

## SCHEDULE

שבת קודש

Mincha Erev Shabbos **7:00 PM & 7:34 PM**

Candle lighting *2nd Minyan Starts Downstairs* 7:34 PM  
*One Be'zman minyan starts next week*

Daf Yomi **7:30 AM**

Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush **8:30 AM**

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Mincha **2:15 PM**

Pirkei Avos **6:50 PM**

Mincha - **7:30 PM**

*Followed by Shalosh Seudos*

Maariv - **8:42 PM**

### Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

#### Sunday

Shacharis I **6:50 AM**

Daf Yomi **7:30 AM**

Shacharis II **8:30 AM**

Mincha / Maariv **7:35 PM**

#### Weekdays

Daf Yomi **5:45 AM**

Shacharis:

Monday, Thursday **6:40 AM**

Tuesday, Wednesday **ראש חודש 6:35 AM**

Friday **6:45 AM**

Mincha (Mon-Thur) **1:45 PM**

**MINCHA/MAARIV (Wed.-Thur) 7:35 PM**

Daf Yomi (Take II) **9:00 PM**

Maariv (Monday-Thursday) **9:45 PM**

MEMBER *Spotlight* **More than just hello!**

*This Week: Daniel & Yehudis Hutman*

*Originally from: Montreal (Daniel) & Pittsburg (Yehudis)*

*Occupation: Attorney (D), Health IT Project Manager (Y)*

*Interesting Fact: Buckingham Palace, together!*

#### **Member Trivia:**

*What is the most common first name in our Shul (men & women)*

*Last Weeks Answer: Shmuly Dinovitz, Simcha Malin, Michale Denise*

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Lookin' Good!

In ancient times self-mutilation was a typically pagan response to overwhelming grief and disappointment. This display of fatalism and worthlessness was the natural reaction to those who viewed the world as a battle between competing forces that demanded allegiance from its followers. When being confronted by failure and profound loss these idolaters would construe it as rejection by these deities and would affirm their insignificance through public self-flagellation, seeking to regain favor once again from the powers at hand.

This distorted theology was anathema to all that we believe in. We accept the notion that what might appear to be a loss is not necessarily so. Everything has purpose and is ultimately for the good. Although it is instinctive to grieve, nevertheless we accept the Master's plan with absolute faith and utter calm.

It is no wonder then why this injunction of לא תתגודדו (דברים יד א), *You shall not cut yourselves*, is introduced with the affirmation, בנים אתם ל' אלקים, *You are children of the Lord, our G-d*.

Our faith is rooted in the accurate perception of G-d as a benevolent Father Who only desires our welfare.

Yet Rashi, in his interpretation of this verse seems to reduce what would seem to be insightful testament of our healthy worldview into a simplistic idea. He writes:

*Do not make cuts and incisions in your flesh [to mourn] for the dead, in the manner that the Amorites do, because you are the children of the Omnipresent and it is appropriate for you to be handsome and not to be cut or have your hair torn out.*

Is that all this boils down to, that G-d simply wants us to look sharp and handsome?

This diminishes the import of the deep philosophical implications inherent in this verse.

Years ago a teenager at risk was confronted by one of his mentors who wanted to know what it was that disillusioned him about religion that caused him to forsake it. The young man responded that he had been taught the Code of Jewish Law and came upon the Halacha that dictates how we are to put on our clothing and how one should put the right hand into the shirt as well as the right leg into the pants first.

This was just too much for him to handle, 'What does G-d want from me already, can't I have respite from the strictures of Halacha at least when I'm putting on my socks?!', he bellowed in utter frustration.

The mentor had nothing to answer and felt the pain of his young

friend. He told him perhaps the great Sage, Rav Shlomo Zalman Auerbach could provide some wisdom on the subject. After some hesitation the angry kid eventually agreed to meet with the Rav.

Rav Shlomo Zalman listened intently to the lad with his characteristic and obvious love and empathy. After a few moments of silent validation of the boy's anguish, Rav Shlomo Zalman looked warmly into his eyes and offered his sage words.

"I want you to know that G-d loves you deeply. He so wants to give you opportunity to be rewarded that He even takes the simple act of getting dressed, that one would have to engage in anyway, and provides you the privilege to be compensated for that seemingly mundane activity by simply placing your right foot first!"

So often we feel that Halacha is confining and restrictive. We misinterpret G-d's loving direction and opportunity for a healthy life and ultimate reward as a force that merely seeks to control us and gain our allegiance. It is this very misconception that can lead one towards a skewed idolatrous attitude of religion.

Rashi is brilliantly instructing us how to accurately perceive G-d and His guidance.

Even in the refraining of an act so perverse as self-flagellation, which we would instinctively refrain from anyway, is transformed into a loving act of devotion to our Father Who wants us simply to look great, as any parent would. That's how much G-d loves us!

It is in understanding this notion that will assure that we will never develop an adversarial relationship with G-d that echoes the very foundations of idolatry.

One of the explanations given for the compulsion some have to inflict self-injury is a reflexive self-punishment. One who becomes habituated to abuse develops an attitude towards oneself of worthlessness and deserving of punishment. These unfortunate souls believe that by abusing themselves they are fulfilling their role in the corrupted relationship.

This is the underlying principle that is being negated here.

G-d loves us like no one else can. He wants us to look and feel great.

If we accept that as our starting point we are assured that we will avoid the pitfalls of life. Knowing that whatever comes our way is meant to help us come out shinningly handsome, we will be equipped to rise to every challenge coming out 'looking great'!

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# Mazal Tov!!

## Menachem Berry!

### On your Bar Mitzva this week!

Menachem's Bar Mitzva will be this Shabbos at Chabad (R'Kaplan). Moshe, Nomsie & Menachem invite everyone to join them for Kiddush after Davening!

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### SHIVA MINYAN ASSISTANCE NEEDED:

**David Delaney, who recently moved to our neighborhood, is sitting Shiva for his mother.**

Mincha Friday: 6PM, Maariv Motzei Shabbos: 8:45pm

Shacharis: Sun—8:30, Monday—7AM, Tu/We—6:30

Mincha/Maariv (S-Tu) 7:30

(Mon no mincha @ home)

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