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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

*Pre-Shabbos Ruach on ZOOM: 6:15 pm
Candle Lighting: 6:59-8:12 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:45 pm
Plag HaMincha: 6:59 pm

Shabbos Day

Daf Yomi: 8:00 am
Shacharis (Hodu): 9:00 am
Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur: 6:15 pm
Mincha: 7:25 pm
Maariv: 9:25 pm
Shabbos is over after 9:42 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 8:10 pm

Monday-Thursday

Shacharis: 7:00 am
Shacharis (Wed. Rosh Chodesh): 6:45 am
Maariv: 8:10 pm

Next Shabbos – Devarim/Shabbos Chazon

Candle Lighting: 6:55-8:07 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:40 pm
Plag HaMincha: 6:55 pm

This Shabbos

- Mevorchim Av- Birchah HaChodesh
- 6:15 pm: Rabbi's Shabbos shiur for men and women in the Ramchal's *Derech Hashem*.

From the Rabbi

Dear Kehilla HaKedosha,
I hope everyone is feeling well. The Rebbeztin and I miss everyone whom we have not seen for a while. We are back in shul in a limited way. It is nice to be back, but it is simply not the same. Such is the state of the world in which we live. As we are in the midst of the "Three Weeks," our thoughts are usually turned toward sadness and the destruction of

the Bais HaMikdash on Tisha B'Av. I would like to look at these events, which are part of the fabric of our people, in a different way this year. Rather, I would like to see this as a **time of hope**. We do know that one day Tisha b'Av will be a time of celebration, and when Moshiach comes, all of the mourning and sadness will be off the table. We, the Jewish people, live on hope. **Hope is our calling card.**

I am feeling a strong sense of isolation these days. Even when you see someone, we all have our masks on, and you cannot give a hug to your friend; there is something removed about it. **But I am hoping for better days- for times of rejoining and reconnecting with people in a real way, not in a virtual way.** We know that Hashem is just waiting to reconnect to us, to build His Holy Home, to usher in the era of our redemption. He too, *k'vayachol* is waiting, as only He knows how to wait, to come back together with us after a very long exile. **May we see that day very soon, and may our hopes for smaller reconnection lead to even bigger reconnection, and the ultimate reconnection with each other and Hashem.**
Bivrachah v'shalom,
-Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

From the Board – Shabbos Registration

Dear Kehilla HaKedosha,
B'rov shevach v'hodaah la'Hashem, we have reopened our shul for indoor davening. We must understand that as things are not yet back to normal and our capacity is limited:

- At present, **the shul is open only to men over the age of Bar Mitzvah and women on Friday night.** Men and women over age 60 should consult with their physician to see if it is safe for them to attend shul indoors.
- Everyone must continue to **wear a mask and abide by social distancing** at all times of davening. Your mask must fully cover your mouth and nose.

- **If you are ill, or are showing any coronavirus symptoms, you may not enter the shul under any circumstances.** If you have been in the presence of someone with coronavirus, please do not come to shul until you check with your physician when it is safe to be among other people.

- **Friday night and Shabbos day davening will require pre-registration.** There will be separate registration lists for Friday night and Shabbos day, and each week will require new registration.

- Due to our limited capacity, and in appreciation of the fact that not everyone is comfortable returning indoors at this time, **we continue to encourage backyard minyanim in order to allow everyone the opportunity to daven with a minyan.**

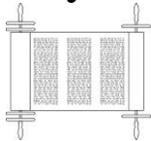
We thank you in advance for your sensitivity to these protocols and your commitment to keeping our shul a safe and pleasant place for all who enter its holy space.

