

## SCHEDULE

### שבת קודש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:09 PM
Friday Night Learning	7:30 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K"ס מ"א 9:11 גר"א 9:47</i>	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	5:05 PM
Maariv	6:18 PM

### Super Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Followed by Shiur</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	5:15 PM
TYA Shiur IX-	6:18 PM
Temporarily Relocated. Back @ OM Next week.	
Maariv	9:45 PM

### Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

#### Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur (M—F)	6:00 AM
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*Masechet Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman*

**Shacharis** - Wed & Thur, ראש הזש 6:30am

Mon, 6:40am, Tues, Fri 6:45am

Tur & Beis Yosef—Orach Chaim Shiur	7:30AM
Additional daily minyan (Mon—Fri)	8:10AM
Mincha— Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur	*12:50PM*
Open Beis Hamedrash	8:00 PM
Shiur	9:30 PM
Nightly Maariv	9:45 PM

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Out of Bounds!

*ואנשי קדש תהיון לי ובשר בשדה טרפה לא תאכלו לכלב תשליכון אותו*; *And men of a holy calling shall you be unto me, flesh torn off in the field shall you not eat, to the dog shall you cast it.*

The זוהר tells us that of all the appellations that השם bestowed upon the Jewish people, ממלכת כהנים; a nation of priests, עם קדוש; a holy people, גוי קדוש; a holy nation, the title "אנשי קדש" is the most exalted. What is so unique about this description?

We are introduced to the concept of מאכלות האסורות; the prohibition of eating certain foods with the איסור of טריפה. טריפה in its most literal sense is an animal who was "snatched" from its independent existence, by an animal of prey, to serve the purpose of nature as a component in the natural food chain, an organism of "nature". Human consumption should be an expression of a free willed act to partake from השם's bounty for the higher and noble purpose of sustaining ourselves to serve Him. Man can not be part of the "bound" unfree willed world of nature. He must therefore refrain from sitting at the same table with that which belongs to the animal world. Man must create and define his boundaries, those defined by the תורה הקדושה. The moment an item leaves those borders it becomes part of the kingdom of טבע; nature, and disconnected from the realm of בחירה; free will, the exclusive domain of man. (adapted from Rabbi S.R. Hirsch)

The world of תורה is a world of מחיצות; boundaries. Indeed the prohibition of "טריפה" applies to other situations of food that exited its boundaries, such as meat of sacrifices that has been brought out of "its organic home", the boundaries of the מקדש and ירושלים. When the meat of a קרבן is snapped from "its living organism" it severs its connection that gives it definition in the context of man and is thus removed from being worthy of serving him.

The תורה instructs us to throw the טריפה to the dogs. Dogs represent the epitome of a nature without limits, as the חז"ל tell us that "doors hold no barrier to dogs" (ב"ק כג), for they are persistent in burrowing through any defensive lines that stand in their way. the dogs instinctive ישעיהו (פרק נו) , והכלבים עזי נפש לא ידעו שבעה יעות; brazenness, summons their boundless desires.

Have you ever wondered why so many athletic teams sport names associated with animals? Have you ever pondered why there is such a strong appetite during sporting events? Have you ever observed the stance of most athletes; crouched, muscles taut, ready to spring, leap and pounce upon their "prey" and its similarities to wildlife in motion?

The obsession with sports competitions and the need to show allegiance to a team is a pale reflection of the נשמה's deepest desire to win the real "Battle of the Titans", the מלחמת היצר; the struggle of the good inclination over the bad. When we leave however the arena of תורה, we are exposed to the field of nature and its instinctive drive for pleasure and superficial satisfaction. Our noble mission transforms into an expression of the trivial pursuit of an ephemeral prize mimicking the natural world of the animal kingdom and its behaviors.

Let us realize that some things are simply "out of bounds" for those who seek true meaning in life. It is time that perhaps we should finally "let the dogs out" of the מחיצות; the barriers of our נשמות.

Ironically, when man emulates animal behavior by acting coarsely and gruffly we label it "human nature".

The greatness of a Jew, the great Kotzker Rebbe taught us, lies in his being קודש אנשי הייוליג; humanly divine. Controlling and directing our urges and instincts within the confines of a life of קדושה is ultimately the greatest expression of our humanity!

May we each achieve a great victory this Sunday and rejoice in being part of the only true winning team!

באהבה,  
צבי טייכמן

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## Shacharis Minyanim

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Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday & Thursday 6:30 AM & 8:10AM

Monday 6:40 AM & 8:10AM

Tues & Fri 6:45 AM & 8:10AM



### HATZALAH of BALTIMORE

Thanks the entire community for their extraordinary response of nearly 900 reservations for the upcoming dessert reception at Beth Tfiloh. Due to ongoing construction & limited parking please make every effort to carpool to the event so that everyone can be accommodated.

February 2nd, 8:15pm, at Beth Tfiloh

We look forward to seeing you there.