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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 6:15-7:19 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 6:30 pm
Maariv: 8:30 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:49 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:05 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis (Monday- Labor Day): 8:00 am
Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:05 pm

Next Shabbos- Ki Savo

Candle Lighting: 7:08 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:10 pm

This Shabbos

- Boys' Beis Medrash upstairs after krias haTorah.
- 5:30 pm: Reb Shlomo Goldberger's Shabbos shiur in Shemoneh Esrei.

Yom Tov Seating

All Yomim Noarim seats have been assigned.; seat exchange will be tomorrow, **Sunday, September 3**, following Shacharis, **from 9 to 10 am**. Please contact Ari Blum with any seating questions at 410-358-5478.

Shul Picnic

The entire kehillah is invited to come join us for our shul picnic this **Monday, September 4, from 12 to 7 pm**. 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. The

shul will reimburse you for the **\$2 per person** admission fee. For any questions, please contact Saul Passe at 443-520-7082.

Shabbos Shiur

Come join Reb Shlomo Goldberger for a series of Shabbos shiurim on thoughts and *kavanos* during Shemoneh Esrei, one hour before Mincha: "Talking to G-d; But What Am I Saying? Understanding the Daily Shemoneh Esrei." The shiur is for men and women.

Camp Yom Tov

We need a new coordinator and volunteers for this year's Camp Yom Tov. Please let Dov Pear know ASAP if you are interested at dovpear@gmail.com. This cannot be a last-minute decision, so now is the time to choose. Unfortunately, if nobody steps up, we will not be able to have Camp Yom Tov this year, and families will need to make their own arrangements to supervise their children while they daven. Thank you for your support!

Shul Renovations

Elul is the time for teshuvah and making new discoveries; it seems that our building is doing teshuvah as well! We discovered some new areas for improvement when we lifted the carpet, and IY'H, we will be able to rise to new levels as a result (at least 3/4"). Consequently, the Main Sanctuary will be unavailable this Shabbos; we will instead be davening downstairs in the Simcha Hall. This coming Thursday evening, Sept. 7, after davening, we will need a large team of healthy and hearty volunteers to help put everything back into the Main Sanctuary - the more the merrier!

Thank You

Thank you to Elie Weiner for painting the hand rails and rails outside the shul. Thank you

to all our volunteers who did an amazing job clearing out the Main Sanctuary motzei Shabbos. It was teamwork in action as we formed a chain stretching from the Main Sanctuary to the Simcha Hall, passing all the chairs in "bucket brigade" fashion. We celebrated by moving all the shtenders into the Annex in record time, and then finished celebrating with a good night's sleep! Thanks again to everyone who participated - yasher koach!

Mazel Tov to

- Rabbi Elie and Esther Sara Weiner on the birth of a granddaughter, Chana Rivka. May they be gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

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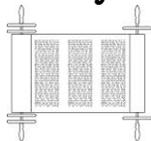
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The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Ki Seitzei By Rabbi Ozer Alport

“...and you will see among the captivity a woman who is beautiful of form, and you will desire her, you may take her to yourself for a wife” (21:11)

The Gemara in Shabbos (130a) states that any mitzvah which was accepted by the Jewish people with happiness, such as circumcision, is still performed to the present day with gladness, but any mitzvah which was accepted with fighting – such as forbidden relationships – is still accompanied by tension, as the monetary issues involved in the negotiation of the kesuva at every wedding involve struggles and discord. Of all mitzvos, why did the people specifically complain about the prohibition against marrying family members?

Dayan Yisroel Yaakov Fisher suggests that when the Jews heard that they would be unable to marry their close relatives, they feared that they would be unable to enjoy successful and compatible marriages. They felt that the ideal candidate for marriage would be a person who was familiar since birth and who would be almost identical in terms of values and stylistic preferences. However, from the fact that the Torah forbids us to marry those most similar to us, we may deduce that the Torah’s vision of marriage and an ideal partner differs from our own.

Parshas Ki Seitzei begins by discussing the *y’fas toar* – a woman of beautiful form – who is permitted to be taken by one who becomes infatuated with her during battle. The Mas’as HaMelech notes that only the most righteous individuals constituted the Jewish army, as somebody who had committed even the smallest rabbinical sin was sent back from the war (Rashi Devorim 20:8), and questions how such pious rabbis could be tempted to marry a beautiful non-Jewish woman. Rashi writes (21:11) that one who marries a *y’fas toar* will ultimately give birth to a *ben sorer u’moreh* – a wayward son. The Gemara in Sanhedrin (71a) rules that a child may only be punished as a rebellious son if his parents are identical in their voices, appearances, and height.

