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Celebrating our 31st year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 4:41 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:45 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 4:20 pm
Maariv: 5:55 pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:11 pm

Sunday- Fast of Asara b'Teves

Fast begins: 6:15 am
Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha: 4:30 pm
Maariv: 5:30 pm
Fast ends: 5:45 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Maariv: 8:00 pm

Next Shabbos- Vayechi

Candle Lighting: 4:48 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:50 pm

This Shabbos

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

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. Please drop off your donations in a plastic bag on Tova's front porch, 3623 Bancroft Road.

Anniversary Concert

March 19 is the date for our anniversary celebration featuring a concert with Eitan Katz, and honoring longtime shul members Stuart and Esther Macklin. The Jewish Leadership Award will be presented to the Margolese Family -- Mordecai Zev, Mo and Shaina, and

Binny and Brocha, for their outstanding work for the community in all their different capacities. Mark your calendars to look forward to a wonderful evening of celebration.

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Stuart Shamberg, father of Aaron Shamberg. May Hashem bring comfort to Aaron and the entire Shamberg family, along with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi's Women's Navi Shiur

Rabbi Goldberger's shiur in Sefer Mishlei will be from 8:30 to 9:15 pm this Sunday night.

Boys' Beis Medrash

Looking to enhance your son's Shabbos and shul experience? Beginning this Shabbos, TY will be offering a brand-new, interactive learning program upstairs in the Beis Medrash for boys ages 8 to 12 years old, Shabbos mornings after krias haTorah. The program, led by Itchy Weingot, will include a closer look at the weekly Parsha and an introduction to Biur Tefillah and/or Hilchos Shabbos. Kiddush and refreshments will be served. Volunteers are welcome to join in facilitating the program.

New Shul Members

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel welcomes our newest shul members, Eliyahu and Meira Greges, and Eliezer and Devorah Gunzburg, to the kehilla. Welcome to the TY family!

Father/Son Learning

Winter Father/Son Learning is back in full-swing in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7:00 to 8:00 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.

Mazel Tov to

- Saul and Raizy Cohen on the birth of a grandson, born to Rafi and Brocha Cohen of Baltimore. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim; on the birth of a granddaughter, Avigail Ora, born to Chaya and Steven Gruber. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah, l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim; and on the engagement of Ilan Folman-Cohen to Keren Feingold. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg on the bris of their grandson, Meor Yehuda, son of Shlayma and Eli Altschueler. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

Support Our Maaser Vendors

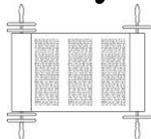
Patronize one of our maaser vendors, tell them you saw it at TY, and they will give maaser to the shul from your purchase! See our Maaser Campaign web page for details.

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- Clothing and Alterations, Jewelry and Gifts, Shaitels and Hair:** Wrapunzel, Tichel Gemach, Pampered Queen
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- Photography/Video:** Adina Levitan
- Real Estate:** Kosoy-Realty
- Restaurants and Food:** Kosher Truck
- Roofing and Windows:** Ameriroofs
- Teambuilding and Training:** Teamwork-Innovationz

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

The safe return of our fearless leader, El Presidente Dov Pear and First Lady Karen Pear, from a three-week, 25th wedding anniversary trip to Eretz Yisroel. We missed you and are glad that you are back - baruch haba!

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Vayigash

Weekly “What’s Your Shailah?” with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger

Question: Normally, the first day of Rosh Chodesh is the 30th day of the previous month, and the second day of Rosh Chodesh is the first day of the new month. Why doesn’t Rosh Hashana follow this rule? The first day of Rosh Hashana is the first day of Tishrei, and the second day is the second day of Tishrei.

Answer: In summary, the reason for two days of Rosh Hashana is entirely different from the reason for two days of Rosh Chodesh. Interestingly enough, although Rosh Hashana is the exception to the rule, the reasoning behind it is clear, while two days of Rosh Chodesh is somewhat unclear.

