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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 4:15 pm
Maariv: 5:45 pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:56 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Maariv: 8:00 pm**Next Shabbos- Vayeishev/Mevorchim****Teves**Candle Lighting: 4:30 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm**This Shabbos**

- 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Father/Son Learning

Father/Son Learning

Winter Father/Son Learning is back in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7 to 8 pm! Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring your nephew. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. To sponsor Father/Son Learning, please go online to the shul website - Donations page.

Shiur with Rabbi Yitzi Weiner

Rabbi Yitzi Weiner began an engaging new series, "Torah Inspired Kindness and Sensitivity," in the main sanctuary. The shiur will continue Monday nights through January 16 from 8 to 9 pm; there will be no shiur on December 26. The series is open to men and

women, and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

TY Chanukah Carnival

Mark your calendars - the TY Chanukah carnival will be Sunday, December 25, from noon to 3 pm in the downstairs Simcha Hall. The carnival will feature games, arts and crafts, face painting, and much, much more. Prizes will be raffled off at the end. Food and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Admission is free; a suggested donation of \$5 per family is appreciated.

Rabbi's Midrash Rabbah Shiur

Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a shiur on Tuesday nights in Midrash Rabbah on Parshas HaShavua, following Maariv at 8:15 pm. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

Weekday Maariv

We have changed the winter davening schedule, and are now davening Maariv only, Monday through Thursday at 8 pm. Please let Rabbi Goldberger know if you can join the minyan, and he will add you to the list of minyanaires.

Rabbi's Women's Navi Shiur

Rabbi Goldberger has resumed the Women's Navi Shiur in Sefer Mishlei weekly on Sunday nights, from 8 to 9 pm in the Nancy Taffel annex.

Agudah Scrip Program at TY

Tiferes Yisroel is now participating in the Agudah Scrip Program. Scrip is available for purchase for \$1.25 each (Blue Scrip). Please place your scrip order now by going to the shul website's Events page, or by emailing

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Tichel Gemach Fundraiser

Ladies, Tova Jussim's Tichel Gemach is open! She is looking for donations of gently used tichels, shapers, headbands and pins. All tichels and accessories will be sold for \$1 each. To buy a tichel, contact Tova to arrange a time. Donations are important- please drop off your donations in a plastic bag on Tova's front porch, 3623 Bancroft Road. All tzedakah proceeds will go to the shul.

Bris

The bris for the son of Ariel and Shifra Rice has been scheduled for this Sunday, December 18, following Shacharis. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul' maasim tovim.

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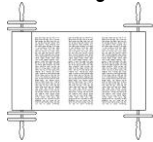
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This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Lev Avraham Rosenstock, in honor of my wife Rachel's 40th birthday and our 10-year wedding anniversary (English date). With much love, "huggers" and kisses- Abba, Eliyahu, Meira Batia, Akiva Simcha and Yehudah Shalom.

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Vayishlach

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

“Therefore the Children of Israel are not to eat the displaced sinew on the hip socket to this day” (32:33)

In his commentary on Yoreh Deah, known as *Kreisi U'Pleisi* (65:16), Rav Yonason Eibeshutz records a fascinating historical incident. In his times, a *m'nakeir* (the person who removes the forbidden parts of an animal after it has been ritually slaughtered) created a scandal by announcing that what people had traditionally assumed was the forbidden *gid ha'nashe* (sciatic nerve), was anatomically incorrect. He identified a different nerve as being that which the Torah forbade. The ramifications of his claims were enormous. If he was correct, it would mean that all Jews around the world had forgotten the tradition identifying the forbidden nerve, and thus, had been consuming non-kosher food for generations!

Wherever the man went, he created quite an uproar, until he came to Rav Yonason's hometown of Prague. After listening to the man's claims, he investigated the matter, and found that the nerve which the man claimed was the genuine *gid ha'nashe* was one which is found only in male animals. After this discovery, he promptly took out a Sefer Halachos Gedolos, which states quite clearly that the prohibition of *gid ha'nashe* applies to both males and females. This would seem to refute the man's argument, as the nerve he alleged was the real forbidden one wasn't found in females. Rav Yonason concludes that the man was silenced and left in shame, his claims disproven.

The problem with this story is that the Sefer Halachos Gedolos writes that the prohibition against eating the sciatic nerve applies equally to male and female Jews, but makes no reference as to what kind of animal the forbidden nerve is found. How could Rav Yonason have made such a glaring oversight?

Some explain that the impossibility of all Jews erring in something so important was so clear to Rav Yonason that even before examining the man's actual claims, he had mentally dismissed the allegations. To quell the uproar the man had created, Rav Yonason simply wanted to “refute” him by any means possible. Because the man was simple and unlearned, he fell right into the trap.

