## **SCHEDULE**

שבת קדש

**Candle Lighting & Mincha** 7:07 PM 7:30 AM Daf Yomi - By Rabbi Teichman 8:30 AM Shacharis-Followed by Kiddush -Sof Zman K"S-10:05 גר"א 10:05 Mincha 2:15 PM

Shabbos Hagadol Drasha 6:00 PM 7:00 PM Mincha -

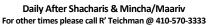
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#### Weekday Minyanim

**Sunday** 

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

Weekdays

Daf Yomi 5:45 AM

Shacharis:

-Monday & Thursday 6:40 AM -Tue, Wed 6:45 AM

Mincha (Mo-Th) 1:45 PM MINCHA/MAARIV 7:15 PM

Daf Yomi (Take II) 9:00 PM

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

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# RABBI'S MESSAGE: Happy Thanksgiving!

There is a fascinating custom recorded by the *Rama* in *Shulchan A ruch* regarding the three *matzos* we use on the *Seder* night.

Quoting the *Tur*; the *Rama* says that one should preferably bake the three *matzos* from an יַּשְׁדְּרוֹנְי, *Isaron*, a *tenth of an Ephah* measure of flour. This is based on the fact that the *Thanksgiving-offering* that was brought in the Temple was accompanied by forty loaves of bread that were baked from a total of twenty יַּשְׁדְרוֹנִים *Fsronim*, *tenth of an Ephah* measures of flour. There were four categories of loaves each consisting of ten loaves each. One set were leavened loaves while the other three sets must remain unleavened. The first of the three unleavened ones were *Challos*, a fluffy high loaf that had oil mixed into its dough and then baked. The second type were *Rekikin*, flat wafers that were first baked then smeared with oil. The final unleavened loaves were *Revichin*, which were *matzos* made of boiled flour mixed with oil. Ten *Esronim* of flour were utilized in preparing the ten leavened loaves. The other ten *Esronim* of flour were used in producing the thirty unleavened loaves. Therefore, if ten total *Esronim* was used to produce thirty loaves, then three loaves alone would be comprised of one *Isaron* 

There are four people who must bring a *Thanksgiving-offering*: One who traveled through the desert safely, one who was freed from captivity, a person who was cured from his illness and one who successfully journeyed at sea.

As the *Seder* night commemorates our being taken out of bondage it thus compels us to symbolically bring a *Thanksgiving-offering*.

Since on *Pesach* we are prohibited from consuming leavened bread, we take only three *matzos*, each representing one of these classes of 'unleavened' loaves, baked from an *Isaron* of flour as it was in the time of the Temple, and joyously offer a '*Thanksgiving-offering*'. (טושו"ע סי' תע")

The Holy *A lschich* corresponds these categories of loaves to the four different situations and expressions of thanks.

The leavened loaves which are bereft of oil represents the individual who has taken ill, a consequence of his need to repent for sins that may have brought about his sickness. Leavened dough is a consequence of a process of fermentation that symbolizes decay. Yeast, the catalyst for this effect, is the symbol of the evil inclination. Just as it fills the dough with empty space and bloated size so too the *yetzer hara* dupes us with artificial and vacuous pleasures.

The offering of fluffy loaves moist with oil is the counterpoint to the desolate desert and its dryness and lack of provision.

The flattened wafers reflect the oppression of imprisonment and the resulting deflated sense of self that it entails.

The placing of the dough into boiling water in preparation for the *matzos* symbolize the raging sea and all its concomitant dangers.

In our daily lives we each experience an element of these four expressions of G-d's hand leading us through our most difficult times.

The *Alschich* notes that even greater than being saved from impending danger is His guiding hand that keeps us safe, often never even being privy to the dangers we may have avoided.

(תהלים לב (תהלים לב לה מצר תצרני רני פלט תסובבני סלה (תהלים לב לה You are a shelter for me; from distress; with glad song of rescue You envelop me, Selah!

We often regale in His benevolence only after facing disaster, as if it is a greater privilege to have endured danger and be saved. But the truth is, the *Alschich* teaches, that His sheltering us from distress, saving us from the anxiety, the hunger, the disease, is all the more reason we must sing joyously a 'song of rescue'.

If only we would live with this realization our lives would be enriched and infused with a sense of closeness that eclipses those who must face dire circumstances to gain their attention.

We must never take it for granted. It is only because we don't appreciate this 'protection' He constantly provides, that we complain and are distressed over our lot in life.

A *Thanksgiving-offering* is a personal sacrifice. We offer a notion of it on this holiday of *Pesach* because we seek to express our realization that although we are celebrating a national festival we will never forget the very personal involvement of G-d in every aspect of our lives down to the smallest detail.

King David refers to the ones who travel the tumultuous seas as the יורדי הים באניות, *Those who go down to the sea in ships*.

The saintly *Maggid of Mezritch* sees in this word used for ships, א**ני**ות, an allusion to the word 'אני' (1'.

There are people who dangerously journey through the stormy seas of life focused on the 'I', one's selfish interests and goals.

After this past weeks horrific tragedy perhaps it is high time to ingrain this message.

How often do we contemplate our good fortune? How many times do we concentrate on the *Modim* prayer where we thank G-d for His daily miracles? When is the last time we pondered the beauty of our children, the qualities of our spouse, the fortune of our friendships, the greatness of our community and people?

As we sit at the *Seder* sitting proudly before the three *matzos* which are so central to the night, let us take a panoramic view of our lives and the benevolence of G-d so evident in it and offer a *Thanksgiving-offering* from the depths of or soul, bursting with joy and song over the privilege we have in being His beloved child.

באהבה, צבי טייכמאן



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