Let’s first discuss Rosh Hashana. Originally, Rosh Chodesh was established through two witnesses who saw the new moon. There was no calendar and no way of knowing in advance when the first day of Rosh Hashana was going to be. If witnesses came and testified that they saw the new moon on the 30th day of the month, then the 30th day would be Rosh Chodesh (and for the month of Tishrei that day would be Rosh Hashana), and the next day would be the second day of the month. Otherwise, the 30th day would be the last day of the previous month, and the next day would be the first day of the new month.

Those who lived in or near Yerushalayim, where the witnesses gave their testimony, could find out at the last moment when Rosh Chodesh/Rosh Hashana would be. However, those who lived far away could not. Not knowing when Rosh Chodesh fell out was very significant in months with Yomim Tovim. There was no way of knowing when the first day of Yom Tov was. Therefore, people who were too far away from the Bais Din Hagadol in Yerushalayim kept two days of Yom Tov. This was an issue for Succos and Pesach as well. The difference is that nearly everyone was in doubt regarding Rosh Hashana, since it is on Rosh Chodesh. For Succos and Pesach, there was a little time for the news regarding Rosh Chodesh to spread.

Later, Rosh Chodesh was no longer established through witnesses, and a calendar was created instead. Although the calendar was adopted and the dates are correct, those who kept two days during the time when the witness system was in place continued to keep two days as they had in the past. Regarding

Rosh Hashana, this included everyone. However, as stated previously, the dates of the calendar are not in question. That is, the first day of Rosh Hashana is the first day of Tishrei, and the first day of Succos is the 15th day of Tishrei. We only keep two days because of the previous system where the actual calendar date was in question. Although we keep two days of Rosh Hashana, we know that the first day is Aleph Tishrei. We only keep the second day because of an uncertainty that occurred in the older non-calendar system which involved witnesses.

The real question is why are there two days of Rosh Chodesh for other months of the year? Never mind why Rosh Chodesh is the 30th and the 1st, as opposed to the 1st and 2nd like Rosh Hashana- why are there two days at all? It is clear in the Gemara, and even in the Navi (Shmuel Aleph Perek Chaf), that there are two days of Rosh Chodesh, but the reason for this is a mystery. Some suggest that the idea of two days of Rosh Chodesh in the Navi is for the exact same reason as two days of Yom Tov, which we discussed previously. That is, they did not know when the witnesses would come, and therefore they observed Rosh Chodesh on the 30th day, given the possibility that witnesses would come. Some want to suggest that it is for this very reason that we keep two days of Rosh Chodesh as well. However, Rabbi Yisroel Reisman points out a difficulty with this approach. According to this approach, we should keep two days Rosh Chodesh every month, not every other month. (The question concerning two days of Rosh Chodesh is included in a list of imponderables in his book “Pathways of the Prophets.”)

The Rambam addresses this question, and the Tur brings his words as well. A little background is necessary, and due to the complex nature of this subject, I have no choice but to oversimplify it for the sake of this article. A lunar month is slightly longer than 29 ½ days. This creates the following problem in creating a calendar: If a month is always 29 days, we would get ahead of the moon, and if a month is always 30 days, we would fall behind the moon. If a lunar month was exactly 29 ½ days, we could simply have alternating months of 29 and 30 days. Since a lunar month is slightly longer than 29 ½ days, some years have 6 months of 29 and 6 months of 30, while others have 5 months one way (29 or 30) and 7 months the other way. Cheshvan and Kislev are the months that are subject to change. All other months are always the same, year in year out. Following this system, the new moon (*molad*) always occurs on the 30th day; it’s merely a question of what time it occurs on that day. The Rambam writes that since the *molad* always occurs on the 30th day, we always consider the 30th day Rosh Chodesh, since at least part of the day is “Rosh Chodesh.” Using this system, Tishrei only has one day of Rosh Chodesh; the

extra day of Rosh Hashana is for an entirely different reason, as we mentioned at the beginning of this article. That is why the first day of Rosh Hashana is the first day of the month, not the 30th.

The trouble with the previous paragraph is that if you pay attention to the *molad* announced in shul, you will notice that it is not always on the 30th day of the month. Thus, Rabbi Reisman’s title of imponderable is most fitting.

