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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

\*Pre-Shabbos Ruach on ZOOM: 6:30 pm  
Candle Lighting: 6:28-7:35 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Daf Yomi: 8:00 am  
Shacharis (Hodu): 9:00 am  
Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur: 5:45 pm  
Mincha: 6:50 pm  
Maariv: 8:50 pm  
Shabbos is over after 9:05 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:25 pm

**Monday-Friday**

Shacharis: 7:00 am  
Maariv: 7:25 pm

**Next Shabbos – Ki Seitzei**

Candle Lighting: 6:20-7:24 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**This Shabbos**

- 5:45 pm: Rabbi's Shabbos shiur for men and women in the Ramchal's *Derech Hashem*.

**Women's Tehillim**

The Women's Tehillim gathering and Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur return this week! Join in this Sunday on ZOOM at 10:15 am for the Tehillim gathering, followed by Rebbetzin Bracha's class in Tehillim at 11:00 am.

**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 will be at 7:25 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.

**From the Board – Shabbos Registration**

Dear Kehilla HaKedosha,  
*B'rov shevach v'hodaah la'Hashem*, we have reopened our shul for indoor davening and ask that the following guidelines be observed by all:

- 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 keeping our shul safe.

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

**Mazel Tov to**

- Fred and Rena Levi on the marriage of their grandson, Yisroel Mordechai Levi, son of Yaakov and Matelle Levi, of Monsey, to Abby Soclof. Mazel tov to the great-grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Levi. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'emana b'Yisroel.
- Ben and Renee Temin on moving into their new home in Bancroft Village. Bivracha v'hatzlacha beH!
- Rabbi Yisroel and Chaya Porter on the bar mitzvah of their son, Eliezer Zev. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Shlomo and Shoshana Porter and Rabbi Yehuda and Nechama Moldofsky. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim. Kiddush following davening outside the Porter home, 6305 Winner Avenue.

**Shiurim Schedule**

**In Shul:**

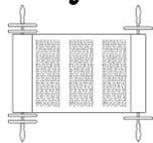
- Shabbos afternoon Rabbi's shiur in the Ramchal's **Derech Hashem** (for men and women) from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.
- Sunday morning Rabbi's Gemara shiur in **Sukkah** following Shacharis from 9:15 to 10:00 am.
- Tuesday night **Chassidus** shiur from 8:10 to 8:50 pm.

**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:*

## Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Shoftim

#### From Rabbi Dovid Kossowsky-Menahel, Yeshiva Elementary School of Milwaukee

We have just finished Tisha B'Av, and have spent the day mourning the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. We have read of the times in history when the Jews were at a spiritual peak and had a miraculous Mikdash to serve Hashem and reinforce their belief, but still ended up sinning. So much so, that the temple was destroyed, and the Jews were sent into exile. The question that came to my mind is, how do we think we will do a better job in bringing Moshiach and a permanent presence of the Shechinah in this world? There were miracles that took place every day in the Beis Hamikdash, and Hashem's presence was clear and obvious, so how could they have strayed?

We also read about multiple accounts of destruction and pain that has lasted for thousands of years. How long must this continue before we are found deserving and are ready to be brought back?

Often times, I have been asked by my students why do we need to serve Hashem without any proof that He exists. Wouldn't it be great if Hashem would give each of us a phone call once in our lives and let us know it's for real, and then we could continue knowing and not just having to go on blind belief?

Sometimes, I would answer the students that this is our job in this generation. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein writes in Dorash Moshe to explain why Hashem called Bnei Yisroel's behavior as "testing:" כִּי כָל הָאֲנָשִׁים (כב) הָרְאִים אֶת פְּבַדֵי נְאֻת אֶתְּמִי אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי בְּמִצְרַיִם וּבְמִדְבָּר וַיִּנְסוּ אֶתִּי זֶה עָשָׂר פְּעָמִים וְלֹא וְלֹא שָׁמְעוּ בְּקוֹלִי.

Reb Moshe explains that the reason the Jews continued to test Hashem throughout the years in the desert is because their belief was limited to what they knew and could see with their own eyes. They were slaves for hundreds of years and were on the lowest spiritual level. Then, Hashem performed miracle after miracle and took them out of slavery and gave them the Torah. However, their belief was limited, as they only believed in what they saw. They saw that Hashem could turn water into blood, but they didn't know if Hashem could produce water in the desert for millions of people. They saw that Hashem could wipe out one kingdom, but they didn't know if He

could wipe out the 31 Kings of Canaan. Their belief was limited to what they saw.

In contrast to this, Reb Yeruchem Levovitz would say that Avrohom Avinu was the first person in his generation to believe in Hashem. His belief came from his intellectual honesty in looking at the world and seeing a beautiful creation that was so precise and exquisite. He concluded if there is such a world, then there must be a Creator of this world. This understanding led him to go against his entire generation, including his own family and father. His belief was strong enough that he was willing to be thrown into the fiery furnace without any indication that Hashem would ever interact miraculously to save him. Only when he sacrificed himself did Hashem perform a miracle for him, and those miracles that took place afterward only reinforced his belief, and allowed him to believe more than he could see. This is the opposite of what took place as the Jews left Egypt.

