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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:37 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:40 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 4:20 pm  
Maariv: 5:55 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 6:07 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha Maariv: 4:35 pm

**Monday-Thursday**

Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Men's Beis Medrash Learning: 8:00 pm  
Maariv: 8:45 pm

**Next Shabbos- Toldos/Mevorchim Kislev**

Candle Lighting: 4:32 pm  
Friday Mincha: 4:35 pm

**This Shabbos**

- 10-11:30: Camp Shabbos
- Boys' Beis Medrash after krias haTorah,
- 7:00-8:00 pm: Kol HaNaarim Learning

**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. **Maariv** begins at 8:45 pm following Men's Beis Medrash Learning. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

**Upcoming Women's Shiurim**

- There is a movement afoot for a Wednesday morning Kitchen Hilchos Shabbos shiur from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Stay tuned.

- Rebbetzin Bracha will be giving a four-part "Review of Taharas HaMishpacha" shiur beginning on Monday nights from 8:00 - 9:00 pm from December 4 to December 25.

**Sunday Night Women's Shiur**

Rabbi Goldberger will be resuming his women's shiur this Sunday night in Sefer Melachim Aleph from 8 to 9 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Please bring a sefer if you have one. All women are invited to attend.

**Kol HaNaarim Learning**

Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring your nephew. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn! Beginning this motsei Shabbos, and running through the rest of the winter, the shul will be hosting Kol HaNaarim in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We have an exciting new booklet on the 39 Melachos which can easily be completed at a pace of one page each week. Campfire kickoff this motsei Shabbos with hamburgers and hotdogs! For more info, please contact R' Elie Levi at elielevi@gmail.com.

**Camp Shabbos**

Camp Shabbos is back for children ages 1 to 4 from 10 to 11:30 am in the Simcha Hall. If you are available to commit to volunteering on a regular basis, please email Rachel Goff at rachelr331@gmail.com.

**Mazel Tov**

- Mindie Kaplan and Drew Simmons on their marriage. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Rabbi Yosi and Dasi Lowenbraun on the birth and bris of a grandson, Yehuda, to Shloime and Chayala Lowenbraun. Mazel

to the great-grandparents, Rabbi Yitzchok Lowenbraun, and Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Ingber. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

- Ken and Yocheved Gelula on the marriage of their granddaughter, Amy, daughter of Danny and Shana Harris, to Alex Schwarzmeier. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Dvora and Eliezer Sherman on the engagement of Dvora's son, AyJay Childress, to Chana Blum, daughter of Chaim Blum. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Jared and Stephanie Ezra on the birth of a baby girl. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**Men's Beis Medrash**

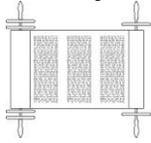
The new winter Men's Beis Medrash Learning has begun - the shiurim schedule is as follows:

- Monday:**  
8:00-8:45 pm: Hilchos Chanukah with Rabbi Goldberger  
7:45 - 8:45 pm: Rambam Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel.
- Tuesday:**  
8:00 - 8:45 pm: Chassidus and Chassidic stories (Malchus Shlomo) with Rabbi Goldberger
- Wednesday:**  
7:45 - 8:45 pm: Shulchan Aruch with Jay Taffel  
\*Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger is open to teaching a topic of choice with those committed to coming weekly
- Thursday:**  
8:00 - 8:45 pm: Dynamic Parsha Insights - Add content to your Shabbos Table! with Rabbi Dovid Jaffe  
Come for the shiurim or come learn with a chavrusa - just come and learn!

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

Rabbi Yosi and Dasi Lowenbraun in honor of their new grandson Yehuda, son of Shloime and Chayala Lowenbraun. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Vayeira

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

**“Sarah died in Kiryas Arba which is in Chevron... and Avraham came to eulogize Sarah and to bewail her” (23:2)**

The Midrash Tanchuma (4) teaches that the chapter in Mishlei (31:10-31) known as “Aishes Chayil” was authored long before Shlomo HaMelech was born. Upon the death of his beloved wife Sarah, Avraham began to eulogize her and composed this beautiful expression of his appreciation for his woman of valor.

The Midrash explains how each line was a unique expression of praise for an event which occurred in Sarah’s life. While many of the connections are self-evident, the Midrash curiously teaches that “*darsha tzemer u’pishitim*” – she seeks out wool and linen – is illustrated by Sarah’s forceful demand (21:10) that Avraham separate between Yitzchok and Yishmael. What could be the connection between looking for weaving materials and insisting that the wicked Yishmael be driven out of her house?

Rav Chaim Soloveitchik brilliantly elucidates the intent of the Midrash. Rashi writes (21:9) that Sarah insisted on sending Yishmael away only after seeing him engaged in idolatry, forbidden relations, and murder. She feared that he represented a negative spiritual influence on Yitzchok, and she was also afraid that he may kill Yitzchok to guarantee his inheritance. Nevertheless, how was Avraham permitted to send away Yishmael, thereby denying him of his rightful inheritance as the first-born?

