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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

<b>Friday</b>	
Candle Lighting:	5:08 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	5:10 pm
<b>Shabbos Day</b>	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	4:40 pm
Maariv:	6:25 pm
Shabbos is over after:	6:39 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	5:10 pm
<b>Monday- Friday</b>	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
*Rosh Chodesh (Tues/Wed):	6:25 am
Maariv:	8:15 pm
<b>Next Shabbos – Terumah</b>	
Candle Lighting:	5:17 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	5:20 pm

**This Shabbos**

- 7:30 pm: Kol HaNaarim Learning

**Shul Security Alert**

- **We are currently using one entrance and exit for regular use. That door is the front door (facing Park Heights Avenue).** All other doors will be locked. If you do enter or exit through a locked door, please make sure to lock it afterward.
- **If you see something, say something** to any of the board members, and they will happily assess any situation that you feel is unsettling that might prove a security issue.
- **We have installed cameras** throughout the inside and outside of the building.
- **We have improved the lighting** around the building.
- **We have installed a panic button alarm system.** In the event of an emergency, we can

push this button, and the police will automatically be dispatched.

- **We have installed new fencing** around the playground and back perimeter of the shul.

**Women's Navi Shiur**

This is the final week that Rabbi Goldberger's Sunday night women's Navi shiur will be held on Tuesday night, 7:30 to 8:15 pm, in the Nancy Taffel Annex.

**New Members**

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel welcomes our newest members, Ezra and Chavah Chernobelskiy. Welcome to the TY family!

**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. Winter **Maariv** only at 8:15 pm, 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.

**Online Shiurim**

We are continuing to build our audio library of shiurim by Rabbi Goldberger, particularly those on Sfas Emes. Log on and listen to them at our Audio Library Archive under Shiurim and Classes.

**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

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**Women's Tehillim**

Women's Tehillim group meets on Sundays at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited and encouraged 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 motzei Shabbos, the shul will be hosting Kol HaNaarim in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

**Mazel Tov to**

- Josh and Gitty Meles on the birth and naming of a baby girl, Zehava Talia. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**Winter Davening and Shiurim**

Our weekly Maariv-only minyan has resumed, Monday through Thursday nights at 8:15 pm, followed by Beis Medrash learning from 8:30 until 9:15 pm.

Monday nights, Rambam's Sefer Zemanim after Maariv with Jay Taffel.

Tuesday nights, we continue our shiur for men in the Malchus Shlomo at 8:30 pm with Rabbi Goldberger.

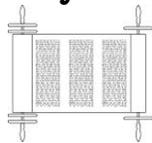
Wednesday nights, a shiur in Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel at 7 pm.

Thursday nights, "Parsha Preview," from 8:30 to 8:50 pm. This shiur will be given each week by a rotating group of young rabbis who will offer insights on the weekly parsha.

Sunday nights, women's Navi shiur at 8:00 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex with Rabbi Goldberger.

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

Bernie and Yonah Miriam Schulman, with gratitude and appreciation, thank the many helpful members of the community: Don Brody, Saul Passe, Fred Petersen and Alisa Mandel, Ariel Goodman, Betzalel Huff, and Scott Parsowith. Thank you for your chesed.

**Weekly Parsha****Parshas Mishpatim****Seeing the People behind the Pages**

**“If you will lend money to My people, to the poor person who is with you, do not act toward him as a creditor; do not place interest upon him” (22:24)**

The Torah expresses the obligation of lending money to our fellow Jews in a seemingly strange way. Instead of saying, “When you will lend money...” it says, “If you will lend money...” Rashi is bothered by this because the word “if” usually connotes an optional choice, but lending money to our fellow Jews is unquestionably mandatory. Consequently, why does the Torah use the word “if” (*em*) instead of the word “when” (*k’asher*)?

Rashi answers our question by citing the Tanna Rebbe Yishmael. He tells us that all uses of the word “if” in the Torah imply a voluntary act except three, and this is one of them. The other two instances where mitzvos are written with the word “if” involve building a mizbe’ach of stones and giving a mincha offering of bikurim. Nevertheless, we are still left wondering why the Torah did not write these three exceptions with obligatory language in the first place.

The Maharal, in the Gur Aryeh on Shemos 20:22, explains that if the Torah wrote these mitzvos in the language of an obligation, then a person would do them as though he were merely fulfilling the decree of a king, and that is not what Hashem wants from us. Leaving aside why the Torah singles out these three particular mitzvos, if we simply perform mitzvos because we are told to do so, then we are missing the point. This, the Maharal reveals, is not *avodah*, and loaning money solely to fulfill the decree of Hashem does not even count as a mitzvah at all. Instead, we need to humanize the mitzvos and put our hearts into them. We must loan money to our fellow Jews and do chessed not only because Hashem said so, but also because we deeply care about the people we are helping.

