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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 4:15 pm  
Maariv: 5:45 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 5:56 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha Maariv: 4:30 pm

**Monday-Tuesday- Rosh Chodesh**

Shacharis: 6:25 am  
Menorah followed by Maariv: 5:30 pm  
Men's Beis Medrash Learning: 8:00 pm

**Wednesday-Thursday**

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

**Next Shabbos- Vayigash**

Candle Lighting: 4:29 pm  
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm

**This Shabbos**

- Boys' Beis Medrash after krias haTorah
- 7-8 pm: Kol HaNaarim Learning

**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. This week's topic: "Credit, Credit Cards and Credit Scores."

**TY Chanukah Carnival**

Come join the fun this Sunday at the annual shul Chanukah Carnival from 12 to 3 pm, featuring games, arts and crafts, face painting,

and much, much more. Prizes will be raffled off at the end; food and refreshments will be provided. A suggested donation of \$5 per family is appreciated. To help sponsor, go to the Events page on the shul website.

**Taharas HaMishpacha**

Come join Rebbetzin Bracha's four-part Monday night shiur, "Review of Taharas HaMishpacha" from 8 to 9 pm; the shiur will run through December 25. All women are welcome 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! Each motsei Shabbos, the shul will be hosting winter Kol HaNaarim in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7 to 8 pm. For more info, please contact R' Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com.

**TY Sisterhood Sale**

The Sisterhood is selling The Balabusta's Daily Organizer. It is a great planner and makes a wonderful Chanukah present for women. The desktop edition is \$17.95; the pocket edition is \$15.95. Please contact Elka Rottman at elkarottman@gmail.com or 410-358-5427 to order one. Please make all checks out to TY Sisterhood.

**Upcoming Elections**

Come witness the wheels of democracy turn as we elect a new board of shul officers. All Family and Individual members are invited to come vote next Sunday, December 24, at 11 am, down in the Simcha Hall. Here's the lineup:  
Binny Margolese, President  
Stuart Macklin, Vice President  
Shlomo Goldberger, Programming

Yaakov Gur, Treasurer  
Dov Pear, Past President

Tiferes Yisroel prides itself on inclusion, participation and fellowship; your vote, your voice and your input are essential to the ongoing vitality of our unique kehilla. Coffee and donuts will be served – see you there!

**Mazel Tov to**

- Dr. Nisan Blaxberg on the engagement of his son, Zephani, to Mollye Lipton. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Rabbi Yitzchok Lowenbraun on the marriage of his son, Shloime, to Leah Schoemann, daughter of Danny and Naomi Schoemann, in Eretz Yisrael. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Rabbi Osher and Avivah Werner on the engagement of their daughter, Tehila, to Meir Samberg, of Memphis. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

**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

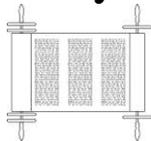
**Thursday:**

- 8:00 - 8:45 pm: Dynamic Parsha Insights - Add Content to your Shabbos Table! with Rabbi Dovid Jaffe

**This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:**

The outgoing shul officers/board members: Dov Pear, Saul Passe, Lev Avraham Rosenstock, Louis Feinstein and Ari Blum. Thank you and yasher koach for several years of dedicated service to the Rabbi, the shul and the kehillah.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Mikeitz

## Weekly “What’s Your Shailah?” with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger

**Question:** I am leaving for the airport the afternoon of the first day of Chanukah. I will not arrive at my destination until the next morning. Can I instruct someone to light Chanukah *neiros* at my house for me?

**Answer:** We addressed a similar question at the beginning of last summer regarding Shabbos *neiros*, but we will readdress it here in honor of Chanukah. The bottom line is that this is subject to dispute amongst the poskim, and it is therefore questionable whether having someone else light for you is a good solution. It would seem to me that it is not a solution; however, if that is your only option, it’s worth the effort, but the person lighting should not say a bracha.

The underlying premise of my response is that the mitzvah to light Chanukah *neiros* is like mitzvos of other Yomim Tovim. They are an obligation on a person to perform a particular act. The nature of these mitzvos is to remember and connect to the miracles that happened at these times. When one is obligated to perform a mitzvah, he cannot appoint someone else in his place. No one can eat matzah for you or sit in the succah for you. Although someone else can blow the shofar or read the Megillah for you, you must be present to hear it. They are assisting you in the performance of the mitzvah, but they are not substituting for you, or acting as an agent on your behalf.

