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Pushka total: \$10,000.00! (see p. 3)

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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

<b>Friday</b>	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Candle Lighting:	4:28 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	4:30 pm
<b>Shabbos Day</b>	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	4:15 pm
Maariv:	5:45 pm
Shabbos is over after:	5:58 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha Maariv:	4:25 pm
<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Men's Beis Medrash Learning:	8:00 pm
Maariv:	8:45 pm
<b>Next Shabbos- Vayishlach</b>	
Candle Lighting:	4:25 pm
Friday Mincha:	4:25 pm

**This Shabbos**

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

**Pre-Chanukah Program**

We are bringing back Rabbi Yoav Elan, Artsroll editor and illustrator, for "A Walking Tour of the Third Beis Hamikdash." Rabbi Elan brings the Temple to life through cutting edge computer graphics as he shows us the grandeur of this holy site as described to the prophet Ezekiel. Please join us, Sunday, December 10, 8 pm, in the Ezras Nashim. For men, women, and teens.

**TY Sisterhood Event**

This motsei Shabbos the TY Sisterhood will be showing the film, "The Mask She Wears,"

in the Simcha Hall at 7:30 pm promptly (doors open at 7:10). Light Melave Malka will be served; suggested donation of \$5.

**Sunday Night Women's Shiur**

Rabbi Goldberger has resumed his women's shiur on Sunday nights in Sefer Melachim Aleph from 8 to 9 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a sefer if you have one.

**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! Each motsei Shabbos, the shul will be hosting winter Kol HaNaarim in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7 to 8 pm. We have an exciting new booklet on the 39 Melachos which can easily be completed at a pace of one page each week. For more info, please contact R' Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com.

**Taharas HaMishpacha**

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

**Money Talks**

Come join Jay Taffel for a series of discussions on money management, every other motsei Shabbos at 8 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Next week's topic: "Mutual Funds, ETF's and How to Read a Prospectus."

**Thank You**

This week's special thank you goes out to Reb Shlomo Goldberger for his diligence and dedication to the Shul Pushka Challenge. We reached our goal of \$10K, and have begun the

new year's challenge. Thank you to all of last year's participants. Yasher koach!

**Mazel Tov to**

- Dr. Stuart and Debbie Goldman on the marriage of their daughter, Shoshana, to Yitzchak Devor. May they be zoche to build s bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Dr. Aron and Fern Berkman on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Motti, son of Rabbi Shmuel and Ruchie Berkman. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**Shul Pushka Challenge**

We did it! We reached our goal of \$10K for the Shul Pushka Challenge. We are now beginning the new challenge for the current year 5778. If anyone would like a shul pushka, please contact Reb Shlomo Goldberger at the phone number and email provided. It should also be noted that having a shul pushka is not a requirement for participating. Donations towards the Pushka Challenge can be made in one of four easy ways:

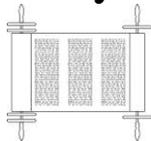
- Drop off your pushka change, cash, or check in the secure locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue.
- Make a donation online and note "Pushka Challenge" with your payment.
- Mail a check with "Pushka Challenge" in the memo line to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, 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 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!

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

Jared and Stephanie Ezra in honor of the birth of their new baby daughter Malka Shira Baila. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul' maasim tovim.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Vayeitzei

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

#### “Yaakov departed from Be'er-Sheva and went to Charan” (28:10)

Those who pay careful attention to the parsha while reviewing it or during its public reading will note a curious fact: unlike almost every other parsha in the Torah, Parshas Vayeitzei contains no breaks from start to finish, and is written in the Sefer Torah without any of the customary spaces which indicate the beginning of a new section within the parsha.

Rav Chaim Shmuelevitz explains that Parsha Vayeitzei contains a number of subplots: Yaakov's flight from Esav, Yaakov's dealings with his tricky father-in-law Lavan, Yaakov's relationship with his wives Rochel and Leah, as well as the interactions between the two women, the birth of the tribes, and Yaakov's flight from Lavan back to the land of his parents. When examining any one of these episodes in its own light, a number of difficult and apparently unanswerable questions present themselves.

The Torah intentionally structured Parshas Vayeitzei as one long and continuously unfolding narrative to teach that it is impossible to split up the various events contained therein, and judge or evaluate any of them in a vacuum. Rather, each episode is just one piece of a much larger picture, one which can only begin to be understood when one steps back and views it using in the context of the bigger picture.

The Darkei Mussar relates a profound story about a Chassidic Rebbe – the Yaroslover – who merited to live until well past the age of 100. When he was once asked in what merit he had enjoyed such a long and healthy life, he responded with words packed with wisdom: “Do not think that I've had an easy life. I've had my share of difficulties and pain just like everybody else. If anything, because I've lived longer, I've had more occasions and opportunities to suffer. It would have been very easy and natural to complain to Hashem, ‘Why did this have to happen? And why couldn't that have turned out differently?’ But I was afraid that if I began demanding a justification and explanation of Hashem's ways, the Heavenly Court would say, ‘If this Rabbi wants answers so badly, let's call him up here and give them to him!’ So, I never asked any of these types of questions. I didn't have any more answers than anybody else, but

because I never asked, they let me stay down here for quite some time!”

