

## SCHEDULE

ליל שבת קדש

Candles 7:29 PM

**ONLY ONE MINYAN**

Mincha & Kabbalas Shabbos @Main Shul 7:28 PM

יום שבת קדש

Daf Yomi @Main Shul 7:30 AM

SHACHARIS

@Main Shul 6:50 AM

@Main Shul 8:30 AM

Netz - 6:30 am | Sof Zman K"ס 9:06 א"ס 9:49 | Sof Zman Tefilah - 10:55 א"ס 11:28

Followed by Kiddush

Mincha 2:15 PM

Pirkei Avos 6:50 PM

Mincha 7:20 PM

Followed by Shalosh Seudos

Maariv/Havdala (50min) 8:36 PM

92/73 מזג האוויר בשבת  
89/75 Ohel Moshe Weather

CANDLES NEXT  
SHABBOS - 7:18 PM

## WEEKDAY MINYANIM

SHACHARIS

Sunday (**ROSH CHODESH**) - 6:30 & 8:30

Monday, Thursday - 6:35, 7:50

Tue, Wed, Fri - 6:45, 7:50

MINCHA & MAARIV

Mincha: Sunday - Thursday 1:45 PM

Mincha/Maariv: Monday - Thursday 7:30 PM

Maariv: Sunday - Thursday 9:50 PM



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

PM Daf Yomi - Sun - Thu 6:40 PM

Smichas Chaver Program - Sunday 9:15 AM

Royal Tea - Monday 8:15 PM

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

Mishna Brura Yomi - Sun-Thu 9:25 PM

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@Main Minyan

Sponsored by:

Uri & Devorah Meth

In honor of

Zecharya's Bar Mitzvah!!!

### SHALOSH SEUDOS

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## YOMIM NORAIM SEATING

Once again, there will be a regular minyan and a netz minyan.

Registration for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur seating is now open for members & affiliates only.

### Deadlines To Be Aware Of

8/28

Last day of Members & Affiliate Only

8/29

Open for Members and Guests

9/9

Last Day For Babysitting Registration

To Reserve Your Seats Visit:

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## RABBI'S MESSAGE:

### Happy Days Are Here Again

The third Rebbe of Viznitz, the Ahavas Yisroel, discovered that the numerical value of חֹדֶשׁ אֱלוּל—*Month of Elul*, equals that of הָיָה שְׂמֹחַ—and there will be joy! (379)

In the entire Pentateuch the root שִׂמְחָה—*joy* appears sixteen times. Seven of those references appear in our portion of *Re'eh* alone — the portion that always precedes the onset of Elul — with the remainder scattered over seven other portions.

Is there some secret formula for happiness embedded within our portion specifically, that merited this abundance of 'joyous' references.

Three of the references relate to the שלש רגלים—three yearly pilgrimages, and the command to celebrate joyously. The other mentions are in context of the various sacrifices, tithes, first-fruits, that must be eaten in the proximity of the Mishkan, Temple or Jerusalem.

All these calls to be joyous are mentioned in context of rejoicing expressly לפני—*before G-d*.

Is this exact number of occurrences of joy 'seven' times, intentional?

King David declares before G-d, *You will make known to me the path of life*, שִׁבְעַת הַשְּׂמֹחוֹת—*the fullness of joys*, אֶת-פָּנֶיךָ—in *Your Presence*, the delights that are in *Your right hand for eternity*. (תהלים טז יא)

The Talmud interprets the letters in the word שִׁבְעָה—read as *Sova*, meaning *fullness*, as alternately alluding to the word שִׁבְעָה—read as *Sheva*, the number *seven*, the number of strings in the *Kinor* — *the sweet harp* of King David he played in the presence of G-d, in contrast to the harp that will be played in the days of the Moshiach, which will possess eight strings. (ערכין יג:)

Seven is representative of the physical world we occupy, signifying the cycle of the set of six days of creation plus a day of rest, that is confined within the boundaries of time and space, that will be transcended beyond this limitation of nature in a future spiritual world that will be heralded with the coming of Moshiach — a world of 'eight'.

A fascinating Midrash depicts the seven stages of life and the challenges we must endure during our sojourn in this finite world with the following imagery.

The seven times Koheles mentions הַבָּלִים—*vanities*, correspond to the seven stages of a person's life:

At age 1 — a person is like a King placed in a litter with a canopy and everyone hugs and kisses him.

At age 2 and 3 — a person is like a pig who puts his hands into the sewer

At age 10 — a person jumps like a goat

At age 20 — a person is like a horse who delights in his beauty and wishes for a wife

After he gets married — he is like a donkey [carrying the burden of a family]

When one has children — they are determined like a dog to bring bread and food.

