

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:14 PM
Friday Night Learning (w/ Chulent)	7:30 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
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Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	5:15 PM
Maariv	6:24 PM

Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
- Followed by Shiur New Topics from יורה דעה, חולין	
Mincha / Maariv	5:25 PM

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Monday—Friday

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

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman
After Maariv

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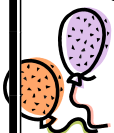
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Shalosh Seudos

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Building Planning Update:

The hearing date of 2/10 is going to be
RE-SCHEDULED

We will announce the new date as soon as we have it.

(if you didn't already know this, your BUSTED, you didn't
read the email summary and update, shame on you!)

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Wizard Of "אז"

At the moment of the splitting of the sea, משה רבינו is overwhelmed with excitement and boundless joy. Seeking to put his heartfelt emotions to words, he begins a "song" with the word "אז"; then "אז ישיר משה". The מדרש explains that משה intending to rectify a previous misstatement, exclaims: "with "אז" I went afoul when I castigated Hashem when I stated, ... הרע לעם הזה... ומ"אז" באתי אל פרעה... From the time I came to Pharaoh... he did evil to this people, therefore with "אז" I will heap praise upon Him, ... "אז" ישיר משה...; Then Moshe chose to sing.

Contrary to what we would assume that the phrase "אז ישיר משה ובני ישראל..." is merely an introductory description of the שירה being expressed by משה and the בני ישראל, with the שירה actually beginning with the word אשירה, the מדרש is teaching us that "אז" is an integral part of the שירה and praise emoted by משה. Is this usage by משה רבינו אז, merely a catchphrase used to identify two events, expressing his remorse, or is there something deeper intended in this mysterious word?

The מדרש describes a חלוק; a cloak of תפארת; splendor, that השם dons that is composed of all the expressions of אז that appear in the תורה, and when His children sin he rips it into pieces only to be rewoven together in the days of משיח.

אז is a word that simply means "then", isolating any given moment in time. A person, often because of a human's limited scope and perception, feels frustrated in the circumstances one must face in life. If only we would be able to see with clarity the entire puzzle of life and all its opportunities for growth and דביקות, would we walk with a dance in our step and a song in our heart, in joy over this knowledge and privilege.

משה רבינו lashed out with frustration about the plight of the בני ישראל. Little did he realize then, that the acceleration of the labor and slavery was commuting the four hundred year sentence to a mere two hundred and ten years. Upon experiencing the revelation of השגחת השם in its full glory, משה was able to place that previously isolated moment into the full context of the "master plan".

The word שירה can also refer to something "circular" as in the term שיר that is used to describe a round "ring" or "bracelet". The sense of happiness that leads to a spontaneous eruption of "song" stems from having achieved a sense of completion and ultimate purpose. A circle always begins and concludes at the same point. One must however travel the cycle of descent and ascent before finally "arriving".

משה took the "אז"; that seemingly independent annoying point in time, and placed it in its appropriate location in the circle of "השגחה", provoking an enthusiastic response of elation, אז ישיר!

A follower of the saintly דברי חיים sought solace and advice from the Rebbe over some difficulties he was having with a competitor. The Rebbe asked him if he ever observed his horse when he goes to the stream to drink. He pointed out to him that the horse firsts kicks and stirs up the water before he laps it up. This is because when he sees his reflection he thinks it is another horse, his competitor. By agitating the water he makes the other horse disappear!

Every challenge we face is ours to own up to. It is much easier to blame and seek to rid ourselves of the "competition". What we see is none other than ourselves and our unique mission in life and its responsibilities. It is through these challenges that we head towards the "starting point", בכבודו ובעצמו, When we succeed in living this idea we lead lives filled with joy!

May we merit to provide the חלוק של תפארת of הקב"ה sewn together once again with the magnificent material of "אז".

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February 7th at 8:30 pm

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