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DAVENING SCHEDULE

*Due to the **community-wide** preventive social distancing policy, there is a temporary **closure of all shuls** in the community. As for **davening and shiurim, they will be held virtually via Zoom** until further notice.

Zmanim for Shabbos

Friday
ZOOM Shacharis: 7:00 am
Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:35 am
Sof Zman Tefillah: 10:45 am
Shabbos Ruach/Mincha ZOOM: 6:50 pm
Plag HaMincha: 7:30 pm
Candle Lighting: 7:35 pm

Shabbos
Sof Zman Krias Shema: 9:35 am
Sof Zman Tefillah: 10:44 am
Sunset: 8:01 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:13 pm

***Remember to count Sefirah!**

Next Shabbos – Emor

Mazel Tov to

• Rabbi Elie and Esther Sara Weiner on the birth of a grandson, born to Yaakov and Leah Weiner. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah, l'chuppah, ul'masim tovim.

This Shabbos

All Shabbos davening is at home. Remember, you can **say everything except**: Kaddish. Barchu. Repetition of Shemoneh Esrei and Kedusha. Krias HaTorah. On Friday night you can say "Va'Yechulu" after Shemoneh Esrei even if you are by yourself. Do not say the bracha Magen Avos which follows all the way through "Baruch Ata Hashem, Mekadesh HaShabbos." The rabbi

suggests you read Parshas Acharei Mos and Kedoshim, along with the Haftarah, from the Chumash. No brachos should be made on the Torah or the Haftarah. **Bivracha v'shalom and wishing everyone good health, b'ezras Hashem.**

-Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

Yahrzeit Donations

• Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger

Zoom Minyanim and Shiurim

Join us for weekday Shacharis: 7:00 am, Sunday - 8:00 am; Mincha/Maariv this week: 7:45 pm with Pirkei Avos. You can join the Zoom video minyanim on your PC, tablet, or smartphone by clicking onto the link in the shul email: <https://zoom.us/j/6902386529>. All ZOOM minyanim and meetings ID: 690 238 6529. If you prefer to join us by telephone, you can call in at 929-436-2866; meeting ID: 690 238 6529.

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Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Gertrude Shasho, mother of Cheryl Levin. Cheryl can be reached by email at levinc613@yahoo.com. May the Levin and Shasho families be blessed with comfort and strength from Hashem, and may Hashem comfort them among the mourners of Tziyon and Yerushalayim.

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. For more info, please contact Steve Schwarz at simchamelech@aol.com or call 410-446-8330.

From the Rebbetzin

The Rabbi and I visited the shul to turn on the yahrzeit lights for Nisan and Iyar, which include the yahrzeits for my mother, a"h, and grandmother, a"h:

Reflections Upon Turning on the Yahrzeit Lights

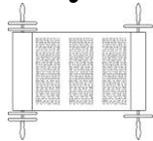
the many heartfelt tears we shed
the many pressing prayers we said
the smiles we formed
the laughter we heard
our beloved Rabbi's penetrating words
the songs we sang
the dances danced
...from these lights was brought this trance

...these I recalled in a few blessed minutes to light lights and retrieve yahrzeit cards with Rabbi Goldberger.

-Rebbetzin Bracha

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock in honor of the yahrzeits of his grandmother, Sylvia Bartz a"h and grandfather, Julian Rosenstock a"h (both on 10 Iyar), and for a continued refuah shalaimah for all those affected by COVID-19. May Hashem continue to heal klal Yisroel.

Weekly Parsha**Parshas Acharei Mos/Kedoshim**

By Rabbi A. Leib Scheinbaum

“You shall observe My decrees... and by which he shall live” (18:6)

Horav Shlomo Wolbe notes that when a person is born, his abilities and talents are already present in the “potential” mode. As he grows and develops, as he lives and travels throughout the highway of life, he has the opportunity to actualize these dormant abilities. In other words, man’s life, his focus and objective should be the realization of his G-d-given powers. Every bit of Torah that he studies, every mitzvah that he observes, gives him the tools for growth and the fruition of his inner skills and capabilities. Life is filled with opportunity. We must make the most of it.

As we grow and confront the various milestones in life, each one is a test of commitment and belief. How will we respond? What type of attitude will we have? Will we approach it with zest and enthusiasm, or will it be something we feel compelled to do? We had an opportunity during our youth to grow in a positive and exciting manner. Did we? The opportunity arose again when we married and raised a family. Did we apply ourselves to the education of our children with interest and vigor - or was it another one of the many things on our mind? How did we act with regard to finding a suitable mate for our child? Did we go through the motions and say, “What is *bashert* is *bashert*, or did we act astutely, with sensitivity and decency?”