Even the most righteous soldier will be taken aback upon encountering a woman who looks like him and whose voice sounds just like his, to the point that he may be convinced that Hashem’s will is to convert and marry her, as all external signs point to the fact that she is meant for him. Nevertheless, from the fact that

Rashi teaches us that a wayward son will come out of such a union, we may conclude that the ideal marriage isn’t one in which the two partners enter already identical, but one in which they work and grow together over time to understand and respect one another, allowing them to overcome their differences and create a beautiful, harmonious blend of their unique perspectives and experiences.

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The Conquest of Amalek

Each year on the Shabbos before Purim, we read the Maftir and Haftarah for “Parshas Zachor,” the Torah passage of remembrance of Amalek, which is found at the end of this week’s parsha, Ki Seitzei. “Remember what Amalek did to you, on the way, when you were leaving Mitzraim... you shall wipe out the memory of Amalek from under the heaven – you shall not forget” (Devarim 25: 17-19). Rambam states that it is a positive commandment to erase the memory of Amalek, as it says, “you shall wipe out the memory of Amalek,” and it is a positive commandment always to remember their evil deeds and their ambush, in order to inspire hatred of them. Although there is still a mitzvah to remember what Amalek did to klal Yisroel in the *midbar*, in our current state of *galus* we would be forbidden to perform the mitzvah of eradicating him, even if we knew for certain which group of people belong to Amalek.

HaRav Moshe Feinstein writes: “In my humble opinion, the point of this mitzvah is to remind us now that it is possible for any creature of flesh and blood to become as wicked as Amalek, and like him to deny Hashem’s role in the world even though he sees irrefutable evidence of it, as Amalek saw at Krias Yam Suf and in the other miracles Hashem did for us in the Wilderness.” Rashi compares Amalek to someone who, seeing a bath of boiling water into which no person could descend, nonetheless leaped into it. Although he was scalded, he cooled it off for others (Midrash Tanchuma 9). Similarly, all the miracles that Hashem had performed for klal Yisroel did not deter Amalek from attacking them and making it possible for others to be emboldened to do the same. Reb Moshe continues: “The lesson we learn is that each of us, however great his spiritual accomplishments, must worry that he himself might be tricked into committing the most serious sins, even those that everyone considers to be most despicable. Just as Amalek fell so low, we must also be afraid that any of us can fall equally as low, and must

continually be on guard for even the most serious sins, such as theft, murder, adultery, and the like.”

Indeed, Hillel warns, “Do not believe in yourself until the day you die” (Avos 2:5). Rambam comments that one should never rely on the fact that a good character trait is engrained in our personality; until death, one must always be afraid of ethical backsliding. Even in terms of belief, one may be susceptible to lapses. Yochanan served as Kohein Gadol for eighty years, and yet he became a Sadducee toward the end of his life (Rav, Rashi, based on Berachos 29a). The *yetzer hara* is a tireless foe; one should therefore not delude himself into thinking that because he has won the battle, he has also won the war. Shlomo HaMelech, the wisest of all men, was convinced that he was above such temptation when he disregarded the prohibition to marry many wives (Devarim 17:17). He learned the bitter lesson when his foreign wives persuaded him to ignore the idolatry and sin in his kingdom [see Sanhedrin 21b] (Meiri).

HaRav Michel Twerski writes in a short vort titled *The Path of a Good Jew*: “What were the two things that drew Yisro close, which convinced him to cast his lot with the Jewish people? Rashi, quoting *Chazal*, tells us that it was the Splitting of the Sea and the war with Amalek. These two things symbolize the path of a good Jew; these two experiences represent the two facets of our work in this world. Krias Yam Suf gave us the ability to jump in, to leave everything behind, to throw it all away and take the plunge. Then after the initial enthusiasm wore off, after that burst of self-sacrifice, the uphill battle began. The fight against Amalek represents the fight against all those forces that wish to cool us off, to lower the flames of our passion and determination. As hard as it is to take the plunge, it is equally hard, if not more so, to keep the battle going, to persist and endure.”