At an advanced age — he is like a monkey

But of those who are בני תורה—*Sons of Torah*, it is written וְהַמֶּלֶךְ דָּוִד—*And the King, David*, זָקֵן—*was old* (מדרש קהלת א ג)

We must face the challenges of life by elevating ourselves beyond the constraints of our animalistic instincts of survival — which often mimic the mindless behavior of these beasts.

When we inspire these moments with a consciousness of our divine mission, infusing this pursuit — despite its difficulties — with the joyous expressions of faith in the knowledge they are divinely directed with the purpose of elevating ourselves and all we encounter by His presence, that is when we sing the joyous melodies of Torah, upon the seven stringed harp of King David.

The Midrash seems to equate 'King' David in his elderly years, to the delightful life at the onset of existence, the baby 'king' whose every need is attended to and is loved and adored unconditionally.

Is that truly accurate?

Perhaps the message inherent in this equation is that the key to achieving joy — despite the travails of life — is contingent on us realizing that no matter what circumstance we find ourselves in, we acknowledge that we are being attended to — like a baby — by an adoring Father, who provides exactly what we need to thrive at any given moment.

Is not that what King David is extolling when he praises G-d for making known to him, the שְׂבוּעַת שְׂמֹחוֹת—*fullness of joys*, precisely because David realizes he is always, אֶת-פָּנֶיךָ—in *Your presence*?

The Rambam famously expounds on the value of serving G-d with joy, at the end of the laws of Lulav.

He begins by quoting the verse that indicates a greater intensity of joy during the holiday of Sukkos.

*Even though it is a mitzvah to rejoice on all the festivals, there was an additional celebration in the Temple on the festival of Sukkos, as the Torah commands: 'And you shall rejoice לפני ד'—before G-d, your Lord, for seven days.'*

He concludes his elaboration of the value and nature of doing all commands unabashedly with joy with the following words.

*...anyone who lowers himself and thinks lightly of his person in these situations is [truly] a great person, worthy of honor, who serves God out of love. Thus, David, King of Israel, declared: "I will hold myself even more lightly esteemed than this and be humble in my eyes," because there is no greatness or honor other than לשמוח לפני ד'—celebrating before G-d, as it states: "King David was dancing wildly and whistling לפני ד'—before G-d." (שמואל ב כב)*

As we enter the month of Elul may we rouse ourselves to return to His embrace, with a renewed awareness that we are always 'hugged and kissed', cradled in His protection and provision.

May we merit to live with absolute joy every moment of our lives!

באהבה,  
צבי יהודה טייכמאן

## MEMBER NEWS

!!!HAPPY HEBREW BIRTHDAY!!!

Tzipora Zidell, Moshe Meister, Jorj Felder, Yeshaya Cohen, Aliza Cohen, Hadassah Zidell, Pessy Michael, Shayna Cohn

!!!HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Frank & Beverly Berger

!!!BAR/BAT MITZVAH PARSHA ANNIVERSARY!!!

Shawn Burstyn, Daniel Rosinsky, Murray Friedman, Shuie Steinharter, Bernard Fellner

!!!BAR/BAT MITZVAH COMING UP SOON(ish)!!!

Sarah Moss (Aug), Nava Kermaier (Sept), Navah Rosinsky (Sept)

### YAHARZEIT

Benjamin Weiskind, for his mother - Hyla Weiskind

Chaya Gittel bas Yosef Dov Baer HaCohen

Deborah & Gershon Bandos on a  
BABY BOY!!!!

Shalom Zachor will be at the  
Bandos home,  
3102 Lightfoot Drive, after 9:15 pm

Esther & Yisrael Katz on the birth  
of a CHANA LIBA!!!

Mazel Tov as well to the proud  
grandparents  
Jan & Naomi Meisler!

Zecharya Meth  
on his Bar Mitzvah!!!!

Mazal Tov to Uri & Devorah Meth  
and all the extended family  
joining us for Shabbos!

**OHHEL MOSHE**  
אהל משה

**BUILDING** *updates*

*Consolidation  
OF A DREAM  
OF A BUILDING  
OF A SHUL COMMUNITY*

Planning/Design/Engineering is moving along again too! We got some preliminary feedback that budget and goals are in alignment so that was a VERY exciting milestone! IYH more good news soon.

**8:50 AM SHACHARIS ON PAUSE  
UNTIL NEXT SUMMER**  
Thank you to all the boys who helped  
make it such a success.