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## DAVENING SCHEDULE

<b>Friday</b>	
Candle Lighting:	4:36 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	4:40 pm
<b>Shabbos Day</b>	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	3:50 pm
Maariv:	5:50 pm
Shabbos is over after:	6:05 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:35 pm
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:35 pm
<b>Next Shabbos- Vayera</b>	
Candle Lighting:	4:31 pm
Friday Mincha:	4:35 pm

### This Shabbos

- Friday night Shabbos Seudah with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin following davening. Reservations required.
- Community Shalosh Seudos at Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion following 3:50 Mincha.
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Father/Son Learning.

### Father/Son Learning

Starting this motsei Shabbos, and running through the rest of the winter, the shul will be hosting Father/Son Learning 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. Sponsorships are appreciated.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com. To sponsor

Father/Son Learning, please go online to the shul website- Donations page.

### Upcoming TY Sisterhood Event

The TY Sisterhood presents an interactive CPR/FirstAid/AED workshop with Rachel Rosenstock, RN, and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross. This informative, potentially lifesaving, program will take place next Sunday, November 20, from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the downstairs Simcha Hall. This course is not for certification, only education. This program is for women and girls ages 10 and up.

### Vort

There will be a vort this motsei Shabbos for Ary Goldman and Michal Gottlieb from 8:00 to 10:00 pm at the home of Dr. Stuart and Debbie Goldman, 6005 Stuart Avenue. The entire kehillah is invited to come and celebrate.

### Want to Be a "Minyanaire"??!

Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your "spiritual equity"? Come join the TY minyan. Now that we are davening early Mincha/Maariv, we are looking for a few (10+) good men ages 13-120 to join our daily minyan. To become a Mincha/Maariv Minyanaire, please contact Mordechai Beleck at 410-764-3324, and he will add you to the list. Shacharis is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8:00 am on Sundays. Mincha/Maariv begins 10 minutes before shkia; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

### Men's Fall/Winter Learning

There will be a nightly Beis Medrash at 8 pm followed by Maariv at 9:15 if there is a minyan present. A roster of shiurim will soon

be sent out. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Super Moon

This Sunday night, November 13, we will experience a "super moon," the biggest, brightest, and closest full moon of the year. In fact, this will be the closest "super moon" since January 26, 1948, and the next one will not appear again this close to Earth until November 25, 2034. Don't miss this spectacular view of Hashem's amazing *ma'aseh bereishis!*

### Kiddush

Eli and Meira Greges are making a Kiddush this Shabbos following davening at their home, 6414 Park Heights Avenue, Apt G2, in honor of their new baby girl Ahuva Temima.

### Community Shalosh Seudos

Join Rabbi Goldberger, Rabbi Hopfer, Rabbi Silber and Rabbi Hauer this Shabbos for shalosh seudos at Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion in celebration of the Baltimore Shabbat Project. We will daven mincha at shul at 3:50 pm, and then walk over to BJSZ for shalosh seudos, where Rabbi Goldberger will be leading the zemiros; following Maariv will be a musical Havdalah with Nossi Gross.

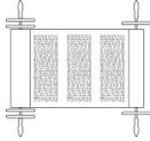
### Mazel Tov to

- Dr. Stuart and Debbie Goldman on the engagement of their son Ary to Michal Gottlieb. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Dr. Jerry and Elka Rottman on the birth of a grandson, born to Eliyahu and Bracha Rottman in Jerusalem. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:**

Dr. Stuart and Debbie Goldman in honor of the engagement of their son Ary to Michal Gottlieb. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Lech Lecha

By Rabbi A. Leib Scheinbaum

#### “Go for yourself from your land” (12:1)

Following the seminal test of Uhr Kasdim, when Avraham Avinu was thrown into a fiery cauldron because of his belief in Hashem, it would be superfluous to test him once again with leaving his home. Surely, this must be a much more facile test to pass than its predecessor. Horav Yitzchok Zilberstein, Shlita, lends some insight into the nisayon, trial, of “Lech lecha.” The main point was not the move, uprooting himself from his home, from his birthplace, from his roots. Rather, the essence was the idea that he had no legitimate excuse to relate to people concerning why he was moving and to where he was moving. Indeed, he had no clue why or where. He only knew what Hashem had told him. Overcoming the stares and questions of his neighbors and friends was more difficult than the actual move.

