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Celebrating our 34th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 4:10 pm
Maariv: 5:40 pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:55 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 pm**Monday – Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Maariv: 8:00 pm**Next Shabbos – Vayeitzei**Candle Lighting: 4:25 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 pm**This Shabbos**

- 7:00 pm: Kol HaNaarim Learning

V'Sein Tal U'Matar

This Wednesday, December 4, please do not forget to insert "v'sein tal u'matar" into the bracha of "Bareich Aleinu" in your Shemoneh Esrei at Maariv.

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. **Weekday Maariv only at 8:00 pm with Men's Beis Medrash Learning, Monday through Thursday nights;** please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times for Sunday

Mincha/Maariv. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

Want to join the TY minyan WhatsApp group? It's easy! Simply sign up at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/6TfAlOjiOsr9oeavUy26PP>.

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! The shul is now hosting Kol HaNaarim Learning in the upstairs Beis Medrash from 7:00 to 7:30 pm; 7:30 to 8:00 pm pizza and prizes. To sponsor a week of learning, please go to the Donations page on the shul website. For more information, please contact Rabbi Elie Levi at elielevi@gmail.com.

Additional Sponsors

Thank you to the following additional sponsors for last week's Tzeisechem L'Shalom for the Weinbergs:

- Shulamis Heldoorn
- Ben and Renee Temin

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 Ben Temin at scrip@tiferesyisroel.org. Please pay by cash or check made out to Agudath Israel Charity Fund. Yasher koach to Eliyahu Weinberg who initiated and ran the program for the past few years.

Annual TY Chanukah Carnival

Mark your calendars - the TY Chanukah carnival will be Sunday, December 22, from noon to 3 pm in the downstairs Simcha Hall. The carnival will feature games, arts and crafts,

face painting, and much, much more. Prizes will be raffled off at the end. Food and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Admission is free; a suggested donation of \$5 per family is appreciated.

Mazel Tov to

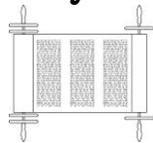
- Yonatan Grinberg and Hadassah Bauerle on their marriage. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Fred and Rena Levi on the birth of a grandson to Daniel and Shoshana Teichman in Eretz Yisroel. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Doniel and Yael Sait on the birth of a baby boy. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim Mazel tov to the grandparents, Dov and Tayna Goldstein; the great-grandparents, Fred and Rena Levi and Ruth Goldstein; and the great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Levi.

Winter Davening and Shiurim

We are now davening weekday Maariv only, Monday through Thursday, at 8:00 pm, with Men's Beis Medrash learning:

- Monday, 7 pm: Rambam's Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel. After Maariv, the Rambam's Hakdama L'peirush Ha'mishnayos with Rabbi Goldberger.
- Tuesday, after Maariv: Chassidus and Chassidic stories in the Malchus Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger
- Wednesday, 7 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel
- Thursday, after Maariv: Parsha Preview with Binyamin Gerstenfeld and a rotating group of rabbis, and fresh, hot kugel.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:
Rosh Chodesh Kislev.

Weekly Parsha**Parshas Toldos**

By Oizer Alport

**“Esav said to Yaakov, ‘Pour into me, now, some of that very red stuff’...”
(25:30)**

Parsha Toldos begins with the birth of Yitzchak’s twin sons, Yaakov and Esav. Shortly thereafter, the Torah records that one day, Esav came in from the field, tired and exhausted. He saw that Yaakov was cooking a lentil stew, and in his fatigued state, he begged Yaakov to feed him “the red food,” identifying it solely by its color and not even bothering to refer to it by its proper name.

Rav Mattisyahu Salomon relates that he was once in the house of Rav Elozar Menachem Shach and observed Rav Shach, who was well-known for giving candy to children, offering a lollipop to one of his grandchildren, adding, “You want a red one, right?” Rav Mattisyahu interjected, “Isn’t the Rosh Yeshiva encouraging him to be like Esav, who insisted that Yaakov feed him ‘the red food?’”

Rav Shach, who was capable of imparting valuable lessons and perspectives through even mundane conversations and actions, responded that there was a critical difference between the two cases. He explained that for a child living in a world of superficial dreams and imagination, preferring a shiny red lollipop is ordinary behavior. Children are only capable of appreciating the external appearance of an object, and there is no problem with recognizing this reality and interacting with them on their level.

