

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos 7:00 PM

Shacharis— Followed by HUGE Kiddush 8:30 AM

Sof Zman K'S א 9:01 גר"א 9:37

Avos Shiur 7:25 PM

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Shlomo Teichman
Dean of Bais Yaakov Academy Brooklyn, NY

Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos 8:00 PM

Maariv 9:13 PM

Sunday

Shacharis 8:30 AM

Followed by Shiur on Machalei Goyim, Bishul Akum

Mincha / Maariv 8:10 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur 6:00 AM

Maseches Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman

Shacharis

Mon, Thurs 6:40AM Tues, Wed, Fri 6:45AM

Dirshu Halacha Program 7:30AM

Additional daily minyan (Mon - Fri) 8:10AM

Mincha 1:45 PM

Mincha / Maariv 8:10 PM

Open Beis Hamedrash 7:00 PM

Shiur (Mon-Thur) 9:30 PM

Nightly Maariv (Mon-Thur) 9:45 PM

Thursday Night Shiur, Rabbi Teichman
After Maariv

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Mr. Clean

This week we confront the בני גד and בני ראובן who request their rightful claim to an inheritance in ארץ ישראל in עבר in ארץ ישראל. The initial reaction to their request is one of bewilderment. משה רבינו questions their true intentions and equates them with the failing of the מרגלים and the subsequent demoralization that enveloped the nation from that episode. The tribes of גד and ראובן quickly clarify their noble desire to not only courageously lead the בני ישראל in battle but to also assist them in the settling of the land, expressing their willingness to first return to their families after fourteen years of conquest and settlement! After stating with absolute clarity the stipulations of their commitment, משה declares that upon the fulfillment of the conditions, **והייתם נקים מה' ומישראל**; *you shall be vindicated from Hashem and from Yisroel*.

The Halacha dictates based on this verse that one must avoid suspicion in all that he does. This is the area of Halacha known as **מראית עין** and **חשד**. Although a person knows that his intentions are correct one must nevertheless be certain to leave no room for doubt in the performance of מצות and in the avoidance of even the appearance of sin.

Are we a nation of “paranoids”? Why must we be so concerned with others misinterpreting our actions? Are we responsible for others failings in judging us favorably?

Even more intriguing is the verse equating the being “free” and “clean”; נקי, of taint “from “G-d” and from Yisroel”. Is there a concern that Hashem has an element of doubt, כביכול, that they needed to be exonerated from that suspicion? The פסוק should have concluded that upon their carrying out their promise they would quash the “peoples” distrust? The omniscient Hashem certainly knew of their sincerity!

It seems evident that this commandment is not simply about being worried of others suspicions, but rather it emphasizes the role of a Jew in radiating the beauty of Torah in every fiber of his existence. It is not enough for us to simply fulfill our obligations to Hashem, we must be ever conscious of our mission to display for all to see our level of commitment, without ambiguity, to Hashem, and the magnificence and joy in serving Him. It is this clarity of purpose that Hashem seeks in our actions.

A freshly bathed child, a חתן and כלה dressed in their immaculate finery, the family all cleansed and spruced up in honor of שבת קודש all glow with a tangible happiness and excitement.

והייתם נקים; and you shall be “*cleansed*”, our עבודת השם must be impeccable in its display, reflecting a loyalty and allegiance to Hashem that is filled with exhilaration, leaving no room for doubt. It is only then that others will be inspired to reach up to greater levels of דביקות to Hashem.

The proud fastidiousness of our מקדש מעט in the physical realm is but a reflection of a community that seeks to shine with enthusiasm in our spiritual link to תורה and מצות as well. The sincerity and unequivocal warmth and trust evident in our interpersonal dealings is a sign of a radiant “נקיות”, representing a אחדות;unity, that is truly remarkable.

As we are poised to celebrate this שבת מברכים חודש מנחם אב, our Shul's first birthday, I could think of no better emphasis then on these qualities that are the very “material” that will be used in the building of the בית המקדש השלישי במהרה בימינו.

May our passions be a catalyst for the advancement and expansion of all of our achievements, both material and spiritual. May we continue to inspire others. May we intensify our relationships in bringing about a true כבוד שמים through our joint efforts at Ohel Moshe לאורך ימים טובים וארוכים, and may we merit to see ourselves transported soon, together, to ירושלים עיר הקודש with the coming of the גואל צדק !

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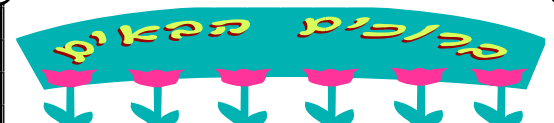


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We would like to take this opportunity to
welcome all of the guests joining us on this very
special occasion.

A very special welcome to the Rabbi's
Mother, Mrs. Jean Teichman.

May We Be Zoche To Share In Many
More Simchas Together!