-Rabbi Yehuda Leib

Divinely Orchestrated, Part III - The Moment of Clarity

“And Yosef said to his brothers, ‘I am Yosef. Is my father still alive?’... And he said, ‘I am Yosef your brother – it is me, whom you sold into Mitzraim.... And now: It was not you who sent me here, but G-d; He has made me father to Paroah, master of his entire household, and ruler throughout the entire land of Mitzraim’” (Bereishis 45:3-8). Once Yosef identified himself to his brothers by saying “I am Yosef,” G-d’s master plan became crystal clear to his brothers. This was the climax - the final scene in this long melodrama. “They had no more questions. Everything that had happened for the last twenty-two years fell into perspective” (Artscroll Stone Chumash). The Chafetz Chaim writes, “So, too, will it be in the time to come when G-d will reveal Himself and announce, ‘I am Hashem!’ The veil will be lifted from our eyes, and we will comprehend everything that transpired throughout history.”

When Yosef uses the words “And now,” he emphasizes the word “now” because until this very moment, Yosef had surely blamed his brothers for their betrayal and mistreatment of him, but *now* he understood that they had been tools in G-d’s hand (Akeidah). By revealing himself to them, Yosef and his brothers shared an epiphany. It became abundantly clear that everything that had transpired over the course of twenty-two years was Divinely Orchestrated, and although they each played a separate role, all the while Yosef and his brothers were unaware that they were merely acting as “pawns on Hashem’s chessboard.”

Rav Shlomo Wolbe writes: “Yosef recognized that the entire sequence of events leading up to this phenomenal moment was a product of Hashem’s *Hashgachah Pratis*, and not a result of his brothers’ decision to sell him. By selling him, his brothers had intended to rid themselves of Yosef and his far-fetched dreams. In reality, however, their actions were the catalyst for the fulfillment of those dreams, and it was clear that the hand of Hashem had orchestrated all that had transpired.”

Sefer Bereishis is the “Book of Creation,” not only of the world and everything in it, but of the Jewish people. The Torah tells us of the

story of Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov, to lay the foundation for the Jewish people- our roots and humble beginnings. The last four *parshios* tell not only the story of Yosef and his brothers, but also set the stage for the exile and eventual servitude that was promised by G-d to Avraham. All the events described in these *parshios* are setting into motion the formation of the tribes and paving the way for the birth of Klal Yisroel. Although the course of events all appear to be the product of human free will, in reality, they are the product of what Rav Shlomo Wolbe describes as "preordained free will."

Rav Wolbe continues, "Many people are confused as to what exactly *bechirah* is. Does Hashem allow events to unfold in accordance with people's free will, or is everything preordained from Heaven, regardless of people's choices? The answer can be found in Chovos HaLevavos (Avodas Elokim, Chapter 8), which writes that both are true: everything is dependent on our *bechirah*, and at the same time, everything is preordained by Hashem. In other words, we must make decisions as if we are solely responsible for the outcome of our actions. However, in the final analysis, Hashem will arrange things the way He sees fit."

Sefer Bereishis is replete with stories that exemplify this concept of "preordained free will." Two good examples of this are the episode of Lot and his daughters, and of Yehudah and Tamar. Although central to each story are what appear to be "free will" decisions (albeit illicit encounters typically forbidden by the Torah), each was necessary for the establishment of the Davidic line and the eventual birth of Moshiach. Therefore, these two episodes were clearly acts governed by "preordained free will." Certainly, the entire

story of Yosef and his brothers is no different; Hashem's hand guided them through each and every step of the way, leading up to this final moment of clarity.

I believe the Torah is teaching us here the importance in having *emunah* and *bitachon*; to know that Hashem is guiding us every step of the way as well, and have the awareness and appreciation for His constant guidance and support. Rav Wolbe concludes, "We cannot know what Hashem's plans are, but He gave us *seichel* to calculate what is best for us and make decisions that seem right for us. Yet even if things turn out differently from the way we envision, we can be sure that what happens is what Hashem wants, and what is truly best for us" (Shiurei Chumash, Parshas Vayeishev 37:14). A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Chesed Opportunities

- Become a Big Brother or Big Sister, and recognize the power you have to change the life of a child or teen. The time commitment is limited, but the rewards are immeasurable. JCS has girls and boys waiting to make a connection. For more information, please contact Bracha Goetz at Jewish Community Services at bgoetz@jcsbaltimore.org or 410-843-7453. For online application, go to: <http://forms.jcsmd.org/view.php?id=42>.