As the Torah was written for all generations, the lessons contained therein are applicable to every person throughout the ages. The lesson of needing to view events in the context of a larger perspective must be extrapolated to the situations which occur in each of our lives. We must realize that although we don't always immediately understand the ways of Hashem, we nevertheless must trust that everything that happens is part of His larger master plan, which one day, we will merit to understand.

#### “G-d remembered Rochel; G-d hearkened to her and He opened her womb” (30:22)

The Torah tells us that Elokim remembered the barren Rochel, and He heard her prayers and He opened her womb. Rav Avraham Yaakov Pam questions the usage of the word Elokim, which corresponds to the Divine attribute of strict justice, when it should presumably have used the name Hashem, which reflects His attribute of mercy?

Rav Pam explains that Rochel was indeed barren, and according to the laws of nature, should not have had any children. However, when she gave the *simanim* to her sister Leah so as not to embarrass her, she created such a tremendous merit for herself that Hashem's sense of justice ultimately was compelled to change nature, make a miracle, and reward her with a child which she otherwise would not have had.

Imagine, writes Rav Elya Ber Wachtfogel, how Rochel must have felt. On the day of her wedding that she had been looking forward to for seven full years, she found out that her father was replacing her with her older sister. In a moment of pure selflessness, she managed to place her sister's consideration before her very own. However, she was sure that the act she was committing would doom her never to marry Yaakov and certainly to bear the holy *shevatim* from him.

In Heaven, however, the reality was a bit different. Had she gone ahead and married Yaakov, as was her right to do, she would have had a beautiful marriage, but unbeknownst to her, she was barren and would never have had any children from him. It was specifically through this act which appeared to destroy any chance she would have of having the children she so badly wanted that she generated for herself a merit which would change her fate and that of the Jewish people.

Similarly, Chazal teach that at the time of the Akeidah, when he was bound on top of the altar and his father was holding the knife and poised to slaughter him, Yitzchak was overcome by fear to the point that his soul literally left him, and only a miracle brought him back to life. A little-known fact is that the

Zohar HaKadosh states, Yitzchak had been born with a female *neshamah* which was incapable of reproducing. The soul which was returned to him, however, was a new one, that of a male.

The Shelah HaKadosh derives from here a beautiful lesson: as he went to the Akeidah, Avraham Avinu surely thought that he was about to doom the future of the Jewish people when he would sacrifice his only Jewish offspring. He was willing to do so, as that was the test which Hashem had given him, yet it seemed that he would have no Jewish descendants as a result.

In reality, Hashem knew that without the Akeidah, were Yitzchak to marry, they would be incapable of having children. The reason Rivkah wasn't born until the time of the Akeidah (see Rashi Bereishis 22:20), was that until that time, Yitzchak was incapable of having children from her or from anyone else. The exact episode which seemed so clearly destined to eradicate the future of the Jews was instead the precise mechanism which enabled their continuation, for one never loses out from a mitzvah!

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### Yaakov's Prophetic Dream

Parshas Vayeitzei begins with Yaakov leaving his home in Be'er-Sheva and heading to Charan. Why does the Torah tell us from where Yaakov left in order to tell us where he was going? It would have sufficed to say, “And Yaakov went to Charan,” but the Torah is informing us of something important by mentioning his departure from Be'er-Sheva. Rashi writes: “The departure of a righteous person from a place makes an impression, for the time a righteous person is in a city, he is its magnificence, he is its splendor, he is its grandeur. Once he has departed from there, its magnificence has gone away, its splendor has gone away, its grandeur has gone away.” The Netziv offers a different explanation of this seemingly superfluous phrase by stating that Yaakov traveled to Charan for two reasons: first, he went in fulfillment of his mother's command to flee from Esav, who was intent on killing him; second, he went to fulfill his father's command to marry one of the daughters of Lavan. Thus, Yaakov “departed from Be'er-Sheva” to fulfill the command of Rivka, and “went toward Charan” to fulfill the command of Yitzchak, thereby also fulfilling the mitzvah of *kibud av v'eim*.

The Midrash teaches that once Yaakov reached Charan, he suddenly realized that he had passed by Har HaMoriah and had not stopped to daven in the place which both his father Yitzchak and grandfather Avraham perceived to be a holy place. This was the very

spot where Avraham first settled after leaving Ur Kasdim and built a *mizbeiach* to daven to Hashem; Yitzchak was brought there as an offering at the Akeidah, and also davened in "the place." Once Yaakov decided to return there to daven himself, the Midrash states that the land "folded" itself, and the long journey took only a few minutes, and Yaakov soon "encountered the place" (Bereishis 28:11). The Gemara also states that as Yaakov decided to return and daven, the earth miraculously contracted, and he suddenly found himself at Har HaMoriah (Chullin 91b). Rashi identifies this as "the place" that has been mentioned elsewhere – "This is Har HaMoriah. It was on Har HaMoriah where Yaakov had his prophetic dream of the ladder."

