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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 7:15 pm
Mincha: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Rabbi's Shiur: 5:30 pm
Mincha: 6:30 pm
Maariv: 8:30 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:46 pm

Sunday

Selichos: 1:00 am
Shacharis: 8:15 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:10 pm

Monday (Labor Day)

Shacharis: 7:35 am

Tuesday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:05 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Sfas Emes with
Rabbi Goldberger: 7:10 pm

Next Shabbos- Nitzavim

Candle Lighting: 7:04 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:05 pm

shul. You will be able to see what is available and select your seat. Please log on to the shul website to check your balances and pay what you can towards your outstanding obligations.

For any questions or additional information, please call Ari Blum ASAP at 410-358-5478, and he will be happy to assist you.

Rabbi's New Shabbos Shiur

Rabbi Goldberger is giving a new shiur on "The Akeida - An In-Depth Study with Meforshai HaTorah." The shiur will be given each Shabbos afternoon before Mincha, for both men and women.

Kiddush for Mordy and Mori

Please join Eric and Elaine Gerstenfeld after davening for a kiddush at the Agudah, in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Morielle, to Mordechai Goldberger. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel!

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Marcia Lerner Horwitz, mother of Rachael Komet. The funeral was on Monday in Kansas City, and Rachael will be sitting shivah there. She can be reached on her cell phone at 410-499-3454. We hope that Hashem will comfort Rachael and her family along with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Shalosh Seudos Sponsors

Thank you to the following sponsors for the Shalosh Seudos Sheva Brachos for Mordechai and Morielle Goldberger:

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Prozbul

A reminder to anyone who has any outstanding debts to make a Prozbul this year. Since this is a shemittah year, the Torah nullifies all outstanding loans between two Jews at the end of this year. Please see Rabbi Goldberger to obtain a copy of the prozbul document and for any questions you may have.

Mazel Tov to

- Mordechai and Morielle Goldberger on their marriage and absolutely beautiful wedding Sunday night. Mazel tov to Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger and Eric and Elaine Gerstenfeld, and to their entire mishpachos. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Rabbi Hillel and Karen Zeitlin on their son, Shlomo, putting on his tefillin for the first time last Sunday. Mazel tov and yasher koach to Shlomo. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Dvora Balaban on her engagement to Eliezer Sherman. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

This Shabbos

- 5:30 pm: Rabbi's new Shabbos shiur on "The Akeida."
- Shalosh Seudos Sheva Brachos for the new chasson and kallah, Mordechai and Morielle Goldberger.
- 11:30 pm: Men's Melave Malka followed by Selichos at 1 am, this motsai Shabbos.

Yom Tov Seating

Hurry, hurry, the Yomim Nora'im will soon be upon us, and time is running out to place your order for Yom Tov seats.

If you still need a seat or would like a different seat, you may come to the seat sale and exchange this Sunday from 9-10 am at the

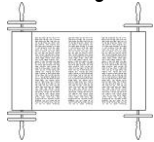
Men's Melave Malka/Selichos

There will be a Men's Melave Malka this motsai Shabbos at 11:30 pm. Rabbi Goldberger will lead us in divrei Torah, music and niggunim, so bring your musical instruments. Selichos will follow at 1 am in the main shul, and will continue every morning right before Shacharis until erev Yom Kippur.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger, in honor of the chasson and kallah, Mordy and Mori Goldberger. May they be zoche to build a home full of love and joy, a true bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel. Also, in honor of their wonderful machetunim, Eric and Elaine Gerstenfeld. May the Goldbergers and the Gerstenfelds always "schepp nachas" together from this amazing new force in klal Yisroel.

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Ki Savo

By HaRav Eliezer Chrysler

“And it will be when you come into the land ... you shall take from the first fruits” (26:1-2)

“Perform this Mitzvah,” says the Sifri, “because on its merit you will enter the land.”

In fact, comments the Malbim, the Mitzvah of Bikurim only came into effect after Yisrael had captured Eretz Yisrael and distributed it (fourteen years later).

However, the very undertaking to observe it served as an advance merit, enabling them to enter the land and take possession of it. At the same time it also teaches us that the essence of living in Eretz Yisrael is to acknowledge that it is a Divine gift, and to express our gratitude for everything that we receive from Him.

“And the Kohen shall take the basket from your hand” (26:4)

The Rambam, based on a Yerushalmi, rules that, even though the Torah indicates no specific amount, the Chachamim fixed Bikurim as a sixtieth.

The Aliyos Eliyahu, citing Chazal, who say that everything is hinted in the Torah, finds a hint for this in 'Tene' (the basket) referred to by the Torah here.

A 'tene', according to the Mishnah in Keilim, was a basket that contained half a Sa'ah; and the Gemara in Kesubos (111) relates that, in a time of blessing, there wasn't a non-fruit producing tree that did not produce at least two donkey-loads. The Chachamim say that each donkey-load is equivalent to fifteen Sa'ah. It therefore transpires that each one of these trees produced thirty Sa'ah.