B'vircas kol tuv,
-The Officers of Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

Mazel Tov to

- Emanuel and Tova Jussim on the Bar Mitzvah aliyah of their son, Moshe Meir, this past Shabbos. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Dr. Kevin and Lisa Ferentz on the birth of a grandson to Noah and Dana Ferentz of New York (their first grandchild!). May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Ken and Yocheved Gelula on the birth and bris of their grandson, Ori Yehoshua Stein, son of Alan and Shoshi Stein. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Weekly Parsha**Parshas Mattos/Masei**

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

“Moshe spoke to the heads of the tribes of the Bnei Yisroel... ‘This is the thing that Hashem has commanded... ha shall not desecrate his word; according to whatever comes from his mouth shall he do” (30:2-3)

Parshas Mattos begins with the laws governing oaths and vows. Whereas normally Hashem told Moshe to teach the laws directly to the Jewish people, in this case he curiously began by instructing the tribal leaders. The Torah proceeds to detail laws concerning vows placed on oneself as well as vows between husbands and wives and fathers and daughters, laws which aren't unique to the leaders but which are relevant to every Jew. Although Rashi offers a technical legal point which is derived from this anomaly, what lesson can we take from the Torah's emphasis on teaching these laws to the heads of the tribes?

When Rav Yaakov Kamenetzky, who was renowned for his devotion to the truth, turned 80, he began donning an additional pair of tefillin, known as the tefillin of Rabbeinu Tam, each morning. Because there is a legal dispute regarding certain details about the writing of the parchments in tefillin, some virtuous individuals have the custom of wearing a second pair to fulfill the opinion of Rabbeinu Tam. Although Rav Yaakov certainly possessed the piety required for one who wished to take on this stringency, some of his students were puzzled by the fact that he had never done so previously. What suddenly transpired which made him change his practice?

When they asked him about this, Rav Yaakov explained that many years previously, an elderly Jew in his minyan began to put on the tefillin of Rabbeinu Tam at the end of the morning services. One of Rav Yaakov's students asked him why he hadn't also adopted this praiseworthy practice. In his humility, Rav Yaakov attempted to avoid the question by noting that the other man was much older, adding that if Hashem would allow him to reach that age, perhaps he would also adopt the practice.

Although the comment was said only casually, Rav Yaakov immediately worried that his commitment to truth obligated him to fulfill his words. Upon ascertaining the age of the man, Rav Yaakov waited many years until he reached that age, at which point he

immediately adopted the practice in order to keep his “promise.”

In light of this story, we can appreciate that some commentators suggest that the mitzvah of honoring one's promises and keeping one's word was taught specifically to the tribal heads as role models in keeping one's word. During the recent election season, we were unfortunately often reminded that the dedication of our Rabbis to keeping their word is hardly shared by today's political leaders. The Israeli politician Abba Eban once cynically remarked, “It is our experience that political leaders do not always mean the opposite of what they say.”

Although many of us don't view ourselves as leaders, this lesson is still applicable to each of us. Whether as parents, bosses, or organizational officers, most of us have people in our lives who look to us to serve as moral guides. Parshas Mattos teaches that one crucial ingredient in successfully filling any leadership role is a strong dedication to honoring our commitments.

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Knowledge is Power

“Command the Children of Israel that they shall give to the Levi'im, from the heritage of their possession, cities for dwelling (Bamidbar 35:2)... The cities that you shall give to the Levi'im: six cities of refuge... and in addition to them you shall give forty-two cities” (ibid. 35:6). In Parshas Masei, the Torah describes forty-eight cities for the Levi'im, six of which were specifically designated to be ערי מקלט, “cities of refuge.” The tribes were commanded to set aside forty-eight cities for the Levi'im, whose tribe was not to receive a regular portion of the Land. These cities provided not only dwelling places for the Levi'im, the tribe that devoted itself to the service of G-d and the nation, but also had the additional benefit of permitting all parts of the nation to be exposed to the “legion of G-d,” thereby enabling them and their children to learn from the example of the Levi'im, and imposing upon the Levi'im the obligation to elevate themselves so as to better carry out their spiritual responsibilities (Artscroll Stone Chumash). The ערי מקלט served as a place for an unintentional killer to seek refuge from any would-be avenger, as the Torah states: “Hashem spoke to Moshe... you shall designate cities for yourselves, cities of refuge shall they be for you... a killer shall flee there - one who takes a life unintentionally” (ibid. 35:9-11). Three cities of refuge were to be established in the Transjordan, and three on the east bank in Eretz Yisroel proper. Once the

killer's case had been tried and he was found innocent of intentional murder, he would be sent to one of these cities of refuge and would remain there under the protection of the Levi'im until the death of the Kohein Gadol. Before his trial, however, he could flee there to avoid the revenge of a relative of his victim, but would have to remain there. But if he did leave the city of refuge before his trial, the Torah permits the avenger to track him down and kill him.

