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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 6:47-7:57 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 7:10 pm  
Maariv: 9:10 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 9:27 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:45 pm

**Monday-Friday**

Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:45 pm

**Next Shabbos- Eikev**

Candle Lighting: 6:40-7:49 pm  
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

**This Shabbos**

- 10-11:30: Camp Shabbos
- Boys' Beis Medrash upstairs after krias haTorah.

**Women's Tehillim Group**

The Women's Tehillim Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited to attend.

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

Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your "spiritual equity"? 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 8:00 am on Sundays. **Mincha/Maariv** begins 10 minutes before shkia; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact

times. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

**New Shabbos Shiur**

Beginning next Shabbos, Reb Shlomo Goldberger will be giving a three-part series of Shabbos shiurim on the Shemoneh Esrei one hour before Mincha: "Talking to G-d; But What Am I Saying? Shemoneh Esrei, Six Brachos at a Time." All men and women are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Upcoming Sheva Brachos**

Join us as we celebrate the marriage of Ze'ev Beleck and Hadassa Perlman with a Shalosh Seudos/Sheva Brachos on August 26. To help sponsor, go to the Events page of the shul website.

**New Shiur for Men**

Rabbi Dovid Jaffee's shiur for men will be on hiatus for the next three Thursday nights. Stay tuned for more details.

**New Shul Succah Project**

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**New Membership Year/Yom Tov Seating**

It's that time of year again! All memberships have been renewed and the charges added to each member's account. Please contact bookkeeper@tiferesyisroel.org for any questions. An email regarding seating for the upcoming Yomin Noraim will be going out early next week. The deadline to retain your seats is Sunday, September 10. Please contact Ari Blum with any seating questions at 410-358-5478.

**From the Rabbi**

Dear Kehilla HaKedoshah,

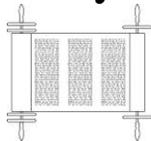
I will be away for the rest of August, but will be attending the Margolese Bar Mitzvah and the Beleck-Perlman wedding, beH. All shiurim will continue except for my Shabbos shiur (this Shabbos only.) For any halachic shailos, please contact Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger at rabbiylg@gmail.com; you can leave *taharas hamishpacha* shailos in his home mailbox, 6033 Highgate Drive. For emergencies, please contact Reb Shlomo Goldberger at 410-299-9960. For shul matters (and Chassidic stories), please contact shul president Dov Pear at 443-255-7018.

-Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

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Dr. Marc Lowen in honor of a refuah shalaymah for his wife, Mrs. Elaine Lowen, Chaya Baila bas Marasha. May Hashem bring her a speedy recovery.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Va'eschanan

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

#### "...say to them, 'Return to your tents'" (5:27)

There is a Talmudic maxim (Yevamos 97b) that *ger she'nisgayeir k'katan she'nolad dami* – a non-Jew who converts to Judaism is considered for legal purposes to have been newly reborn and is no longer Biblically considered the person he was with the relatives he used to have. In his commentary on Avodah Zara (63b), the Chasam Sofer writes that he has been troubled his entire life at his inability to locate a source for this ruling which the Gemora seems in many places to take for granted.

The Meshech Chochmah suggests that this rule may be derived from our verse. Moshe's father Amram was one of the greatest men of his generation and was married to Yocheved, his aunt, a marriage which is forbidden to Jews but permitted to non-Jews. If one of the leaders was married to such a close relative, it is reasonable to assume that a number of other Jews did likewise and married the various family members which aren't forbidden to non-Jews.

After the giving of the Torah, Hashem instructed Moshe to tell the people to return to their tents. The Gemora in Moed Katan (7b) understands this as a reference to their wives. Although they were required to abstain from marital relations for three days prior to the giving of the Torah in order to receive it in a state of spiritual purity, they were now permitted to resume normal family life. However, after the Torah was given, those Jews who were married to relatives to whom they were now forbidden by the Torah shouldn't have been allowed to return to their wives, but rather should have been required to divorce them. If Hashem nevertheless told Moshe to permit all the Jews to return to their wives, it must be that their conversion made them as if they were reborn and no longer related to their wives, thus permitting them to remain married, and from here we may derive the source for the law which the Chasam Sofer sought!

#### "You shall love Hashem... with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your resources" (6:5)

How can Hashem command and require a person to love Him, as one's emotions must be

genuine and sincere, and mandated love is hardly an ideal level to strive for? Rav Akiva Eiger suggests that our feelings of love toward Hashem should indeed come naturally, as it is human nature to instinctively love a person who we feel loves us. Shlomo HaMelech writes in Mishlei (27:19): *k'mayim ha'panim l'panim kein lev ha'adam l'adam* – just as water reflects back the face of the person looking into it, so, too, does the human heart mirror the emotions it receives from others.

