

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Candle Lighting & Mincha 5:45 PM

Daf Yomi - *By Rabbi Teichman* 7:30 AM

Shacharis- Followed by Kiddush 8:30 AM

-Sof Zman K"ס- א"ח 8:44 א"ב 9:24

Mincha 2:15 PM

Mincha - 5:40 PM

- Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv - 6:55 PM



CHULENT BOWL XXL

BYE WEEK

Due to pending investigation as several contestants failed sobriety tests Thursday.



Weekday Minyanim

Sunday

Shacharis I 6:50 AM

Daf Yomi 7:30 AM

Shacharis II 8:30 AM

Mincha / Maariv 6:50 PM

Weekdays

Daf Yomi 5:45 AM

Shacharis:

-Monday & Thursday 6:40 AM

-Tue, Wed & Fri 6:45 AM

Mincha (Mo-Th) 1:45 PM

MINCHA/MAARIV 6:50 PM

MAARIV (Mon-Thurs) 7:45 PM

Daf Yomi (Take II) 9:00 PM

Maariv (Mo, Tu, Th) 9:45 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

Here's Lookin' At Ya!

The Torah world was recently abuzz with the amazing discovery of a nearly one hundred year old, brief movie clip of the saintly Chofetz Chaim. If anyone ever wondered whether he actually ever existed, there he was in living motion, and despite his advanced age spryly making his way into the convention center.

Many wondered about the Divine Providence of having this revealed at specifically at this time.

Was it perhaps a message in this period of so much divisiveness among us, to remember his constant appeal for greater *Ahavas Yisrael*, love for our fellow Jew?

What does the sight of his wondrous countenance do for us? Can the sanctity and purity he possessed be conveyed and sensed in any meaningful way via celluloid? Or is this merely a curiosity and a fleeting moment of nostalgia for a time and place that seemed more innocent and sincere?

It is alleged that although the Chofetz Chaim shunned photographs he nevertheless kept with him an image of his great mentor, the legendary Reb Nachum'ke of Horodna.

A verse that is often quoted as support of maintaining these images of our teachers, is a verse in Isaiah, והיו עיניך רואות את מורידך (ישעיה, *And your eyes will behold your Teacher.*)

The Talmud reports how Rav Mesharshiya would encourage his son to look at the mouth of his teacher while studying under him in fulfillment of this verse. (הוריות יב.)

Despite all the evidence in favor of focusing on the face of one's mentor, the verse this is based on seemingly refers to a totally different notion.

The Prophet foretells of a time when G-d's presence will no longer be 'hidden' behind His 'garment', a reference to His having concealed his Providence behind a veil of 'natural events' that disguised his close proximity and confounded them from perceiving Him easily. Isaiah goes on to assure them that there will come a day when they will indeed behold with their very eyes the 'Teacher', sensing G-d's presence with an absolute clarity and no confusion.

Observing closely one's teacher and being able to proverbially see G-d would seem to be disparate ideas. Where then do the twain meet?

After receiving the Torah for the second time, Moshe descends from the mountain displaying a supernatural radiance off of his face that caused the people to recede in fear. He places a 'mask' on his face, only removing it and revealing this 'light' when he actually

engaged in teaching the people.

The *Chizkuni* explains that during those moments when Moshe served as the conduit for G-d's 'message', i.e. teaching Torah, Moshe let the radiance shine forth, allowing the nation to sense G-d's presence that this light represented, thus literally fulfilling this idea, *And your eyes will behold your Teacher*, by seeing the 'Ultimate Teacher', G-d.

Perhaps what we seek to capture in beholding images of our teachers is the sense and presence of G-d that inspires every nuance of their actions, words and deeds that brings to us G-d's presence alive.

What our great leaders do for us in allowing us to be exposed to their greatness is to part the curtain of darkness that often clouds our ability to sense the presence of G-d in our lives. Anyone who is fortunate to observe a true עובד השם, Servant of G-d, has felt this. We seek to retain that feeling, that warmth, as we look at the smiles, the sincerity, the purity and concern apparent in the faces of our great teachers that bring us back to those moments of inspired closeness to G-d.

The word used to describe the veil that was utilized by Moshe to carefully preserve this awareness is מסוה, numerically equivalent to 111 (5=ה, 6=ו, 60=ס, 40=מ), the same value as the very first letter in the *alef-bet*, (80=ף, 30=ל, 1=א) אָלֶף, which also means to teach and stands for the אלוֹפֵי שֶׁל עוֹלָם, *the Chief of the world*, G-d!

The Midrash says that Amalek is that 'garment' the verse in Isaiah speaks of, that prevents us from perceiving G-d and that will one day be removed thus allowing us to see G-d with clarity again. (תנחומא כי תצא)

How ironic that the media which is the instrument that so often blinds us with its distractions, temptations and slanderous content was the one that brought us an icon of holiness in the form of this revered sage. Perhaps the message therein is to see his sanctified eyes peer through all the garbage in bringing us to the realization that it is high time we throw away this ugly mask.

The illustrious Reb Yehonson Eibshutz asks why does the Prophet Isaiah repeat himself when he says, *Your Teacher will no longer be hidden behind his garment, and your eyes will behold your Teacher*, if He will remove the garment that covers him then of course He will be seen?

He answers so poignantly, that the Prophet is informing us that not only will we be privileged to see Him, but perhaps even more significantly, we will behold His looking at us longingly, lovingly

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!!!HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

None (that we know of)

This info is provided by YOU through the member database. Please be sure to update so we can celebrate and commemorate important dates with you!

Thank you!

To all who contributed to an incredible Purim!

Despite the snow and chaos, this Purim has incredibly joyful and inspiring thanks to all who contributed in so many ways! Special thanks to:

The Baalei Kriah for Laining Megilah!

The Gaboim for organizing everything!

The sisterhood and other volunteers for packing incredible Mishloach Manos and a very successful fundraiser!

The delivery drivers who delivered nearly 150 packages!

The organizers, volunteers and attendees of the Shul Purim Seudah & Mesibah!

The teams of snow shoveling heroes throughout the day!

Be on the lookout for a Purim highlights slideshow!

waiting for His beloved to return.

On Purim we masquerade as all sorts of characters and creatures declaring our awareness that beneath every mask lies the source of all life, the Almighty and nothing in our world has any significance outside of that reality.

On the day after Purim we peel away the facade with the hope that we will merit to see His presence undisguised.

We pray that we will sense His love, His guidance and His encouragement so we may reach that day when we look at each eye to eye without any interference whatsoever.

באהבה, צבי טייכמן