

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

בס"ד

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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**

Candle Lighting: 7:28 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Daf Yomi Shiur: 8:00 am  
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am  
Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur: 5:40 pm  
Mincha: 6:40 pm  
Maariv: 8:40 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 8:57 pm

**Sunday- Rosh Chodesh Elul**

Shacharis (**with Shofar!**): 7:50 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:20 pm

**Monday-Friday**

Shacharis: 7:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:20 pm

**Next Shabbos- Shoftim**

Candle Lighting: 7:17 pm  
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

more information, please contact Rabbi Levi at 443-473-3073.

**Yom Tov Seating**

Today is Rosh Chodesh Elul and the Yomim Nora'im will soon be upon us - now is the time to request your Yom Tov seats! Login to the shul website and select **Yom Tov Seating** under the **Events** menu. You must be logged in to get the membership discount. So that we start off the new year with a clean slate, we ask that you pay any outstanding obligation at this time. Because of the limited number of seats, the shul also requests full payment for seats along with your seating order. You can check your current obligation at **My Account**. For any questions, please contact Ari Blum at l3blum@gmail.com. Many thanks for your participation in this process, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 5782.

**Donations**

- By Dovid Blum in honor of his two beautiful and loving parents, the honored candy man and the holy bookkeeper Rebbetzin. May they be able to continue to help the shul for many more years to come.

**Shul Pushka Challenge 5782**

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" with your payment.
- Mail a check with "Pushka Challenge" in the memo line to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD

2125, 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.

**Halfway to Sinai**

Halfway to Sinai Ayshel Avraham will be closed from this Shabbos, Rosh Chodesh Elul, through the last Shabbos of the month (September 24, Parshas Nitzavim). They plan to re-open iy"H for Rosh Hashanah, and remain open through Simchas Torah.

**\*\* Look for Rabbi Goldberger's  
Hilchos Sefer Torah on pg. 2 \*\***

**Mazel Tov to**

- Bernie Goldberg on his marriage to Shoshy Bernstein. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel. Mazel tov to the Goldberg and Bernstein families.

**This Shabbos**

- **5:40:** Rabbi Goldberger's Shabbos shiur in "Chovos Halevevos Shaar HaBitachon" in the main shul for men and women.

**Semichas Chaver Program**

Join Rabbi Elie Levi for the Semichas Chaver program Sunday nights following Maariv. The topics for this semester will include:

- **Hilchos Bais HaKnesses** and
- **Hilchos Tefilla**
- Upon completion of the Zman/semester, there is an **optional written exam** with a **certificate of accomplishment** that will be presented at a siyum at the conclusion. For

**More Upcoming Tiferes Yisroel  
Sefer Torah Summer Events!**

- **September 3:** Early Shalosh Seudos with guest speaker
- **September 5:** Breakfast with special guest speaker, **Rabbi Daniel Rose** of Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion, who will be speaking on the topic of "Kedushas Sefer Torah." Shacharis at 9:00 am; breakfast at 10:00 am; speaker at 10:30 am.

All of our events will be culminating in a joyous **Hachnassas Sefer Torah** in honor of Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger's 36 years of service to our shul and to the Baltimore Jewish community --

- **Sunday September 18, 1:30 - 5:00 pm**

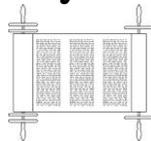
*This week's Lev Echad is honor of:  
Rosh Chodesh Elul!*