"And he dreamt... a ladder was set earthward and its top reached heavenward; and behold! angels of G-d were ascending and descending on it" (ibid. 28:12). Rashi points out that since angels are heavenly beings, one would have expected Yaakov to see them first descending from heaven and then re-ascending. Why did Yaakov witness the very opposite scene? Rashi explains that the angels who carry out G-d's will inside Eretz Yisroel differ from those who function outside of the Land. As Yaakov prepared to leave Be'er-Sheva, the angels who had accompanied him returned to heaven, and the ones that would protect him in Charan then descended to earth.

The Midrash (Bereishis Rabbah), however, offers a different approach: Yaakov was shown the *Sar* (guardian angel) of the four kingdoms that would ascend to dominate Israel, leading to the four exiles of Klal Yisroel. Yaakov saw each angel climbing the number of rungs corresponding to the years of its dominion, and then descending as its reign ended: Bavel's angel climbed seventy rungs and then went

down; Media's angel, fifty-two; Yavan's, one-hundred-thirty. But the last angel, the angel of Edom, kept climbing indefinitely, symbolizing our current *galus*, which seems to be endless (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

Seeing that he was terrified by the last angel, the *Sar* of Edom, Hashem appeared to Yaakov "standing over him" and assured him, "Behold, I am with you; I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this soil; for I will not forsake you..." (ibid. 28:15). Rashi remarks that Hashem said, "I am with you" because Yaakov was afraid of Esav and of Lavan. Gur Aryeh explains that only Yaakov received this assurance, but not Avraham nor Yitzchak, because they did not have enemies as vicious as Yaakov's. Although the *galus* of Edom has been long and hostile, we can rest assured that it will come to an end, as the pasuk concludes: "I will not forsake you until I will have done what I have spoken about you" (ibid. 28:15), Hashem's promise to Yaakov that, "you shall spread out powerfully westward, eastward, northward and southward; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and by your offspring" (ibid. 28:14) is Hashem's guarantee that this *galus* will eventually end, and Klal Yisroel will prevail over the nations of the world. May we all be zoche to bear witness to Hashem's eternal promise to Yaakov, and see the end of our long and desperate *galus*. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### 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 28:** Nefesh b'Nefesh Fall Aliyah Fair is coming to Baltimore from 5 to 9 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton Baltimore North. Meet with Israeli professionals, attend informational sessions, and get step-by-step guidance from the experts. For more info, see <http://www.nbn.org.il/fairs/>.
- **December 9:** "NWCP 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception," 8 pm at Bnei Jacob/Sharei Zion. Elegant buffet reception including a delicious variety of fish, pasta, soup, salad, and dessert. Donation - \$50 per person; reservations by Nov. 29. For information and reservations, please call 410-664-6927 ext. 8 or email [rsvp@nwcp.info](mailto:rsvp@nwcp.info).
- **January 20:** A Night of Entertainment to benefit the children of Shoresh at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall featuring the death-defying stunts of the comedic duo, The Passing Zone, beginning at 9:45 pm. Amazing Chinese auction will be held at the event. General admission tickets are \$36 and can be purchased through the Meyerhoff at [www.bsomusic.org](http://www.bsomusic.org); sponsor tickets of \$180 or more include pre-show dairy reception with open bar, and may be purchased at [www.shoresh.com](http://www.shoresh.com). For any questions, please call 410-358-8571 or e-mail [shoresh@shoresh.com](mailto:shoresh@shoresh.com).

### Men's Beis Medrash

#### 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

### Coming Up

- **December 10:** Pre-Chanukah Program- "A Walking Tour of the Third Beis Hamikdash" by Yoav Elan at 8 pm

### Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah

### **PUSHKA CAMPAIGN** Participants:

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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Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger  
Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock  
Shlomo and Miriam Schor  
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- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L' Ori bas Nachas
- Mordecai Zev Margolese, Mordechai Zev ben Rivka Rochel

## 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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org). 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](mailto: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](mailto:seforim@tiferesyisroel.org).  
 Siddur \$50  
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 Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

**Tehillim G'mach.** The Sefer Tehillim can be said for an emergency situation R"L. Please call Leah 410-764-6252 or Judy 443-660-7650

## TY SHIURIM SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim are for MEN.)

**Sunday:**  
 9:10-9:55 am: Men's Gemara Chagigah shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis.  
 10:00-10:45 am: Women's Tehillim gathering with Rebbetzin Bracha for cholim in the Nancy Taffel Annex.  
 8:00-9:00 pm: Women's shiur in Sefer Melachim Aleph with mefarshim with Rabbi Goldberger in the Nancy Taffel Annex.

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 7:45 pm: Shulchan Aruch with Jay Taffel.

**Thursday:**  
 8:00 pm: Dynamic Parsha Insights - Add content to your Shabbos Table with Rabbi Dovid Jaffe.

**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!

**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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*Good Shabbos!*

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