 AM
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*Masechet Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman*

#### Shacharis

Mon (ר"ח) 6:30 Tues & Thur 6:40AM  
Wed & Fri 6:45AM

Tur & Beis Yosef—Orach Chaim Shiur	7:30AM
Additional Daily Minyan (M-F)	8:10AM
Mincha— Mon - Thurs	12:45PM
Open Beis Hamedrash	8:00 PM
Shiur	9:30 PM
Nightly Maariv	9:45 PM

**Thursday - Rabbi Teichman Unplugged 10:00PM**

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Dreidels, Nature and Atoms

...יונים נקבצו עלי...; the יונים rally their forces against us, ...ופרצו חומות מגדלי...; breaking through the walls of the מקדש, with vengeance they seek their goal; וטמאו כל השמינים; finally defiling all the remaining jugs of oil.

What was the significance of the oil that so disturbed the יונים?

Hellenism marvels at the wonder of nature, art, music and human endeavor. It strives to discover the magnificence of this finite world. What it can't accept however, is a belief in the science of Torah; the belief that man can transcend time and place and elevate himself out of the confines and limitations of a physical world.

The transmitting of טומאה, an invisible negative force that does not change the chemical composition of an item is antithetical to its core beliefs. This defilement then becomes the symbol of their defiance to our claim of allegiance and dependence on a system not bound to the laws of the natural world.

The most basic material of creation is the atom. An atom consists of a nucleus surrounded by orbiting electrons. The distance between the nucleus and its electrons has been compared to the ratio of a grape-seed to a football stadium. In very simple terms true mass is much smaller than it appears. The speed of the electrons spinning around the nucleus, create an illusion of density. This concept could be compared to the spinning blades of a fan, although when turning at high speed they appear to be solid disc in truth they are merely several distinct blades.

The "real" world is not quite as actual as one might think. The world of a יהודי may not be readily visible to our limited senses but it is truly tangible when measured with the instrumentation of the Torah.

One observing a spinning dreidel sees a rounded shape despite its genuine four flat right angled sides. Although the dreidel of history spins from "above", there exists an illusion of independence from the hand of השגחה that tests our devotion to a higher reality. This is the challenge of מלכות יין.

Our celebration of חנוכה is an affirmation of our commitment to the "חוקי רצונך"; those statutes of Torah that although not readily measurable or fully understandable to us, are nevertheless very much part of our reality.

One who submits to a life of Torah accepts that only through the adherence to the directives of the Torah and Halachah can we ably maneuver through the dangers that are not necessarily perceptible yet are very real.

Too often we allow ourselves to be seduced by popular sentiments that allow us to rely on "our understanding" of right and wrong, appropriate and inappropriate in adapting to the culture around us.

May we reexamine our loyalty to חכמת התורה; the wisdom of Torah in remaining steadfast and uncompromising in השם's expectations of us.

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באהבה,  
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8pm—10pm

