

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 & 7:52 PM
Candle lighting	7:52 PM
Daf Yomi	7:30 AM
Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM

Guest Speaker Rabbi Elchonon Oberstein

-Sof Zman K'S- א"ג 8:57 א"ג 9:42

Mincha	2:15 PM
Pirkei Avos	7:05 PM

Guest Speaker Rabbi Binyomin Moss

Mincha -	7:50 PM
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Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Guest Speaker Rabbi Yaakov Berkowitz

Maariv -	9:00 PM
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Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Sunday

Shacharis I	6:50 AM
Daf Yomi	7:30 AM
Shacharis II	8:30 AM



@Wellwood 4:30 PM

Mincha / Maariv	8:00 PM
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Weekdays

Daf Yomi	5:45 AM
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Shacharis: אב ב' 2

Monday, Thursday	6:40 AM
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Tues., Wed, Fri.	6.45 AM
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Mincha (Mon -Thur)	1:45 PM
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MINCHA/MAARIV (Wed.-Thur) 8:00 PM

Daf Yomi (Take II)	9:00 PM
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Maariv (Monday-Thursday)	9:45 PM
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THIS SUNDAY, 4:30 - 6:30

FOOD READY AT 4:30
ULTIMATE FRISBEE GAME & KIDS ONLY FRISBEE
GAME AT 5:30
BUBBLES & SIDEWALK CHALK FOR LITTLE KIDS
AND DON'T FORGET DESSERT!

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

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Where's Feivish ?

One of the most oft quoted verses is the one that directs us to preserve and protect our health and physical wellbeing.

(ונשמרתם מאד לנפשתיכם (דברים ד טו), *Watch yourselves very carefully...*

The Talmud in two places clearly understands this verse as a mandate to maintain our physical welfare. (ברכות לב : שבוטע לו)

The understanding of this phrase in this way is totally disjointed from the context of the complete verse.

ונשמרתם מאד לנפשתיכם כי לא ראייתם כלתמונה ביום דבר יהוה אליכם בחורב מתוך האש, *Watch yourselves very carefully, since you did not see any image on the day that G-d spoke to you out of fire at Chorev.*

The Torah in this verse describes the revelation at Mount Sinai when G-d appeared to His nation absent of any visible or tangible form. It goes on to forewarn from any attempt to attribute any physical characteristics to G-d. G-d is totally unaffected by material conditions or the laws of nature and physics. Limiting G-d to finite dimensions is the essence of idolatry.

If we are to understand the beginning of the verse as an injunction to take care of our physical selves then the rest of the verse makes no sense whatsoever. We should tend to our material good because G-d did not appear in any image on the day He spoke?!

The Holy Seer of Lublin reveals a most profound understanding of this verse. (דברי אמת ואתחנן)

Man is often frustrated by the confinement of his soul in a container that stifles its growth. The many temptations that stem from our being physical creatures distract us from fulfilling that which lies instinctively within us, the will to draw closer to G-d. If a person had a choice he would discard those thick layers of earthliness and allow its spirit to soar. Perhaps we are to beat that external barrier to submission, and not allow it to pine for its health.

The Holy Seer teaches us otherwise.

G-d by His appearing as Himself without any watering down of His essence sought to instruct us by example. Just as He presented Himself without diminishing His stature by placing it in a fathomable physical vessel that might have made it easier for us to comprehend Him, in the same vain we are to accept and even preserve the limitations of the material container our souls are housed in. Our greatness lies in the striving to find G-d despite the barriers that separate us.

This is not merely a command to attend to our material welfare, it is the very statement of our mission here on this earth. G-d is telling us: make sure you flourish physically because you have a mission to fulfill here on this terra firma. By taking care of our health we assure we will fulfill the goals G-d has laid out for us upon this earth. Don't be stifled by the reality of our earthly urges and distractions, be empowered to infuse and elevate them through the power of the eternal soul that resides within it.

Each one of us has a different set of circumstances we were born in, raised in and exposed to. Often those realities put us at greater disadvantage and distance from the soul that beats within.

No matter how far and out of touch we may be, nevertheless, the encounter at Mount Sinai that was unique to our people exclusively, where we encountered the Divine Presence itself, branded each one of us with an eternal yearning to discover that moment when we will summoned to respond to our unique calling, when we will break out of the walls that confine us.

There is a famous Chassidic tale regarding one *Feivish the Lowlife*.

Reb Yaakov Yosef HaKohen of Polonne, one of the earliest disciples of the Holy Baal Shem Tov, in his work Toldos Yaakov Yosef, discusses how not only did the Jewish people make a wise choice in selecting G-d, but G-d too chose well. He goes on to quote in the name of a woman in Mezhibuz who brought as proof to this "wise" choice of G-d from the fact that even "*Feivish the Lowlife sanctified the name of the Almighty by sacrificing his life...*

In one version of this legend it tells of a certain Feivish who was very distanced from a life of Torah and mitzvos to say the least. He was a very loyal servant of a particularly evil and notorious *Poritz*, Landowner. The *Poritz* boasted of the Jew who would do his every bidding. His cohorts questioned his claim and challenged him to see how loyal the Jew is by telling him he must convert to christianity or be thrown into a pyre. The *Poritz* took up the gauntlet prepared a mighty fire and told the Jew to display his allegiance by converting. Feivish sprang into the flames as he shouted Shma Yisrael.

(שפע חיים מהרבי מקלויזנברג צוק"ל לך לך)

The Jewish nation has rediscovered anew the soul that resonates and penetrates through the most thickened barriers. In unprecedented unity the collective soul of our nation is calling to the Almighty to reveal Himself again. We have not forgotten. We have not faltered.

Each one of us must appreciate the challenge and the thrill that awaits us all when we each break through our personal barriers. We must not get discouraged. We must not view ourselves as failures.

G-d is happy with His choice. Even Feivish the Lowlife is his beloved and cherished child.

May we discover the Feivish within us and cling lovingly to the Father that rejoices over its child.

May the events of these last few weeks herald the day soon when we will see the hand of G-d with that same clarity and sense of purpose we sensed at the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai.

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!!!HAPPY anniversary!!!

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Upcoming Yartzheits

**Bernard Fellner - Yartzheit of his mother
Harriet Fellner**

**Beverly Berger - Yartzheit of her mother
Ann Gusinow**

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הולדת

Art Lazar
On his bris this week
And to his parents
Dassi & Mordy Lazar

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MEMBER

Spotlight

More than just hello!

This Week: Adam & Elisheva Rabinowitz

Originally from: Norfolk VA (Adam) & Fairfield CT (Elisheva)

Occupation: Nurse Practitioner (Adam), Marriage Therapist (Elisheva)

Interesting place you've been: Athens Greece (Adam) Israel (Elisheva)

Member Trivia:

Name the members of our Shul that have ever participated in bike for chai

Last Weeks Answer: The Friedmans, with 4 memberships in 2 generations!