

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:58 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"ס מ"א 9:33 גר"א 10:09	
Avos Shiur <i>will resume next week</i>	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	5:50 PM
Maariv	7:02 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
-Shiur <i>will resume next week</i>	
Mincha / Maariv	6:00 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Monday—Friday

Shacharis

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

Wed, Thurs Rosh Chodesh 6:30 AM

Dirshu Halacha Program 7:30AM

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

Mincha 1:45 PM

Mincha / Maariv 6:00 PM

Open Beis Hamedrash 7:00 PM

Nightly Maariv (Mon-Thur) 9:45 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Party is Over... True שמחה

We have just concluded the magnificent experiences in our journey through the months of אלול and תשרי. The awe inspired תפילות of ראש השנה, the transformative experience of יום הכיפורים and the joyous celebration of סוכות, hopefully leave us fortified and well equipped for the “ימי העבודה”; the long dreary winter months ahead.

The climax of the “Tishrei experience” takes place on שמיני העצרת and שמחת תורה, days devoid of any specific מצוה yet filled with our simply regaling in the special relationship we have with הקדוש ברוך הוא.

There is no longer any need for a שופר to prod our attention, nor the need to divest ourselves of earthly pleasures to be able to focus on Hashem. We need not the סוכה to remind us of our transient existence in this world, nor the ד' מינים to direct all our faculties toward Hashem. We have finally reached the moment when our consciousness is totally consumed with the knowledge of how fortunate we are in being the “בן יקר לי אפרים”; Hashem's beloved child. We embrace the Torah in joyous dance as an expression of this ecstatic awareness.

It is this emotion that must stay with us as we face the return to the realities and tribulations of daily life once again.

One who senses that closeness understands that despite the difficulties we may face we are always in the embrace of Hashem. Although we may not always fathom the depth of השגחת השם we nevertheless fully accept with absolute אמונה, that all that transpires is in our best interest to make us even greater.

When שלמה המלך dispatches עם ישראל to their homes after a two week celebration in the month of תשרי in joyous dedication of the בית המקדש, נביא describes: וילכו לאהליהם שמחים וטובי לב על כל הטובה אשר עשה ה' לדוד עבדו ; “They went to their homes joyous and good hearted over all the goodness that Hashem had shown to his servant David and to his people Israel”.

חז"ל tell us that they exulted over their spiritual attainments. How did the חכמים know that? Perhaps they rejoiced over the good song, music, dance and food they partook of over the days of dedication?

The answer lies in the fact that the נביא describes their evident joy “after” having returned home. True joy that is sustained and long lasting is a product of a genuine and profoundly divine happiness. Superficial and artificial glee wanes as soon as the party is over.

We must take the moments of עלייה in רוחניות and closeness to Hashem that we have achieved over the ימים טובים and preserve them as we undertake a year of renewed עבודת השם.

Long after the music and festivities has ended, the amusement parks have closed and the many wonderful and exciting trips we took over חול המועד have concluded, it is these capsules of true רוחניות that create a sense of אחדות, שמחה, and inspiration that enable us to embark on a successful journey in the year and it's trials ahead, in our service of Hashem.

אשרינו מה טוב חלקנו! How fortunate we are to have found each other! Each one of you contributes to the wondrous developing mosaic that comprises the beautiful community of משה.

The exhilaration and beauty of שמחת תורה is still warming and lingering in all of our hearts. It is because it was a display of a common and authentic longing for דביקות בה' and our eagerness to work and strive selflessly together in reaching that noble goal. כן ירבו!

May we all have “א געזונטער ווינטער”; a hardy winter, filled with great accomplishments for ourselves, our families, our קהילה and all of כלל ישראל.

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