On a simple level, we may answer that Avraham was allowed to do so because Hashem explicitly commanded him (21:12) not to worry about Yishmael and to follow Sarah’s instructions to send him away. However, the Gemara in Yoma (28b) teaches that Avraham observed all of the mitzvos. If so, he had a dilemma, as the Torah rules (Devarim 21:15-17) that if a man has two wives and the wife whom he hates bears his first child, he is forbidden to transfer the right of the firstborn to a son who is born later with the wife whom he loves. How was Avraham to decide what to do when confronted with seemingly conflicting obligations: a positive commandment to listen to Sarah and to send away Yishmael, thereby depriving him of his

rightful inheritance, and a negative prohibition forbidding him to do so?

There is a Talmudic principle that “*aseh docheh lo sa’aseh*” – when the performance of a positive commandment comes into conflict with observing a negative one, a person should nevertheless fulfill the positive obligation. The Gemara in Yevamos (4b) seeks a source for this rule and concludes that the Torah juxtaposes (Devarim 22:11-12) the prohibition against wearing a garment which contains shatnez (a mixture of wool and linen – *tzemer u’pishitim*) to the commandment to wear tzitzis to teach this principle.

With this introduction, the Midrash becomes perfectly understandable. Avraham was torn between obeying Hashem’s positive commandment to listen to Sarah and send Yishmael away and refraining from doing so due to the Torah prohibition against transferring the inheritance of the first-born to a favorite child. He resolved his dilemma by “seeking out” the rule taught by the Torah’s use of wool and linen, from which we derive that a positive commandment should be performed even at the expense of a negative one, and he concluded that he should follow Sarah’s instructions to separate between Yitzchok and Yishmael by banishing Yishmael from the house!

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## The Missing Vav

“Shammai says: ... say little and do much” (Avos 1:15). When one makes a pledge to a friend or for *tzedakah*, he should do more than he promises (R’ Yonah; Rashi). This maxim follows the example of Avraham Avinu when he was visited by the three angels in last week’s parsha. Avraham told his guests, “I will fetch you a morsel of bread that you may sustain yourselves” (Bereishis 18:5), yet “He took cream and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed these before them” (ibid. 18:8). Our Sages teach that the righteous say little but do much, while the wicked make grandiose promises, but do not do even a little. We find an example of this trait of the wicked by Ephron the Hittite in this week’s parsha.

Our parsha begins with the death of Sarah Imeinu: “Sarah died in Kiryas Arba which is in Chevron in the land of Canaan...” (ibid. 23:2). As I mentioned last week, the Midrash relates a story that while chasing a runaway calf to slaughter for its tongue, Avraham happened upon the Cave of Machpeilah, and discovered that it was the *kever* of Adam and Chava. After Sarah’s death, Avraham approached the *bnei Cheis* to request the purchase of the cave and the field surrounding it, to bury his wife. The

*bnei Cheis* held Avraham in the highest esteem, and happily granted his request. Avraham arose and said, “If it is truly your will to bury my dead... intercede for me with Ephron ben Zohar. Let him grant me the Cave of Machpeilah... as an estate for a burial site” (ibid. 23:8-9). The Torah commits the next ten verses to the purchase of the cave, which Ephron the Hittite originally promised to give Avraham as a gift, yet ended up charging him an exorbitant amount: “My lord... Land worth four hundred silver *shekels* – between me and you – what is it? Bury your dead” (ibid 23:15). Rashi comments that after naming a price that was great enough to purchase a huge estate, Ephron made light of it, saying, “Between such friends as us, of what significance is four hundred silver *shekels*?”

It is interesting to note that throughout this entire dialogue between Avraham and Ephron, Ephron’s name is spelled עפרון with a ו. However, when Avraham weighed out the silver *shekels* to Ephron (לעפרן), the ו is missing from his name. Rashi states the reason for the missing *vav* - because [Ephron] said much and did not even do little. “For he took from [Avraham] large *shekalim*, which are *kanterin*, as it says, ‘negotiable currency,’ which are accepted as a *shekel* everywhere. And there are places whose *shekalim* are large, for they are *kanterin*, centenars in Old French” (Rashi 23:16). The Talmud explains that each large *shekel* Avraham used to pay for the plot was actually worth 2,500 ordinary *shekels* (Rashi); thus, Avraham paid a total of one million ordinary *shekels* for the cave (Bava Metzia 87a).

The Midrash offers a different explanation for the missing *vav*: As Avraham was weighing out the silver, Ephron stood by and secretly stole from the scale the entire time, to pocket some extra money on the side. Because Avraham was blessed by Hashem, “...and he who curses you, I shall curse” (ibid. 12:3), and Ephron tried to curse Avraham by stealing from him, he himself was cursed. The Torah deleted a letter from Ephron’s name to teach us that Ephron, by his theft, did not gain, but, on the contrary, incurred a loss (Bereishis Rabbah 58). The Midrash notes that although Ephron became exceedingly wealthy from the sale of Machpeilah, he squandered it all away and died a pauper.