We need merely focus on contemplating and internalizing the unfathomable love with Hashem feels for every Jew, and reciprocal feelings of love will automatically well up in our hearts. It is for this reason that we conclude the blessing which immediately precedes the morning recitation of Shema with the words *ha'bocher b'amo Yisroel b'ahavah* – Who chooses His people Israel with love – and the evening recitation with the words *o'heiv amo Yisroel* – Who loves His people Israel. As we think about these words and internalize their message, reminding us of the tremendous love which Hashem feels for us, we can't help but experience reciprocal feelings of love, which will allow us to recite Shema with the proper emotions and concentration.

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## Torah and Mesorah

I remember one Shabbos morning after the reading of Maftir for Parshas Va'eschanan, someone turned to me with a smile and said, "That was *gevaldig!*" I happen to agree – Va'eschanan is *gevaldig*. In fact, if I had to pick a favorite parsha in all of Chumash, my choice would indeed be Va'eschanan. In my opinion, no other parsha better validates our *mesorah*, nor establishes the authenticity of Matan Torah and the Revelation at Har Sinai than Va'eschanan. All things fundamental in Judaism and Torah observance, including the reiteration of the Ten Commandments and the Shema, are found in this amazing parsha.

Chapter 4 in our parsha begins with: "Now, O Israel, listen to the decrees (*chukim*) and to the ordinances (*mishpatim*) that I teach you to perform... You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor shall you subtract from it..." (Devarim 4:1-2). Perfection cannot be improved upon, so for one to add to or subtract from the commandments of the Torah is an unacceptable implication that G-d's Torah is lacking (Artscroll Stone Chumash). A few pasukim later, Moshe warns: "Only beware for yourself and greatly beware for your soul, lest you forget the things that your eyes have beheld and lest you remove them from your heart all the days of your life, and make them known to your children and your children's

children... so that they shall learn to fear Me all the days that they live... and they shall teach their children" (ibid 4:9-10).

Based on his discourse on these two pasukim, the Malbim teaches that the gentiles believe that Moshe and the wise men of Israel conceived of Torah's *chukim* and *mishpatim* using their own insight and intellect. He warns us, however, that we have a certain responsibility to know that we are *not* wise and understanding, but rather, that the Torah was given to us from Hashem at Har Sinai, and that the Torah's wisdom is the wisdom of the "Mastermind of Creation." The Malbim writes, "Whoever says that Moshe fabricated any part of the Torah is a heretic who has 'blasphemed Hashem – that person shall be cut off from among his people, for he scorned the word of Hashem and broke His commandment, that person will surely be cut off'" (Bamidbar 15:30-31), both in this world and the next. Because of the seriousness of this potential error that brings both spiritual and physical ruin, Moshe instructs Israel never to forget the Revelation at Har Sinai, where it became clear to all that the entire Torah was given to them by Hashem."

Although much of Sefer Devarim is presented by Moshe in the form of rebuke, Parshas Va'eschanan is more of a gentle warning and preparation for the Yidden who are about to enter the Land. The reiteration of the Revelation at Har Sinai and the Ten Commandments, along with the Shema, serve to remind the people that they witnessed this miraculous event, along with the other "signs and wonders" that Hashem performed for them in the *midbar* [krias Yam Suf, the Pillar of Fire and Cloud, the mon, etc.] with their own two eyes, as the pasuk states: "lest you forget the things that your eyes beheld." The commentary in the Artscroll Stone Chumash states: "Moshe exhorted the people to remember not only the commandments, but also the Revelation at Sinai – the thunder and lightning, the glory and greatness – that was visible not merely to a select elite, but to millions of people. Thus, if anyone were to cast doubt upon the source of the Torah, the entire nation could stand and testify to what it had seen. This was an experience that Jews were bidden to share with their posterity, generation after generation" (Ramban; Rambam, Hilchos Yesodei HaTorah 5:3).

The Malbim continues: "Moshe adds a warning: 'And lest you remove them from your heart...'; for it is possible that even if you do not actually forget these matters, they may depart from your heart if you imagine that the commandments at Har Sinai were temporary measures meant only for that first generation, and that the Torah is subject to change by future generations. To counter this notion, Moshe says that the commandments apply not only 'all the days of *your* life,' but to *all* future

generations as well, and that you must, therefore, 'make them known to your children and your children's children,' because the Torah laws will never change at any time."

