

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש


Mincha Erev Shabbos	→	7:00 PM
ON TIME SHABBOS:		8:19 PM
Daf Yomi— By Uri Meth		7:30 AM
Shacharis—Followed by Kiddush		8:30 AM
-Guest speaker R' Michoel Jablinowitz		
-Sof Zman K"ס-	ג"א 9:26 <	מ"א 8:50
Pirkei Avos - By R' Naftali Hexter		7:30 PM
Mincha - Followed by Shalosh Seudos		8:20 PM
-Guest speaker R' Hexter		
Maariv -		9:28 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Daf Yomi— By R' Teichman	7:30 AM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Mincha / Maariv	8:25 PM

Monday - Friday

Daf Yomi— By R' Teichman	5:45 AM
Shacharis	
Monday, Thursday	6:40 AM
Tues., Fri.	6:45 AM
Wednesday 	8:30 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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Post Kiddush Kiddush

*The shul is invited to a Kiddush at the home of Avi & Eli Goldsmith in honor of the birth of their daughter Rachel Temmima.
~ 6812 Cherokee Dr. ~*

SIYUM

Ronnie & Lisa invite you to the 10th annual siyum Le'iluy Nishmat Michal Franklin, Michal Bat Avner, this Friday night. 2715 Woodcourt. Reception at 9:30, Siyum at 10:00

Baruch Dayan Ha'emes

Our deepest condolences go out to Mrs. Michelle Cline on the passing of her mother Mrs. Lee Schaeffer

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Giving Voice to Your Soul

We daven each day, enumerating within the body of the *Amidah*, twelve blessings entitled בקשות, *Requests*, that detail the full spectrum of our personal and national needs. (A thirteenth blessing was historically added later)

The final “request” in the order of these petitions, is an appeal to God that He *accept all of our prayers*. This is the blessing of שמע קולנו *Acceptance of Prayer*.

The blessing opens with the appeal to God; שמע קולנו, *Hear our voice*. Why do we ask from God to specifically hear our “voice” and not our prayers?

The *Rokeach* and other *Rishonim* point out that there are eighteen places in Torah where the verb שמע, hear, is used in the context of God listening to a request. This corresponds to the original construction of the *Amidah* that originally consisted of eighteen blessings.

The fifteenth sentiment of “hearing” that relates to this fifteenth blessing is found in this weeks portion.

After the death of Aharon the Clouds of Glory depart. Amalek, always waiting for an opportunity to pounce on our weakness, attacks us. They take a sole “captive”. Infuriated, the nation reacts.

וידר ישראל נדר לדי' ויאמר אסנתן תתן אתהעם הזה בידי והחרמתי
 And *Israel vowed a vow unto God*, אתהעריהם (במדבר כא ב) *and said: “If You will indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.”*

The very next verse states; וישמע ד' בקול ישראל ויתן...
 אתהכנעני... *And God listened to the voice of Israel and gave the Canaanite...*

This is the only place in all of *Tanach* that a notion of; קול”
 ישראלי, the voice of Israel, is referenced!

If this is the source for the request of God to accept our prayers, one would reasonably expect there to be a “prayer” rendered. Yet all there is, is a “deal” that God accepted bereft of any supplication. Where is the prayer?

There are times when we are at a loss to articulate our requests properly. It may relate to our inability to express ourselves correctly or, perhaps, to feelings of unworthiness.

God however looks beyond our meek words and lack of virtue, and hearkens to the “Voice of Israel”, the inner essence of good inherent within each one of us, that frustratingly desires to find its expression.

There was no entreaty, just a reaction to retrieve that “sole” captive. They knew that Amalek sought to defeat their resolve and cast doubt on their gloried relationship with God.

Amalek taunted them by snatching a single captive to show their “control”, defying the “mighty” God the Jewish nation placed their faith in. Their response spoke volumes of their allegiance to God more than any words they would choose to beseech God could.

When Amalek attacked they sought to confound the Jewish nation by disguising themselves as Canaanites. They spoke the language of Canaan but yet clothed themselves in the Amalekite garb. They knew that *Tefillah* requires careful enunciation to reach its target. They strategized that by confusing them regarding their exact identity, they would pray to defeat the Canaanite when indeed they were Amalekim.

Little did they know that the powerful “selfguided missile”, the “Voice of Israel”, can overwhelm even a faceless enemy and an unknown .

How ironic that our ancient *Zaydeh*, Yaakov, found himself in a similar predicament. When seeking to snatch, rightfully, the blessing from Esav the Grandpa of Amalek, he disguises himself in the “hairy clothing” of Esav yet maintains his tounge as Yitzchok exclaimed, הקול קול יעקב, *the voice is the voice of Yaakov*, והידיים ידי עשו (בראשית כז כב), *and the hands the hands of Esav*.

Amalek seeks the cold calculation of success, capable of giving up his “voice”, his core, for the expediency of conquest. What he refuses to relinquish is his the outer facade and “identity”.

Yaakov no matter how hard he would try, could never betray the sterling character that was his fundamental inviolate nature. He knew that regardless of any outer display, his soul would remain pure.

We often don't know what for or how to pray. If we would live lives of passionate adherence to the will of God, reacting appropriately with resolve, we are assured that our “voice” will be heard!

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On the birth of a Baby Boy!
 Shalom Zachar at 6820 Navajo
 After 9:30

To the entire Teichman Family
 on the bris of Gershon!

Extra Extra! Read all about it!

Adam Rubin and Kayla Helfman's Vort!
 This Sunday, July 1, 2012 from 4-6 pm
 The Home of Orin and Estie Hirschman
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 On the birth of a
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!!Happy Birthday!!

To the following celebrating birthdays this week

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