Celebrating our 32nd year 1986-2017

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

Taharas HaMishpacha
Come join Rebetzin 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 eliellevi@gmail.com.

TY Sisterhood Sale
The Sisterhood is selling The Balabusta’s Daily Organizer. It is a great planner 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.

Men’s Beis Medrash

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8:00-8:45 pm: Hilchos Chanukah with Rabbi Goldberger
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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.

Mazel Tov to
• Dr. Nisan Blaxberg on the engagement of his son, Zephan, 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.
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Welcome to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

Parshas Mikeitz/ 4th Day Chanukah

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

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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 kehilla.

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!

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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 posekim, 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 miracle that happened at these times. When one is obligated to perform a mitzvah, he cannot appoint someone else in his place. One cannot appoint someone else to do it in your place. 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 u-beiso” – 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 his Responsa. He states in the performance of the mitzvah, but they are not substituting for you, or acting as an agent on your behalf.

The Chachmei Meron state that while we should try to have everyone light, if that is your only option, it is still a good solution.

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 agaddah, 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, הָעֵרֶץ הָוהֵי, has the gematria of 613, alluding to the mitzvos of the Torah. Thus, the Almighty stored the light in the Torah, and the way a Jew can access this light is through Torah and mitzvos.

Rabbi Goldberger once gave a beautiful vort that suggests another way to gain access to this “supernal light,” the ohr haganuz – 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 Kial Yisroel. Just
as in the days of Mattisyahu and the Hasmonaeans, 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 ohv haganum on Klal Yisroel, and bring victory to our people. May we all be zochos to experience the supernal light of Creation, and may this Divine light usher in the coming of Moshiach, b’yan-meenu. 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 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.

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, Iluy 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.

December 20: The Chessed Fund and Project Ezra present the “1st 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 Shareli Zion invites the community to join in for a Hachnasas 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; sponsor tickets of $180 or more include pre-show dairy reception with open bar, and may be purchased at www.shoresh.com. For any questions, please call 410-358-8571 or e-mail 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

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 Mindi Meira Blaxberg

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
Mordechai Zev Margolese, Mordechai Yonah Bas 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.

Herman Albert Komenarsky, Chaim Eliahu ben Yechezkel HaLevi a"h, 28 Kislev, father of Fern Berkman
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George Silver, Yoel Bev a"h, 2 Teves, great-grandfather of Rebbezin Bracha Goldberger

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 respectfully request that our guests who are allergic to fragrances, or who are sensitive enough that they are unable to daven, we respectfully request that our guests please refrain from bringing peanut products into the Shul.

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. For availability, go to 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. Please check your donation to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

To sponsor Shemen Lamoar 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.

Siddur $80
Chumash $75
Yahrzeit Plaque $300
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:
10:00-10:45 am: Women’s Tehillim gathering with Rebbezin Bracha for cholin 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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Shabbos:
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!

After davening Friday night: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.
Bo’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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