This is in contrast to other mitzvos which oblige one to do something to his possessions. Mezuzah is an example of such a mitzvah. There is an obligation that a mezuzah be affixed to the doorways of your home, but there is no obligation on you to personally affix the mezuzah. The mitzvah is to make sure that your doorways have mezuzos. Therefore, you can appoint someone to do it in your place. This is not so in the case of Chanukah. It is not an obligation to have your house in a certain state. It is an obligation for you to perform an act, and the place for that act is in your house (and some Rishonim seem to indicate that there is an obligation even for one who is homeless). The support for this statement is that one who owns multiple places of residence is obligated to light in only one of them (aside for *maris ayin*), while they would

have to affix a mezuzah on all places of residence. Furthermore, an overnight guest must contribute money towards the *neiros*. If it were only an obligation to have something done to the house, it should be sufficient that the host is lighting; there would be no necessity for the guest to contribute. Clearly, there is an obligation on the person himself. The house is merely a condition of how to perform the act, like leaning while eating matzah is a condition of the mitzvah of matzah.

One point which needs to be addressed is that we know that you don’t have to light the Chanukah *neiros* yourself. After all, one person can light for the entire household. It is a *hidur* to have everyone light, not an obligation. The response to this issue is that while it is true that we find that someone else can light for you, that person is always another member of the household. We don’t find the Gemara mention someone other than a member of the household lighting the *neiros* for you. The correct understanding seems to be that Chanukah is unique, and although the mitzvah is placed upon you and not on the house, Chazal considered all members of a household as one person. As the Gemara says, the mitzvah is “*ner ish ubeiso*” – one candle for the household. Therefore, any time we find discussion amongst the Rishonim about the possibility of having someone light on your behalf, this should be understood as a reference to another member of the household.

In truth, we find explicit allowance for appointing someone who is not a member of the household by Rabbeinu David in *Meseches Pesachim*, who makes a very important qualification: the agent can only make the bracha if he is lighting in your presence. He presents an extremely novel idea: the main obligation is for the owner of the house to provide for and prepare the materials for the menorah (i.e., the oil and wicks). The actual lighting is a component which can be done by someone else. It would be considered assisting you in the preparation of the menorah. We find a similar example in the case of shofar and Megillah. Therefore, he can only assist you when you are present, but not in your absence. The Acharonim (Bach, Magen Avraham, Pri Megadim, Mishna Brura, Kaf HaChaim and Aruch HaShulchan) who mention the menorah being lit by someone who is not a member of the household, made the same stipulation that the owner of the household must be present. (The poskim who allow lighting the menorah through a messenger have a different understanding of this stipulation.)

Therefore, every effort should be made to light a candle wherever you are that night. If this is truly not an option in the airport or airplane (please contact your local airport authority), then you should have someone light for you without a bracha. Additionally, you should bring a flashlight with you, since some

poskim hold you could be *yotzeh* with it, but again, you do not recite a bracha.

-Rabbi Yehuda Leib

## Parshas Mikeitz and Chanukah

The commentary for each parsha in the Artscroll Stone Chumash ends with a “Masoretic note” that lists the number of verses in the Sidrah; a mnemonic numerically corresponding to the gematria of a word or phrase that is somehow related to the parsha. Mikeitz is the only parsha in the entire Chumash where the Masoretic note lists a mnemonic for the number of words, not verses. Oddly enough, this mnemonic has nothing at all to do with Parshas Mikeitz; rather, it is an allusion to Chanukah.

According to Torah Temimah, Parshas Mikeitz almost always falls out on the Shabbos of Chanukah. There are 2025 words in Mikeitz. On each of the eight nights of Chanukah, we light a new *ner* (lamp). The word *ner*, נֵר, has the gematria of 250, and there are eight nights of Chanukah, giving us a total of 2000. Chanukah begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev. Thus, 2025 is an allusion to the lights and date of Chanukah.

## The Light of Chanukah

On the first day of Creation, the Torah states: “G-d said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. G-d saw that the light was good, and separated between the light and the darkness” (Bereishis 1:3-4). Rashi explains, according to the aggadah, that the light had to be stored away because it was too good to be used by the wicked (Gur Aryeh). Where was the light stored? We find a *remez* to the answer in our pasuk, “G-d saw that ‘the light’ was good...” The light, אֵת הָאוֹר, has the gematria of 613, alluding to the mitzvos of the Torah. Thus, the Almighty stored the light away in the Torah, and the way a Jew can access this light is through Torah and mitzvos.

