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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday- Erev Yom Kippur

Selichos/Shacharis: 6:15 am
*Kaparos after Shacharis
Mincha with Viduy: 3:30 pm
*Seudah HaMafsekes/Bless Children
Candle Lighting: 6:34 pm
Kol Nidrei: 6:35 pm
Maariv: 7:15 pm

Shabbos- Yom Kippur

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Torah Reading: 11:15 am
Yizkor/Mussaf: 11:45 am
Mincha: 4:25 pm
Neilah: 6:00 pm
Maariv with Tekias Shofar: 7:50 pm
Fast ends: 8:03 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 7:55 am
Mincha Maariv: 6:30 pm

Monday-Tuesday

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

Wednesday – Erev Sukkos

Shacharis: 6:30 am
*Eruv Tavshilin
Candles for yom Tov: 6:26 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 pm

Thursday- Sukkos- 1st Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 6:20 pm
Maariv: 7:45 pm
Candles for Yom Tov: 7:55 pm

Friday- Sukkos- 2nd Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Candles for Shabbos: 6:23 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:25 pm

Shabbos Chol Hamoed-Koheles

Shacharis: 8:30 am

Mincha: 5:45 pm
Maariv: 7:35 pm
Shabbos is over after: 7:53 pm

Sunday- Tuesday- Chol Hamoed

Shacharis: 7:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 pm

Wednesday- Hoshana Rabba

Shacharis: 7:00 am
*Eruv Tavshilin
Candles for Yom Tov: 6:15 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:15 pm
*Short bidding/Hakafos following Maariv

Thursday- Shemini Atzeres

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Yizkor/Tefillas Geshem/Mussaf: 10:45 am
Mincha: 5:55 pm
*Farewell to the Succah
Maariv: 7:35 pm
Candles for Yom Tov: 7:44 pm
*Bidding following Maariv
*Hakafos / 5 Aliyos

Friday- Simchas Torah

Shacharis/Hallel: 8:00 am
*Bidding: 9:30 am
Hakafos / Krias HaTorah: 10:15 am
Mussaf/Mincha: 2:00 pm
Candles for Shabbos: 6:12 pm
Kabbalas Shabbos/Maariv: 6:15 pm

Shabbos Day- Bereishis

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 5:35 pm
Maariv: 7:25 pm
Shabbos is over after: 7:42 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:05 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:05 pm

Next Shabbos- Noach

Candle Lighting: 6:02 pm
Friday Mincha: 6:05 pm

Simchas Torah Seudah

Please join us for our Simchas Torah Seudah with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger, Friday, October 13, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$18/person, with a family maximum of \$72; children under 3, no charge. Sponsorships are welcome at any level; suggested minimum is \$36 to help defray the cost for larger families. Reservations open to the first 50 paid replies- no reservations will be taken after Sunday, October 1. To register, please go to the shul website and click onto Simchas Torah Seudah.

New Shul Succah

Everyone is invited to come and help with the building of the new shul succah this Sunday morning, October 1, following Shacharis. Come join in this exciting mitzvah! A special thank you goes out to Lenny and Glenna Ross for spending so much time and energy to make the New Shul Succah Project a major success by creating a brand new, beautiful succah for the shul, and to everyone who helped sponsor the project (see p. 3). Yasher koach!

New Gutters

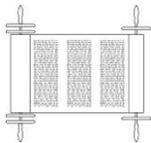
Thank you to Avi and Tehila Safren for donating new rear gutters for the shul – yasher koach!

Mazel Tov to

- Yair and Deidra Zussman on the bris of their son Zev Boruch. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Rabbi Hillel and Karen Zeitlin on the engagement of their daughter Pnina to Nativ Breslav of Katsrin. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

The 70th birthday of Mike Rice, sponsored by Illana and Pinny Goldfinger and family, Ayton and Debbie Rice and family, Ariel and Shifra Rice and family, and of course, his Eishes Chayil Caron. Mechayil el chayil!



Yom Kippur-Sukkos-Simchas Torah

Weekly "What's Your Shailah?" with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger

Question: Why do people smell spices on Yom Kippur? (Thanks to our gabbai, Jay Taffel, for providing them.) And how do we determine whether the bracha on a fragrance is "borei minei / atzei / isvei besamim?"

Answer: The qualifications for the bracha "borei atzei besamim" are subject to a dispute amongst Rishonim. Some Rishonim hold that as long as the plant is hard [woody], then the bracha of "borei atzei besamim" is recited. They cite proofs that *eitz* refers to hard plants; soft, grass-like plants get a bracha of "isvei" [grasses].