Some of us live our lives in the “*b’di eved*,” ex-post-facto mode. We get married because we do not want to be alone. We enter the field of Torah chinuch, education, because nothing else works easily. This lackadaisical, complacent attitude is a grave mistake. We were granted life with all of its challenges for a purpose: to live, to grow, to realize our potential. To take the gift of life and simply exist as if it has no meaning, no value, is not only self-destructive, but it is insubordinate. Indeed, every day should demand of us a renewed awakening, a fresh and exciting approach to its challenges, an enthusiastic resolution for success and growth.

Rav Wolbe views the time of seeking shidduchim, finding a suitable mate for our children, as a period during which one can achieve excellent spiritual growth. It is a time of compelling *nisayon*. Commensurate with the challenge, however, is the opportunity to

transform that challenge into good fortune. When one takes this idea to heart, he will be certain to live through this period *l’chatchilah*, a-priori mode. One should realize that *min haShamayim*, through Divine assistance, he is being walked through this seemingly “difficult” period. Every step of the way, he is being accompanied and guided. One cannot then take away what is predestined for one individual, nor can he take what is designated for another.

One who views this period in his life through the lens of Torah will never allow such thoughts as, “I wish I could get through this already,” or “When will it end?” to pass through his mind. He will, instead, accept this opportunity for growth and act accordingly. These challenges are a vital part of life, and the way he reacts to them determines what kind of life he will live.

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The Power of Confession

In the opening pasukim of this week’s parsha, the Torah states: “Aharon shall bring near his own sin-offering... and provide atonement for himself and his household” (Vayikra 16:6). Rashi comments: “He [Aharon] confesses over it his sins and the sins of his household.” It is noted (Yoma 3b) that offerings bring about full atonement for those who bring them only after their blood has been sprinkled on the *Mizbe’ach*. Our verse cannot refer to that, for this “atonement” precedes the slaughter of the offering. Therefore, it must refer to an earlier stage in the process of atonement, namely, confession (Mizrachi; Sifsei Chachamim). The following verses in the Torah describe the Yom Kippur service which Aharon was to perform to provide atonement for all of klal Yisroel, but first he needed to atone for his own sins and those of his household, בֵּיתוֹ, [which Toras Kohanim identifies as Aharon’s wife], to teach us that the first step towards atonement is confession.

Indeed, as the Rambam writes in the first chapter of Hilchos Teshuvah, confession (Viduy) is the primary step in the teshuvah process: “If a person violates any mitzvos of the Torah... his teshuvah must include confession before G-d, as it says, ‘If a man or woman sins against his fellow man... he must confess the sin he has committed’ (Bamidbar 5:6-7). This verse refers to a verbal confession, which is a positive commandment. How does one confess? He says, ‘I beg you, Hashem, for I have sinned, transgressed, committed iniquity before You [by doing such-and-such]. I regret and am ashamed of what I have done. I am committed never to repeat this act.’ These are

the fundamental ingredients of the *Viduy*. The more one confesses and elaborates, the better. Those who bring sin or guilt-offerings must also confess their transgressions when they bring these offerings. Their sacrifice does not atone for their sins unless they repent and verbally confess, as it says, ‘He must confess the sin that he has committed’ (Vayikra 5:5).” (Hilchos Teshuvah 1:1-2).

The Artscroll Stone Chumash states that although the primary atonement of an offering is affected by the blood service [not by the confession], the confession is an essential part of repentance, and hence of atonement (1:4; Yoma 5a). Hashem permits a person to erase the sins of his past so that he can begin a better life, a life unhampered by the corrosive effects of past sins. Such a new beginning is not possible unless the sinner has repented, by confronting his misdeeds, acknowledging them, and sincerely resolving to change. This is represented by confession. That the Kohein Gadol’s verbal confession could provide atonement for the entire nation is a remarkable demonstration of the power of a confession that is not a mere recitation of a formula, but a sincere declaration of remorse. When the Kohein Gadol did so [made the verbal confession] with total contrition, it was equivalent to an offering, and had the power to bring atonement (R’ Yosef Dov Soloveitchik).

Not only do one’s sins affect the individual in a negative way, but they also affect our fellow Jews and the world at large. It is for this reason that *Viduy* is formulated in the plural tense, because the Jewish people are like a single body and each of us is like one of its organs. We are responsible for one another, for the good or evil of every Jew affects us all (Artscroll Siddur). I remember my very first Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in the community as a new baal-teshuvah. I went to Etz Chaim for davening and sat in a shiur with Rabbi Alexander Seinfeld, where he told the group that due to the power of the human ego, the two hardest things for a person to say are, “I was wrong” and “I am sorry.” He explained that however difficult this may seem, it was necessary for one to say to properly do *teshuvah*. First one must confess to and ask for forgiveness from those whom he has wronged, then one must confront and confess to Hashem, our loving Father in Heaven Who so desperately wants to forgive us. He suggested to first practice in front of a mirror, and when one was confident that he would be able to say it to another, he should do it with real feeling and emotion. He assured us that once we were able to confront those people from whom we needed to ask forgiveness, it would be that much easier to approach Hashem on Yom Kippur. I actually took Rabbi Seinfeld’s advice and practiced in front of the mirror, and when the time came to confront those whom I had wronged, I was pleasantly surprised by the

result. Everyone was more than happy to offer their forgiveness, and I was even able to “mend fences” with someone with whom I had had a long-standing *maklokes*, and even received an apology from him as well.

