

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K"ס מ"א 9:09 גר"א 9:45</i>	
Avos Shiur <i>Guest Speaker R' B. Marwick</i>	7:00 PM
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	7:35 PM
<i>Shalosh Seudos Gues Speaker R' Hexter</i>	
Maariv	8:49 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
<i>Shiur will resume next week</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	7:45 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Monday—Friday

Gemarah Shiur	6:00 AM
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Maseches Avodah Zarah with Rabbi Teichman

Shacharis

Mon, Thurs	6:40AM	Tues, Wed, Fri	6:45AM
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Dirshu Halacha Program	7:30AM
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Additional daily minyan (Mon - Fri)	8:10AM
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Mincha	1:45 PM
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Mincha / Maariv	7:45 PM
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Open Beis Hamedrash	7:00 PM
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Nightly Maariv (Mon-Thur)	9:45 PM
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Thursday Night Shiur, Rabbi Teichman
After Maariv

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

Passion For Life

This שבת we celebrate the יום טוב of ט"ו באב. Many special events took place on this historical day.

The women who entered ארץ ישראל and had been warned to refrain in the early years of the new settlement from "intermarrying" with members of other tribes, lest they transfer out their rights of their paternal homestead to their husbands family, were subsequently freed on this day from this restraint.

The tribe of בנימין after committing the grievous sin of the "concubine in גבעה", almost reached total extinction after being decimated in the ensuing civil war which left them with just six hundred men and were restricted from taking wives from the other tribes, were finally released from this decree and were permitted to marry once again on this day.

ירושלים abolished the sentries that ירבעם set up to prevent pilgrimages to the Temple.

Many years after the terrible massacre of בר כוכבא and his followers in ביתר, the Roman ruler rescinded his edict allowing them to be buried, and to their astonishment the bodies had not decomposed.

The last contingent of those who were twenty years or older at the time of the חטא המרגלים discovered on the fifteenth of אב, of their fortieth year in the desert that they would be exempt from death by the grace of Hashem.

In all of the above a transformation took place. The zeal to protect territorial integrity, the ardor to insure the purity of כלל ישראל, the misplaced eagerness to uphold ירבעם's wishes, the cruel fervor in disallowing respectful burial and the steadfastness in accepting with אמונה their fate was suddenly transformed into a equally inspired display of אחדות, forgiveness and joy.

This day represents the power to redirect energy in a positive form.

The משנה tells us that there was one more commemoration. On ט"ו באב the difficult task of collecting scarce and properly dried worm free wood for use on the מזבח was concluded on this day, and would now allow a person to devote extra time in the evening to learn as the days begin to shorten and the nights lengthen. The גמרא declares that one who does not increase his learning at this juncture is deserving of death; דלא מוסיף יסוף!

What is the terrible crime inherent in this lack of initiative?

The fire on the מזבח must burn continuously; אש תמיד תוקד על המזבח. The fire represents the passion for תורה and מצוות that must always be present. The moment the job is done the energy invested must now be converted positively to new challenges. We must maintain a consistency in our passion never lapsing but always converting.

באש הצתה ובאש אתה עתיד לבנותה; *with fire You ignited and with fire you will rebuild.* The devotion in which we bemoan our terrible losses is the same energy that must be transformed into action in the serving of Hashem passionately.

We transition from mourning to comfort as we enter שבת נחמו. We must be capable of transforming our losses into a mission of rebuilding.

Our community has experienced a profound outpouring of sincere and deep emotion. It is our imperative to resolve to eagerly seek ways to implement change and inspire our lives with an ever greater sense of responsibility and devotion to each other.

May the Backer family be an inspiration to all of us in how to transform grief into support, in how to convert tragedy in death into enthusiasm for life and in how to alter sadness into love.

May they see much evident happiness in their lives and may our improvement be a credit to the beautiful נשמה of their dear son, חנניה משה ע"ה.

May we know from tragedy no more!

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Join us weekly for 30 minutes of uninhibited Hashkafa & Mussar with Rabbi Teichman.

Thursday Nights after the 9:45 Maariv.

Topics will cover a variety of subjects from Shalom Bayis, to Chinuch, to matters of Parnassa and more!

You don't want to miss this...

- For Men -