

## SCHEDULE

### שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:33 PM
Friday Night Learning	7:30 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K"ס מ"א 8:58 גר"א 9:34</i>	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	5:30 PM
Maariv	6:42 PM

### Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Followed by Hachnasas Sefer Torah—Bring the family</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	5:40 PM
Torah Youth Shiur	7:30 PM
<i>for High School Boys</i>	
<i>Followed by Maariv at 8:00 PM</i>	
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

Mon, Thurs	6:40AM	Tues, Wed & 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		
Thursday Night Shiur	After Maariv		

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and refreshments \$360

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### -Nichum Avaylim-

*Mr. Murray Friedman is sitting shiv'ah for the loss of his Father.*  
We wish to express our condolences to Mr. Friedman and his entire family on their loss.  
Shiv'ah is at 6301 Fairlane Dr. now through Monday morning 2/25.  
Davening at the Shiv'ah house is: Shacharis- 7:00am/8:00am sun  
Mincha & Maariv- 5:35pm.

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Virtual Reality

The תורה describes in פרשת כי תשא the last vessel that was to be fashioned for the משכן, the כיוור, the laver. This was the large basin situated between the אהל מועד and the מזבח where the כהנים washed their hands and feet in preparation for the עבודה. The כיוור was constructed from copper mirrors that were donated by the women of ישראל.

A fascinating and intriguing aspect of the nature and purpose of the כיוור is recorded by הרב מנחם הרב מנחם the famed thirteenth century Italian Rav and Kabbalist.

The כיוור was a rounded kettle that was composed of highly polished reflective copper. The רב קנאטי רב קנאטי states that it was necessary for the כהן to see the face of the מתכפרים; those seeking atonement with the bringing of their קרבנות. In order to avoid any possible improper thoughts evoked by the sight of women who may be bringing קרבנות, the כהן would accomplish this goal by seeking their reflection in the כיוור rather than seeing them directly thus avoiding possible הרהור.

The question begs, if indeed the laver served as a highly refined mirror wouldn't it still be likely that seeing a women's clear reflection in it could provoke a reaction as well?

Perhaps the answer lies in the essence of the כיוור. By the very nature of the rounded כיוור the כהן when viewing the women's face reflected in the כיוור would inevitably see his own image reflected as well. Seeing himself clothed in the magnificent vestments of the כהונה with the entire scope of the משכן in the background, would surely anchor him to the reality of his role and the levels of קדושה and טהרה he must maintain.

So often our eyes us distract us and envelope us in the object of what we are viewing and we totally lose all perspective of where and who we are, allowing ourselves to be consumed by the passion of the moment. The goal is to never lose sight of ourselves and our elevated status as a ממלכת כהנים and גוי קדוש.

There is an opinion recorded that the דמות דיוקנו של אביו; the image of יעקב אבינו that appeared to יוסף הצדיק, as he was being seduced by אשת פוטיפר, was actually his very own image that was similar to his fathers that he observed reflected in a windowpane in the room. At the moment he was about to succumb it was the sudden awareness of who he really was and the legacy of greatness that lied within him that brought him back to reality and enabled him to conquer his urge and the temptations of his eyes.

There are many tools of distraction that devour our sense of self, והמבין יבין.

May we never lose focus of who we are. May we pride ourselves in the grandness of our נשמות and maintain that objectivity never allowing ourselves to engage in activities that are truly unbecoming of the בניים של מקום!

באהבה,  
צבי טייכמן

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Monday & Thursday

6:40 AM & 8:10AM

Tues, Wed, & Fri

6:45 AM & 8:10AM

!!See Enclosed Flyer!!

הכנסת ספר תורה

This Sunday 9:15 AM

Light refreshments will be served.

Men, women and children are  
encouraged to attend.

Rain or Shine!