Perhaps this is the answer to our above questions. The first temple was built upon the belief of people who had seen miracles and continued to see miracles. But that didn't allow them to find Hashem in places where it was not obvious and evident, or at least not in every nook and cranny of their personal lives. Perhaps that is why, ultimately, the first two Batai Hamikdash could not last, as they were built upon a limited foundation. On the other hand, as we have lived in exile for thousands of years and have not had the merit of seeing outward miracles, we have continued to believe in Hashem without that reinforcement. We have done so through a heritage that has been passed down from generation to generation. We have done so because it resonates with our souls. We have come to do so because it is the only answer that truly explains the beauty of our world and its precise and exquisite creation. Perhaps it is this belief that is building the foundation of the structure that will never be destroyed and will always allow the presence of Hashem to reside.

It is when we daven to Hashem and praise him for the healing of the sick, while we turn the pages for our paralyzed child so he can say the same words, without getting any better. It's about the people who praise Hashem as the Sustainer of life while they watch their loved ones pass away. It is for those of us who have lost family members during this pandemic, sometimes at the hands of fraudulent medical care, but still perform mitzvos and cry out to Hashem three times a day. Perhaps it's due to the thousands of years of exile that Hashem's children continue to cling to him. These are the building blocks and foundation of an everlasting relationship that is not limited by physical proof. It is a belief that is eternal.

Perhaps these are the answer to our original questions. Why are we different? This belief that we are embracing is stronger than prior generations and creating a more permanent

place for Hashem to reside. How long does this have to last? Permanent structures and relationships take time to create. But most profoundly, we understand that our very questions are the very answer themselves.

May Hashem grant a refuah shalaimah to Simcha Dov Ber ben Chaya Freida and Harav Yitzchok ben Yenta amongst the sick people of our nation. And may we merit to see the coming of Moshiach and rejoice with all of our loved ones, alive and healthy, as we bring korbonos of gratitude in an everlasting Mikdash that resonates with the awesome Presence of our Heavenly Father!

### The Power of One

As we sound the shofar on Rosh Chodesh Elul, we begin to recite Psalm 27 twice a day at the end of our tefillos. With this psalm, Jews all over the world usher in the spirit of the ימים נוראים throughout the month of Elul and during the "Ten Days of Repentance." At first glance, it would seem that Psalm 51 would be more appropriate for creating a mood of teshuvah, as it is the psalm which records Dovid HaMelech's broken-hearted confession of sin [regarding Batsheva] and his profound remorse over his guilt. Although Psalm 27 says nothing of repentance, it teaches us the lesson of teshuvah through the prevention of sin at its source. Dovid declares that the mind which is fully engrossed in single-minded dedication to G-d's service has no room for sin. To reach this high level, the Psalmist exhorts us to not be distracted from concentration on *one* goal: "One thing I asked of Hashem, that shall I seek: That I dwell in the House of Hashem" (Artscroll Tehillim).

This fourth verse in Psalm 27 is one of the preeminent verses in sefer Tehillim and all of Tanach. "One thing I asked of Hashem, that shall I seek: That I dwell in the House of Hashem all the days of my life. To behold the delight of Hashem and to meditate in His Sanctuary" (Tehillim 27:4). The Malbim states that with this pasuk, Dovid is teaching us that although man's desires are in a constant state of flux and change, he was able to rise above his "human nature" and limit himself to this one request. It is interesting to note that although he states, "One thing I asked of Hashem," Dovid is really making several requests: to "dwell in the House of Hashem," to "behold the delight of Hashem," and to "meditate in His Sanctuary." The Midrash (Midrash Shocheh Tov) states that the Holy One, Blessed be He, said to Dovid: "First you said, 'Only one thing I have asked of Hashem,' then you proceed to ask for many things!" Dovid replied, "Master of the Universe! Should not the servant imitate the ways of his master? First You asked for but *one* thing: 'Now, O Israel, what does Hashem, your G-d, ask of you? *Only* to fear Hashem... to go in all

His ways and to love Him, and to serve Hashem... with all your heart and with all your soul, to observe the commandments... and His decrees' (Devarim 10:12-13). You first said, 'What does Hashem, your G-d, ask of you? Only...' This implies that You seek only one thing from us. But You then gave a whole list of instructions: to fear Hashem, to go in all His ways and to love Him, and to serve Hashem, to observe the commandments."

HaRav Chaim Kanievsky explains this exchange: When Hashem said that He was asking the Jews to keep one matter and then gave a whole list of instructions, He was indeed asking only *one* thing of us. All the instructions that followed were simply details of the general command to fear Hashem. So, too, Dovid said, "My requests are all details of my one original request: to dwell in the House of Hashem [all the days of my life]. All that I asked after that was essentially included in that, for dwelling in the House of Hashem includes the ability to behold the sweetness of Hashem and to contemplate in His Sanctuary."