Parshas Mishpatim discusses so many halachos and mitzvos *bein adam l’chaveiro*, and we can get caught up in the intellectual nuances and dialectics surrounding them. If we are not careful, we can easily forget that they involve real human beings with neshamos and improperly reduce the entire parsha down to

nothing but stodgy legal precedents in some stale casebook. In reality, all of the various laws between man and man in the parsha are a clarion call to cultivate compassion for one another.

When we fail to emotionalize *bein adam l’chaveiro* mitzvos, we are robbing ourselves of a genuine opportunity to improve our character. However, if we endeavor to see the people behind the pages of each case and decision in parshas Mishpatim, we can improve our ability to empathize with others and enhance our ahavas Yisrael. Performing mitzvos because Hashem told us to do them must be our starting place, but this intellectual beginning cannot be where we finish. If it is, we run the risk of missing out on a core feature of why the Almighty has asked us to do mitzvos.

We should be zoche to do *chesed* with a *lev tov*, put our hearts and emotions into our mitzvos observance, and sincerely care for every member of Klal Yisrael.

*-Bob Barocas*

**An Angel of Hashem**

In this week’s parsha, Moshe teaches the people the “mishpatim,” the civil laws between man and his fellow: “And these (ואלה) are the “mishpatim” that you shall place before them” (Shemos 21:1). Rashi states, “Whenever it says ואלה, and these, in the Torah, it adds on to that which has been stated previously. Thus, ואלה of this verse implies, just as the Ten Commandments [which have been stated previously] are from Sinai, so, too, these commandments that the Torah is about to state are from Sinai.” Thus, Rashi suggests that Mishpatim is a continuation of Yisro; Moshe received the *complete* Torah at Har Sinai in last week’s parsha, and is now relating the intricacies of civil law to the Jewish people in our parsha.

Immediately following the sections of civil law and the three Festivals, the Torah states: “Behold! I send an angel before you to protect you... and to bring you to the place [Eretz Yisroel] that I have made ready. Beware... hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not forgive your willful sin – for My Name is within him” (Shemos 23: 20-21). The Malbim notes that this section of the Torah has puzzled all the great commentators, who, try as they might, were at a loss to explain it adequately. Artscroll states that the phrase “I send an angel” was G-d alluding to the future sin of the Golden Calf, where He told Moshe (ibid. 33:2) that He would withdraw His Presence from klal Yisroel and send an angel to lead them into the Land (Rashi). The Ramban notes that this prophecy was not fulfilled in Moshe’s lifetime, for Moshe

pleaded with Hashem to not withdraw His Presence from the people, and He acceded to his request (ibid. 33:15-17).

After Moshe’s death, however, an angel of Hashem appeared to Yehoshua and identified himself as the head of Hashem’s legion, as it is written: “It was when Yehoshua was in Yericho that he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold! A man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand. Yehoshua went... and said to him, ‘Are you for us or for our enemies?’ And he said, ‘No, I am the commander of the Host of Hashem; now I have come.’ Yehoshua fell before him to the ground and prostrated himself” (Yehoshua 5: 13-14). This was the angel who had been held in abeyance during Moshe’s lifetime, but was dispatched to lead klal Yisroel after his death (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

In an esoteric interpretation, the Ramban and the Ohr HaChaim comment that the angel spoken of in this verse (23:20) was not the one that Hashem announced after the sin of the Golden Calf. Rather, this was the loftiest of all angels, the one through whom Hashem guided and protected the Avos, and the one upon which He rests His Name (23:21), the highest manifestation of His Presence. Ibn Ezra, too, comments that this was an august angel that was to bring the nation into Eretz Yisroel while the Yidden were still in their lofty state, before the sin of the Golden Calf (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

After the sin of the Golden Calf, Hashem tells Moshe: “I shall send an angel ahead of you, and I shall drive out the Canaanite... because I shall not ascend among you... lest I annihilate you on the way. The people heard this bad tidings and they became grief stricken” (Shemos 33:2-4). Several pasukim later, Moshe pleads with Hashem for Him, and not an angel, to lead them through the *Midbar*: “If Your Presence does not go along, do not bring us forward from here, unless You accompany us” (ibid. 33:15), to which He responds: “My Presence will go and provide you rest... Even this thing of which you spoke I shall do, for you [Moshe] have found favor in My eyes, and I have known you by name” (ibid. 33:14,17).

