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**DAVENING SCHEDULE**

**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 6:38-7:49 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Daf Yomi shiur: 8:00 am  
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 9:00 am  
Mincha: 7:05 pm  
Maariv: 9:05 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 9:20 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:55 pm

**Monday-Thursday**

Shacharis: 7:00 am  
Shacharis (Wed- Rosh Chodesh): 6:40 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:55 pm

**Next Shabbos- Bamidbar**

Candle Lighting: 6:44-7:55 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

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, Sunday through Thursday nights;** please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

**Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur**

Rabbi Goldberger's Shabbos shiur in sefer "Chovos HaLevavos – Sha'ar HaBitachon," is each Shabbos afternoon one hour before Mincha. Photocopies will be available; please bring the sefer if you have one. The shiur is for men and women.

**Donations**

- By Joyce Bak in memory of Rabbi Yitzchok Lowenbraun

**Where Are You Holding?**

Last Sunday, a brief survey was sent out to the kehillah to ascertain as to where people are "holding" with Covid-19 vaccinations and their thoughts about returning to shul under increased capacity. Thank you to the **108 shul members who have responded**. We still need to hear from the remaining 142 adult members. The survey, with **complete anonymity** for each reply, will be used by our shul and Vaad HaRabbonim in upcoming decisions regarding local shul and community protocols. If you have not yet filled this out, **please do so as soon as possible**.

**Thank You**

A special TY thank you goes out to Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger, Yehuda Tenenbaum and Yaakov Goldberger for the beautiful music and dvrei Torah shared at the Lag B'Omer bonfire. Thank you to shul president Binny Margolese for lighting and managing the

bonfire, and to Gavriel Zahler for setting up the chairs. Yasher koach!

**Shiurim on Podcast**

Rabbi Goldberger now has his shiurim on podcast, so you can listen on your portable devices, from your iPod to your tablet; from your phone or your PC. There are three categories already loaded up with shiurim, accessible on all the available podcast apps:

- **A Few Minutes with Rabbi Goldberger**
- **Sifrei Chassidus**
- **Sifrei Machshavah**

All of these are available on our **Media** page, which can be found under the sub-menus for **Our Virtual Shul** or **Shiurim**.

**Mazel Tov to**

- Fred and Rena Levi on the bas mitzvah of their granddaughter, Ora Levi of New York, daughter of Yaakov and Mattel Levi. Mazel tov to the great- grandmother Mrs. Charlotte Levi. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**This Shabbos**

- 6:05 pm: Rabbi's Shabbos shiur in Sefer Chovos HaLevavos – Sha'ar HaBitachon for men and women. Sponsored this week by Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick in honor of the yahrzeit of Howard's mother, Basha bas Mordecai Gershon HaLevi, 26 Iyar.

**Women's Tehillim**

Join in on Sundays on ZOOM at 10:15 am for the Women's Tehillim gathering for cholim, followed by Rebbetzin Bracha's class in Tehillim at 11 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

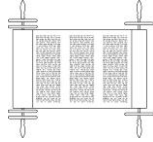
**Shacharis Minyan for Shavuos (Just Three More Men Needed!)**

There is an effort afoot to have a regular, **9:00 am Shacharis minyan on Shavuos morning**, in addition to the traditional 5:30 am minyan. **We need a commitment from 15 men**; Rabbi Goldberger will **work on getting baalei tefilla and a baal koreh**. **This will benefit men and women** who miss davening with the shul on the first day of Shavuos. **Thank you to the 12 men** who have responded and have made the commitment to the 9:00 am minyan - we only need **3 more men** to make it official; if you are able to attend, please email [communications@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:communications@tiferesyisroel.org).

**This week's Lev Echad is sponsored (with love) by:**

Dvora Sora Reznick, Ira and Zoe Gewanter, Rabbi Yehuda Leib and Miriam Goldberger, Yitz and Avigayil Pierce, Josh and Rachel Reznick, Rabbi Binyamin and Zehava Gerstenfeld, Aaron Reznick, in honor of the yahrzeit of Bessie Reznick, Basha bas Mordechai Gershon Halevi. May her neshama have an aliyah. And, l'havdil bein chaim l'chaim, in honor of the 68th birthday this Shabbos of Chaim Chuna Reznick. May you be zoche to 120 years of health and happiness; we are so grateful to Hashem for you.

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Behar/Bechukosai

#### The Mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim

The Mishnah states: Ben Zoma says: Who is wise (חכם)? He who learns from every person (Avos 4:1). I always understood this Mishnah to mean that one should not only learn from others “what to do,” but also, “what not to do.” I recently listened to a Torah Anytime shiur by Rabbi Gabi Fried, the Rosh Kollel of the community Kollel in Monsey, who said that his father used to say, “A חכם learns from other people’s mistakes; a regular person learns from his own mistakes; and a fool never corrects his mistakes.” We are all shocked and devastated by the events that took place this Lag B’Omer in Meron, resulting in the tragic deaths of 45 people, and leaving at least 150 more seriously injured. Much like the sudden deaths of Nadav and Avihu on the “eighth day” following the inauguration of the Mishkan, klal Yisroel has gone from a state of exuberant celebration to a state of national mourning. So, what is the message here - what is Hashem trying to teach us?