Other Rishonim hold that we use the same rules which determine "borei pri haetz" and "borei pri haadamah" i.e., *eitz* means tree. Therefore, the fact that the plant is hard is not sufficient to recite "borei atzei besamim"; it must be considered a tree. For the bracha of "borei pri haetz," leaves must grow from shoots, not directly from the root, and the shoots/branches from which the fruit grows must last year to year. If they fall off every year, the plant is not considered to be a tree, and a "haadamah" is recited. This same rule would apply to *besamim* as well. If these criteria are not met, it is not a tree, and "borei isvei besamim" is recited, not "borei atzei besamim."

The Mishna Brura remains undecided on the matter, and says that for a hard plant which does not have all the criteria for a tree, a "borei minei besamim" is recited. *Minei* is a catch-all bracha for scents, similar to a *shehakol* for foods, and is recited whenever there is a doubt as to the correct bracha. It is also recited on fragrances which are not plant-based. There are also other brachos for smelling fruit (which leads to a dispute over cloves); however, I have never heard anyone make such a bracha. Perhaps I will address this in a future issue. [Note: For Havdalah, we always say "borei minei besamim"].

A person is supposed to recite 100 brachos every day. On Yom Kippur, due to the fast and the fact that there are fewer brachos in davening than on a weekday, this is not so easy. One way to make up the brachos is to make a bracha on spices. It is interesting to note that there seems to be a contradiction in the Mishna Brura as to whether or not this is

necessary. In one place he cites the practice of making brachos on *besamim*. Later, in the halachos of Yom Kippur, the Rema writes that we do not recite "Ein Keilokeinu" on Yom Kippur. Most Acharonim state the reason for saying "Ein Keilokeinu" is that it corresponds to the eighteen brachos of Shemoneh Esrei. On Yom Kippur there are other *piutim* that correspond to a weekday Shemoneh Esrei (e.g., "Ahelecha b'kol ram" in Shacharis). However, the Mishna Brura brings the explanation of the Taz that we usually say "Ein Keilokeinu" on Shabbos and Yom Tov to make up for the 100 brachos. However, on Yom Kippur we say many praises of Hashem, and this is not necessary. This is in accordance with the Rishonim who say that praises of Hashem count towards the 100 brachos; they do not need the formal structure of a bracha to be counted. It is strange that the Mishna Brura brings down this reason, when most other Acharonim bring down the other, specifically in light of the apparent contradiction to making brachos on spices, which is brought down by virtually all Acharonim. On the other hand, it is not clear to me how "Ein Keilokeinu" corresponds to the weekday Shemoneh Esrei, for there are twenty statements of praise in "Ein Keilokeinu," not eighteen [or even nineteen, if we include *V'lamalshinim*].

-Rabbi Yehuda Leib

Sifting through the Layers

Everyone has their own "pet peeves" in life, certain things that really bother them for which they have little to zero tolerance. Mine happens to be litter. When I lived in Cross Country Manor, I used to cut through the driveway that connects Wallis Avenue to the alley behind our shul. One Shabbos morning while walking up the driveway to shul, I noticed an inordinate amount of litter scattered everywhere. After Shabbos was over, I decided to go back the next day and clean it all up myself. After all, this was the Shabbos between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, and I could not bear to go another week with it looking that way.

I put Akiva Simcha in his stroller, threw in a bottle of Powerade, a box of disposable gloves and a box of trash bags, and set off to clean up the mess. It was hot and humid that day, but I was determined. By the time I got there, Akiva Simcha was sound asleep, so I parked the stroller in the shade and took out a pair of gloves and a trash bag and got to work. After forty minutes or so, I had picked up all the litter that I saw in the driveway - paper plates, plastic forks, food wrappers, napkins, plastic cups, bags, cardboard, you name it. By the time I finished, I had collected two or three bags full of trash! The sweat was dripping off me, and as I chugged down some of my Powerade and wiped off my face, I noticed

some more litter sticking up from the leaves that were piled up along the side of the building. When I reached down to pick it up, I noticed even more trash under the many layers of leaves. I sifted through the top layers and filled another bag or two with all the litter that I had pulled out, and then... I saw even more. By now, I was completely drenched in sweat, exhausted and exasperated, and needed to take a break, so I sat down in the shade next to my sleeping baby to finish my Powerade. There seemed to be no end in sight, as each layer of leaves covered yet another layer of leaves, with plenty more debris in between. I realized that unless I wanted to be there all day, I had to accept that what I had accomplished thus far was going to have to be good enough. I felt like I had won the battle, but lost the war. I resolved to call it a day.