Since even one tree is subject to Bikurim, the Torah is clearly speaking about the Bikurim from the produce of one non-fruit-producing tree (thirty Sa'ah). Seeing as a tene is required to carry it, it means that the Bikurim of thirty Sa'ah is half a Sa'ah - one sixtieth. Refer also to Ba'al ha'Turim.

“And the Egyptians did bad to us” (26:6)

If that is what the Pasuk is really trying to say, then it ought to have written "va'yo'rei'u osonu ha'Mitzrim". "va'yorei'u lonu ..." implies that they made us bad. So evil were the Egyptians in their ways that their evil deeds

rubbed off on us and turned us away from serving G-d.

This seems to answer the kasha that the commentaries ask on the Chazal, which cites that Uza, the Angel of Egypt, claimed that Yisrael served idols no less than the Egyptians did, and therefore did not deserve to be saved. It now appears that Uza's argument seems to be a sound one. If that is the case, then why is it that G-d saved Yisrael, even as He drowned the Egyptians?

However, since the Egyptians were directly responsible for the decline of our ancestors, Uza's claim falls away.

“And now, behold, I have brought” (26:10)

“And now” - immediately; “behold” - an expression of joy; “I have brought” - of my own (Medrash).

Performing a Mitzvah requires three conditions: that one performs it without delay, gladly (not with reluctance) and to be willing to pay for it with what one owns (not to wait until he has excess funds). All three are hinted here, says the Divrei Sha'arei Chayim.

“And you shall rejoice with all the good that Hashem your G-d gave to you” (26:11)

When someone receives a gift from the king, it's not so much the value of the gift that excites the recipient, but the fact that it is the king who gave it to him. Very often, the identity of the donor is as meaningful to the recipient as the gift itself.

That explains why, after "and you shall rejoice with all the good", the Torah adds "which Hashem your G-d gave to you" (Tiferes Shlomoh).

And that is also why we say on Shabbos, "Make us happy with Your salvation," says the Avnei Azel, "not just with our salvation, but with the fact that You, Hashem, are the one Who effects it." That in itself is a singular honor for which we must be especially grateful.

By the same token, it would appear, the Baal Hagadah stresses so forcefully that it was Hashem, and not a malach, saraf or sheliach, who avenged our treatment at the hand of the Egyptians and killed the firstborn.

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The Sound of the Shofar

The Overview in the Artscroll Machzor describes the sound of the shofar as “the inarticulate cry of the indelibly stained soul that longs to be cleansed.” It is well known that the shofar is blown in order to awaken our soul to do teshuvah, as the Rambam declares, “Wake up, you sleepers, from your sleep, and you slumberers, rouse yourselves from your slumber and return to G-d.”

I read a beautiful mashal from the Baal Shem Tov that illustrates how the shofar reconnects us to our Father, the King.

“There was once a king proficient in the magical arts who created an elaborate illusion to provide an enclosure. He surrounded himself within a complex maze of walls and barriers, with the spaces between the walls inhabited by hideous and terrifying apparitions. The king himself could not be seen behind the illusion he had created, yet his subjects longed to gaze upon his shining, noble countenance. The few hardy souls brave enough to scale the formidable walls soon had to beat a hasty retreat in the face of the demonic creatures dwelling within.

Then suddenly, there came a cry from the king's son, whose very being pulsed with a burning love for his father and a deep longing to be with him. He called out bitterly, “My father, my father! Why have you abandoned me?” Determined to see his father, the son took no heed of the dangers within and began scaling the walls, one after another. When the father beheld the intensity of his son's longing for him, he dismantled the illusory set-up. In an instant, the truth became apparent to the son. In reality, there were no walls hiding the king; in fact, the light reflected by the king's countenance shone forth throughout the entire world.”

The Baal Shem Tov's mashal relates not only to Rosh Hashana, but to our entire reality in this physical world as well. There may appear to be many barriers between us and Hashem, but the reality is that we ourselves “create” these barriers when we fail to do His will, and this is really just an illusion.

May the sound of the shofar break down any “walls” that we have created, separating us from Hashem, and inspire each of us to find “our way back home.” May we all return to our loving Father and King, and may we all be zoche to be sealed for a good life and for peace.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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Come join the TY minyan. We are looking for a few (10+) good men ages 13-120 to join

our daily minyan. Shacharis is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8 am on Sundays. Mincha/Maariv begins 10 minutes before shkia; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Please join us when you can.

Chesed Committee

Did you know Tiferes Yisroel has a chesed committee that helps you with meals when you need them? Contact Chana Birnbaum at 410-358-7736 for shiva; Raizy Cohen at 410-764-8852 for cholim; and Tova Jussim at 862-220-6531 for births. Thank you Tova, Chana and Raizy.

Walking to Sinai Hospital on Shabbos?

If you are walking on Shabbos or Yom Tov to Sinai Hospital, Levindale or any other distant destination, please stop at 3000 Glen Avenue (corner Key Avenue) or 5932 Cross Country Blvd (corner Simmonds Avenue) to rest your feet and have a cold drink. Wishing you a safe and healthy summer.

Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah

Last week we mentioned that when a person creates for himself an "alternative reality," he replaces the "Ultimate Reality of G-d and His Torah." By doing so, he fails to follow "Kol mitzvos she'b'Torah -- all the mitzvos of the Torah," and according to the Rambam, he is guilty of transgressing the mitzvos and needs

to do teshuvah. Although this "alternative reality" may in some ways overlap the "Ultimate Reality," and may be similar to it, it is simply not the same. It's more like the old "Venn diagrams" from high school math, where the sets may overlap, but they are not exactly the same. What do I mean by this?

At work, I eat my lunch at my desk. I only eat kosher food, wash for bread, make my brachos and eat an appropriate amount. So far, so good. Towards the end of my meal, there is an incoming e-mail, text or phone call that I respond to with an e-mail, text or phone call, and that leads to more responses, and responses to the responses, and so on. Two hours later I look up and ask myself, "Did I bench?" Although my "alternative reality" may have included many mitzvos from the Torah, it was missing a key element -- Birkas Hamazon. Since I did not fulfill the mitzvah of Birkas Hamazon, which is infinitely more important than an e-mail, then in reality, I failed to fulfill the "Ultimate Reality." Now I need to face the truth -- that what I think is real, meaningful, positive for me and the world, and full of growth and potential, is only a distorted figment of my imagination, since in reality, it is not "Kol mitzvos she'b'Torah."

Teshuvah is about facing the fact that as real as it may seem, our "alternative reality" is in actuality only a substitute for G-d's reality, the "Ultimate Reality."

My Rebbe, Rav Matis Weinberg, notes that no one ever forgets to put on their shirt when they leave their house in the morning. So why is it that people forget that the day is Shabbos, or whether they said a bracha, or when the correct time is to say Krias Shema, or any of the myriads of other mitzvos that we perform on a daily basis? Unfortunately, we don't seem to remember about mitzvos, yet we never seem

to forget to put on our shirt. Which should be the more important reality?

-Jay Taffel

Community

- **September:** A twelve-step group for frum women with food issues meets Shabbos afternoons. Please call Gail at 410-456-4306 for more information.
- **September 6:** Hatzalah Carnival 2015 at the Bnos Yisroel Campus, 6300 Park Heights Avenue, from 12:30 - 6 pm. More rides, less lines! For sponsorship info, please call Mrs. Michelle Sharaby at 410-764-6972. Rain date is September 20.
- **September 6:** Join WIT for a Rosh Hashanah Yom Iyun. The program will be at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion, and feature Mrs. Tzippy Leichter and Rabbi Amit Yaghoubi. Registration begins at 9:45 am. No charge for 5776 WIT members. Non Members: \$10 per lecture. For more information please visit WIT's website, www.witbaltimore.org or email witbaltimore@verizon.net
- **September 6 and 7:** This Labor Day weekend, join the Baltimore Zionist District's community vigil against the Iran deal. The vigil will take place from 10 am to 12 pm on Sunday, September 6, on the corner of Stevenson Road and Old Court Road, and 10 am to 12 pm on Monday, September 7, on the corner of Park Heights and Slade Avenue. Please call BZD at 410-484-4510 for more information.
- **September 9:** Etz Chaim presents Charlie Harary LIVE in Baltimore at 8:00 pm at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. Come and hear about "Rosh Hashanah and the Ingredients for Success in Life." \$10 per person.
- **October 1:** TA is sponsoring a "Family Outing at Players Family Amusement Center" on the 2nd day of Chol Hamoed Sukkos, from 1-5 pm. For more info, please contact Mrs. Levenbrown at 410-484-6600 x314.
- **October 11:** Bikur Cholim of Baltimore will be hosting "Biker Cholim," a men's bike-athon with the start/finish line at Beth Tfiloh. There will be a family BBQ lunch following the ride. To register and/or join a team, please log on to www.bikercholim.org or email bike4bikur@gmail.com for additional information.

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

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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. If you need a shul pushka, you may take one from the shul window sill, and they will be replenished as needed.

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- **September 6:** Vort for Ilan Roth and Hadassah Bauerle at the home of Yoni and Rena Baron, 3000 W. Strathmore Avenue, from 4 -7 pm.
- **October 17:** Kiddush sponsored by Keely and Jillian Goldberger in honor of their daughter, Ariella Rena.

- October 24: Kiddush sponsored by Hillel and Karen Zeitlin in honor of the bar mitzvah of Shlomo Zeitlin.

Refuah Shalaimah to

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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.

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TY Shiurim Schedule

Sunday:

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Megilla** shiur given by the Rabbi. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10-10:45 am: **Women's Tehillim** gathering for cholim (Nancy Taffel Annex).

Monday:

- One hour before Mincha: **Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah**, given by Jay Taffel until Yom Kippur in the upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Wednesday:

- One hour before Mincha: **Gemara Horayos**, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

- Every morning following davening — a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom**. With *fresh hot coffee!*
- Monday through Thursday between mincha and maariv: Rabbi Goldberger, 7 minutes of **Mesillas Yesharim** by the Ramchal.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Malchus Shlomo**.
- 30 minutes before Mincha: Men's Beis Medrash. Monday and Wednesday.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin**.
- One hour before Mincha: Rabbi Goldberger's shiur for men and women.

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