The Shem MiShmuel states that it is curious to note that not only is refuge provided for the accidental killer by the ערי מקלט, but by any one of the other forty-two residential cities of the Levi'im as well. There is, however, a fundamental difference between these two groups of cities. He writes: “If the killer arrives at any of the six ערי מקלט, he is afforded refuge whether or not he knows where he is. This means that if he just stumbles upon one of these areas, even unknowingly, he gains protection from the avenging relatives of his victim. If, however, he arrives at one of the forty-two residential towns, he is only protected if he knows where he is. If he does not realize that he is in a Levitical town, according to the Rambam, the avenger may still lawfully kill him (Yad, Hilchos Rotzei'ach V'Shemiras HaNefesh 8:10).” The Shem MiShmuel connects this principle to the first paragraph of the Shema, and continues: “The Mystics note that the breakdown of six ערי מקלט and forty-two Levitical cities are present in the Shema. The first line of the Shema contains six words, and is the most basic declaration of a Jew's faith in G-d and His perfect, total unity. The rest of the paragraph, from ואהבתך contains forty-two words, and expresses our love for G-d and how the implications of that love manifest themselves in thought and deed. By taking the life of another, the accidental killer has put his own life in spiritual jeopardy and needs to take steps to repair the spiritual damage and restore his relationship with G-d. The forty-two residential cities correspond to the love of G-d, which may be achieved only through knowledge of G-d's world and His maintenance of it. Thus, without knowledge, there is no proper love, and hence these cities provide no refuge without that knowledge. In contrast, the six ערי מקלט correspond to G-d's unity, and are not dependent upon the intellect at all, as we can really never fully understand it. As such, these cities provide refuge whether or not the killer knows where he is.”

Knowledge is power. The Mishnah states: “Consider three things, and you will not come into the grip of sin: Know what is above you – a watchful eye, an attentive ear, and all your deeds are recorded in a book” (Avos 2:1). The Mishnah is teaching us that one should have the knowledge and awareness that Hashem is constantly present, aware of all our actions,

thoughts and speech. This is a very powerful concept indeed. Just as the knowledge and awareness that a killer is in a Levitical city protects him from an avenger, so, too, does having the knowledge and awareness of Hashem's omniscience protect us from sin. May we be zoche to use this knowledge and understanding to empower ourselves to grow and forge our connection to the Almighty. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Women's Summer Lecture Series

N'shei presents a summer ZOOM lecture series, Monday nights at 8 pm. ZOOM in this week, **Monday, July 20**, for "**Like Yourself and Stay Married: Marriage Gone Bananas- the Art of Emotional Support,**" with **Rabbi Yisroel Roll**. For more info or access to these shiurim, please email nsheibaltimore@gmail.com or text Chavie Barenbaum at 410-935-3010. Sponsorship opportunities available.

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.

Dovid ben Shmuel a"h, 26 Tammuz, father of Alexander Seinfeld

Tamara Rose Paul, Tamar Raizel bas Nossan a"h, 26 Tammuz, mother of Aviva Paul

Benjamin Lipsitz, Baruch ben Hirsh Velvel a"h, 27 Tammuz, uncle of Harold Lipsitz a"h

Ike Lipsitz, Yitzchak Isaac ben Hirsh Velvel a"h, 27 Tammuz, uncle of Harold Lipsitz a"h

Sam Schatzman, Shmuel ben Leib a"h, 27 Tammuz, grandfather of Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger

Rebecca Sklar, Hinda Baila a"h, 28 Tammuz, grandmother of Hinda Blum

Sarah Plovsky, Sarah bas Leipman a"h, 28 Tammuz, mother of Sima Rosenfelt

Irene Payana Samuels, Chaya Devosha bas Mordechai Yosef a"h, 3 Av, mother of Mordechai Samuels

