

SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קודש

Mincha & Kabalas Shabbos 4:25 PM
Friday Night Learning With Chulent 7:00 PM

יום שבת קודש

Daf Yomi @Main Shul 7:30 AM

SHACHARIS

@Social Hall 7:00 AM

@Main Shul 8:30 AM

Netz - 7:16 am | Sof Zman K"ס 8:55 א"ת | Sof Zman Tefilah - 10:25 א"ת

Followed by Kiddush

Mincha 2:15 PM

Mincha 4:15 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv/Havdala (50min) 5:33 PM

Avos Ubanim 6:20 PM

51/44	מזג האוויר בשבת*
70/42	Ohel Moshe Weather

CANDLES NEXT
SHABBOS-4:26 PM

WEEKDAY TFILOS

SHACHARIS

Sunday - 6:50 & 8:30,

Monday, Thursday- 6:35 & 7:50

Tuesday (Fast of Teves) 6:30 & 7:50

Wednesday, Friday - 6:45 & 7:50

MINCHA & MAARIV

Mincha Sunday-Thursday 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv Sunday-Thursday 4:30 PM

Maariv Sunday-Thursday 7:45 & 9:50 PM

Learning Opportunities

AM Daf Yomi - S/S - 7:30 AM ~ M-F - 5:45 AM

PM Daf Yomi - Sun.-Thu. 7:00 PM

Smichas Chaver Program - Sunday 9:30 AM

Daf Hashavua - Mon. & Wed. 9:00 PM

Breathing Life - Monday 9:10 PM

Holy Machlokes - Tuesday 9:00 PM

Begging For More - Tuesday 9:10 PM

Sefer Koheles with Rabbi Levi - Thu 9:00 PM



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Fast of Teves (Tuesday, December 14)

5:45 AM Daf Yomi

6:07 AM Start of Fast

6:30, 7:50 AM Shacharis

1:45 PM Mincha

4:20 PM Mincha

5:10 Maariv

5:26 PM End of Fast

AVOS UBANIM!

Motzei Shabbos! 6:20 PM

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RABBI'S MESSAGE:

How Much is Too Much?

The moment the children of Yaakov reveal to him that his beloved son Yosef is alive and well, could certainly qualify as one of the happiest moments, if not 'the' happiest, depicted in all of Torah.

Yet, as contrasted with the instant Avraham and Sarah were informed, they would beget a child — where they laughed with joy, or when Eliezer discovers a match for Yitzchok — Rivkah, in record time — immediately prostrating before G-d in joyous thanks — Yaakov displays no apparent joyful emotion.

After first nearly passing out and being revived upon hearing the news, the Torah states, *And Yisroel said, "Rav! My son Yosef still lives, I shall go see him before I die."*

His initial expression **רב** is a peculiar one. Literally it means 'much'. But much of what?

Who is Yaakov speaking to? To himself or perhaps to his sons?

Rashi, seemingly based on the Targum, explains it to mean that he *had much שמחה וחודו*—happiness and joy since his son Yosef was still alive.

So why doesn't the Torah report his full emotional expression of having experienced 'much joy' and chose to merely state, 'much', without any intimation of what he felt much of?

The renowned fifteenth century Talmudist and Halachist, The Terumas HaDeshen, offers a fascinating and very creative interpretation on this verse.

In the prophecy to Rivkah that heralded the birth of Esav and Yaakov, it refers to Esav as the **רב**—the elder, who would one day serve Yaakov, the **צעיר**—the younger.

The prophet Ovadiah foretells how the house of Yosef is the flame that will ignite and consume the house of Esav which is likened to stubble.

When Yaakov initially heard that Yosef was killed, he bemoaned how he will now never be able to claim supremacy over Esav, as the antagonist of Esav — Yosef, is no more.

However, at the moment Yaakov discovers that Yosef is indeed alive he exclaims, figuratively addressing Esav and his ilk, *"Rav (— Esav), Yosef is still alive!"*, informing him that the house of Yaakov and Yosef is very much alive and still 'in business'.

This reading of the verse adds clarity to it but leaves out all the pathos inherent in this moment of joy.

Rashi teaches that at this juncture Yaakov sensed both **שמחה וחודו** שמחה is a synonym for חודו. Why the double emphasis?

The great nineteenth century Hungarian rabbinic figure and educator, Rav

Moshe Greenwald, popularly known as the Arugas HaBosem, explains that there are two levels of joy, the initial external reaction to the event that provoked the joy that is fleeting, and then there is the deeper appreciation of that moment and its implication on a spiritual level that etches itself into our soul and is lasting.

Yaakov's first 'reviving of his spirit' denotes the instinct of relief and reveling over his happy discovery. The **רב**—the 'much' happiness, represents the realization that Yosef not only physically survived but remained intact with all his spiritual accomplishments — despite the ordeal — and deserving of being referred to as *'my son Yosef who is still alive'*, in testament to his allegiance to his father's legacy.

Simcha is the external expression of joy one experiences upon an event that promotes happiness.

Chedvah alludes to deeper more spiritual and lasting sensation of joy. (משנת יוסף ויגש)

Perhaps Yaakov intentionally intimated this notion of 'much happiness' and its connotation of an abundant and increasing genuine joy, in the context of calling out to Esav the **רבי**

When Yaakov proffers a gift to Esav, he declines with the argument, **יש לי רב**—I have much.

Yaakov on the other hand insists that Esav accept the gift telling him not to worry about diminishing his resources since **יש לי כל**—I have everything.

Esav intimates he has 'much' but not all, still aspiring for more. Yaakov though asserts he has no interest for more possessions since he has everything he needs.

This is the crux of the formula for genuine happiness. In the physical realm being satisfied with what we have can make us happy, as opposed to those who pursue 'more', who will never pacify the craving.

In the realm of spirituality, it is exactly the opposite.

The more we pine the happier we are. Complacency leaves us hungry.

The double-edged expression was Yaakov's reclaiming the mission over Esav to achieve true joy in life through allegiance to the will of G-d. It was that awareness that brought forth his joy.

When it comes to real joy it is never too much!

באהבה,
צבי יהודה טייכמן

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**Mordy & Shoshana Sanders
on the marriage of their son
Aharon Sanders to
Ashley Myers**

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On the birth of a
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