The Malbim points out that the difficulty lies in the seeming contradictions between the section about the angel of Hashem in our parsha and the section in Ki Sisa following the sin of the Golden Calf. In both sections, Moshe is informed that not Hashem but rather an angel will be sent to lead klal Yisroel, yet the circumstances are quite different and contradictory. One of these contradictions poses an interesting question amongst the Meforshim: Why does Moshe not protest against the angel leading them in this week’s parsha, Mishpatim, whereas he does so adamantly in Parshas Ki Sisa? The Ramban answers this question by stating that being led by the angel in our parsha did not trouble him

because G-d had said that His Name would reside in [that angel]. In Ki Sisa, Moshe wanted to be reassured that the angel mentioned here would be that same angel [as was mentioned in Mishpatim], without a diminution of His closeness (Artscroll Stone Chumash). The Abarbanel writes in his sefer, *Ateres Zekeinim*, in which he examines all the commentaries written on this subject of the angel of Hashem: Here the angel was appointed to guide the Jewish people only while they were still in the *Midbar*, until they would enter Eretz Yisroel, a land singled out for Divine Providence, at which time Hashem Himself would lead them. While still in the *Midbar*, however, they were not yet fit for that high level of Divine Providence, and therefore an angel was appointed as their guide; but they did not mourn or protest about this because they were expecting to enter the Land right away, at which time they would come under the direct Providence of Hashem Himself.

The Malbim adds that the angel of Hashem designated to lead klal Yisroel in our parsha was an altogether higher reality than the one appointed after the sin of the Golden Calf; therefore, this type of angel was an appropriate guide for the nation before they sinned. Klal Yisroel had no reason to complain about being led by such an angel, nor did Moshe have any reason to beg Hashem to nullify this state of affairs. However, because of the lofty nature of this angel, the people had to be especially careful not to rebel or sin, as it is written: "Beware... hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not forgive your willful sin – for My Name is within him."

The Midrash (Shemos Rabbah 32:3) identifies this as the angel Metatron, as the Gemara (Sanhedrin 33b) states that "G-d's Name is in Metatron." Rashi notes that the

gematria of Metatron (מטטרון) is 314, the same as G-d's Name *Shakkai*, and explains that this name connotes sufficient power to supply the needs of everything in our world. The Ramban (to Shemos 12:12) adds that Metatron is the agent Hashem uses to accomplish all the deeds that are performed on earth. Thus, Hashem channels whatever is needed to supply the world through Metatron. The Gemara (Chagigah 15a) tells the story of how, upon entering the realm of PaRDeS (the "sublime Orchard"), Elisha ben Abuyah encountered Metatron, and because of the angel's exalted stature, he "reached beyond his mental grasp" and mistook Metatron for G-d. When he came out, he became Acher the heretic. Indeed, the Gemara in Sanhedrin expounds a verse as a warning not to exchange G-d for Metatron; this was the warning that Acher did not heed (ibid.). A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### Community

- **February 4:** CJE is offering an introduction to ASL class, Monday evenings in February at 7:30 pm. In four sessions you will learn basic vocabulary, grammar of ASL, beginning conversational skills, and introduction to deaf culture and community. For more information or to register, go to [www.cjebaltimore.org/event/intro-asl-2019](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/event/intro-asl-2019).
- **February 12:** The CJE Library will be hosting author Harriet Helfand and illustrator Ellen Kahan Zager. Come meet the authors and learn how the words of Torah inspired their new book, *And There Was Evening And There Was Morning*, from 7 to 8 pm in the CJE Library, 2nd floor Park Heights JCC. Event is free; registration is required at

[www.cjebaltimore.org/event/meet-authors-ellen-kahan-zager-and-harriet-cohen-helfand](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/event/meet-authors-ellen-kahan-zager-and-harriet-cohen-helfand).

- **February 12:** JDAIM movie night featuring the screening of "Anita," the story of a young woman with Down syndrome in Buenos Aires who is left alone and helpless after the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association is bombed. The film will be shown in the Community Room, Park Heights JCC from 7:30 to 9 pm. The event is free; registration is required at [www.cjebaltimore.org/event/jdaim-movie-night-anita](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/event/jdaim-movie-night-anita)
- **February 19:** Mariposa Parenting Class - In this eight-week series, learn Mariposa's approach to implementing five key skills that help children reduce stress, increase social-emotional competence, and develop the coping skills they need to be successful. Classes will take place Tuesday evenings, February 19 to April 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at the Park Heights JCC. Cost: \$54 per person/\$65 per couple. Register at [www.cjebaltimore.org/event/mariposa-parenting-series](http://www.cjebaltimore.org/event/mariposa-parenting-series).

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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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(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.

8:00 pm: Women's Navi shiur with Rabbi Goldberger

#### **Monday:**

After Maariv: Rambam's Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel.

#### **Tuesday:**

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

#### **Wednesday:**

7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel.

#### **Thursday:**

8:30-8:50 pm: Men's "Parsha Preview"

#### **Daily (Monday-Friday):**

5:45 am: Every morning before Shacharis, a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with Nesivos Shalom.

7:40 am: Every morning following davening - Dvar Halacha by Rabbi Goldberger and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger. With fresh hot coffee!

**\*Men's Beis Medrash, Monday-Thursday nights, from 8:15-9 pm**

#### **Shabbos:**

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

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