I would like to share my own idea on the missing *vav* in Ephron’s name, based on a vort I learned from Parshas Bereishis. Before Adam was created, the Torah states: “Let us make Man in Our image... They shall rule over (וירדו) the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and over the livestock animals” (ibid. 1:26). I once heard in a shiur that if you look at the word וירדו, you will notice that there is a *vav* at the beginning and a *vav* at the end of the word. The *vav* represents “connection” to Hashem through Torah, mitzvos and proper

behavior; without this connection (symbolized by the *vavs*), man will not rule over the animals, rather he will ירד, “descend” beneath them. I believe that Ephron may have lost his *vav* to signify his loss of connection to Hashem, as גנב, theft, is one of the Torah’s seven Noachide Laws, and applies to all peoples. Just as when a Jew transgresses the Torah, his connection to Hashem becomes diminished, so, too, does that connection diminish for a gentile when he transgresses a Noachide Law. I learned just this year that unlike every other transgression of the Torah, the only way one can do *teshuvah* for theft is to return the stolen item or make financial restitution.

I believe the lesson we learn from Ephron is that just as one will never lose money by giving *zedakah*, one will never gain money by stealing it. As the Mishnah teaches: “Know what is above you – a watchful eye, an attentive ear, and all your deeds are recorded in a book” (Avos 2:1). Hashem is always watching, and He rewards and punishes *midda-keneged-midda*. Our actions below never go unnoticed from Above, and Hashem’s Ways are always just. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

### Coming Up

- **November 25:** Camp Shabbos

### 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.

- **November 12:** “A stitch in time saves... A Din Torah” - Creating effective contracts, leases and agreements that are compatible with Din Torah. Presentor Dayan Yehoshua Posen at KAYTT, 6811 Park Heights Avenue at 9 pm, followed by Maariv at 10 pm.

- **November 12:** Join WIT as they welcome Rabbi Yitzchok Coopersmith as their Scholar in Residence, Sunday night through Thursday morning, November 16. The program, which will focus on “The 6 Constant Mitzvos,” will begin Sunday night at 8:00 pm with an introduction to the topic. All shiurim take place at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion and are for women only. No charge for WIT members; non-members: \$10 per shiur. For a complete schedule, please visit WIT’s website, [www.witbaltimore.org](http://www.witbaltimore.org) or email [witbaltimore@verizon.net](mailto:witbaltimore@verizon.net).

- **November 18:** Nshei is having their annual Newcomers Night - an event in which they welcome new families to Baltimore, 8 pm at Ohr Hamizrach. Newcomers are welcome to come for the delicious appetizers and divrei chizuk with Mrs. Rochel Naiman. The event is free to anyone new to the community.

- **November 18:** Film “Distortions and Illusions - The Roaring 20s” 1920-1929, will be shown at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. Cost is \$15- general admission, \$10- seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the shul office or the night of the event.

- **November 19:** The Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group’s monthly meeting will be from 2 to 4 pm in the Community Room, Park Heights JCC. Program: “Address Unknown” Featuring: Herb Hane and Charles Heller. First published in 1938 in Story magazine as a

wake-up call warning Americans of the true nature of the Nazi menace, this punchy tale enacts a stunning drama of friendship, betrayal and vengeance. The event is free of charge; dietary laws are observed. For more information, contact Felicia at [hgraber@earthlink.net](mailto:hgraber@earthlink.net) or 443-759-5556.

- **November 19:** Congregation Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion invites you to a community event, “The Life and Torah of HaRav Moshe Shapira, zt”l,” with special guest presenters HaRav Yehoshua Hartman and HaRav Ahron Lopiansky from 10 am to 12:30 pm.

- **November 21:** JCS presents “Confronting the Opioid Epidemic – A Free Community Forum,” 6:30 pm at the Myerberg Center, 3101 Fallstaff Road. Keynote speaker Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD, plus panel discussions and overdose response training. For more information, contact JCS at 410-466-2000 or [jesbaltimore.org](http://jesbaltimore.org).

### Shul Pushka Challenge

Over the past few weeks, we have brought in over \$2,000 for the Pushka Challenge! We have about \$450 more to go in order to reach our annual goal of 10K, and we can do it! 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](mailto:smzg82@gmail.com) to arrange a special pickup.

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!

### Used Book Sale

Our used book sale is located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. All proceeds go to the shul. Most titles are still \$5 or less. There are many new titles each week. For more information, please contact Steve Schwarz at [simchamelech@aol.com](mailto:simchamelech@aol.com) or call 410-446-8330.

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- Stephanie Ezra
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Sign up by emailing [shlomhuva@aol.com](mailto: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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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.

Ada Gottlieb a"h, 22 Cheshvan, grandmother of Suzanne Kayne



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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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Other seforim may be dedicated as well.



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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.

### 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.

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