

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 & 8:07 PM
Candle lighting	8:07 PM
Daf Yomi	7:30 AM
Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM

-Sof Zman K"Ts- א"מ 8:48 א"ג 9:36

Mincha	2:15 PM
Pirkei Avos	7:30 PM
Mincha -	8:05 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv -	9:15 PM
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Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Shacharis I	6:50 AM
Daf Yomi	7:30 AM
Shacharis II	8:30 AM
Mincha / Maariv	8:15 PM

Weekdays

Daf Yomi	5:45 AM
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Shacharis:	
Monday ראש חודש	6:30 AM
Thursday	6:40 AM
Tues., Wed, Fri.	6:45 AM

Mincha (Mon-Thur)	1:45 PM
MINCHA/MAARIV (Mo.-Thur)	8:15 PM
Daf Yomi (Take II)	9:00 PM
Maariv (Monday-Thursday)	9:45 PM

MEMBER
Spotlight

More than just

This Week: Yudi & Jennifer Englard

◆ *Originally from: Queens (Yudi) & East Brunswick (Jennifer)*

◆ *Occupation: Nurse (Yudi), Speech Therapist (Jennifer)*

◆ *Interesting place you've been: Well... Their Daughter Yael is in ALASKA right now! Cool!*

Member Trivia: Name a member who's first and last name make a great meal. (Hint: JCN Run)

Last Weeks Answer: Chaim Amster

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END OF SUMMER BBQ!

AUGUST 10TH, 4:30 - 6:30

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES,
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PLAYGROUND, FRISBEE AND SOFTBALL GAMES!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SET UP, CLEAN UP,
RUN ERRANDS, BABYSIT OR BE A GRILL MASTER**

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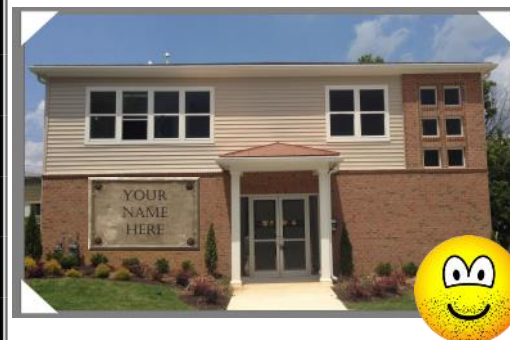
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RABBI'S MESSAGE

DETERMINED!

Moshe exhorts the Jewish nation that upon entering the promised land they are to "drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you and all their molten images shall you destroy..."

In the event they do not drive them out, Moshe warns: והיה אשר תותירו מהם לשכים (במדבר לו נה) ...בעיניכם ולצנינם בצדיכם וצרו אתכם. *and it will be those of them who you will leave, shall be pins in your eyes and a surrounding barrier of thorns in your sides, and they will harass you...*

This imagery depicts precisely the situation we face with our enemies today. Missiles, roadside shootings, infiltrating terrorists and the onslaught of diplomatic harassment in the world arena all echo this prophecy's consequences.

We didn't fulfill our mission. We weren't determined in our resolve to eradicate every single one of the inhabitants in the land. And we are still suffering.

If only...

The Midrash tells us that our failure to complete this task began yet before the nation first stepped foot into the land.

Yehoshua dispatches Calev and Pinchas on a reconnaissance mission to report on the national mood of the inhabitants so that the Children of Israel, upon hearing how fearful they are, will be encouraged to enter with confident determination.

They came upon the house of Rachav the innkeeper, a woman of ill repute, who was quite familiar with the sentiments of the people. She tells them how the hearts of the populace have melted after hearing of the great miracles G-d has wrought for His nation.

The King gets wind of the spies and sends his troops to capture them. She hides them and directs the agents of the King on a wild goose chase claiming they had already left.

In exchange for saving their lives the spies promise to save her and her family when the invasion will take place.

The Midrash goes on to teach that she subsequently converted, married Yehoshua and was the ancestor of several prophets among them Yirmiyahu.

