

SCHEDULE

שבת קדש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	5:45 PM
Friday Night Learning (w/ Chulent)	8:00 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
Sof Zman K"Sh מ"א 8:48 גר"א 9:24	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	5:45 PM
Maariv	6:55 PM



Sunday

Shacharis	8:30 AM
-----------	---------

- Followed by Shiur

New Topics from חולין יורה דעה

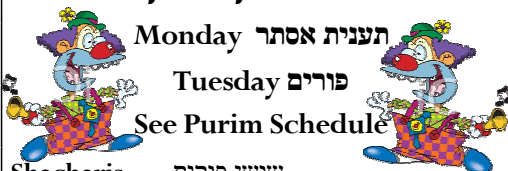
Refreshments Sponsored by Murray Friedman

In commemoration of his fathers yartzheit

לע"נ חיים בן צבי הירש

Mincha / Maariv (NOW DAILY!)	6:55 PM
------------------------------	---------

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim



Monday תענית אסתר

Tuesday פורים

See Purim Schedule

Shacharis שושן פורים

Wednesday, Friday	6:45 AM, 8:10 AM
-------------------	------------------

Thursday	6:40 AM, 8:10 AM
----------	------------------

Dirshu Halacha Program	7:30 AM
------------------------	---------

Mincha	1:45 PM
--------	---------



Mincha / Maariv	6:55 PM
-----------------	---------



Open Beis Hamedrash	7:00 PM
---------------------	---------

Rabbeinu Yonah Shaar Rishon	9:30 PM
-----------------------------	---------

Nightly Maariv (Wed-Thur)	9:45 PM
---------------------------	---------

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman After Maariv

SPONSORSHIPS

Kiddush Yerushalmi

Sponsored by:

Rabbi Dani & Ora Kermaier

In honor of

Chosson Bereishis

Shalosh Seudos

Sponsored by:

You (you just forgot to tell us yet)

Donations Can Be Made For Any Occasion

Mazel Tov to

Ezra Refoel Drang

On his Bris this week

and to his parents

Debra & Daniel Drang

~ כל דכפין ייתי ויכול ~

If you want to share your Pesach Seder with someone in the neighborhood (your place or theirs) please call the HOC line 410-85-TIRES.

Visit www.ohelmoshebaltimore.com and click on "The H.O.C."

For more information:

Rabbi Zvi Teichman

ravzt@hotmail.com

410-570-3333

Azi Rosenblum
azirozenblum@gmail.com
443-854-2172

Eitan Schuchman
schuchbalt@yahoo.com
443-929-0755

CONGREGATION OHEL MOSHE

שבת קודש

פרשת תצוה

פרשת זכור

(Don't Forget)



Rabbi Zvi Teichman

CONGREGATION OHEL MOSHE

2808 SMITH AVE

BALTIMORE, MD 21209

WWW.OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM

DAVEN@OHELMOSHEBALTIMORE.COM

(410) 878-7521

Volume #82

RABBI'S MESSAGE

"Clothes" Encounters of the Third Kind

From time immemorial mankind has been preoccupied with clothing. From the fig leaf to Brooks Brothers and Saks Fifth Avenue we have been trying to "cover up" from the consequential *בושה*; embarrassment, resulting from our grave mistake of having eaten from the *עץ הדעת*; the Tree of Knowledge.

חז"ל inform us that there are three functions to garments alluded in words we use for clothing.

לבוש; attire, is a contraction of two words; *לא בוש*, not to be shamed. The most basic of purpose; to cover our shameful nakedness, since as a result of sin we no longer view our private parts solely as holy tools in the service of Hashem, but also as means for selfish desire.

Our outer dress very often is a external presentation that often "betrays" our true self. One may wear a suit or dress that is "flattering", possessing the quality of "disguising" our natural flaws. The noun *בגד*; garment, is similar to the word for a "traitor"; a *בוגד*, for clothes often present a false facade of dignity and sophistication that often is not truly present in the person donning them.

Finally there is an unusual word the Torah uses for a garment, *מד* as in *"מדו" בד* *וְלָבַשׁ הַכֹּהֵן מְדוּ בָד*, and the Kohen shall don his fitted linen tunic. This is the source for the modern Hebrew term for uniforms, *מדים*. It is it's accurate measurement that lends this word it's connection to clothing. The *גרי"א* explains that *מידות*, character traits, too, are referred to as garments of an individual, for they are the true "measure" of man's essence. In this sense there is an idea of clothing that truly express the soul of a person. *בגדי מלכות* and of the Kohanim, are in this category of attire because it "suits" the wearer and is truly reflective of the measure of the person beneath.

In the story of *פורים* as recorded in *מגילת אסתר*, there are three episodes that reflect each of these ideas.

The summoning of Queen *ושת* to appear naked before the King at the grand feast is the unfortunate result of the use of clothing in it's most elemental design. When clothing are merely utilized as an excuse to conceal that which is truly desired to be seen, they become a method to accentuate that which will ultimately be revealed in disgrace. The *"לבוש"* transformed into *בוש*, no shame!

The buffoon *אחשוורוש* desires to camouflage the simple and coarse stable master that he truly is, in the guise of the *כהן גדול*; the raiment's of the High Priest. This act becomes symbolic of his continuously revealing the true fool he is, time and again. His feeble attempt to deceive the populace that he is true royalty results in the realization that he is indeed an "Emperor with no clothes"! He remains a *"בוגד"*; a traitor only to himself!

מרכי הצדיק and *אסתר המלכה*, however, appear in the full glory of *לבוש מלכות*; royal attire, radiating from without the yearning soul of greatness that burns within them. Their outer display of splendor is but a pale manifestation of the *"מידות"*; the sterling character, that "measures" up to the grandeur of the *אבות* and *אמהות*.

The *זוהר* famously teaches us that *"כ"פורים"*; the Day of Atonement is only *"כ"פורים"*, like Purim, with *פורים* the greater of the two days. On each of these *ימים טובים* we dress up. On *יום כיפור* we wear a nondescript white "Kittel", accentuating the shedding of our colorful personalities in subservience to Hashem. As *מלאכים*; Angels, we refrain from sensory indulgence placing ourselves totally in His embrace. On *פורים* we do one better. We take every fiber of our multifaceted lives and prove that even with our senses fully operational and functioning in it's total glory we can dedicate ourselves entirely to Hashem.

To a certain extent we live our lives clothed in deceptions. We act one way externally but sense otherwise beneath our skin. We are often dishonest with ourselves as to where we really are holding in our commitment to our fellow man and Hashem. On *פורים* we have the opportunity to retrieve our *הנפש*; the greatness of our *נשמות* that lies within each one of us.

May we display before the world in our *מדות*, that we are truly *בני מלכים* allowing our true colors to enlighten the universe!
ליהודים היתה אורה ושמחה וששון ויקר!

באהבה ובשמחה,
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 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



SCHEDULE UPDATES



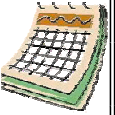
Please Note:

Purim Schedules available on the web or in the
Shul

Daily Mincha Minyan is now at 1:45 pm



Daily Mincha / Maariv Minyan
resumes this week at
6:55pm



Shomrei Emunah

Purim Carnival

Sunday March 8, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Hot dogs, snow-cones, cotton candy,
moonbounce, games, great prizes, and
more!

Cost is \$5 admission

(\$20 immediate family max
includes 10 free game tickets)