When a person is thrown into the fire for his beliefs, he knows at least that people understand his sense of sacrifice. They are able to appreciate his commitment and justify his judgment. When a person uproots himself, however, from the place that had been his home for decades and has no answers when he is asked “why” or “where,” he appears to have lost his senses. This concept explains the enormity of the test.

#### “Go for yourself...And I will make of you a great nation...” (12:1,2)

The Midrash Tanchuma notes the use of the word *v'e'escha*, “and I will make you,” rather than *v'asimch*, “and I will place you.” This indicates that Hashem was going to recreate Avraham Avinu into a *briah chadashah*, a new creation. Horav Moshe Shapiro, shlita, derives from here that not only was it necessary to pull up his roots and change homes, he needed to be recreated. The reason for this is that by leaving his present environment, he was ensuring that from now on in he would no longer be in the presence of that evil atmosphere. What about everything that he had until now seen and experienced at home? Would he not take that with him wherever he went? This is why the old Avraham had to be expunged and a new Avraham had to be created. In order to serve as a Patriarch, to be the father and foundation of the Jewish People, there had to be a total separation from the past. This totality could only be achieved by a total makeover of

Avraham Avinu into a new person, with a brand new beginning.

We find the same idea expressed concerning Rivkah. In Bereishis 24:60, the Torah records Lavan saying, “Our sister, may you come to be thousands of myriads.” Targum Yonasan adds, *Ad kadun havis achosach*. “Until now you have been my sister.” He understood that with her marriage to Yitzchak, Rivkah’s status as Lavan’s sister would change, as she became a new creation, similar to a ger, convert, who no longer maintains any relations with her past.

If Avraham became a new creation, why was it still necessary for him to leave his homeland? After all, he was no longer the same person that had grown up there. We derive from here that being in the environment in which he was raised, observing the idolatry and debauchery that was in vogue, could quite possibly have a continuing influence on him. Thus, it was essential that the father of our people leave his roots and become a totally new person.

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### The Path to Personal Growth

Parshas Lech Lecha begins with Hashem’s command for Avraham to “Go for yourself from your land, from your birthplace, and from your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great” (Bereishis 12:1-2). Rashi renders these pasukim as: “Go for yourself - for your pleasure, and for your benefit. There, I will make you a great nation; whereas here, you do not merit having children. And furthermore, you will benefit by going, for thereby I will make your name known in the world.”

According to Avos d’Rabbi Nosson, this command was the first of the ten trials with which Hashem tested Avraham’s faith (Pirkei Avos 5:4). Rashi and Rabbeinu Yonah state that through these ten trials, people became aware of the depth of Avraham’s loyalty and commitment to G-d, and could gain inspiration from it. This would prove to be most effective in Avraham’s beginning a new life as a spiritual leader, enhancing his ability to teach others the ways of monotheism. To establish himself in this role, he first needed to move away from Charan, and separate himself entirely from the *avodah zara* practiced by the people, and even his close relatives there. Only then could he be successful in making Hashem’s Name known in the world.

The Malbim writes, “G-d’s intent in sending Avraham on a lonely journey away from his familiar surroundings was to distance him in

every possible way from the negative influences that could hamper his growth. For this reason, he was told to leave all three potential sources of negativity: his land, his place, and his family.” Every year when I read this parsha, I have tremendous *hakoras hatov* for my own personal “Lech Lecha.” After fifteen years of living downtown in Charles Village, at age 39, I moved to Park Heights to start keeping Shabbos. I left behind my “former life” and lifestyle as I knew it, which included certain friendships, and made a fresh start for myself. Eventually, I even had to create a healthy separation from my family, to continue along my own path of spiritual growth. Everything and everyone with whom I was associated in this “previous life” would prove to be an obstacle for my own personal growth; it was necessary to leave it all behind, to move forward in my new life of Torah observance. The Malbim continues, “The Torah teaches us here more than just the specific story of Avraham himself, as important as that is. From this we learn a general principle: When a person puts in the necessary effort to improve himself and to come to know G-d, he is given more direct awareness of G-d and guidance in reaching higher goals than he could have ever achieved on his own.”

