

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos **7:00 & 7:42 PM**

~Be-zman Minyan starts down stairs for Mincha

Candle lighting 7:42 PM
Daf Yomi 7:30 AM
Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM

Direct flight to Kiddush

-Sof Zman K"ס- א"ג 8:49 א"ג 9:34

Mincha 2:15 PM
Pirkei Avos ← 6:50 PM
Mincha - 7:40 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv - 8:52 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Shacharis I 6:50 AM
Daf Yomi- By R' Gholian 7:30 AM
Shacharis II 8:30 AM
Mincha / Maariv 7:50 PM

Monday - Friday

Daf Yomi- By R' Teichman 5:45 AM
Shacharis
Monday, Thursday ב"ט 6:35 AM
Tuesday, Wed., Friday 6:45 AM
Mincha (Mon-Thur) 1:45 PM
MINCHA/MAARIV 7:50 PM
Daf Yomi (Take II) 9:00 PM
Maariv (Mon-Thur) 9:45 PM

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Special Guest Speakers this week:

Rabbi Teichman is away for Shabbos, the following special guest speakers have been arranged.

Daf Yomi - R' Gholian

Shabbos morning - No speech (at all)

Pirkei Avos - R' Dani Poliakoff

Shalosh Seudos - R' Hagaon Yaakov Berkowitz

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

It's Time to Come Home

We humans instinctively seek to expand our "presence" on this earth beyond the confines of the four cubits of earth we each occupy.

We all possess an urge to explore new regions and discover fresh experiences. That curiosity compels us to know what is transpiring at any given moment around the globe and beyond. Especially with the advent of the internet and its access to endless amounts of data throughout the universe, we have an unquenchable thirst for information and breaking news.

Where does this need stem from?

The inimitable Rav Shimshon Pincus directs us to a most fascinating statement in the Talmud.

There it records two opinions regarding the original stature of Man.

Rebbi Elazar said that Adam, the first man, extended from the earth to the heaven, but when he sinned, G-d diminished him.

Rav Yehuda stated in the name of Rav that the first man stretched from one end of the world to the other, but when he sinned, G-d shortened him.

The Talmud concludes, *that both of these measures are the same.*

(תגיגה ב')

Although the original understanding of Adam's physical and spiritual stature is beyond our comprehension, nevertheless Rav Pincus teaches us that an element of that nature still remains with us to this day, even though we were cut down to size.

These two measurements represents man's desire to broaden his horizons beyond his earthly stance. Rav Shimshon instructs, that although these dimensions are reportedly "the same", nevertheless they are mutually exclusive.

Either, one can placate that instinct by "reaching for the stars", satisfying that craving to expand by binding our thoughts, actions and very being to His Throne of Honor from where are souls were hewn, exploring the vast roadways of Torah and discovering unimaginable destinations.

Or, one can succumb to laying comfortably embedded on earth, embracing the world from "one end to the other" in mindless and purposeless distraction, that cruelly mimics man's quest to attain a higher consciousness, pursuing inconsequential information and experience that is incapable of providing any true nourishment for our souls.

The choice is ours.

There was a chamber prepared for him in the Sanctuary which was called: "The Chamber of the High Priest". The glory and the honor of [the High Priest] would be to remain in the Sanctuary the entire day and to go to his private home only at night or for an hour or two during the day. His home should be in Jerusalem and he should never depart from there.

(Rambam, Kli Hamikdash 7,6)

The *Kohen Gadol*, The High Priest, would seem to be imprisoned for life. Rarely allowed to leave the Temple, the *Kohen Gadol* remained shackled to his role and responsibilities without the privilege to scout out the magnificent and inviting world beyond.

Yet the Rambam tells us this is his "glory and honor"!

There was no frustration in his lack of physical mobility, but rather endless discovery and excitement in that most wondrous of journeys. With his feet planted on earth his mind and spirit would exhilarate in his spiritual ascent along the eternal pathways towards G-d. There is no greater and unlimited freedom of movement than that.

Although it took the strength of character of a *Kohen Gadol* to achieve that level of consciousness, each one of us enters that heavenly abode each time we enter the *Mikdash Me'at*, the Shuls we frequent, where we encounter His presence even today.

Why, Rav Shimshon questions, do we feel confined and are so antsy from the very moment we step foot into our Shuls?

Have you ever noticed how people often instinctively float towards the seats at the very back of the shul? Why does the shmoozing usually take place near the door of the synagogue? Why are we packed up and ready to exit well before the recital of the last *kaddish* by the *Chazan*?

The answer is we don't feel at home, we refuse to be conscious of our ability to raise our heads towards the heavens and be in His embrace.

Rav Pincus observes that every foreign body is naturally rejected by its host. If one swallows something unnatural to the digestive tract it is expelled instinctively. An infected wound is a reaction of the healthy body seeking to reject the foreign cells that are trying to occupy it.

King David exclaimed, *שמחתי באומרים לי בית ד' נלך (תהלים קכב א), I rejoiced when they said to me, To the House of the Lord let us go.*

Have you ever seen a father summon his children and sit by the door for a discussion? Of course not! Where one feels at home one sits in a central location in comfort and calm.

Our problem is that we feel compelled to go to shul solely to fulfill our obligation to pray. We sense restraint and confinement, forcing ourselves only out of a sense of duty. We are likened to bacteria that is fought off for the survival of the body's well being.

If only we sensed the privilege to sit in the presence of He who loves us and has our best interest in mind, we would run with excitement as King David did, and shout out joyously, *אשרי יושבי בתוך (שם פד ה), Praiseworthy are those who dwell in Your house!*

Ironically we enter the sanctuary, a place where we can travel to the greatest of heights while holding on tightly to our cell phones, symbolically clutching the dirt of the earth in our quest to futilely extend ourselves horizontally to the nether regions of this finite world.

We may not be a *Kohen Gadol*, but at the very least we must focus during the precious time we spend in our "Temple" to be conscious of the fortune we have to connect with our Creator.

If we succeed, we will sense the "glory and honor" the *Kohen Gadol* sensed every moment of his life, when we enter our "homes", the בית ד', the House of the Lord, and merit to be the recipient of our Father's endless love and blessings.

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Upcoming Yartzheits

Aryeh Dickstein on the Yartzheit of his Father, Rabbi Leonard Dickstein

Devorah Meth on the Yartzheit of her Mother Sandy Singal

Sneak Preview



Curious how things are looking inside the new Shul?

~MEMBERS ONLY WALK THROUGH, THIS SUNDAY~

For adults only due to safety concerns, no persons under 18, please.

WOMEN ONLY: 10:30am

For a tour of the new shul and discussion about Mechitza designs.

ALL MEMBERS: 7:15pm till Mincha @ 7:50pm

For a general tour and walk through.

Members of the building committee will be on hand to answer your questions provide details, and share the excitement!