

SCHEDULE

לייל שבת קודש

Candle Lighting 8:07 PM
 Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos
 @Main Shul 7:00 PM
 @Tent 8:07 PM

יום שבת קודש
 Shacharis

@Main Shul 7:00 AM
 @Tent 8:00 AM
 @Main Shul 8:30 AM

Netz - 6:00am | Sof Zman K"ס 8:48 א"ת
 9:36- א"ת Sof Zman Tefilah 10:48- א"ת

Mincha

@Main Shul 2:00 PM
 @Tent 6:00 PM

Pirkei Avos @Main Shul Following 6:00pm Mincha

Maariv/Havdala @ Tent (50min) 9:15 PM

Virtual Daf Yomi - Motzei Shabbos 10:00PM

87/75	מזג האוויר בנשבת*	CANDLES NEXT
92/74	Ohel Moshe Weather	SHABBOS - 8:01 PM

Weekday Tefilos

Shacharis - @ Main Shul

Sun-6:50, Mon-6:35, Tue, W, Fri-6:45,

Thursday - SEE TISHA B'AV SCHEDULE

Shacharis - @ Tent Sun-8:30, Mon-Fri-7:50 AM

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM DAF	7:30	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45
NETZ	6:02	6:02	6:03	6:04	6:05	6:06

Mincha/Maariv @ Main Shul 6:40 PM

ZOOM into the live D'var Chizuk @ 7:55 PM!

Mincha/Maariv @ Tent 8:10 PM

PM Daf Yomi - Sunday-Thursday 8:45 PM

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Wednesday July 29

Mincha 1:45 PM

Mincha 6:30 PM

Fast Starts 8:21 PM

Maariv & Eicha 9:05 PM

Thursday, July 30

Shacharis 7:00 AM

Shacharis 8:00 AM

Shacharis 9:00 AM

Kinos 10:00-11:00 AM

Kinos 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Chatzos 1:13 PM

Mincha 1:45 PM

Shirei Hisorerus 7:35 PM

Mincha 7:55 PM

Maariv 8:45 PM

Fast Ends 9:02 PM

Daf Yomi 10:00 PM

All Minyanim, Kinos, & Shirei Hisorerus will have @Main Shul & @Tent options. Details, including how to sign up, will be sent out on Sunday.

NO EREV SHABBOS CHIZUK LIVE THIS WEEK

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

(אבות ה' ד) – *If not now when?*

This famous adage of Hillel found its earliest expression during the episode of the *Ma'apilim*, the defiant ones, who after waking up from the spies induced spiritual stupor, realizing the consequences of their crying for naught, were now determined to go up to the place G-d had promised, but were told in no uncertain terms that they missed the opportunity of a lifetime. It was simply too late; they would not succeed. Not heeding the warning, they ascended defiantly and were summarily struck, beaten, and defeated.

Despite avowing their regret and admission of guilt, Moshe warns them not to go up for G-d has told him explicitly - איני בקרבכם - *I am not among you*.

Why?

Didn't they admit to having 'sinned to Hashem'? There is no negation of their contrition, simply a statement: איני - איני, *I am not, among you*. But why?

Hillel prefaces his directive to grab opportunities when they come by two other pieces of advice.

איני מי לי - *If I do not do for myself, who will do it for me?*
איני מי לי - *And if I care only for myself, what am I?*

These two related ideas, to take initiative not relying on others, and to not act only out of self-interest - do not count on others but always consider others - is seemingly totally unrelated to the idea of not missing out on opportunities that may come one's way.

These three principles are extremely basic ones for success in life. They are self-evident to anyone who has experienced life. Do we really need someone as great as Hillel the Elder to teach us these elementary ideas?

The Holy Baal Shem Tov has a marvelous twist in understanding this first notion of Hillel.

איני מי לי - *If there is no, איני - ego, sense of arrogant self-importance, מי לי - to me, tainting my actions, איני מי לי - who can compare to me, in my ability to promote the will of G-d in the universe.*

איני מי לי - *And when that sense of 'I', איני מי לי - is self-serving, מה איני - what value is there to that sense of 'I'?*

When we pare away our selfish interests, we can soar on high like no other living entity.

Alternatively, we can also suggest, that having a self-identity, a sense of mission and purpose, a mindfulness of who 'I' am, is equally critical to succeed in life.

איני מי לי - *If there is no, איני - sense of personal value, מי לי - what can motivate me to purposeful ambition?*

איני מי לי - *And when that realization of my unique role in the world defines me, how awesome is that sense of 'I'!*

Truth is that often we procrastinate either because our personal needs and comforts take precedence over responsibility, or because we fear failure, lacking faith in ourselves that we can succeed.

Hillel revealed the secret to success: do not let fleeting pleasure or purposeless objectives impede your duties and realize how vital you are in G-d's eyes. When we remove the egotistic 'I' and define the noble 'I', nothing will deter us from pursuing our goals and believing in ourselves.

The most exquisite expression of pure and unadulterated joy one experienced when the Temple stood was during the holiday of Sukkos when they celebrated the Simchas Bais Hasho'evah commemorating the drawing of the water ceremony performed then.

