## **SCHEDULE**

ליל שבת קדש

Candle Lighting 7:34 PM **Early Shabbos** 6:40 PM Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 7:33 PM

יום שבת קדש

Daf Yomi @Main Shul 7:30 AM

**Shacharis** 

@Social Hall 7:00 AM @Main Shul 8:30 AM

28:57 מ"א -8:57 am | Sof Zman K"S 9:41-10:49- גר"א -Sof Zman Tefilah 10:49 גר"א -Sof Zman Tefilah 10:49

Mincha 2:15 PM Pirkei Avos 6:45 PM Mincha 7:25 PM

Maariy/Haydala (50min) 8:43 PM



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CANDLES NEXT SHABBOS - 7:41 PM

#### **Weekday Tefilos**

**Shacharis** 

Sunday -6:50 & 8:30

M—BEHAB 6:25,Th-6:35, 7:50 T,W,F-6:45, 7:50

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	тни	FRI
AM DAF	7:30	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45	5:45
NETZ	6:15	6:14	6:12	6:11	6:10	6:09

Mincha Sunday— Thursday 1:45 PM Mincha/Maariv Sunday-Thursday 7:45 PM 9:50 PM Maariv Sunday-Thursday

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE:

# How Much Do You Weigh?

Of all the numerous laws outlined in Kedoshim, only one concludes with the assertion: I am Hashem, your G-d, Who brought you forth from the land of Egypt. (Vayikra 19 36)

The Sifra sees in this singling out of the command to 'maintain proper weights and measures' from all others, as indicating that this one is 'the sole reason why we left Egypt'.

The Talmud sees in this concluding verse an additional message.

During the plague of the Killing of the Firstborn, G-d discerned between the drop [of sperm that led to the conception] of a firstborn and the drop [of sperm that did] not [lead to the conception] of a firstborn. G-d thus warned, "[Likewise,] I am the One faithful to exact punishment upon someone who secretly stores his weights in salt [thus altering their weight] in order to defraud people who do not recognize them [as weights that have been tampered with.]" (Bava Metzia 61b)

Rashi elucidates that this refers to specifically the death of those who were not necessarily the first born to their mother but were nevertheless the first conceived through their fathers. Evidently the mother who already bore a child to her 'husband' engaged in adultery with other men, bearing them their children as well. Although they were not aware of this deviation, thinking they were one happy family, they too were deemed 'firstborns' and died in the plague. Only G-d was capable of being privy to this information. And that same G-d will exact punishment from those who seek to conceal their misdeeds.

How is this detail alluded in the verse that states G-d 'brought us forth from Egypt'?

This was merely a important detail in the story, but not necessarily that which 'brought them out of Egypt'?

The Mechilta points out it was these 'children' who compelled Pharaoh to send out the Jews immediately, as they feared it was not only the firstborn that would die, but rather the entire male populace, as evidenced in these children's deaths even though they were not apparently firstborns.

So, in truth it was precisely this episode that led to the Jews exodus!

Why couldn't they figure it out on their own that perhaps they too were firstborns? Was it so preposterous in that decadent land to suspect that this was the case?

Clearly they could not fathom that G-d would consider these 'accidents of birth'— who lived their lives up until this point oblivious to this newfound status — as 'firstborns'.

They simply could not accept a notion of a G-d attending to them as special individuals distinct from others

This lesson though is perhaps one of the greatest lessons derived from the story.

Each one of us is unique and individually responsible to bring to fruition our role in the world, regardless of whatever murky circumstances we arise from.

In the law related to the use of weights and measures — instruments purported to represent accuracy and truth — if one abuses that tool in promoting self-interest in the guise of honesty, one has perpetrated the crime of erasing the very inherent nobility and connection to the One whose image we are forged with, denying our exquisite relationship with Him.

All other sins are acts of compulsion or impulse, and although one is accountable, can be understood. But the portraying of greed in the guise of truth and integrity, is inexcusable and so grievous a sin that it tears apart the very essence of our soul and being — our raison d'etre.

We were taken out of Egypt to realize how we are each intimately connected and guided by G-d. Although we may lapse at times despite that status, but we must never, ever forget who we are, and what we stand for. We can be forgiven for our impulses, but not for abusing the very seal of G-d—*Emes* / Truth—for personal gain.

The Talmud adds there are two more misrepresentations we are accountable for in addition to falsifying our weights.

One who claims he is lending money with interest merely as the agent of a gentile lender — when it is truly his own money, as well as one who dyes his *Tzizis* with blue dye of vegetable origin (Indigo) — feigning true Techeles, will be dealt with and punished likewise.

The holy Munkatcher Rebbe castigated those 'Shayna Yidden' among the Jewish lay leadership who seek honor and glory for their contributions, even while that degrade their stature when engaging in questionable behavior under the guise of all sorts of claimed 'hetterim', like the disguised usurer.

He similarly took to task the businessmen who feign honesty with all sorts of subterfuge, comparing them to those who tamper with their weights.

Sparing no one, he admonished the Rebbes, Roshei Yeshivos and Rabbinic leaders, who falsely claim righteousness and scholarship, donning garments whose 'colors' are poor cover-ups for their moral deficiencies, — the purveyors of false Techeles.

We must each ask ourselves how honestly, we weigh our attitudes, and measure up our character, to the standards of pure *Emes* that is worthy of a people who each have an exquisite relationship with Hashem.

באהבה, צבי יהודה טייכמאן

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