

Have you ever driven a performance car enjoying its comfort speed and then pressed the turbo-power button?

I haven't but I have spent rewarding hours listening to Rabbi Cohen's Shabbat minchah shiurim. Meticulously prepared they are delivered in a style that belies the breadth and depth of the knowledge that they encompass. After 20 years one can (mistakenly) take this for granted. Thus far the high performance journey.

Every now and again one of the assembled members will raise a hand with a question (I have been known to do this once in a while) often before our Rav has had a chance to start. That's when the turbo kicks in.

For the next hour the chevra will be transfixed by an off the cuff 'chef d'oeuvre' . Only the signal from the warden that the time has arrived to daven maariv can halt the flow.

Reluctantly we rise for the Kaddish and look at each with raised eyebrows signifying our amazement at the tour de force. We have been blessed over these years to have been granted an insight into a truly original mind of a great Rav and fabulous teacher.

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