Rabbi Goldberger once gave over a beautiful vort that suggests another way to gain access to this “supernal light,” the *ohr haganuz*- through the lights of Chanukah. The Bnei Yissaschar states that the light of the Chanukah menorah has the same quality as the *ohr haganuz*; that this Divine light lasted for thirty-six hours before G-d stored it away, which corresponds to the thirty-six candles that we light for the eight days of Chanukah. Each candle we light represents another hour that the supernal light of Creation shone brightly in the world before it was hidden away in the Torah. When we light the Chanukah menorah, we are actually bringing that light into the world and into our homes, to shine on Klal Yisroel. Just

as in the days of Mattisyahu and the Hasmoneans, we are living in dark times. Klal Yisroel is constantly struggling with the forces of evil, in both the physical and spiritual realms. Our struggle is not only for Yerushalayim and Eretz Yisroel, but a fight for the survival of the Jewish people and Torah values. We still very much live in a "Greek" culture, where Hellenism and hedonism prevail. As we stand on the threshold of Moshiach, we ask Hashem to once again shine His *ohr haganuz* on Klal Yisroel, and bring victory to our people. May we all be zoche to experience the supernal light of Creation, and may this Divine light usher in the coming of Moshiach, *b'yaw-meinu*. A gutten Shabbos and a freilichin Chanukah.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### Agudah Scrip Program at TY

Tiferes Yisroel is currently 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.

### JCS Community Services

JCS provides support groups for addiction, grief from loss of a loved one, adoption, caring for a loved one with dementia, Parkinson's, low vision, and many more. To learn more, visit their website at [www.jcsbaltimore.org](http://www.jcsbaltimore.org).

### 2017 Tax Contributions

Shul statements were sent out earlier this week. Please take advantage of your 2017

charitable tax deductions and bring your shul balance up to date by paying anything past due. For any questions regarding your account, please check online at the shul website or contact bookkeeper@tiferesyisroel.org.

### Chanukah Carnival Sponsors

A special thank you to this year's Chanukah Carnival sponsors, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger, in honor of the yahrzeit of Rebbetzin Bracha's brother, Yosef Ber Leib ben Aharon Eliezer, and Ari and Caryn Blum, l'iloy nishmas Leah Bas Herschel and Avraham Yitzchok Ben Abba.

### Yahrzeit Donations

- In memory of Isidore Benjamin Chaim Frank, by Glenna Ross

### 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.
- **December 17:** The Baltimore Holocaust Survivors and Descendants Group is hosting a Chanukah party featuring the Baltimore Klezmer Band, 12:00 pm at the Park Heights JCC. The cost of \$5.00 per person includes lunch and the program; dietary laws are observed.
- **December 17:** Celebrate Chanukah at the J with fun-filled activities for the entire family at Chanukah Wonderland, from 1 to 4 pm at the Park Heights JCC. Enjoy donut decorating, Chanukah arts and crafts, face

painting, an inflatable obstacle course, olive press demonstrations and much, much more! In partnership with Cheder Chabad and Chabad of Park Heights. \$18/family for members and Cheder families; \$25/family for guests. For more information, go to [jcc.org/ChanukahWonderland](http://jcc.org/ChanukahWonderland).

- **December 20:** The Chesed Fund and Project Ezra present the "1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Safety Expo," featuring a variety of vendors offering services and products related to safety and security. Many local community organizations are participating, including Shomrim, NWCP, Hatzalah, and Chaverim. The event will take place at Bnos Yisroel from 7:30 to 10:00 pm, and is free of charge.
- **December 21:** With great joy and gratitude to Hashem, Bnei Jacob Shaarei Zion invites the community to join in for a Hachnosas Sefer Torah at 6:00 pm, departing from the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Hauer, 6707 Western Run Drive.
- **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).

### Coming Up

- **December 17:** TY Chanukah Carnival 12 to 3 pm; \$5 suggested donation
- **December 23:** Camp Shabbos
- **December 24:** Election of new shul officers 11 am down in the Simcha Hall
- **January 6:** Camp Shabbos
- **January 13:** Aufruf for Yoni Ference. Kiddush following davening sponsored by Scott and Helayne Ference
- **January 20:** Aufruf for Yehoshua Blaxberg. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Nisan Blaxberg and MindaMeira Blaxberg

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### Yahrzeits

Giving tzedakah in the name of the departed has the power to elevate their soul. When you give

### **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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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



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If you are looking for a job or know of one at our office, please contact our shul liaison, David Sawilowsky at 804-350-2117, or Marthe Vidaver at Joblink at [marthe@joblink.com](mailto: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](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.



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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).

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### 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: Rambam Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel.

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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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