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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 6:41-7:51 pm  
Friday Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 7:05 pm  
Maariv: 9:05 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 9:22 pm

**Sunday**

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

**Monday - Friday**

Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Shacharis-Rosh Chodesh (Tuesday): 6:20 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 8:00 pm

**Next Shabbos- Bamidbar**

Candle Lighting: 6:46-7:58 pm  
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

**This Shabbos**

- Boys Beis Medrash after krias haTorah
- 6:05 pm: Rabbi's Midrash Rabbah shiur
- Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Nisan Blaxberg in honor of his father's yahrzeit

**A Special Offer for Shul Members - Have You Wanted to Visit Israel, but Didn't Know Where to Stay? Free Lodging for TY Members!**

Have you thought about coming with your child for a bar/bat mitzvah trip? Want to simply explore Israel? Baruch Hashem, Yaakov and Batsheva Goldman have built a small guest house on their property in the hills of Ramat Beit Shemesh Aleph, and want to share it with the Tiferes Yisroel community. It sleeps 3 adults comfortably, or 2 adults and 3 kids, with full bathroom and kitchenette, and it's free -

just help them clean it up before you leave! 40 minutes by bus to central Jerusalem and 50 minutes to Tel Aviv; bus stop is out their back door. This is their way of giving back to the TY community; they're going to test it out and see how it goes. For more info, shul members can login to the shul website and click on the item under Upcoming Events to see the contact information.

**Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur**

Rabbi Goldberger is giving a weekly Shabbos shiur in Midrash Rabbah on Megillas Rus in the Main Shul. The shiur will begin one hour before Mincha; all men, women and teens are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Women's Tehillim**

The Women's Tehillim group meets every Sunday at 10:00 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited and encouraged to attend; we need your help to make this happen.

**Support Rabbi Goldberger's Team at JCN Race**

Help us support the Jewish Caring Network and the women who are running on Rabbi Goldberger's team by signing up to run or walk or by giving a donation to our team. Just go to <https://www.wizathon.com/jcn5krun-women/> and look for Rabbi Goldberger's team. For any questions, please contact our team captain, Chava Schwartz, at [chavadrive@gmail.com](mailto:chavadrive@gmail.com).

**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, followed by Men's Beis Medrash Learning, Monday through Thursday nights; 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.

**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.

**Mazel Tov to**

- Rabbi Yaakov and Shifra Novograd on the marriage of their daughter, Meira, to Yekusiel Gold. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Morty and Beth Tenenbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Menachem and Elana Tenenbaum. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

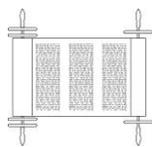
**New Davening and Learning Schedule**

We are now davening Mincha/Maariv nightly beginning 10 minutes before shkia, followed by Men's Bais Medrash and learning with the Rabbi; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times. Friday night Mincha/Maariv begins at 7:00 pm each week throughout the summer until Sukkos. The Rabbi's Tuesday night shiur in Chassidus and Chassidic stories will continue right after Maariv for 45 minutes. All men are invited and encouraged to come join us each night for minyan and learning, to be part of our daily tefillah b'tzibbur.

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

Nisan Blaxberg in honor of the yahrzeit of his father, Benny Blaxberg, Baruch ben Mordechai, a"h. May this Shabbos bring his neshama an aliyah.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Behar/Bechukosai

By Rabbi A. Leib Scheinbaum

#### "If you will follow My decrees" (26:3)

Rashi interprets "following" in Hashem's decree as, *Shetiheyu ameilim baTorah*, "You will toil in Torah; engage in intensive Torah study." If one studies Torah in a lackadaisical manner, it undermines the importance of Torah. One does not take chances; his mind will not wander when he is holding dynamite. He will be very careful. Likewise, one who lacks the respect for the Torah as manifest by his lack of intensity, will ultimately reject the Torah and everything for which it stands. Horav Michel Yehudah Lefkowitz, zl, was a gadol, Torah giant, whose ameilus, toil, was evident when he gave shiur, rendered his Torah lecture. He would sit on an old, rickety wooden chair and refuse to rest his arms on its armrests. When he reached the age of eighty, his students noticed that this was his practice even when not teaching. Wherever he sat, he refused to rest his arms on the armrest.

The Rosh Yeshivah once explained to his talmidim that reason for his refusal to "enjoy" such a simple pleasure as resting his arms. One of the Torah giants of the previous generation met another distinguished Torah scholar and presented to him a difficulty which he had regarding a passage in the Talmud. In no time, the other Torah scholar explained the difficulty in such a manner that it left the presenter dumbfounded. He had slaved over this Chazal, while his friend took one look and immediately illuminated the entire passage. Needless to say, he was troubled. He wondered: "Is there something wrong with my Torah study?"