This past Shabbos, my dear friend Mike Rice gave me a parsha sheet from Sefer Sarei Alafin, transcribed from the *drashos* of Rabbi Efraim Twerski. He writes that the word לב, heart, has the gematria of 32, while the word טוב, good, has the gematria of 17. When added together, לב טוב equals 49, corresponding to the 49 days of Sefirah. The purpose of the period of Sefiras HaOmer is to reflect upon and improve our *middos*, day by day, so we may achieve for ourselves a לב טוב. Rabbi Twerski writes: “Shlomo HaMelech says in Koheles (10:2) that a wise person’s heart is on the right, while a fool’s heart is on the left. What can this mean? Everyone’s heart is on the left side of his body! Rav Nachman of Breslov asks why is it that a person’s heart is on the left? The right side is always the more important. The right side goes first; mitzvos are done with the right hand, so why would Hashem have placed the heart on the left? Rav Nachman explains that your heart *is* on the right side- it’s on the right side of the person you are facing, just as *his* heart is on your right. This is because our hearts are placed within us for the sake of others – for doing kindnesses for others. So, this is what Shlomo HaMelech means: A חכם concerns himself with the heart that is to his right – the heart of the one facing him, while a fool concerns himself mainly

with the heart to his left – his own. The task of our lifetime, our *avodah*, is to transform our naturally selfish heart to a good heart, a heart that is concerned for others – לב טוב.”

I believe that Rabbi Twerski is teaching us that the way one achieves לב טוב for himself is by recognizing the לב טוב in others. In a shiur given this past erev Lag B’Omer, Rabbi Yisroel Brog stated the reason for the deaths of Rabbi Akiva’s students, according to the Gemara, was that they were not *noheg kavod*-they did not have the proper respect for one another. He further stated that the Midrash adds another element to the equation - that they had a *tzaras ayin*, a narrow vision, and their eyes were “full of envy.” When we have feelings of jealousy, it is nearly impossible to view the other person in a positive light, and therefore we are unable to recognize their לב טוב. Each year, we mourn the loss of Rabbi Akiva’s students for the first 32 days of Sefiras HaOmer, and dance in celebration on day 33 [the plague ended and they stopped dying]. Yet, somehow, we fail to appreciate the gravity of the loss, and do not learn the valuable lesson from their [and our own] mistakes.

With so much animosity and hatred that exists between different groups of Jewish people, there still remains an overall lack of kindness and shalom. Secular, Chareidim, and everyone in between - we are all part of klal Yisroel, and until we develop *ahavas chinam*, as was exemplified by the great Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, then we are doomed to fail as a nation. Perhaps the devastating events that took place this year in Meron should be understood as a “wake-up call” for all of klal Yisroel, and be viewed as a sign from above to work on our *ahavas Yisroel* by seeking out the לב טוב in others, and, ultimately, in ourselves.

#### Walk the Walk

Parshas Bechukosai begins with the pasuk, “If (אם) you will walk in My statutes and observe My commandments and perform them...” (Vayikra 26:3). The Nesivos Shalom notes that the word אם can also be rendered as “when,” so the pasuk reads “When you will walk in My statutes...” He explains that when Hashem created the world, He wove the mitzvos into the fabric of Creation, suggesting that the Torah is a system of cause and effect, rather than a system of reward and punishment. “When you will walk in My statutes...” is the cause, and the effect [of doing the mitzvos] is “...then I [Hashem] will provide your rains in their time...” (ibid. 26:4). By rendering the word אם as “if,” the Torah implies that the *Tochachah* which follows is indeed a warning against the punishments that they will incur for a lack in Torah observance. However, if אם means “when,” then the harsh words of the *Tochachah* are merely describing the natural

consequence, the “effect” of transgressing the Torah. Rashi writes: “One might be able to think that this refers to fulfillment of the commandments. When it says, ‘and observe My commandments and perform them,’ see that fulfillment of the commandments has been stated. What, then, do I maintain is meant by ‘if you will walk in My statutes’? That you should be laboring in the Torah.” Toras Kohanim states that the use of the verb תלכו, “you will walk,” alludes to the process of Torah study, in which one regularly progresses to increasingly more sophisticated levels of understanding; “walking” can be a laborious activity, thus, “you should be laboring in Torah” (Gur Aryeh).

Rav Shlomo Wolbe writes: “The study of Torah is unique in that it is always possible to delve deeper and deeper into the Torah’s wisdom. The more one toils over a *maamar Chazal*, the more insightful it becomes. As a person grows older, the very same statement that he might have already studied in his youth can take on a whole new meaning. As he continues to age and become wiser, he will be amazed when he once again studies the same passage and perceives newfound profundity within the Torah’s timeless words. It is for this reason that Hashem termed the toil of Torah ‘walking.’ A person can constantly stride deeper and deeper into the Torah, all the while gaining greater perception of its infinite wisdom.”