During my respite from the heat, I began to contemplate the situation, and had somewhat of an epiphany - a feeling that through this very mundane, back-breaking work, Hashem was sending me a deep message about myself, a *meshal* of sorts. The seemingly endless amount of litter represented my *aveiros*; some could be seen on the surface and easily removed, and some were deeply buried in the many layers below the surface and removing them would require much more effort. Just like the litter, there was too much to "clean up" in one day, and I realized the meaning behind the *meshal* - that *teshuvah* is not done in just one day, even if that day is Rosh Hashana.

It seems to me that we are more easily prone to rid ourselves of the sins that can be detected on the surface, that result from our actions and misdeeds, and perhaps with determination, that could be accomplished with one Rosh Hashana. But the real challenge during this time, as Rabbi Goldberger pointed out in his Shabbos Shuvah drasha, is to rid ourselves of the sins buried deep inside - the deficiencies in our *middos*. The Rabbi, quoting the Rambam, explained that one should not think that he must only do *teshuvah* for his actions and misdeeds, for one must also do *teshuvah* for the bad *middos* that lead one to commit those actions and misdeeds. The Rambam writes: "A person should not think that *teshuvah* is only necessary for those sins that involve deeds such as lewdness, robbery, or theft. Rather, just as a person is obligated to repent from these, similarly, he must search after the evil qualities [*middos*] he has. He must repent from anger, hatred, envy, frivolity, the pursuit of money and honor, gluttony, and the like. He must repent for all [of the above]" (Hilchos Teshuvah 7:3).

Although it is true that we must work on correcting our misdeeds, we must also focus on the more difficult task of correcting our bad *middos*. My rebbe at the Kollel, Reb Shragi Baumgarten, used to say that *teshuvah* is not a point [that one reaches], rather that it is a

process – one that takes a lifetime to achieve. Refinement of one's character and *middos* is an essential element in doing *teshuvah*; and just as it would have taken me all day to clean up all those leaves and all the litter buried beneath them, so, too, it takes a lifetime for one to do *teshuvah*. We are a "work-in-progress" until the day we take leave of this world, but every new day provides new opportunities for spiritual growth. May we all be zoche to be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life, so we may continue to refine ourselves and our *middos*, to reach a level of *teshuvah* and return to our Father in Heaven.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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.

Kiddush Shabbos Chol Hamoed

The Rice and Goldfinger families invite you to a Kiddush in honor of Mike Rice's 70th birthday. The Kiddush will be held on Shabbos Chol Hamoed in the Goldfinger's succah, 3809 Bancroft Road, following davening. The entire kehillah is invited to come celebrate.

Halfway to Sinai

Halfway to Sinai will be open 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.

Shul Pushka Challenge

For five years running, b'ezras Hashem, our Kehilla HaKedosha has successfully raised \$10,000 each year through the annual Pushka Challenge. We are closing in yet again, but need another \$3,000 to reach our goal by the end of Sukkos. Let's make it happen for a 6th year strong! Donations towards the Pushka Challenge can be made in one of four easy ways:

- Drop off your pushka change, cash, or check in the secure locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue.
- Make a donation online and note "Pushka Challenge" with your payment.
- Mail a check with "Pushka Challenge" in the memo line to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, or you may drop it off in our secure mailbox on the front porch of the shul.
- Call or email Reb Shlomo Goldberger at 410-358-4456 or smzg82@gmail.com to arrange a special pick up.

All Pushka Challenge donors will be listed in the Lev Echad and will receive an extra kind smile from Reb Shlomo next time he sees you!

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.

Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group will be on hiatus until after Simchas Torah.

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.
- Harav Shmuel Kamenetsky will deliver *divrei chizuk* on Sunday, October 8, at 10 am at KAYTT, 6811 Park Heights Avenue.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L' Ori bas Nachas
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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.

Ida Havelock Deckelman, Chaya bas Yitzchak a"h, 10 Tishrei, mother of Emily R. Lipsitz

Paul Lenduai, Yasev a"h, 10 Tishrei, father of Klara Margaretten

Anne Lubin Beleck, Chana bas Meir Eliahu a"h, 12 Tishrei, mother of Mordechai Beleck

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PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Participants:

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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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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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.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.

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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 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.

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