I believe that this lesson is essential for every baal-teshuvah. Every one of us who returns to Hashem to live a Torah life needs to leave the past behind, and forge ahead to a new future, one that incorporates Torah values and a radical change of lifestyle. Often, this means moving away from the things, and even the people, that tend to serve as a hindrance to self-awareness and personal growth. In Mesillas Yesharim, the Ramchal lists *preishus* (separation) as the “fourth rung” of his “ladder to Holiness.” Here, the Ramchal stresses the importance of separating from not only any bad influences that can stifle one’s spiritual growth and character refinement, but also a degree of separation from the mundane in general. Once a person achieves this level of separation, he can begin to strive towards the goal of making himself more *kadosh*, more holy.

The Malbim concludes: “At the same time that G-d made the test difficult, He also gave reassurance to Avraham that eventually the hardships he would suffer would be compensated: Leaving his land would separate him from that nation and make him a lone figure; for this, G-d promised him that he would himself ‘become a great nation.’ When he would be among strangers rather than in his own place, he would be the object of jealousy for any blessing that came to him; this was offset by the promise that G-d would ‘bless him’ and cause others to be happy with that blessing. Finally, upon separating himself from his family, he would feel the loss of his ancestry and history; the assurance that ‘I will make your name great’ replaced this with a

proud family line beginning from Avraham himself."

It seems to me that every baal-teshuvah is faced with these same challenges, and like our forefather Avraham Avinu, struggles to overcome them. Avraham's faith in Hashem helped guide him throughout his entire life, and as his descendants, we can always rely on the Almighty for His love, guidance, and support as well. As difficult as it may seem in the beginning, the end reward for the baal-teshuvah is immeasurable. Within a year of my move, Hashem blessed me with a beautiful family of my own- an amazing wife and children, amazing new friends, an amazing rabbi and kehillah, and this year, an amazing house a five-minute walk to shul. Hashem has given me a "second chance" on life; the opportunity to connect with Him and His holy Torah through davening, learning and mitzvah performance, and to instill Torah values in my children for generations to come. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### Women's Halacha Shiur

The women's halacha shiur with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger will not resume on November 22 as announced, rather will remain on hiatus until further notice.

### Coming Up

- **November 20:** The TY Sisterhood presents an interactive CPR/FirstAid/AED workshop with Rachel Rosenstock, RN and CPR instructor for the American Red Cross from 11 am to 12:30 pm in the downstairs Simcha

Hall. To RSVP, please contact Rachel at [Irosenstockphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:Irosenstockphoto@yahoo.com) or 410-926-9315. This program is for women and girls ages 10 and up.

### Community

- **November 12:** Please join Rabbi Yisroel Roll and Rabbi Yaakov Novograd with your not-yet-frum friends to "Hip and Holy," a Baltimore Shabbat Project event on the third floor of the Agudah Park Heights, 6200 Park Heights Avenue, from 10:30 to 11:30 am; Kiddush following davening.
- **November 12:** Nshei Baltimore presents, "Nshei Newcomer's Night," at Congregation Ohr HaMizrah, 6813 Park Heights Avenue, at 8:00 pm. Nshei members and newcomers are free; \$10 for non-members. Bring a newcomer and get half off (Nshei membership- \$20). Please call Mrs. Tova Krasner with names of newcomers to invite: 410- 653-2463 or 443-415-5139, or email: [Nshei@netzero.net](mailto:Nshei@netzero.net).
- **November 13:** The CJE is excited to announce its "Becoming a Big Kid" conference at the Park Heights JCC. For more information, please contact [azimbalist@cjebaltimore.org](mailto:azimbalist@cjebaltimore.org).
- **November 13:** Bonei Olam's annual Evening of Inspiration will be held at 7:30 pm at the home of Meir and Rochel Gold, 3500 Southvale Road. A light buffet dinner will be served, followed by an inspirational short program.
- **November 15:** Join the community and help Ohr Chadash Academy reach its goal of raising \$200K in just 24 hours! Please contribute to the continued success of OCA at [www.causematch.com/oca](http://www.causematch.com/oca) or call: 410-999-2200.

