

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha & Candles Erev Shabbos **5:57 PM**
 Daf Yomi **7:30 AM**
 Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush **8:30 AM**

-Sof Zman K"ס- א"א 9:28 א"א 10:08

Mincha 2:15 PM
 Mincha - 5:45 PM
 Followed by Shalosh Seudos
 Maariv - 7:04 PM

Weekday Minyanim

Sunday

Shacharis I 6:50 AM
 Daf Yomi 7:30 AM
 Shacharis II 8:30 AM
 Mincha / Maariv 6:00 PM

Weekdays

Daf Yomi 5:45 AM
 Shacharis:
 Monday, Thurs. 6:40 AM
 Tue., Wed., Friday 6:45 AM
 Mincha (Mon-Wed) 1:45 PM
MINCHA/MAARIV (Mon-Tues) 6:00 PM
 Daf Yomi (Take II) 9:00 PM
 Maariv (Monday-Thursday) 9:45 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

It is the Thought that Counts!

It's hard to believe that we are already beyond the Yomim Tovim.

We were uplifted during Rosh Hashana, inspired on Yom Kippur, joyously celebrated the days of Sukkos and peaked with the excitement of Simchas Torah where we danced with enthusiasm over the privilege of being in G-d's embrace.

It was just several weeks ago when we stood in trepidation as our fates were being judged by G-d alone and here we are feeling a sense of confidence in the fact that 'we made it'!

Or did we?

It is alleged that the illustrious Chasam Sofer who died at the end of the month of Tishrei, expressed shortly before his demise, "It is apparent that although I deftly traversed the Days of Awe and Mercy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, I have not succeeded in being granted a 'pass' for life on Hoshana Rabba".

The indefatigable Rav Shimshon Pincus questions as to how this is possible. If one has avoided being inscribed into the Book of the Dead over Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur why wouldn't he automatically, by default, thereby merit 'life'?

The Talmud reports how in the course of Noach's arduous devotion to the creatures in the Ark and their very different requirements, he discovers a bird, the *Chol*, who is quietly and patiently sitting in the bowels of the ship preferring not to bother Noach with his own needs.

When confronted by Noach as to why he is not requesting his food, the *Chol* responds, "I saw you were busy and I didn't want to cause you any pain!"

Noach is so impressed by this sensitivity that he blesses him with eternal life. (סנהדרין קז:)

Elsewhere the Midrash states that after Chava partook from the Tree of Knowledge and was thus sentenced to eventual death, she shared it with all the creatures of the world as well and they too became mortal. The only bird that refrained from eating of the forbidden fruit was the *Chol*. (ב"ר י"ה)

Evidently death was only decreed upon those who consumed the forbidden fruit. Why then would Noach need to bestow a blessing for longevity upon the *Chol*, when he would've lived forever nonetheless?

Rav Pincus teaches that it is not sufficient to merely avoid

being inscribed in the Book of Dead to be worthy of living, one must also possess a reason to live!

Theoretically one could have avoided the pitfalls and temptations of the evil inclination and not be deserving of death but unless one can provide a compelling *raison d'être*, mission to live for, one is not guaranteed a 'ticket to ride'.

That he claims is the reason for two books, a Book of Life and a Book of the Dead. One must avert being inscribed in the Book of the Dead but more importantly one must discover a noble cause for existence.

The *Chol* having not eaten the prohibited fruit was exempt from the fate of death. But it was only when he transformed that initial act of self control into a noble cause, to willingly refrain from self gratification in order not to impose 'my need' at the expense of others, is when he was given a 'pass for life', a reason to live.

We have all experienced a cleansing of our souls in the course of the Tishrei experience. We have hopefully detoured from the path that leads to the Book of the Dead.

The question remains however whether we have earned a 'ticket to ride', that small *kvittle* that grants us passage towards life.

All the inspiration we have achieved is only as meaningful as the implementation of those heightened emotions into an actual plan for life. It is in the days and months ahead that it will be determined whether our lives are filled with purpose and accomplishment.

Our enthused Tefilla, our sincere commitment to the study of Torah and the gracious manner in which we deal with our fellow man is what will pave a path for a long and enriched life.

We must honestly pose to ourselves the following questions: "What is the goal and mission of my life? In what way do my actions promote the honor of Heaven in the magnificent universe we occupy? What percentage of my time and energy is devoted to this objective?"

May we each merit a 'ticket to ride' on this glorious journey of life!

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MEMBER

Spotlight *More than just hello!*

This Week: Rocky & Bracha Caine

Originally from: Bensalem, PA (R) Atlanta, GA (B)

Occupation: Sales (R), Social worker (B)

Interesting Fact: Rocky was the first Shul member to daven regularly in the old Shul (2810).

Member Trivia:

What is the most common 1st letter for last names in our Shul?

Example: A is for Abraham, Abramson, Adler.....

שומר אחי אנוכי

Starting this week there will be a rotation of 20 minute shifts where 1 person will be asked to stand at the Shul entrance or in the main hallway to monitor the entrance to the Shul.

Please contact R' Motti Rabinowitz to participate and for details.