The problem, Rav Shach continued, begins when an adult refuses to mature and elects to live his entire life in this shallow manner. As a person grows up, it is expected that his mind will mature as well, enabling him to see and appreciate an item’s internal value. When Esav requested that Yaakov provide him with “the red food,” he was demonstrating his singular focus on externality and his inability to concern himself with the actual content of the dish. Although most of us don’t spend our days pursuing red lollipops or red stew, Rav Shach’s message is still relevant to each of us. As children, we were drawn toward flash and superficiality, as could be expected of us at that time. However, as we age, it is imperative to transition to a more mature outlook and perspective, recognizing that people, possessions, and accomplishments should not

be judged by their external appearance, but by their deeper - and true - value.

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Something Wicked this Way Comes

Parshas Toldos begins with the birth of Yaakov and Esav, setting the course for the eternal struggle between *tov* and *rah*. After Rivkah’s conception, the Torah states: “The children agitated within her... and she went to inquire of Hashem. And Hashem said... ‘Two nations are in your womb; two regimes from your insides shall be separated’” (Bereishis 25:22-23). The Midrash explains that when Rivkah passed the yeshivah of Shem and Eiver, Yaakov “ran” and struggled to come forth; and when she passed a temple of *avodah zarah*, Esav “ran” and struggled to come forth (Bereishis Rabbah 63:6). Alternatively, Esav and Yaakov were struggling with one another and fighting over the inheritance of two worlds, *olam hazeh* and *Olam Habah* (Rashi; Yalkout Shimoni 110). Rashi states that Rivkah consulted with the *navi*, Shem, who could inquire of G-d on her behalf. Through Shem, G-d conveyed to her that the unborn infants represented two regimes [nations] and two conflicting ideologies – Israel and Edom, representing good and evil – and that the struggle in the womb symbolized the future rivalries between them. Thus, the turmoil within her was due to the irreconcilable conflict between the two nations that was already taking shape. Rashi adds: From when they are still in the womb, they are distinct - this one to his wickedness, and this one to his righteousness (Mizrachi).

It seems to me that Chazal is suggesting that from their inception, Yaakov was destined for righteousness and Esav for wickedness.

In order for the cosmos to remain balanced, this conflict between good and evil must always exist. We see this concept eternally represented by Yaakov and Esav. And so it was that when they grew up, the Torah states: “Esav became one who knows trapping, a man of the field; but Yaakov was a wholesome man, abiding in tents. Yitzchak loved Esav... but Rivkah loved Yaakov” (Bereishis 25:27-28). Until they grew up [reached the age of *bar mitzvah*], they were relatively similar to one another, and Esav’s pranks were attributed to childishness (Sifsei Chachamim). From the age of thirteen, however, the essential differences became apparent, with Esav turning to idols and Yaakov going to the study hall (Artscroll Stone Chumash). Esav became a hunter both literally and figuratively. He became adept at “trapping” his father by asking questions that

would make him appear to be unusually pious. He would ask, for example, how tithes should be taken from salt and straw, although he knew perfectly well that they were not subject to tithes (Rashi). And he gained his father’s love by serving him [by “hunting game to put in his mouth”] so that Yitzchak could eat fresh and tasty meat. Yaakov, however, was morally wholesome, saying what he thought and never being duplicitous, and spending all his time in the study tents of Shem and Eiver (*ibid.*).

Rabban Shimon Ben Gamliel says: “All of my days I served my father, and I didn’t accomplish even 1/100th of the degree to which Esav honored his father. When Esav served his father, he served him wearing royal garments.” Even the great and pious Rabban Shimon Ben Gamliel’s *kibud av* did not compare with that of Esav. Similarly, it is brought down from the Zohar that there was no one in the world who honored his father like Esav, and that *zechus* protected Esav in this world. Even with that being said, the Chasam Sofer asks: How could Yitzchak think, even temporarily, that Esav was more deserving than Yaakov? What accounted for Yitzchak’s love for such a flawed individual? He answers: First, Yitzchak was so trusting that he could not believe a member of his household would deceive him. He would have been incredulous had someone informed him of Esav’s sins [cf. Bava Basra 16b, which accuses him of idolatry, adultery, and murder]. Second, although aware of Yaakov’s Torah study, Yitzchak appreciated Esav’s apparent emphasis on practical *mitzvah* observance, particularly his boundless *kibud av* [cf. Bava Kamma 17a]. That one sterling attribute led Yitzchak to believe that Esav’s frequent forays into the fields were to experience solitude and, consequently, to grow closer to Hashem (Chasam Sofer 107).