Toiling in Torah is a common precept for those who engage in its study; one should not learn Torah for intellectual prowess, but rather to gain the wisdom he needs to live a Torah life. Whether you are the seventh-generation son of a rabbinic dynasty or a forty-year-old baal-teshuvah, Torah can only be acquired through one’s own toil and effort. Rabbi Yose says: “...apply yourself to the study of Torah, for it is not yours by inheritance” (Avos 2:17). Rav remarks on this Mishnah, “One must not delude himself into thinking that by virtue of the fact that his father and forefathers were scholars, he too will become a scholar, even without sweat and toil. Success at Torah study is achieved only through the investment of personal effort. Unlike a monetary inheritance, which is acquired effortlessly, Torah knowledge can be achieved only by those who actively seek it.” Meiri adds, “One may be blessed with a towering intellect, yet without toil, he will not succeed in his Torah study.” The Sfas Emes explains that preparation for Torah study means that one must be ready to submit to the Torah’s way of thinking even if he understands things differently. He should seek only G-d’s will in Torah, not the validation of his own preconceived notions. Only thus will Torah leave its mark on him (Artscroll Pirkei Avos Treasury).

Torah study is also unique in that one is rewarded in accordance with his efforts rather

than his results. R' Tarfon was accustomed to say: "You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it. If you have studied much Torah, they give you great reward..." (Avos 2:21). It is not knowledge for which one is rewarded, rather it is the effort exerted in its pursuit that elicits G-d's magnanimity. Unlike other tasks, where incomplete work is worthless, spiritual challenges which are even partially met are deserving of reward (HaChassid Yaavetz). Machzor Vitry adds, "Man is commanded to serve his Master constantly and totally. Yet, while the servant of an earthly lord can expect no special reward for greater service, man will indeed receive reward that is commensurate with the level of his Divine service."

Learning Torah is a lifetime endeavor, and as R' Tarfon points out, although we are not required to complete the task, we should never stop laboring in our studies. I had a rebbe who once told me that [regarding Torah study] a person should never feel that they have more answers than questions, for every answer should raise more questions. When it comes to gaining new and elaborate insights into the Torah, the possibilities are endless. Rav Wolbe concludes: "If a person constantly 'walks' and delves deeper into the wisdom of the Torah, he will never claim that he is finished with Torah study. Even with regard to *chukim*, the Torah writes that one should 'walk' and toil. Although we cannot understand the full reason for these mitzvos, there are aspects that we can comprehend. The more we apply ourselves, the more we will succeed in tapping into the vast wisdom contained within each word of the Torah." As Rabban Yochanan ben Zakkai said, "If you have studied much Torah, do not take credit for yourself, because that is what you were created to do" (Avos 2:9). Rashi points

out that Creation can only be sustained by man's constant delving into the depths of Torah; hence, man is commanded to study Torah so that the world can continue to exist. A closer look at our pasuk reveals the three sequential directives for Torah life: "if you will walk in My statutes" refers to laboring in Torah study; "and observe My commandments" refers to laboring in Torah study for the sake of fulfillment; "and perform them" refers to the actual fulfillment of the commandments (Mizrachi). May we all be zoche to "walk the walk," and devote our lives to the constant study of Torah, not only for our sake, but for the sake of Creation. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### Shiurim Schedule

#### In Shul:

- Sunday morning Rabbi's Gemara shiur in **Sukkah** following Shacharis from 9:15 to 10:00 am.
- Monday night **Rambam** shiur from 8:45 to 9:30 pm.
- Tuesday night **Chassidus** shiur following Maariv.

#### On ZOOM:

- Sunday morning **Women's Tehillim** recitation for cholim at 10:15 am; Rebbetzin Bracha's shiur in **Tehillim** at 11:00 am.

### 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.

Bessie Reznick, Basha bas Mordechai Gershon HaLevi a"h, 26 Iyar, mother of Howard Reznick, wife of Victor Reznick a"h

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### Community

- **May 12: Part 3** of a WIT **pre-Shavuus series on ZOOM** presented by Mrs. Michal Horowitz. The program will take place at 7:00 pm.

### Shul Pushka Challenge 5781

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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### From This Week's Daf

"Rav Yehudah said in the name of Shmuel: Why did the monarchy of the House of Shaul not endure? Because there was no genealogical flaw in [his family]. This explanation is based on that which R' Yochanan said in the name of R' Shimon ben Yehotzadak: We do not appoint a leader over the community unless he has a box of creeping creatures hanging behind him (i.e. his family is genealogically flawed), so that if he becomes arrogant, we can say to him: 'Turn around and see what is behind you!'" (Yoma 22b)

### Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
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- Mordecai Zev Margolese, Mordecai Zev ben Rivka Rochel
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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 aslightly 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.

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**Ride G'mach.** Call the Ride G'mach at 410-358-7433. 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.



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- Siddur \$50
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- Other seforim may be dedicated as well.



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### 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.

#### **Monday:**

8:30-9:15 pm: Rambam's Iggeres HaShmad on ZOOM with Rabbi Goldberger.

#### **Tuesday:**

Chassidus and Chassidic stories in Malchus Shlomo following Maariv 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.

Rabbi's Shabbos shiur in the Ramchal's Derech Hashem one hour before Mincha.

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