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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

*Pre-Shabbos Ruach on ZOOM: 6:15 pm
Candle Lighting: 6:36-7:44 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:50 pm

Shabbos Day

Daf Yomi: 8:00 am
Shacharis (Hodu): 9:00 am
Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur: 6:00 pm
Mincha: 7:00 pm
Maariv: 8:55 pm
Shabbos is over after 9:14 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 7:00 am
Maariv: 7:35 pm
*Thursday and Friday- Rosh Chodesh Elul
– Shofar following Shacharis: 6:45 am

Next Shabbos – Shoftim

Candle Lighting: 6:28-7:35 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

This Shabbos

- 5:50 pm: Rabbi's Shabbos shiur for men and women in the Ramchal's *Derech Hashem*.

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 7:00 am during the week, 9:00 am on Shabbos, and 8:00 am on Sundays. **This week, Mincha/Maariv at 7:55 pm, 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.

Women's Tehillim

The Women's Tehillim gathering and Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur are currently on hiatus, and will return on August 23. Tehillim for cholim assignments have been given out to be said individually.

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 and Shabbos day.** 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.
- **If someone in the family is sick, then other family members should not attend until the sick person has tested negative.** If they have tested positive, then the family members **need to wait two weeks** and **consult with their doctor** before coming to shul.
- **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.

We thank you for 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

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Chavie Klein, mother of Shimy Klein. Shiva will be until Wednesday morning, August 19, at 2812 W. Strathmore Avenue. May Hashem comfort Shimy and the Klein family along with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazel Tov to

- The TY Daf Yomi group on the completion of maseches Shabbos and the beginning of maseches Eruvin. Yasher koach!

Shiurim Schedule**In Shul:**

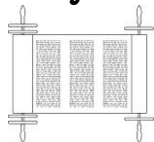
- Shabbos afternoon Rabbi's shiur in the Ramchal's **Derech Hashem** (for men and women) from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.
- Sunday morning Rabbi's Gemara shiur in **Sukkah** following Shacharis from 9:15 to 10:00 am.
- Tuesday night **Chassidus** shiur from 8:20 to 9:00 pm.

On ZOOM:

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

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

Weekly Parsha



Parshas Eikev

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

“You shall tithe the entire crop of your planting” (14:22)

The Torah commands us to tithe our crops. The Gemara in Taanis (9a) interprets our verse by playing on the similarity between the letters *shin* and *sin*. It renders the words *aseir ta'aseir* in our verse as *aseir bishvil she'tisasher* – tithe and you will become rich. What source is there for the Gemara's teaching that tithing will make a person wealthy?

The Vilna Gaon notes that the Gemara (Bava Metzia 31a) understands doubled verbs as requiring a person to repeatedly do the action referred to as many as 100 times. In other words, he is not absolved from his obligation by performing it once. He must do the mitzvah as many times as is necessary.

In this light, our verse, with its doubled command to tithe, should be understood as requiring a person to tithe his money as many as 100 times. However, the Gemara in Kesuvos (50a) records that the Sages decreed that a person shouldn't give more than one-fifth of his money to charity. If so, the Gemara in Taanis questioned how a person could be permitted to tithe by giving one-tenth of his money even three times, as this would require him to give more than one-fifth of his assets to charity. To resolve this concern, the Gemara answered that the Torah guarantees that a person who does so will become rich and will have enough money to continue tithing – even 100 times – without ever falling below the threshold of having given one-fifth of his original possessions to charity!

“If there shall be a destitute person among you ... you shall not harden your heart or close your hand against your destitute brother” (15:7-8)

The Torah exhorts us to be compassionate toward the poor, commanding us not to close our hand to the destitute, but rather to open it. This statement seems redundant. If it is forbidden to close our hand to the poor, doesn't it go without saying that we are required to open it? What is the Torah trying to teach us by emphasizing this point?

The Vilna Gaon explains that although a person is obligated to give tzedakah, he is not supposed to disperse it equally to each poor person. There are laws governing to whom one must give precedence when distributing

charity, such as family members or people in his community, and the needs of each pauper must be assessed when determining how much to give them.

The Torah alludes to the requirement to take these considerations into account when giving tzedakah. When a person closes his hand and looks at his fingers, they all appear equal in length. Opening one's hand reveals that this is not the case, as each finger is a different size.

The Torah already commanded us to be merciful to our needy brethren. Our verse takes for granted that we will help meet their needs and is not coming to repeat this point, as it seems at first glance. Rather, it comes to teach that the manner in which we do so should not be one in which we indiscriminately give equal amounts to each beggar, as symbolized by a closed hand. Instead, we should open our hands and realize that each poor person's needs as well as our obligation to him aren't the same, and we should disperse our charity accordingly.

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All the Days

According to the commentators, the next three parshios, Re'eh, Shoftim and Ki Seitzei, contain the bulk of the commandments found in Sefer Devarim. In the first three, Devarim, Va'eschanan and Eikev, Moshe reiterates such fundamental commandments as love and fear of G-d and general exhortations against *avodah zarah*, and delivers inspirational sermons stressing klal Yisroel's duty toward G-d and their obligation to live up to the holiness of the Land (Chizkuni). In Parshas Re'eh, Moshe puts the commandments into proper perspective by stating that the choice of whether or not to accept the Torah in its totality is nothing less than the choice between blessing and curse: "... I present before you today a blessing and a curse. The blessing: that you hearken to the commandments of Hashem... that I command you today. And the curse: if you do not hearken to the commandments of Hashem... and you stray from the path that I command you today" (Devarim 11:26-28).