However, the real answer is that there was a printing error in the original version of *Kreisi*

U'Pleisi, which stated that the refutation came from *Somech-Heh-Gimmel* when it should have read *Somech-Heh-Nun*. Because of the mistaken abbreviation, people reading it assumed that his source was Sefer Halachos Gedolos. However, it was Sefer HaNikur, which indeed says explicitly that the forbidden nerve is found in both male and female animals, and proves Rav Yonason's claims. Indeed, there is a Jew in Los Angeles with a copy of the original print of *Kreisi U'Pleisi* with the handwritten marginal corrections of Rav Yonason himself, and in the margin next to this line in the book is written this exact correction!

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Hishtadlus and Tefillah – Partners in Success

Back in Parshas Toldos, Rivka instructs Yaakov to approach Yitzchak in the guise of Esav, to usurp his brother's blessing. Yaakov responds by suggesting to her, “Perhaps my father will feel me and I shall be as a mocker in his eyes; I will thus bring upon myself a curse rather than a blessing” (Bereishis 27:12), to which the Torah answers: “But his mother said to him, ‘Your curse be on me (עלי), my son’” (ibid. 27:13). The word עלי can be rendered as a *remez* to the three sources of contention, hardship and despair in Yaakov's life: Esav (ע), Lavan (ל), and Yosef (י), to teach us that although Rivka had accepted any curse upon herself, Yaakov's deception would still have repercussions of its own that would affect him throughout his lifetime. And, indeed they did, as no one can say that Yaakov had an easy life. Even Yaakov himself would agree, as he expressed to Paroah, “The days of the years of my sojourns have been a hundred and thirty years. Few and bad have been the days of the years of my life” (ibid. 47:9).

This week's parsha begins with Yaakov's return home to Eretz Canaan, and his imminent confrontation with his brother Esav. When Yaakov heard that Esav was approaching with 400 men, the Torah states: “Yaakov became very frightened; and it distressed him” (ibid. 32:8). In the plain sense, Yaakov was apprehensive at the news that Esav was coming with a sizable army to attack him (Ramban). He was *frightened* that he would be killed, and *distressed* that, in defending himself, he might kill others (Rashi). Rashi explains that the “fright” and the “distress” were over two different considerations (Mizrachi). *Distress* is a stronger emotion than *fear*. The prospect that he might be forced to kill was more disturbing to Yaakov than the possibility that he might be killed (Ralbag; Artscroll Stone Chumash). Sfats

Emes offers a unique interpretation of his own on this verse: “Yaakov realized that someone on his spiritual level should be impervious to fear, yet much to his dismay, he sensed that he had succumbed to that very emotion. ‘Yaakov was afraid, and it distressed him’- he was distressed over the fact that he felt fear.”

One must wonder why exactly Yaakov was “frightened and distressed?” Did he not have faith in Hashem? After all, He had promised him, “Behold, I am with you; I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this soil” (ibid. 28:15). Rashi explains Yaakov's lack of faith was not in Hashem but in himself. He answers, “My merits have been reduced and the truth that You have done me. Therefore, I am afraid lest since the time You promised me, I have become soiled with sin, and it will cause me to be given over into the hand of Esav” (Rashi on ibid. 32:11). The Midrash suggests two specific transgressions that prompted Yaakov's doubt: Yaakov said, “All these years Esav dwelt in Eretz Canaan. Perhaps You will say that he will attack me on the strength of having dwelled in the Land. Furthermore, all these years Esav remained and honored his parents. Perhaps he will attack me on the strength of having honored his father and mother” (Bereishis Rabbah 76:2). Yaakov feared that in his absence, Esav excelled in the mitzvos of *yishuv Eretz Yisrael* and *kibbud av v'eim*, and therefore was zoche to override Hashem's promise to protect him.

But instead of panicking, Yaakov devises three different strategies in preparation to confront Esav. First, hoping to bribe Esav, Yaakov sends several gifts consisting of droves of livestock and servants. Second, he divides his camp and prepares for battle, if Esav is not appeased by the gifts. Yaakov's third, and final preparation, is to daven to Hashem to save him: “G-d of my father Avraham and G-d of my father Yitzchak... Rescue me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esav, for I fear him” (ibid. 32:10-12).

Why did Yaakov save his *tefillah* for the last stage of preparation? Shouldn't davening to Hashem in a time of need, especially to save one's life, be the first and most significant act of preparation? Rabbi Noach Weinberg answers with, “Yaakov Avinu's decision to make prayer his third and final act of preparation teaches us a crucial lesson about the interplay between prayer (*tefillah*) and taking responsibility (*hishtadlus*). Prayer is only appropriate once we have undertaken as much responsibility as we possibly can. In the absence of assuming responsibility, we can cloak ourselves in self-righteousness, and use prayer as an escape from our obligations. This is antithetical to what Hashem wants from us.”