Apparently, his anxiety showed, because the other scholar immediately said, "Why are you surprised that I had an answer, while you kept struggling with the passage? The reason is quite simple. You are a wealthy man, thus allowing for you to learn amid luxury: i.e. leather chairs, sturdy desks, warm, carpeted study. I, on the other hand, am poor, and, thus, compelled to sit on a shaky chair, writing on a broken table, in a cold, drafty room. When one studies Torah *mitoch ha'dchak*, amid strenuous, formidable circumstances, one merits to achieve a loftier level in Torah understanding and erudition." The talmidim now understood why their revered Rebbe

pushed himself so much. It was all about attaining greater heights in Torah achievement.

**"I will provide peace in the Land, and you will lie down with none to frighten you" (26:6)**

The blessing of peace, of Jews getting along with one another, is awesome - and also quite daunting. This is especially true when envy enters the equation. Jealousy is quite possibly the greatest catalyst for discord among fellows who "used to be" friends. One becomes jealous of the other, or, as often happens, a spouse becomes jealous, and by allowing one thing to lead to another, two friends, or even brothers, can suddenly be transformed into rivals, or worse - enemies. In addressing the above pasuk, the Ksav Sofer cites the Alshich Hakadosh in his commentary to Sefer Koheles 5:11, concerning the verse, "Sweet is the sleep of the laborer, whether he eats little or much; the satiety of the rich (however) does not let him sleep."

The Alshich explains that, unlike the wealthy- man, the fellow who is subject to a life of poverty at least sleeps well. Whether he goes to bed on an empty stomach or satiated, the poor man sleeps, since he has no worries to disturb his sleep and no anxieties creeping to unnerve him. When one has nothing, he has nothing to lose, and therefore nothing to worry about.

Not so for his wealthy neighbor - he has difficulty falling asleep. What is keeping him awake? His friend's wealth! "Why does he have more than I?" This causes the wealthy man to be anxious, to interrupt his good night's sleep. One may have all that he will ever need, but if his neighbor has more, then he cannot sleep peacefully.

Thus, explains the Ksav Sofer, the Torah offers a blessing: Peace, that wonderful blessing which eludes so many. There will no longer be any jealousy, so the wealthy man can sleep peacefully because he will not be jealous of his neighbor's success. When there is peace, everyone sleeps.

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### Yaakov, Yitzchak and Avraham

Parshas Bechukosai begins with a brief description of the blessings that await the Jewish people if they conform to G-d's statutes and ordinances and fulfill His commandments. Following these verses is the *תוכחה*, the Admonitions, a heartrending and sobering account of punishments and curses that will befall the Jewish people if they neglect

Hashem's Torah and fail to observe His commandments. The Torah describes five "series" of punishments to be fulfilled, each series more harrowing and agonizing than the last, as Hashem repeatedly promises to punish "seven ways for your sins." In the commentary on the *תוכחה*, Artscroll writes: "If the Jewish people do not live up to their obligations as the Chosen People, they will fall from the blessed state promised them above, and become the victim of the horrendous punishments described below. These are not meant as revenge, but to influence the people to repent, and for that reason they are inflicted in stages of increasing severity." According to Rashi, following Sifra, the number [seven] is literal, meaning that the sin was composed of seven components and was punished *middah keneged middah*, in seven ways.

The chapter reaches its climax by describing Israel's ultimate confession and repentance, which will invoke Hashem's mercy and bring forgiveness and salvation to the Jewish people. A close look at Jewish history [the twentieth century in particular] reveals that the punishments and curses of the *תוכחה* have indeed been fulfilled. Just as the curses have come, so, too, the final blessings will come, for the final words are G-d's irrevocable oath that He will remember His covenant with the Avos and redeem His children: "I will remember My covenant with Yaakov and also My covenant with Yitzchak, and also My covenant with Avraham I will remember" (Vayikra 26:42).

The Dubno Maggid states that this verse presents two difficulties: 1- Why does this verse appear in the middle of the portion of the Admonitions? 2- Why are the Avos listed here in reverse order? He answers with the following *mashal*: Two men accused of theft were brought before a judge. The judge asked the first man for his name and his father's name. When the judge heard who the father was, he said, "I knew your father well- he was a thief just like you. More than once he was brought before me to be tried. I sentence you to three years in prison." The second man was also asked his name and his father's name. When the judge heard who this man's father was, he replied, "I knew your father as well. He was a great rabbi and tzaddik. I hereby sentence you to four years in prison." "Why," asked the second defendant, "are you being more stringent with me than my friend?" "Your friend," responded the judge, "was raised in a family of thieves, and learned how to be crooked and dishonest. You, on the other hand, come from a family of rabbis and were educated properly. You should have known better and, therefore, deserve a more severe penalty." The prosecutor then stood up and said, "Your honor, in my opinion, this man deserves an even stricter sentence. For it was not only his father that was a rabbi; his

grandfather and great-grandfather were all distinguished rabbis as well.”

So it is in our case, concluded the Maggid: “This verse comes in the middle of the תּוֹכַחָה because it, too, is part of the rebuke for the Children of Israel. How can the Jewish people sin when they herald from the great Yaakov Avinu? But they are not only the children of Yaakov, but also the grandchildren of Yitzchak, and the great-grandchildren of Avraham. To hail from such greatness, and yet sin, demands a very harsh punishment indeed!”