Reb Moshe concludes: “Thus, after all the fervent prayers and confessions we offer on Yom Kippur, the Sages still required us to entreat Hashem in the Ne’ilah prayer, to help us ‘withdraw our hands from oppression.’ From this we see that no one may consider himself immune from committing even the gravest sins, and allow himself to concentrate only on strengthening his positive aspects. No! All of us are made of the same flesh and blood as Amalek and the wicked of all other generations.” How cautious we must be with our thoughts, speech and actions! No one, no matter how great, is impervious to sin. The *yetzer hara* is relentless in his pursuit, and we must strive each and every day to maintain our focus and diligence in our battle against him, and, like Amalek, eradicate him from our existence. Elul is the time to develop strategies and make battle preparations against our *yetzer hara*. Now is the time to increase our Torah

learning and mitzvah performance, to improve our davening and *avodas Hashem*, and to work on refining our character and our *middos*. As we march toward the Yomim Noraim, may we all be zoche to conquer the Amalek within ourselves. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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Thank you to the following additional sponsors of last week's Shalosh Seudos/Sheva Brachos for Ze'ev and Hadassa Beleck:

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Shabbos of Shidduchim

With the endorsement of the Baltimore Vaad HaRabbonim, next Shabbos, Parshas Ki Savo, September 9, has been designated as a community-wide "Shabbos of Shidduchim: Togetherness, Awareness and Sensitivity." On Shabbos Day, many local Rabbonim will be dedicating their drashos to discussing important shidduch-related topics relevant to our community, and to our single men and women. Additionally, there will be nine shiurim taking place over the course of the

Shabbos for various groups of single women, single men, and the community at large. We would encourage our community to take advantage of the wealth of insight these respected speakers will be sharing:

Single Women 23 and Under

- 4:30 to 5:30 pm: Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz - Darchei Tzedek
- 5:45 to 6:45 pm: Rabbi Yochanan Stengel - Shomrei Emunah
- 6 to 7 pm: Rabbi Dovid Heber - K'hal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemach Tzedek

Single Women 24 to 29

- 4 to 5 pm: Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger - Congregation Tiferes Yisroel
- 6 to 7 pm: Dr. Hinda Dubin - Suburban Orthodox

Single Women 30 and above

- Friday night with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Hauer- Contact shlomo@shidduchcenter.org or 443.955.9887 for details and to RSVP
- 5:45 to 6:45 pm: Rabbi Dovid Hochberg - Shomrei Emunah

Single Men 24 to 35

- Following 8:30 am Shachris and Kiddush: Rabbi Zvi Teichman - Congregation Ohel Moshe

Open to all community members

- 6 to 7 pm: Rabbi Moshe Hauer - How Our Community Can Help Support Our Singles – Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion

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 scrip@tiferesyisroel.org. Please pay by cash or

check made out to Agudath Israel Charity Fund. Thank you for supporting your shul.

Community

- **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.
- **September 6:** Join WIT for Elul inspiration with a video presentation by Rabbait Yemima Mizrahi titled "Elul: Days of Teshuvah, Tefilah and Tzedaka," at 9:30 am and 8:00 pm at Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion. No charge for 5778 WIT members; non-members: \$10 per showing. For more info, please contact WIT at 410-358-2545 or witbaltimore@verizon.net.
- **September 10:** Join WIT as we welcome Rabbi Yehonason Alpren for a shiur titled "Maximizing Your Davening on Rosh Hashana: Guidelines for Success," at 10:30 am at Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion. No charge for 5778 WIT members; non-members: \$10. For more information, please contact WIT at 410-358-2545 or witbaltimore@verizon.net. More details can be found on WIT's website, www.witbaltimore.org
- **September 13:** CHANA presents "Parenting after Crisis," a program geared toward providing practical strategies to help adjust parenting for children who have experienced, high-conflict divorce, abuse, loss, or other traumas. The seminar will be followed by free monthly support groups facilitated by trauma specialists for those interested. Parents and professionals are invited to join at 7:30 pm at PH JCC Community Room, 2nd floor. For more information, or to register, please call 410-234-0030, or visit www.chanabaltimore.org/parentingcrisis.

Coming Up

- **September 4:** Shul picnic this Monday at Patapsco Valley State Park from 12 to 7 pm. Cost is only \$5 per person, \$20 per family.
- **September 10:** L'Chaim for Rafi Krustall-Weiss and Molly Velenski, all the way from Eretz Yisroel, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Refuah Shalaimah to

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(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.

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After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.

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