Parshas Va'eschanan not only validates the authenticity of the Torah by establishing Hashem as the "author," but also teaches the importance of not believing that one is permitted in any way to add to or subtract from the Torah, in order to "customize" the commandments to suit the needs and desires of the individual. Parshas Va'eschanan serves as the cornerstone of Judaism; the source by which the Torah's commandments, and the wisdom and understanding of them, is established and clearly defined.

In his *Sefer HaMitzvos*, the Rambam lists the commandments in logical order, beginning with those that are most central to Jewish belief and observance. Primary on his list is the commandment to believe in G-d, which is embodied in the first of the Ten Commandments: "I am Hashem, your G-d..." (Devarim 5:6), because without a G-d Who commands, there are no commandments. The second and third of the Rambam's commandments are contained in the first two verses of the Shema, namely to acknowledge the Oneness of G-d and to love Him. (Artscroll Stone Chumash). Parshas Va'eschanan is not only a guide for the generation of the *midbar* who was about to enter the Land, but every Jew in every generation. To put it simply, it's *gevaldig!* A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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Please call 410-358-RIDE to give a ride to and from out of town when you and your

visitors travel. Also, to transport a small package like tefillin, eyeglasses, wallet, etc.; not door-to-door, only city to city.

### TY Sisterhood Event

Calling all ladies of our shul to join us for Tiferes Yisroel Sisterhood "Game Night" featuring Jewish trivia, a fun group game with questions from all areas of Jewish life. The event will take place on **Wednesday, August 9**, at 8:00 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Light refreshments will be served. For any questions, please contact Elka Rottman at 410-358-5427 or elkarottman@gmail.com. **Please note that the date has been changed!**

### Community

- **The Mei Miriam** program, in memory of Rebbetzin Miriam Lowenbraun, a"n, is back for a second season and will run through the summer months. Cold water bottles will be provided to pedestrians on Shabbosim when temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher.
- **New Positive Mussar Vaad**, called 'Parsha Growth,' will meet every Shabbos morning, 10:30 to 11:15 am, with Rabbi Yisroel Roll at the Agudah Park Heights on the third floor; men and women are invited to attend. For details, call Rabbi Roll, 410-585-0497.
- **August 6:** Ayelet Hashachar's special Tu b'Av concert, "Home in the Promised Land," 8 pm at 3209 Fallstaff Road. Tzeischem l'Shalom for Stephanie Rabinowitz.
- **August 27:** Ner Tamid End of Summer 2017 Bash: 3 pm show Mr. Bond and the Science Guys; 4 to 6 pm food and fun. New 50/50 raffle! Obstacle Course, Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Torah Tails petting zoo, Art

Projects, Snow Cones, Popcorn, Carnival games, BINGO, lots of great food! For more info, contact Bill Saks at 410-493-3663 or saksfamily@yahoo.com. The party is at Ner Tamid 6214 Pimlico Road, Baltimore, MD

### Halfway to Sinai

Halfway to Sinai will be open again this summer through Shabbos Parshas Bereishis. If you are walking to Sinai Hospital, Levindale or any other distant destination, you can rest your feet and have a cold drink on the porch at 3000 Glen Avenue (corner Key Ave.) or 5932 Cross Country Blvd (corner Simmonds Ave.) For more info, please call 410-299-5921.

### Yizkor Donations

- Klara Margareten

### Shul Picnic

The entire kehillah is invited to come join us for an afternoon of food and fun on September 4 at our shul picnic! This year's picnic is just 20 minutes away in the Pickall area of the Patapsco Valley State Park, near Catonsville. Cost is only \$5 per person, \$20 per family. Please RSVP on the shul website under "Upcoming Events - Picnic." For any questions, please contact Saul Passe at 443-520-7082 or Badgersbigten@gmail.com.

### Coming Up

- **August 9:** TY Sisterhood event, "Game Night," featuring Jewish trivia, 8 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex.
- **August 12:** Bar Mitzvah of Eliyahu Margolese. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Rabbi Moshe and Shaina Margolese.
- **August 19:** Aufruf for Ze'ev Beleck. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Karen Beleck and Mordechai Beleck.
- **August 26:** Camp Shabbos.
- **August 26:** Shalosh Suedos/Sheva Brachos for Ze'ev Beleck and Hadassa Perlman.
- **September 4:** Shul picnic at Patapsco Valley State Park. Cost is only \$5 per person, \$20 per family.

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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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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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**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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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.

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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 on hiatus.

#### **Monday:**

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.

One hour before Mincha: Rabbi Goldberger's shiur for men and women, Rambam's Hilchos De'os.

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