In their failure to do away with her, the Midrash continues, they would have to face the consequences of hearing the fatalistic prophecies of her descendant, Yirmiyahu whose words of warning would pain them like *pins in their eyes and a surrounding barrier of thorns in their sides*, in fulfillment of the prediction as it appears in our portion.

Rachav's powerful expression of faith that G-d dwells בשמים ממעל ועל הארץ מתחת (יהושע ב טז) *in heaven above and on the earth below*, declaring what is not visible to the eye; G-d's existence above, merited her having a descendant, the prophet Yechezkel, who would see visions of prophecy that was previously never seen.

Could it be that this remarkable *Baalas Teshuva's* entire existence was an error and never should have come about?

Evidently the adherence to the clear directive from G-d takes precedence over all.

The Midrash on this verse, that instructs us to wipe out the inhabitants of the land unequivocally, directs us to the episode of the showdown between Eliyahu haNavi and the prophets of the Baal.

Each side was to take one of two bulls and offer it, the one that would be consumed by fire would prove to be the true Ruler. The bull designated for the Baal worshippers refused to budge. Eight hundred and fifty idolators couldn't move it an inch. It simply wouldn't submit to that which is antithetical to existence; idolatry. It

wasn't until Eliyahu moved it physically himself that it was brought as a sacrifice. The Midrash cites the verse (איוב לה יא) מלפני מבהמות ארץ (איוב לה יא) *He has taught us from the animals of the earth*, how we must instinctively adhere in allegiance to G-d, with anything contrary to His will out of the range of possibility.

Perhaps in our failure to live up to this ideal, the game plan changed.

We would now be called upon time and again throughout our history and be tested to see the level of our determination. Will we seek comfort and complacency or will we live by our ideals?

The options will be less clear, they will be couched in doubt and confusion, but we will be left with the choice to take a stand and not simply sit back.

The words of the prophet will be like "pins in our eyes and thorns in our side". Will we "turn over in bed" find a comfortable spot or will we take the bull by the horns.

It will relate to how we physically respond to our enemies as well as how we tackle our spiritual challenges.

The Holy Dinover, the Bnei Yissaschar, notes that in the introduction to this new phase of והיה אשר תותירו מהם, *and it will be those of them who you will leave*, the word והיה, *and it will be*, we are taught always refers to a time of שמחה, joy. (אגרת דכלה מסעי)

He informs that within these challenges lays our opportunity to show our resolve and merit the final joyous redemption.

From the kidnapping of "our boys" we have sensed the pins in our eyes and the thorns in our side. As events have evolved the focus of our mission on a national level and on a personal level has become crystal clear. The unity of our people, the elevated sense of avodas Hashem it has prodded has pushed us all to sit back no longer. Certainly the heroic soldiers and their determination to eradicate those who hate us and all we stand for must inspire us every moment. Without fear and imbued with unbelievable faith they risk their lives daily for what they believe in.

The losses of all those precious young souls and all their potential greatness; marrying wives, fathering children and generations, building families, giving of their talent that no doubt would have enhanced the world must be for a purpose. It must push us to renewed commitment and resolve in fulfilling the will of G-d.

We celebrate amidst all this tragedy our seventh anniversary as a *Kehilla*, a community.

It is not a bad omen that our Shul began on the Shabbos we bless the tragic month of Av.

On the contrary it must compel us to extract the joy in the challenge we each face collectively and individually, to discover G-d and fulfill His will with resolve, determination and rejoicing in the privilege we have to be a vehicle for His presence here on earth.

May the events we are living through inspire us to greatness in bonding our commitment to one another and together giving the Almighty the *nachas* He deserves.

May we merit to soon see our *Mikdash Me'at* return with us to its proper home in *Yerushalayim Ir haKodesh* speedily in our days.

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!!!HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Samuel & Karen Potash, Mordechai & Dassi Lazar, Rocky & Bracha Caine

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Rabbi & Mrs Teichman
On the birth of a Granddaughter

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On the birth of a GRANDSON

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As part of this initiative, there is also a specific effort in place to provide opportunities to singles in the area for Shabbos meals. If you are interested in hosting or being hosted, please contact Suzann Lasson at otlasson@gmail.com.