Chapter 14 concludes with the laws of the "second tithe," which the Torah states must be separated after the *terumah* (Kohain's portion) and the Levi's tithe have been removed from the newly harvested crop. This second tithe is taken in the first, second, fourth and fifth years of the seven-year Shemittah cycle, and must be eaten in Yerushalayim, as the pasuk states: "And you shall eat before Hashem... in the place He will choose to rest His Name there – the [second] tithe of your grain, your wine, and your oil... so that you will learn to fear

Hashem, your G-d, all the days" (ibid. 14:23). The Torah continues: "If the road will be too long for you, so that you cannot carry it, because the place that Hashem... will choose to place His Name there is far from you" (ibid. 14:24). The Malbim gives three reasons why one would not be able to bring his second tithe to Yerushalayim: 1- "The road will be too long..."- it would be a long time before the owner plans to go there; 2- it [the produce] is too heavy for him to transport; 3- the distance to Yerushalayim is so great that it is impractical to transport his produce (Sifre). However, the Gemara rules that these reasons are only illustrations, and one may redeem the tithe even if one is but one step away from the walls of the city (Makkos 19b).

The Dubno Maggid darshans out a more esoteric approach to this pasuk with the following *mashal*: There was once a wealthy diamond dealer who had sent his servant to reclaim a valise filled with rare and precious gems that he had deposited with a friend. Looking out his window, he saw his servant approaching, and he noticed that the servant was sweating and breathing heavily as he carried the valise on his back. "Woe is me," cried the diamond dealer, as he held his head in his hands. "A terrible tragedy has occurred! Thieves must have made off with my precious gems and replaced them with heavy rocks of no value. After all, someone who is carrying a valise filled with diamonds should not have to struggle so much!" "If a Jew," concluded the Dubno Maggid, "is unable to 'carry it' – if he groans and sighs as he performs mitzvos, and he appears to be struggling beneath the yoke of Hashem's commandments – it is a sign that 'the place that Hashem... will choose to place His Name there is far from you.' In other words, such an individual is apparently far from his Father in Heaven, for Hashem's pure mitzvos should not evoke any sigh or groan."

What is the "yoke of Torah" of which the Maggid speaks? "Rabbi Nechunia ben Hakana says: If some takes upon himself the yoke of Torah, the yoke of government and the yoke of worldly responsibilities are removed from him" (Avos 3:6). Accepting the yoke of Torah means accepting the obligation to study Torah under all conditions, just as a yoke is borne by a plowing animal under all circumstances (Rambam). According to R' Yonah, this Mishnah refers to one who considers Torah study and spiritual pursuits his primary goal and relegates all other areas of life to a secondary role. All else is optional, but Torah is a yoke that must be carried (Artscroll Pirkei Avos Treasury).

With the world turned upside-down and only getting more chaotic, it is clear that we are approaching the days of Moshiach. Although we are living in turbulent times, we must not allow the pandemic to interfere with our commitment to the Torah and our *avodas*

Hashem. The Torah is our life support. Now, more than ever, we need to cling to the values of the Torah and allow it to guide us through our observance. As Moshe Rabbeinu exhorted every Jew as they stood on the bank of the Yarden, it is the simple choice between blessing and curse; between life and death, so that we “will learn to fear Hashem, your G-d, all the days.” For a Jew, the road is not too long, the burden not too heavy, and the distance not too far to travel. It is our destiny. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Daf Yomi Shiur

Come join the daily TY Daf Yomi shiur with **Rabbi Yehuda Prero**, Sunday-Thursday nights, following Mincha/Maariv. Shabbos, shiur with **Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger** at 8:00 am. Bring your Gemara - all shiurim will be given in the main shul. Join the Tiferes Yisroel Daf Yomi WhatsApp group at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KTCwQoSk8ZLFdDhoSL5bag/>.

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.

Marty Goldfein, Menachem Mendel ben Aaron Meir a”h, 25 Av, brother of Esther Nechama Margolese a”h

Ruth Bass Jacobs, Rivka bat Esther a”h, 26 Av, mother of Susan Sonenthal

Selma Balaban, Chaya Sara bas Aaron a”h, 27 Av, mother of Dvora Sherman

Kate Weinstien, Kayla bas Zalman a”h, 28 Av, aunt of Shoshana Shamberg

Samuel Bakove, Shalom ben Avraham a”h, 29 Av, grandfather of Efraim Katz

Eva Deborah Bailis, Devorah Chava bas Yitzchak a”h, 30 Av, grandmother of Eileen Rosenbaum

Ken Bluestein, Kalman Yaakov ben Avrohom a”h, 30 Av, father of Chaim Bluestein

Harry Goldfinger, Tzvi Hersch ben Avraham a”h, 1 Elul, father of Dr. Andy Goldfinger

From this Week's Daf

“And so too from the incident that occurred with Rav Nachman bar Yitzchak we may conclude that **the celestial signs hold no sway over Israel. For the astrologers once told Rav Nachman bar Yitzchak's mother: Your son will be a thief. She never allowed him to uncover his head. She told him: Cover your head so that the fear of Heaven should be upon you, and pray for G-d's mercies that the evil inclination should not dominate you. He never knew why she told him this. One day, he sat studying under a palm tree, and the cloak fell off his head. He lifted his eyes and saw the palm. His evil inclination overpowered him, and he went up and chopped off a cluster of dates with his teeth.**” (Shabbos 156b). The palm tree was not his [and thus he stole the dates] (Rashi).

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.

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.

Women's Summer Lecture Series

N'shei presents a summer ZOOM lecture series, Monday nights at 8 pm. ZOOM in this week, **Monday, August 17**, for “**Preparing for Elul**,” with **Rabbi Tzvi Mordechai Feldheim**. For more information, please email nsheibaltimore@gmail.com or text Chavie Barenbaum at 410-935-3010. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Shul Pushka Challenge 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.

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

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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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

(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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