The Rambam asks, “What is *teshuvah*?” to which he answers, “*Teshuvah* means a sinner gives up his sins, erasing them from his mind and resolving never to commit these transgressions again. He is sorry about his past misdeeds, and must verbalize his confession, clearly articulating his heart’s resolutions” (Hilchos Teshuvah 2:2). Each year I try to learn *Hilchos Teshuvah* with Jay Taffel, and the “take-home” lesson is quite clear – without a verbal confession, *teshuvah* is incomplete. May we all be zoche to recognize the power of confession, and have the koach to simply say, “I was wrong and I am sorry,” to our fellow man and to our loving Father in Heaven. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

N-95 Face Masks and Shields

For healthcare professionals! The Chesed Fund and Project Ezra still has a limited free supply of N-95 face masks and face shields available. For more information, please email: info@chesedfund.com.

Virtual Daf Yomi Shiur

Tiferes Yisroel is doin’ the Daf! Thanks to Yehuda Tenenbaum and Avraham Litzman, we have a live, virtual Daf Yomi video shiur. Sunday - Thursday at 8:20 pm. If you are interested in joining our virtual video conference, the link can be found on the shul website; for the link or any additional info,

please contact Avraham Litzman at 303-319-8402 or at avraham.litzman@vision33.com. Other weekly **ZOOM shiurim** with Rabbi Goldberger:

- **Gemara Sukkah:** Sunday morning after Shacharis around **9 am**.
- **Women’s Pirkei Avos:** Sunday from **8:30 to 9:15 pm**.
- **Rambam:** Monday night after Maariv around **8:20 pm**.
- **Chassidus and Chassidic Stories:** Tuesday after Maariv around **8:20 pm**.
- **Dvar Torah on the parsha:** Thursday around **8:20 pm** for men and women.

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.

Phillip Katz, Faleik ben Yitzchak HaKohen a”h, 8 Iyar, father of Efraim Katz

Julian Rosenstock a”h, 10 Iyar, grandfather of Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Professor Zvi Zeitlin a”h, 10 Iyar, father of Hillel Zeitlin

Sylvia Bartz a”h, 10 Iyar, grandmother of Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Alexandra Shklyer, Alexandra bas Abram a”h, 12 Iyar, mother of Ester Gur

Michael Rosenbaum, Melech ben Avraham a”h, 14 Iyar, father of Dr. Jerry Rosenbaum

Nightly Virtual Asifa

In these challenging times, it is important to gather together in any form possible. Through a nightly virtual asifa, we will hear words of inspiration and chizuk from local community

Rabbonim. Please join Baltimore Jewish Life every evening at 9:00 pm with Tehillim (Perakim 91 and 142) followed by Divrei Hisorerus. Streaming live on BaltimoreJewishLife.com; for audio, please call 712-832-5656 ID 525. Monday: Rabbi Tzvi Mordechai Feldheim; Tuesday: Rabbi Shmuel Silber; Wednesday: Rabbi Yissocher Frand; Thursday: Rabbi Yaakov Hopfer; Sunday: Rabbi Yechiel Spero.

From this Week’s Daf

“And Chananyah holds that any excessive restraint is not considered a burden. The Gemara cites a legal decision: **Rav Huna bar Chiya said in the name of Shmuel: The law follows Chananyah. Levi the son of Rav Huna bar Chiya and Rabbah bar Rav Huna were traveling along the road on donkeys. Levi’s donkey went ahead of Rabbah bar Rav Huna’s donkey. Rabbah bar Rav Huna was disturbed. [Levi] said to himself: I will say something to him so that his mind will be put at ease. [Levi] said to him: “Regarding a donkey whose behavior is untoward, such as this one, what is [the law] as to whether it may go out with a bit on Shabbos?” [Rabbah bar Rav Huna] said to [Levi]: “Thus said your father in the name of Shmuel: The law follows Chananyah [who permits even an excessive restraint].” (Shabbos 51b).**

Coming Up

- Bar mitzvah of Moshe Meir Jussim will be **rescheduled** for a later date TBD.

Online Shiurim

Check out our new audio shiurim by Rabbi Goldberger, particularly those on Sfas Emes. Log on and listen to them at our Audio Library Archive under Shiurim and Classes on the shul website.

Agudah Scrip Program at TY

Please place your blue scrip order (\$1.25 each) 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.

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- 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
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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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- Saul Cohen, Saul HaKohein ben Feige Bryna



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.



Sponsorships. To arrange your sponsorship of the Lev Echad, email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org. Please send your donation to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215 or make your donation on the website.

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 Hakhama 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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