The Rambam notes (Hilchos Teshuvah 8:4) that Dovid's requests to "dwell in the House of Hashem," to "behold the delight of Hashem," and to "meditate in His Sanctuary" are all references to Olam Haba, yet Dovid asks to experience them "all the days of my life," referring to *this life* in Olam Hazeh. According to the words of the Ramban in his famous ethical letter to his son, *Iggeres haRamban*, the Rosh Yeshivah of Telz, HaRav Mordechai Gifter, offers an explanation to this apparent discrepancy: "When you will act with humility to be respectfully ashamed of every man, and when you will truly fear Hashem and be afraid to sin, then you will be permeated with the spirit of Hashem's Presence and the splendid glow of Its glory and the life of the World to

Come. Thus the man who sanctifies himself by eradicating his proud ego and selfish desire for sin can actually immerse himself in the bliss of the Hereafter even while he still walks upon this earth." This was Dovid HaMelech's desire with his request (Artscroll Tehillim).

The message of Psalm 27 is summarized by the last verse: "Hope to Hashem, strengthen yourself and He will give you courage; and hope to Hashem" (Tehillim 27:14). Just as "He who strives to purify himself is given assistance" (Yoma 38b), so, too, he who strives to strengthen himself in faith is assisted from above in gaining strength (Alshich). The Radak understands this pasuk to mean "Because of my boundless faith in Hashem, I hope for His aid at all times and pay no heed to my enemies." It seems to me that Dovid is not only speaking of his "mortal" enemies here but also his "spiritual" enemies, namely his yetzer hara and the accusing angels. The month of Elul is a most propitious time to do battle with these destructive forces, and the only way to defeat them is to "hope to Hashem," so that He may "strengthen us" and "give us courage." It is our faith and trust in Hashem that enables us to overcome the yetzer hara, for without G-d's help, man could not possibly defeat this most formidable enemy on his own. Perhaps this is why we recite Psalm 27 this time of year. May we all be zoche to maximize our potential and place our hope in Hashem; to dwell in the House of Hashem all the days of our life, in both this world and the next. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### 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.

Yaakov Puchtick, Yaakov ben Chaim Moshe a"h, 3 Elul, grandfather of Rabbi Shlomo Porter  
Samuel Rosenfeld, Shmuel ben Eliezer a"h, 6 Elul, grandfather of Meira Blaxberg  
Frieda Rosenstock a"h, 7 Elul, grandmother of Lev Avraham Rosenstock  
Emanuel Weiss, Menachem Mendel ben Yaakov a"h, 7 Elul, father of Avrum Weiss

### Yom Tov Seating

Thank you to all shul members who responded to last week's Yom Tov seating survey! All the survey respondents received an email with the form to request yom tov seating. The deadline for registration for those people is this Tuesday, August 25. After that, we will open up the seating requests to other shul members on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't delay- sign up today!

### From this Week's Daf

**"For R' Yochanan said to Reish Lakish: Was this not the case that R' Yehoshua went to study Torah under R' Yochanan ben Nuri, and although [R' Yehoshua] was expert in the laws of *kilayim*, he sought R' Yochanan ben Nuri's opinion about the law when the crossbar extends from the side, and he found [R' Yochanan ben Nuri] sitting stretched a vine from tree to tree, forming a *tzuras hapesach*, and [R' Yehoshua] asked him: My teacher, if vines are here, may one plant here [on the other side]? [R' Yochanan ben Nuri] answered him: If [a space of] ten amos or less separates the side posts, it is permitted; if [a space of] more than ten amos separates the the side posts, it is forbidden to rely on such a *tzuras hapesach* and plant crops near the vines." (Eruvin 11b).**

### Women's Summer Lecture Series

N'shei presents a summer ZOOM lecture series, Monday nights at 8 pm. ZOOM in this week, **Monday, August 24**, for "A Head Start for the New Year," with Mrs. Naomi Frankel. For more information, please email nsheibaltimore@gmail.com or text Chavie Barenbaum at 410-935-3010. Sponsorship opportunities available.

### Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L'Or bas Nachas

### 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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Shlomo and Ahuva Goldberger  
Mordy and Mori Goldberger  
Howard and Dvora Sora Resnick  
Resnick Family Day Care  
Bernie and Yonah Miriam Schulman  
Mordy and Beth Tenenbaum

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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](mailto: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](mailto:facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org). For availability, go to [www.tiferesyisroel.org](http://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](mailto:levechad@tiferesyisroel.org). Please send your donation to Congregation Tiferes

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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](mailto: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 on ZOOM.

8:30-9:15 pm: Rabbi Goldberger on Pirkei Avos, for women, on ZOOM.

#### Monday:

8:30-9:15 pm: Rambam's Hakdama l'Perek Chelek on ZOOM with Rabbi Goldberger.

#### Tuesday:

8:10-8:50 pm: Chassidus and Chassidic stories in Malchus Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger.

#### Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Rabbeinu Bachya with Jay Taffel on hiatus.

#### Thursday:

After Maariv, 9:00-9:15 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.

After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.

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