- **November 18-19:** The Baltimore community welcomes the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi David Lau, for Shabbos Parshas Vayeira. Friday night he will be at Shomrei Emunah at 4:35 pm for Mincha/Kabbolos Shabbos and Oneg Shabbos at 8 pm. Shabbos morning he will be at Suburban Orthodox for a Drasha at 11:20 am and 4:00 pm Mincha followed by Shalosh Seudos. Motsei Shabbos he will be speaking at a community-wide event on the "State of the Jewish People" at 8 pm at Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion.
- **November 19:** "Ladies Night Out" at 8 pm, Ner Tamid. For more information, see [www.nertamid.net](http://www.nertamid.net).
- **November 20:** CJE/PJ Our Way presents "Tailgating for Camp" at Players FunZone from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Children must be between the ages of 7-12 and attend with a parent. Cost is \$10/child, parents are free. Go to [www.cjebaltimore.org/pjfunzone](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/pjfunzone) to register.
- **November 20:** The Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group will have its next meeting from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room, Park Heights JCC. Group member Margot Brilliant will be the guest speaker on the topic "My Life as a Kinder-transport Child." The event is free of charge; dietary laws are observed. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 17 to Felicia at [hgraber@earthlink.net](mailto:hgraber@earthlink.net) or 443-759-5556.
- **December 4:** Shearith Israel Congregation invites the community to a Hachnosas Sefer Torah at 3:00pm, in honor of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hopfer for their 30 years of devoted service to the Baltimore community. Procession will begin at 3802 Menlo Drive and end at Shearith Israel.

### Yizkor Donations

- Bryna Lazarus
- Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum
- Aviva Paul
- Aviva Margolese

### Yahrzeit Donations

- Dr. Stuart and Debbie Goldman
- Fred and Connie Friedman

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- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
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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

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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

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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.

William Arvai, Eliezer a"h, 14 Cheshvan, father of Klara Margaretten

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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.



**Joblink.** Joblink provides job seekers, recruiters and employers with valuable information regarding employment opportunities and career information.

If you are looking for a job or know of one at your office, please contact our shul liaison, David Sawilowsky at 804-350-2117, or Marthe Vidaver at Joblink at marthe@joblink employment.com. or 410-602-8700.



**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.



**Ride G'mach.** Call the Ride G'mach at 410-358-RIDE (7433). We need ride offers when anyone drives interstate, any direction. Not door-to-door, just city-to-city. Often, Chesed of Boro Park calls, needing a ride to/from New York for people with medical appointments in Baltimore hospitals.



**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](http://www.tiferesyisroel.org), and click on the "Calendar"

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



**Sponsorships.** To arrange your sponsorship, email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org. Please send your donation to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

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:

- 8:00-9:00 pm: The Rambam's Mishneh Torah, Hilchos Shabbos given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: Chassidus, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

#### Tuesday:

- 8:30 pm: Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger's women's halacha shiur on the laws of washing one's hands and tefillah.

#### Wednesday:

- After Maariv: Chassidus, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.
- 8:00-9:00 pm: Shulchan Orech, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.

#### Thursday Night:

- Reb Shlomo Goldberger's shiur in Sefer Yaaros Dvash will be on hiatus until further notice.

#### Daily (Monday-Friday):

- Every morning before Shacharis — a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with Nesivos Shalom. With fresh hot coffee!
- Monday through Thursday between Mincha and Maariv: Rabbi Goldberger, 5 minutes of Hilchos Tefillah.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after Mincha/Maariv - Rabbi Goldberger will give a 20-minute shiur in Nesivos Shalom. Men's Beis Medrash from 8:00-9:15, followed by Maariv (if there is a minyan).

#### Shabbos:

- 8:00-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. Nezikin

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