Rivkah, on the other hand, was accustomed to Esav’s ilk through her brother Lavan and his family. She clearly saw through Esav’s guise and knew that he was truly wicked. Rivkah also understood the truth about Esav based on what she learned from Shem’s prophecy. Since G-d did not reveal this prophecy to Yitzchak, Rivkah felt that she did not have the right to do so, even years later when she conspired to win Yitzchak’s blessing for Yaakov over Esav. Chizkuni explains that this is why Yitzchak could not imagine Esav to be a sinner (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

The Midrash adds that although Yitzchak loved Esav, he was aware that his deeds were not up to the required standard. However, he was afraid of being harsh with Esav for fear that if he rejected him altogether, Esav’s depravity would know no bounds. Thus, Yitzchak hoped his love for him would keep him from sinking any further into the depths of depravity and possibly attract Esav to Hashem’s service. Furthermore, Yitzchak saw with *ruach hakodesh* that Esav would produce

a worthy descendant, the prophet Ovadia [an Edomite convert], and he therefore loved him for the sake of the future (Midrash HaGadol 25).

Avraham was *chesed* and Yitzchak was *gevurah*; Yaakov was the "perfect blend" of these two *middos-tiferes*. As the descendants of Yaakov, we are born with this *middah of tiferes*, and it is our responsibility to use this inherent goodness to maintain the balance between good and evil in the world. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Shul Pushka Challenge 5780!

Last motzei Shabbos we kicked off our Shul Pushka Challenge campaign for 5780. All 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 select "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.

Community

- **December 14:** Join WIT for their annual Melave Malka, Motzei Shabbos at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. The event will pay

tribute to Mrs. Rivka Diskind and Mrs. Sarah Leipnik and will feature a video presentation by Mrs. Shifra Rabenstein, Mrs. Dina Schoonmaker and Mrs. Shira Smiles. To place an ad or to register, please contact wit@witbaltimore.org or 410-358-2545, or visit the website, www.witbaltimore.org.

- **December 21:** The Chesed Fund/Project Ezra present a free concert with Simply Tsfat at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah (Liberty Jewish Center). Doors open at 7:45; Surprise Performance at 8 pm; concert begins at 8:15 pm.

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.

Yahrzeit Donations

- Rabbi Zvi and Felicia Graber

Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group has resumed and will continue every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited and encouraged to attend.

Coming Up

- **December 21:** Kiddush sponsored by Rabbi Yehuda Leib and Miriam Goldberger in honor of their daughter Yocheved.
- **December 22:** Annual TY Chanukah Carnival in Simcha Hall from 12 to 3 pm. Games, prizes, food and refreshments- fun for the whole family!

- **January 4:** Bar Mitzvah of Shlomo Berman. Kiddush sponsored by his parents, Donald and Ruth Berman.
- **January 25:** Bar mitzvah of Yehuda Margolese. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Rabbi Moshe and Shaina Margolese.

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.

Esther Rosean, Esther Yael bas Yaakov Betzalel a"h, 2 Kislev, grandmother of Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger

Elizabeth Schwartz, Basya bas Menachem a"h, 4 Kislev, mother of George Schwartz

William W. Kayne a"h, 5 Kislev, uncle of Suzanne Kayne

Arthur Paymar, Aharon ben Mordechai a"h, 7 Kislev, father of Eugene Paymar

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Refuah Shalaimah to

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

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Participants

Sign up by emailing 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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\$100.00

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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 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



Ride G'mach. Call the Ride G'mach at 410-358-RIDE (7433). We need ride offers when anyone drives interstate, any direction. There are high school students who live in Lakewood and in Brooklyn who learn in Baltimore schools and vice versa. Please help them get home for Shabbos. 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 a Baltimore hospital.



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.



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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:

- Siddur \$50
- 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:

9:10-9:55 am: Men's Gemara Chagigah shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis.

10:00-10:45 am: Women's Tehillim for cholim with Rebbetzin Bracha in the Annex.

8:00 pm: Women's Navi shiur with Rabbi Goldberger is currently on hiatus.

Monday:

7:00 pm: Rambam's Sefer Zemanim with Jay Taffel. After Maariv, the Rambam's Hakdama L'peirush Ha'mishnayos with Rabbi Goldberger.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel.

Thursday:

After Maariv: Men's "Parsha Preview" with Binyamin Gerstenfeld

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!

Shabbos:

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

Boys' 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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