

DAVENING TIMES

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 PM
Shacharis	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"ס	מ"א 9:14 גר"א 9:50
Pirkei Avos Shiur	6:40 PM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Followed by Shalosh Seudos	
Maariv	8:28 PM
Mincha Next Shabbos	7:00 PM

Weekly

Open Beis Hamedrash 8:30 PM

Shiur 9:30 PM

Elul related topics followed by Maariv

This week the Shiur is sponsored by

Jeff & Leslie Silverberg

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Nightly Maariv 9:45 PM

Sunday Morning Shacharis 8:30 AM

Followed by a shiur and light breakfast

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RABBI'S MESSAGE

משלוח מנות איש לרעהו ומתנות לאביונים

This intriguing allusion to the month of אלול is quoted in the קיצור שולחן ערוך. This he claims is a reference to the need to give צדקה as part of the process of ותשובה ותפילה וצדקה that removes the evil of the decree. Why is the מצוה of מתנות לאביונים, which has its own unique criteria distinct from the regular מצוה of צדקה, used as the רמז to the general מצוה of צדקה? The inclusion of "איש לרעהו" in this רמז also seems to infer something beyond the simple giving of צדקה.

The forty day period that begins with אלול and concludes with יום הכיפורים represents the period of עת רצון that atoned for the חטא העגל and the breaking of the לוחות. On יום הכיפורים we received the second לוחות and retrieved the relationship we had with הקב"ה. The Torah tells us that ויחן שם נגד ההר encamped as with "one heart" and experienced a unprecedented אחדות that resulted in the giving of the Torah. That unity that was deferred as a result of their sin was also retrieved at the end of the forty days of רצון.

When a צבור is unified we merit a greater dose of רחמים. When Hashem observes our consideration for his "children" he responds with greater mercy to us. Indeed the ספרים הקדושים point out that "צבור" is numerically equivalent to "רחמים" (298).

The emphasis here is on the איש לרעהו, on the creation of אחדות. The מצוה of מתנות לאביונים is much more than just fulfilling an obligation of צדקה, it is about being sensitive and attuned to others in need as indicated in the use of the word אביון from the root אבה which means longing, desiring. To sense someone's deeper needs is what unites us as one reflecting the common source of our צלם אלוקים and ultimately expressing the אחדות of Hashem. Perhaps the description of the צדקה as "מתנה" emphasizes benevolent giving rather than obligatory thus accentuating the care and concern that creates a true connection בן אדם לחבירו. One doesn't necessarily have to be poor to be qualified as an אביון to require of us to respond to ones needs and desire for recognition, concern or help. The חיזוק or kind word we selflessly offer each other can be defined as a "מתנה" to an "אביון" as well.

The עבודה of אלול requires of us to reaffirm our commitment to reaching this noble goal. In this light I would like to suggest as a way to enhance our Shul's already evident אחדות that we each introduce ourselves by name to each other. Remaining nameless leaves a gap in our connection and unity. It is simply impersonal. Although we recognize each other, the fact that most of us don't see each other regularly during the week (and that we don't talk in Shul, boruch Hashem!) prevents us from easily remembering each others names and becoming fully acquainted. Hopefully in the near future we will have and create more opportunities for connecting but for now I think it would help if we became better acquainted. Don't be shy or insulted if people don't know or remember your name yet, and make sure to say שלום עליכם to as many people as possible (even if you already were מקדש the לבנה!).

May we be deserving of Hashem's רחמים in the merit of our seeking and achieving אחדות.

באהבה ובאחדות,
צבי טייכמן

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מזל טוב

Shalom & Pessy Michael
on the birth of a Baby Boy

The Shalom Zachar will be at The
Shul after 9:30 pm.

Deena & Dr. Ben Jakob
on the bris of their baby Saadya

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On the birth of a granddaughter