R' Shmelke of Nikolsburg explains the reverse order of the Avos in our verse from a different approach. He connects the order of the Avos to the Mishnah: “The world depends on three things - on Torah study, on the service [of G-d], and upon acts of loving-kindness” (Avos 1:2). The rebbe states that each of the Avos personifies a different character trait: “Yaakov embodied Torah study; he was a ‘wholesome man abiding in tents’ (Bereishis 25:27) who studied Torah in the yeshivah of Shem and Ever. Yitzchak, who had been bound to an altar, represented the service of Hashem. Avraham, the paradigm of hospitality, represented the trait of loving-kindness.” The order in which our verse lists the Avos corresponds to the order used by Chazal to enumerate the three things upon which the world depends – Torah, *avodah*, and *gemilas chassadim*.

Rashi states that the Avos were listed in reverse order, as if to say that Yaakov is alone sufficient [that Israel should be redeemed through his merit], and if he is not sufficient, see now, that Yitzchak is with him, and if he is not sufficient, see now, that Avraham is with him, for he is sufficient (Toras Kohanim 8:6). Rashi adds that in five places Yaakov’s name is spelled with a נ [יעקוב], while Eliyahu’s

name is written five times without its נ. He explains that Yaakov took the letter נ from Eliyahu as security, so that [Eliyahu] will come and herald in the Final Redemption of [Yaakov’s] children.

May we all be zoche to witness the end of the punishments and curses of the תּוֹכַחָה and in the merit of the Avos, the ushering in of the Era of Moshiach and the Final Redemption *b’yaw-meinu*. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

## Community

- **Orioles Skybox Seats** at great prices to benefit Project Ezra. Contact Frank Storch for more information at 410-340-1000 or chesedfund@gmail.com.
- **May 14:** N’shei presents Rabbi Yisroel Roll speaking on the subject of “Kabbalas HaTorah as a Personal Experience, Making Torah Real” The shiur is free for all members of the community (men and women) and will take place at 3209 Fallstaff Road (behind Frank Storch’s house) beginning at 8:30 pm.
- **May 16:** The entire community is invited to a lecture by Rabbi Yisroel Reisman, Rosh Ha’Yeshiva Yeshivas Torah Vo’dath / Rov, Agudas Yisroel of Madison a 8:30 pm at Shomrei Emunah.
- **May 31:** Jewish Community Services will be hosting their 10th annual meeting with special program, “Embracing Our Elders as a Caring Community,” with a panel discussion on “Strategies for Navigating Care of Your Loved One” from 4:30 to 6:30 at Beth Tfiloh Congregation. For more info or questions, please call 410-843-7406.
- **June 3:** JCN Women’s 5K Care Run/Walk at the Maryland Zoo beginning at 8 am. Raise

\$100 or more by April 20 to receive a free JCN race shirt; raise \$360 or more by June 1 to receive a free JCN sweatshirt. To register or make a donation online, go to [www.wizathon.com/jcn5krun-women](http://www.wizathon.com/jcn5krun-women).

- **June 17:** JCN Men’s 5K Care Run/Walk at the Timonium Fairgrounds beginning at 6:30 pm. Raise \$100 or more by May 6 to receive a free race shirt; raise \$360 or more for a free ticket to the VIP BBQ (see website for details). To register or make a donation, please visit [www.jewishcaringnetwork.org](http://www.jewishcaringnetwork.org) or call 410-635-0210.

## Shul Pushka Challenge

Donations toward 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.
- Make a donation online and select “Pushka.”

## Halfway to Sinai

Another Halfway to Sinai Season will begin on Shabbos, May 26, and continue through Simchas Torah. 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 information please call 410-299-5921.

## Yizkor Donations

- Talia Raun

## Coming Up

- **May 20:** Cheesecake Kiddush following early davening (6 am-ish).
- **May 21:** Shul Kiddush following davening in honor of Shavuot and the Rabbi’s new FOCUS initiative.
- **June 9:** Aufruf for Josh Eastman; kiddush following davening
- **June 16:** Shalosh Seudos/Sheva Brachos in honor of the marriage of Josh Eastman and Sima Lowenthal

## Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle 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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## 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.

Alfred Kirschner, Eliyahu ben Dov Ber a"h, 27 Iyar, father of Bina Kahn

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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 with Rebbetzin Bracha for cholim in the Annex.

### Monday:

After Maariv: Rambam Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel.

### Tuesday:

After Maariv: Chassidus and Chassidic stories (Malchus Shlomo) with Rabbi Goldberger.

### Wednesday:

After Maariv: Shulchan Aruch with Jay Taffel.

9:00 pm: Sefer Taamei HaMinhagim with Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger.

### Thursday:

After Maariv: Men's Beis Medrash

### 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.

One hour before Mincha shiur in Midrash Rabbah on Megillas Rus with Rabbi Goldberger.

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*Good Shabbos!*

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