Tefillah and true *emunah* remind us that, ultimately, everything comes from Hashem. But it is not effective until we have first done our *hishtadlus*, and demonstrated to Him that

we are doing everything within our means to resolve the situation on our own. This is what, I believe, the Torah is teaching us by showing how Yaakov did his *hishtadlus* first, by sending gifts of appeasement and preparing for battle, before he petitioned Hashem with his *tefillah*. Rav Shlomo Wolbe writes: "Although we must invest whatever effort is necessary in a particular endeavor, we should never lose sight of Who is really in charge. Along with our efforts, we must also pray to Hashem to help us succeed, because *hishtadlus* and *tefillah* go hand in hand" (Shiurei Chumash, Vayishlach, introduction 32:9). I had a chavrusa who would say, "You do your best and Hashem does the rest." No matter how righteous a person may be, he should not rely solely on miracles or Divine Assistance; rather, one must first put in his *hishtadlus*, and then ask the Almighty for His help. I believe that is the lesson we learn here from Yaakov Avinu. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Used Book Sale

Our used book sale is located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. All proceeds go to the shul. Most titles are still \$5 or less. There are many new titles each week. For more information or to donate gently used Jewish books, please contact Steve Schwarz at simchamelech@aol.com or call 410-446-8330. Thank you for supporting your shul.

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- **February 11:** Aufruf and kiddush for Harrison Leventhal, sponsored by Drs. Ed and Mesa Leventhal.
- **February 14:** Sheva brachos for Harrison and Elisheva Leventhal, sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger.

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Community

- JCS offers family support: Chanukah Toy Drive, Bereavement Support, Family Workshops. Visit www.jcsbaltimore.org.
- Chaya Kruk gives a free one hour shiur several times a week for women on fostering relationships, shmiras haloshon, and emunah. Sunday nights at 8 pm at the home of Esther Weiner, 3831 Menlo Drive. Mondays at 12 pm at the home of Danielle Sara Storch, 3209 Fallstaff Road, and at 9 pm at her home, 3910 W. Strathmore Avenue. She usually gives a Shabbos shiur at 3:30 pm at the home of Sandy Katz, 3801 W. Strathmore Avenue. For more details, please call Chaya at 410-358-3514.
- **December 17:** Join WIT this Motzei Shabbos for the annual Melave Malka, as they honor Marlene Daniel, PhD, as Student of the Year. Hear inspirational remarks from Rabbi Shmuel Silber, and shop at their Chanukah Boutique. The event will take place at 8:00 pm at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah, 7000 Rockland Hills Drive. Reservations are required. Please visit WIT's website at www.witbaltimore.org to reserve your spot today, or contact WIT at 410-358-2545 or witbaltimore@verizon.net.
- **January 15:** NCSY Annual Concert featuring Simcha Leiner, Miami Boys Choir, and Dovid Gabay. For information, go to <https://atlanticseaboard.ncsy.org/concert>.
- **January 28:** "A Night of Magic, Mystery and Illusion," featuring the world-renowned magician Steven Brundage to benefit the children of Shoresh. The event will be at the Lyric, with an 8:30 pm dairy reception and 9:30 pm performance. Tickets starting at \$50. Sponsorships include open bar and preferred seating. Amazing Chinese auction will be held at the event. Purchase general admission tickets through Ticketmaster at www.lyricbaltimore.com; sponsor tickets can be purchased at www.shoresh.com. For more info, call 410-358-8571 or e-mail shoresh@shoresh.com.

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- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L'Or bas Nachas
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Yahrzeits

Giving tzedakah in the name of the departed has the power to elevate their soul. When you give charity on behalf of your loved one, consider giving to Tiferes Yisroel. And may the soul of your loved one be bound in the bond of life, together with the souls of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov; Sarah,

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TY SHIURIM SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim are for MEN.)

Sunday:

- 9:10-9:55 am: Men's Gemara Taanis shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis.
- 10:00-10:45 am: Women's Tehillim gathering for cholim (Nancy Taffel Annex).
- 8:00-9:00 pm: Women's shiur in Sefer Mishlei with mefarshim with Rabbi Goldberger in the Nancy Taffel Annex.

Monday:

- 8:00-9:00 pm: Rabbi Yitzi Weiner's shiur ending January 16, "Torah Inspired Kindness and Sensitivity," in the main shul for men and women. No shiur on December 26.
- 7:00-8:00 pm: The Rambam's Mishneh Torah, Hilchos Shabbos given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash, followed by Maariv.

Tuesday:

- 8:15 pm: Rabbi Goldberger's shiur in Midrash Rabbah on Parshas HaShavua, following Maariv.

Wednesday:

- 7:00-8:00 pm: Shulchan Orech- Hilchos Taaruvos, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash, followed by Maariv.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

- Every morning before Shacharis - a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with Nesivos Shalom. Every morning following davening - Dvar Halacha by Rabbi Goldberger and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger. With fresh hot coffee!
- Sunday through Thursday after Maariv for 15 minutes - Dvar Halacha with Rabbi Goldberger and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger

Shabbos:

- After davening Friday night: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross
- After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross

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