Now Hiring

Looking for a new job, a better job, or a change in career? Jewish Community Services (JCS) has several positions available:

- Career Coach
- Supported Employment Coach
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- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Coordinator
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counselors
- Family Living Support Workers
- Direct Support Counselors
- Job Coaches

More information can be found at jcsbaltimore.org/job-seeking, or by calling JCS at 410-466-9200.

Yahrzeit Donations

- In memory of the mother of Aviva Saltman

Coming Up

- **February 11:** Aufruf and kiddush for Harrison Leventhal, sponsored by Drs. Ed and Mesa Leventhal.

Community

- **Chaya Kruk** gives a free one hour shiur several times a week for women on fostering relationships, lessons in *shmiras haloshon*, and increasing *emunah*. For more details, please call Chaya at 410-358-3514.
- **January 15:** NCSY Annual Concert featuring Simcha Leiner, Miami Boys Choir, and Dovid Gabay. For information, go to <https://atlanticseaboard.ncsy.org/concert>.
- **January 15:** The Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group will have its next meeting from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room, Park Heights JCC. The program will feature Rena Rotenberg, widow of Holocaust survivor Wolfgang Rotenberg, who will speak on the topic, "A Jewish Child Growing up in Tientsin, China, 1939-1948." The event is free of charge; dietary laws are observed. Please RSVP by January 12 to Felicia Graber at hgraber@earthlink.net or 443-759-5556.
- **January 28:** "A Night of Magic, Mystery and Illusion," featuring the world-renowned magician Steven Brundage at the Lyric to benefit the children of Shoresh; 8:30 pm dairy reception and 9:30 pm performance. Purchase general admission tickets at www.lyricbaltimore.com; sponsor tickets at www.shoresh.com. For more info, e-mail shoresh@shoresh.com or call 410-358-8571.
- **February 10-12:** Join award-winning author, teacher and healer, Rebbetzin Chana Bracha Siegelbaum, with special guest Rivka Malka Perlman and Esther Sarah Weiner at the Pearlstone Retreat Center for a holistic, healing journey into your inner essence engaging the mind, body, spirit and soul. Early bird registration before January 10; register with a friend for extra discount: www.berotbatayin.org/emunahealingretreat.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing shlomhuva@aol.com. The pushka challenge is to put whatever amount of money one is able into a pushka every day or as often as possible. The recommended amount is only 36 cents a day.

When your pushka is full, please empty it into a ziplock bag marked with your name, and drop it into our locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue. If it is difficult for you to drop it off, please contact Shlomo and Ahuva Goldberger at 410-358-4456 to arrange a pickup

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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, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

Rev Naftali Unger, Naftali ben Yehuda a"h, 9 Teves, father of Shoshana Porter

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No Peanuts! The shul is peanut-free. In consideration of our members with peanut allergies, please refrain from bringing peanut products into the shul.

Fragrances. In consideration of our members and guests who are allergic to fragrances, or who are sensitive enough that they are unable to daven, we ask that you wear your fragrances and hairspray as lightly as possible so that other people are not aware of it.



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Mitzvah Cards. For \$18, you get four cards that you can mail out yourself. For \$10, we will send the card out for you, and your donation will be announced in the Lev Echad.

To purchase mitzvah cards please contact Glenna Ross at mitzvahcards@tiferesyisroel.org.



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Shul Rentals. To reserve the use of the shul's simcha hall or Nancy Taffel Annex, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org. There is no fee to reserve the date. For availability, go to www.tiferesyisroel.org, and click on the "Calendar"

button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.



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To sponsor Shemen Lamaor for a month or the Lev Echad or Camp Shabbos for a week, the donation is \$36. To sponsor Father/Son Learning for a week, the donation is \$90. Half-sponsorships are also available for \$45.

For the following, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 443-527-1726 or seforim@tiferesyisroel.org.

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Other seforim may be dedicated as well.



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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:

- 8:15-9:15 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
- Boy's Beis Medrash learning after krias haTorah, upstairs Beis Medrash with Itchy Weingot
- After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross

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