From this Week's Daf

"And why did they call him 'Elisha the Winged One'? Because once the evil Roman government issued a decree against Israel, ruling that in the case of anyone who dons tefillin on his head, they would gouge out his brain. But Elisha would don tefillin and go out into the marketplace in defiance of the decree. One day a certain official spied him. [Elisha] ran from [the official] and [the official] ran after him. As [the official] caught up to him, [Elisha] took [the tefillin] from his head and grasped them inside his hand. [The official] said to him; What is in your hand? [Elisha] answered him: Dove's wings. Whereupon [Elisha] opened his hand and in it dove's wings were found. Therefore, on account of this miracle, they would call him 'Elisha the Winged One.'" (Shabbos 130a).

Halfway to Sinai

Halfway to Sinai Ayshel Avraham will begin the summer season on Shavuot 5780 and remain open through Simchas Torah 5781. If

you are walking to Sinai Hospital, Levindale or any other distant destination on Shabbos or Yom Tov, you can rest your feet and have a cold drink on the front lawn of **3000 Glen Avenue, corner Key Avenue**. If you have any questions, please call 410-299-5921. This will be the only location this year.

Bill to Account

There is a new opportunity for shul members who wish to bill an item to their account – **Notes!** You can now put a note on your billed donation: e.g. For your Yahrzeit donation, you could put a **Note** "in memory of my grandfather, Yitzchak ben Avraham, on his yahrzeit." We always had that capability for a paid donation, but now we have it on **Bill to Account**. (Use it to help explain your donation for your own record.)

Online Shiurim

Check out our new audio shiurim by Rabbi Goldberger, including recently uploaded shiurim in the Sfas Emes, Ohr Gedalyahu and Pele Yoetz. Log on and listen from our Audio Library Archive under Shiurim and Classes on the shul website.

Daf Yomi Shiur

Tiferes Yisroel is doin' the Daf! Come join the daily Daf Yomi shiur with **Rabbi Yehuda Prero**, Sunday - Thursday nights, one hour before Mincha at 7:10 pm. Shabbos, shiur with **Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger** at 8:00 am. Bring your Gemara - all shiurim will be given in the main shul. To join the Tiferes Yisroel Daf Yomi WhatsApp group, please go to <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KTCwQoS8ZLFdDhoSL5bag/>.

Shiurim Schedule

In Shul:

- Sunday morning Rabbi's Gemara shiur in **Sukkah** following Shacharis from 9:10 to 10:00 am.
- Shabbos afternoon Rabbi's shiur in the Ramchal's **Derech Hashem** (for men and women) from 6:15 to 7:15 pm.
- Tuesday night **Chassidus** shiur from 7:30 to 8:10 pm.

On ZOOM:

- Sunday night women's **Pirkei Avos** from 7:15 to 8:00 pm.
- Monday night **Rambam** shiur from 9:00 to 9:45 pm.
- Thursday night **Dvar Torah** for men and women from 9:15 to 9:30 pm.

Refuah Shalimah to

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

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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.



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
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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

(All current shiurim are listed in the **ZOOM Shiurim** box on the front of the Lev Echad.)

Sunday:

9:15-10 am: Men's Gemara Sukkah shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharshas.

10:15-10:45 am: Rebbetzin Bracha's Women's Tehillim gathering for cholim, on ZOOM.

11:00-11:30 am: Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur in Tehillim, for women

7:15-8:00 pm: Rabbi Goldberger on Pirkei Avos, for women, on ZOOM

Monday:

7:15-8:00 pm: Rabbi Goldberger Rambam's Hakdama l'Perek Chelek on ZOOM

Tuesday:

7:30-8:10 pm: Chassidus and Chassidic stories in Malchus Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger.

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel.

Thursday:

After Maariv, 9:15-9:30 pm: Dvar Torah for men and women with Rabbi Goldberger on ZOOM.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

Every morning following davening - Dvar Halacha by Rabbi Goldberger and Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger.

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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