Hillel would dance in ecstasy and exult כאן הכל כאן - *If I am here everything is here!*

Rashi explains that איני is a Name of G-d. Hillel was emphasizing that if G-d is 'present' then that is 'everything!' Reb Nachman quotes the Zohar who states that the word איני is the acronym for the sentiment, איני נפשי יהיבתי, 'I have infused man with 'My' essence. (סוכה ג.)

When man removes the external layers of 'self' and discovers his essence, defining one's mission solely in the context of G-d's will, man becomes a virtual receptacle for the Divine Presence itself. That is what reveals his true 'I'.

Who Am I?

Hillel then concludes with what is the natural result of one who views life from that clear perception: *If not now when*, because every moment is instilled with G-d's presence beckoning us to represent Him in our every act and deed.

Bernie Rader, a Lubavitcher chosid from London, traveled to Detroit on business regularly. On one occasion he met a local baker who was a guest at his host's home. The baker peppered him with many questions about the mitzva of Tefillin. Observing his interest and being a true soldier of the Rebbe he encouraged the baker to put on Tefillin. The baker said he would be happy to, but as he works through the night into the afternoon, he would have to meet him at the bakery between shifts at dawn. Sure enough, Bernie arrives and sees that this man had clearly worn Tefillin before in his lifetime as he is familiar with the blessings and the intricacies of wrapping the straps. Bernie then offers to provide him his own pair of Tefillin the next time he visits Detroit on business in six weeks' time. The baker is grateful saying he looks forward to that time.

Bernie travels to New York that day stopping at Lubavitch headquarters the next morning, Thursday, to bask in his Rebbe's presence, reporting to him of his providential encounter with the baker and sharing his eagerness to return to his family in London in time for Shabbos.

The Rebbe is visibly pleased with his initiative but then astonishes Bernie with the following instructions. Firstly, he tells Bernie that he must assure the baker receives a pair of Tefillin that very day, even if it means he must fly back to Detroit to deliver it. He admonishes Bernie about his plan to wait six weeks before providing the Tefillin. What impression this make upon the baker about the importance of his role in performing this mitzva daily, the Rebbe wonders aloud. If he is to fathom his unique role before G-d, that message can only be conveyed by the immediacy of its performance. As to the personal disappointment of possibly then missing out on Shabbos with his family if he is to travel back to Detroit, the Rebbe sympathetically asserts, priorities are priorities, we are here on this earth with a mission.

Bernie succeeded in securing the Tefillin getting them to the baker yet that day through a third party who assisted him once again with the donning of them.

Six weeks later Bernie and the baker meet up. The baker proudly reports how he wears them daily and even once had to ditch his car on the side of the road one day in standstill traffic, so he could walk home in time to put them on before sunset! (Rebbe - Telushkin p.145)

When G-d responds to the *Ma'apilim*, איני בקרבך, *I am not in your midst*, it was not an assertion of His reticence, but an explanation of why the time was not ripe. איני איני, the sense of a true 'I', identity totally aligned with that of the איני, the essence of G-d, was not yet fully developed, it was not בקרבך, fused with them as one. It would necessitate forty years in the laboratory of the desert to inculcate into their psyche.

The Alter Rebbe, Rav Shneur Zalman of Liadi, once knocked on the door of his beloved Rebbe, the Maggid of Mezritch. When the Maggid inquired who was there, he responded, "I".

After he entered the Maggid scolded him for expressing איני - I, for it is tinged with ego, he should have responded simply, "Shneur Zalman".

After leaving his Rebbe, the Alter Rebbe found himself amidst a crowd where someone had been robbed and they falsely accused him of the crime. The police were summoned and grabbed the Rebbe, as he loudly and repeatedly protested, איני, איני, "It is not I, it is not I, it is not I..." until they finally released him.

When sometime later he returned to the Maggid and reported this event, the Maggid lovingly told him, "You see, for one inappropriate uttering of the word 'I', you had to undo it by screaming 'not I', ten times!"

The Alter Rebbe's remarkable seventh generation descendant, absorbed the message, knowing the secret to living inspired every minute of our lives: remove the 'I' and discover your true greatness. Bernie had to put aside his self-interest in devoting himself to his mission. The baker had to appreciate how important and valued he was before G-d.

We will read soon על אלה איני בוכיה (איכה א טו) - *Over these things I weep*.

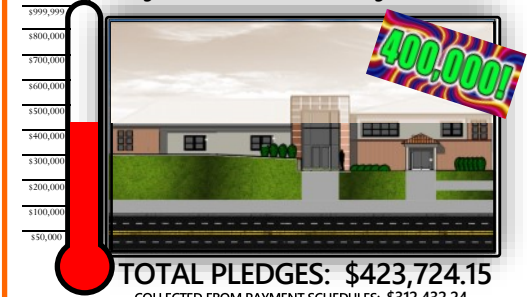
We cry because we so yearn to sense our identity, our true connection, to איני, Hashem.

We are enduring through times where we have discovered how powerless we are, how life and its successes are solely in the hands of the Almighty. Any distorted notion of the egotistical 'I' has been quashed.

May we find ourselves soon, may we be embraced by His Presence, may we dance with joy, singing mightily, כאן הכל כאן - *If I am here everything is here!*

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