

SCHEDULE

שבת קודש

Mincha Erev Shabbos	7:00 PM
Shacharis— Followed by Kiddush	8:30 AM
<i>Sof Zman K'S</i> מ"א 9:03 גר"א 9:39	
Pirkei Avos Shiur	7:20 PM
Special Guest Speaker: Rabbi Yaakov Frand	
Mincha- Followed by Shalosh Seudos	7:55 PM
Maariv	9:08 PM

Sunday

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

Weekday Minyanim & Shiurim

Shacharis

Monday, Thur	6:40 AM & 8:10 AM
Tues, Wed, Fri.	6:45 AM & 8:10 AM
Dirshu Halacha Program (Mon-Fri)	7:30 AM
Mincha (Mon-Thur)	1:45 PM
Mincha / Maariv	8:05 PM
Shiur Sefer Da Es Atzmecha (M-T)	9:30 PM
Maariv (Mon-Thur)	9:45 PM

Thursday Night Shiur by Rabbi Teichman After Maariv

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Kiddush

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Issue 101

Field of Dreams

This year our transition from mourning to consolation is a swift one as the aura of שבת נחמו is already upon us as soon as תשעה באב wanes. May this be an omen for the approaching גאולה! How indeed do we so suddenly transform our sorrow into comfort? Is the mere reciting of the prophecy of ישעיהו, and its promise of נחמו נחמו עמי, Hashem's doubly comforting us, enough to ward off all of the grief we just experienced on תשעה באב?

The פרשה begins with a seemingly tragic tale, that of משה רבינו's unrequited plea to enter ארץ ישראל. משה, we are told, prayed 515 תפילות, prayers, equivalent to the גמטריא of the word ואתחנן. What did he think, didn't Hashem already swear that he would not allow him to enter the land? Hashem finally confronts משה and tells him to desist, רב לך אל תוסף דבר אלי, *It is too much for you, do not speak to me further.* רש"י informs us that Hashem forbade משה to continue, "lest people say the Master is unduly harsh and the student is unduly persistent"! Is that the only reason?! Wasn't it the fact that Hashem was unwilling to relent on His oath that made משה's prayers an exercise in futility and therefore purposeless? What meaning would there be in such a תפילה?

The בעל הטורים reveals a fascinating detail as to the nature of משה רבינו's prayer. The word ואתחנן, and *I implored*, is numerically equal to the word שירה, *song*! The manner in which משה "begged" of Hashem was through the singing of שירה! Was he trying to "serenade" Hashem into conceding?

שירה, song, is the expression of ones most heartfelt emotions. When one is deeply connected to someone, an idea or a place, upon encountering that object of ones desire one breaks out in spontaneous song. The שירה embodies ones longing and connection to that which one sings to.

Even after משה accepted his fate he still couldn't stifle the expression of his greatest dream. The land inspired his entire existence and even if he could not actualize it for himself, he could at least be inspired by it, knowing of what magnificence awaited his beloved flock.

The constant extolling of the greatness of Hashem's gift of His coveted land to בני ישראל reflected משה's longing even if it wasn't articulated as such. When Hashem observes how thirstily we quest His closeness He responds. In the case of משה He couldn't, for reasons unknown to us. משה's שירה could have appropriately continued since it was merely a formulation of praise not a formal request, but the מדת הדין, the measure of justice, would not have been understood, since the people would wonder how can the Master not fulfill His disciples most genuine yearning. Hashem had to therefore insist on משה ceasing his song.

משה taught us how to deal with disappointment, keep on dreaming! Live with the ideals, be inspired by its message, allow it to animate everything you do, let it be the "song" in your every step.

On תשעה באב we reunite with our greatest hopes and dreams. The sense of loss compels us to yearn for that which we are missing in our lives. After sitting שבעה for a parent we feel a gaping hole but are compelled to go on with life with a sense of mission in living up to all the ideals that parent represented.

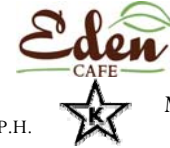
ציון שדה תרוש (מיכה ג יב), *Tziyon is a plowed field.* The place of the Temple is a desolate field, yet we dream of the day it will be rebuilt and already envision the מקדש that will sit there. We yearn for a life of happiness, holiness and purity that the בית המקדש will herald, and live inspired today even thousands of miles away. This is our "שירה", and if we sing it convincingly Hashem will build it. This is our comfort and נחמה!

Our קהילה continues to dream the not so impossible dream. As we celebrate our second anniversary let us pool our collective yearning to build a מקדש מעט in the interim, embodying our sincerest desire to come ever closer to הוה. הקדוש ברוך הוא. If we dream it and build it He will surely assist us and grant us the סייעתא דשמיא so that our efforts will bear fruit in restoring His abode on earth, drawing us closer to that long awaited day of במהרה!

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From the Desk of Rabbi Teichman

Yedidim Ahuvim!

With Tisha B'Av having just passed, I can think of no better way to express our desire to reconnect with Hashem than by reaching out to His children in need.

Please commit to respond to this heartfelt simple plea of worried parents for help in saving the life of their beloved son stricken with cancer.

In this merit may our "Father" respond to our cries for reconciliation.
b'Chibah u'Bakasha,
-Zvi Teichman

From Cliff & Anna Haupt:

Our son, Jonathan Haupt, was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia, an aggressive blood cancer, in March, 2009. He is in urgent need of a bone marrow transplant to save his life, and there are currently NO matches on the worldwide registry.

Jonathan, is of European Jewish descent, and there is a higher likelihood that his match will have the same ethnicity, but anyone may be a match. Please register as bone marrow donors at our upcoming bone marrow donor drive, and to invite their friends and family to do the same..

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