

## SCHEDULE

### שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	4:57 PM
Friday Night Learning (w/ Chulent)	7:30 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
9:49 גר"א 9:13 מ"א Sof Zman K"ס	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	4:55 PM
Maariv	6:08 PM
<b>Ladies Melaveh Malka @ Amster 8 PM</b>	

### Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
- Followed by Shiur New Topics from יורה דעה, חולין	
Mincha / Maariv	5:05 PM

### Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

#### Monday—Friday

Shacharis	
Monday ראש חדש שבט	6:30 AM, 8:10 AM
Tues., Wed., Fri.	6:45 AM, 8:10 AM
Thurs	6:40 AM, 8:10 AM
Dirshu Halacha Program	7:30 AM
Mincha	12:45 PM
Open Beis Hamedrash	7:00 PM
<b>Rabbeinu Yonah Shaar Rishon</b>	<b>9:30 PM</b>
Nightly Maariv (Mon-Thur)	<b>9:45 PM</b>

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman  
**After Maariv**

## SPONSORSHIPS

### Kiddush

*Just waiting on you... (\$118)*

### Shalosh Seudos

*Sponsored by Riki & Azi Rosenblum  
In memory of Azi's Grandmother  
Ita Blumah Bas Moshe*

*Donations Can Be Made For Any Occasion*

### Melaveh Malkah For Women

## This Motzei Shabbos

### 8:00pm

Hosted by:

**Rachele & Chaim Amster & Family**  
**2505 Apache Circle**

### **Mazel Tov**

**Nechama & Shmuel Luxemburg**  
**on the birth of a baby boy last shabbos!**  
Shalom Zachor @ 2533 Farringdon Road, after 8:00pm

### **Are You In The H.O.C.?**

Visit [www.ohelmoshebaltimore.com](http://www.ohelmoshebaltimore.com)  
and click on "The H.O.C."

*For more information:*

Rabbi Zvi Teichman  
[ravzt@hotmail.com](mailto:ravzt@hotmail.com)  
410-570-3333

Azi Rosenblum  
[azirozenblum@gmail.com](mailto:azirozenblum@gmail.com)  
443-854-2172

Eitan Schuchman  
[schuchbalt@yahoo.com](mailto:schuchbalt@yahoo.com)  
443-929-0755

CONGREGATION OHEL MOSHE

שבת קודש  
פרשת וארא  
מברכים חודש שבט

כ"ח טבת

# אהל משה



*Rabbi Zvi Teichman*

CONGREGATION OHEL MOSHE  
2808 SMITH AVE  
BALTIMORE, MD 21209  
[WWW.OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM](http://WWW.OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM)  
[DAVEN@OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM](mailto:DAVEN@OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM)  
(410) 878-7521

Volume #76

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

### Of Precision Missiles and Missives

As we conclude a most trying month of טבת, with it's wildly flying missiles and missives and a hopeful ceasefire in place, we hope that our extra תפילות and מעשים טובים that we have undertaken in response to these dangers will hold up as well.

Tradition has it that each of the ten plagues took place in each of the ten months preceding יציאת מצרים; the Exodus from Egypt. Working backwards, with the advent of מכת בכורות during the month of ניסן, in חושך and אדר and ארבה in שבט, we discover that the מכה of ברד, the "precision bombs and missiles" of Hashem, took place in the month of טבת!

In response to the assault on his land and people, פרעה is finally humbled as he declares: "ה' הצדיק ואני ועמי רשעים"; "Hashem is the Righteous One, and I and my people are wicked"!

Yet shortly afterward, his newfound inspiration withers once again, as he refuses to allow בני ישראל to leave.

משה רבינו, in his reply to פרעה's plea for intercession, to stop the plague, tells him: "When I leave the city I shall spread out my hands to Hashem, the thunder will cease and the hail will no longer be, so that you shall know that the earth is Hashem's. And as for you and your servants, I know that you are not yet afraid of Hashem, G-d."

Prior to leaving the city to pray on his behalf, the תורה mysteriously, interjects two seemingly misplaced verses. The חומש goes on to describe the effects of the plague:

*והפשתה והשערה נכתה כי השערה אביב והפשתה גבעול; The flax and the barley were struck, for the barley was ripe and the flax was in its stalk.*

*והחטה והכסמת לא נכו כי אפילות הנה; And the wheat and the spelt were not struck, for they ripen later.*

What significance is this lesson in botany critical to the storyline and why is it placed smack in the middle of משה's message to פרעה and his fulfillment of his request?

There are three commentaries who respond to this very question and reveal for us the "precision" with which this message is delivered to פרעה, with great implications for us as well.

רב סעדיה גאון explains that this was a vital part of משה's communication to פרעה. He was informing him that he must realize that what was destroyed is lost and forgotten never to be retrieved. We must live with our decisions, there are consequences. Only the wheat and spelt remain to be saved by תפילה, the flax and barley can not be recovered. This was to arouse פרעה to the gravity of his decisions in the future as well.

רב עובדיה מברטנורה too, considers this a lesson in מוסר that משה seeks to impart to פרעה. He is intimating to him that the reason why "you are not yet afraid of G-d", is because "you think you still have what to rely on, the wheat and spelt." Human nature compels one to grasp for his independence, even in the face of disaster, groping for "straws", deluding oneself that he can "make it on his own."

רמב"ן suggests that משה is making פרעה very aware of what he has to lose if he doesn't get it right this time. He is alluding to the exposure of his remaining grain to a future plague, that of ארבה. Don't be so smug, משה warns, you have much at stake!

We too must not slip in the pitfalls of complacency. We must realize and never forget the קרבנות that fell and were permanently scarred. We can not think that now we are secure, and allow ourselves to relax and lapse in our heightened עבודת השם. We must realize there are many dangers yet ahead that we can only ward off through the many acts of תורה, חסד and תפילה.

באהבה,

צבי טייכמן

Leave the cooking to us!   
Shiva Trays Bar/Bat Mitzvah Sweet 16  
Family Reunion Graduation 

We now offer catering!  
Check out our delicious dairy and meat menus  
at [www.jcc.org](http://www.jcc.org) or call Josh 443-928-5404  
for more information.

  
Eden  
CAFE

Owings Mills JCC: 410.356.0010  
Park Heights JCC: 410.542.5185  
e-mail: [eden.cafe@hotmail.com](mailto:eden.cafe@hotmail.com)



Gala Buffet  
Reception

Matzei Shabbos, February 7, 2009  
8:30PM • BETH TFILOH • 3300 OLD COURT ROAD

PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 28: EMAIL [HOBVENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:HOBVENT@GMAIL.COM)  
PHONE MRS. ILANA HOENLEIN 410-764-6932 OR MRS. RIVKI BRECHER 410-358-0693

Weinberg Academy

9th Annual

Chinese Auction



Sunday March 1st

Beth Tefilah at 6:30 - 9:30PM

Call: 410-484-6543 x/152