## Hilchos Sefer Torah from Rabbi Goldberger - Tiferes Yisroel "Summer Sefer Torah Celebration"

- One is not permitted to sell a Sefer Torah for almost any reason; however, one may sell a Sefer Torah if you have nothing else to sell:
  - 1) In order to have money to learn Torah
  - 2) In order to get married
  - 3) In order to redeem a captive
- A Sefer Torah must be written on klaf (parchment) from a kosher species of an animal or a bird. The animal or bird does not have to be *shechted* (kosher slaughter) for its skin to be used for a Sefer Torah, it just has to be a kosher species. [When I was in Denver, Rabbi Twerski, ztz"l, had a small Sefer Torah in his family that was written on klaf from a deer.] It is not permitted to use fish skin, even a kosher fish, as they are always oily, even after being processed.
- The skins from the kosher animal that are going to be used for a Sefer Torah have to be tanned [processed] *lishmah* - for the sake of a Sefer Torah. This should be done by a Jewish person who states before he puts the skins into the tanning process that he is doing it *l'shem Sefer Torah* and he says, "I am tanning these skins for the sake of a Sefer Torah."
- A Sefer Torah requires *sirtut*, "scoring" the parchment. We take an instrument and score the parchment, making an indentation for each line of each column that the *pesukim* of the Torah will be written on. One is not permitted to score with lead or any instrument which colors the indentation. [It must be an indentation with no color.]
- A Sefer Torah (and tefillin and mezuzos as well) must be written with black ink. This is called "d'yo." No other color is acceptable. If even one letter of the Torah is written with a different color, the Torah is *pasul* (invalid for use). In a Torah, the letter can be erased (unless it is a letter from the name of Hashem) and rewritten in black ink. The main ingredients in the ink are water, gall nuts, gum arabic, soot, and copper sulfate. The making of the ink is very specialized.
- Every letter in the Sefer Torah has to be completely surrounded by klaf (parchment). This is called, "mukaf gvil." Gvil is another word for parchment. If it is not, it needs to be corrected. If a letter runs into the end of the parchment, it is not surrounded by klaf. If a letter hits another letter, it is not surrounded by klaf. If a letter has a hole in it on the edge, it is not surrounded by klaf. These are all examples of not being "mukaf gvil." These can be corrected by the Sofer, who carefully makes space between the end or edge of the letter until it is fully surrounded by klaf.

- Each letter of each word must be slightly separated from the letter before and after it. If the separation is too much and it looks like two words, the Sefer Torah is not valid and needs to be corrected. In between two words, there must be enough space to recognize that these are two separate words. That space is the width of the letter "yud." If the two words are too close together and appear like one word, the Sefer Torah is not valid and needs to be corrected.
- Every letter in a Sefer Torah (and tefillin and mezuzos) has a very precise form called "Tzuras Ha'Os." This form must be followed precisely by the Sofer in order for the Torah to be kosher. If even one letter is not written according to the proper form, the Sefer Torah is *pasul* until it is fixed. The form of the letter can also be affected by a tear or hole in the letter as well as by a smudge. Each of these would have to be corrected if they disturbed the halachic form of the letter.
- A Sefer Torah written with the *nekudos* (vowels) is not valid. It must be written the way it was received from Moshe Rabbeinu, which is without *nekudos*. In addition, it cannot be corrected by erasing the *nekudos*. The reason for this is because it is clear the Sofer did not have regard for the proper *mesorah* in how to write a Sefer Torah, and we cannot trust that the Sefer Torah was written properly. Rabbi Akiva Eiger writes in the name of earlier authorities that if the Sefer Torah was written without vowels initially and someone else came along and wrote in the vowels, in this case they can be erased and the Torah would be kosher. This is because the Sefer Torah was actually written correctly by the first Sofer and the correction helps to restore it to its original kosher status.

### Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Re'eh

### Life is a Blessing

Our parsha begins with, "See (ראה), I present before you... 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). According to Rashi, Moshe uses these verses to inform the people about the blessings and curses that would be pronounced later on Har Gerizim and Har Eival in Parshas Ki Savo. Rambam disagrees and

states the simple understanding of the verse: that Moshe spoke in general terms, saying that those who observed the commandments would be blessed and those who did not would be cursed. Here, Moshe pointed out that klal Yisroel is not like other nations. The blessings promised them are so far out of the ordinary as to be miraculous, and so are the ordeals facing them if they fail in their spiritual calling. Thus, the choice is between blessing and curse (Sforno).

HaRav Moshe Feinstein writes: "These verses tell us that once the Torah has been given and its effects are apparent, we are to observe those who keep Torah and mitzvos and compare them with those who do not keep the Torah. We will then see that for those who do keep the Torah, life is a blessing, because they enjoy all the blessings Hashem gives them. For those who do not keep the Torah, however, life becomes a curse; however much Hashem gives them, they are never satisfied and always want more. Since they believe their own efforts and talents have earned them everything they have, the sight of others who have more depresses them. The fact that their house is not as big as it could be, or their car is not as luxurious as the cars of others, is as big a curse to them as if they lacked food or other necessities of life."

We find a similar concept in the words of Shlomo HaMelech: "... the eye is never sated with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing" (Koheles 1:8), and "... yet there is no end to his toil, nor is his eye ever sated with riches" (ibid. 4:8). The Midrash responds to these verses and states: No one departs from the world with half his desire gratified. If he has a hundred, he desires two hundred; and if he has two hundred, he desires four hundred. (Koheles Rabbah 1:32).

The Me'am Lo'ez relates the following story in his commentary in *The Torah Anthology* on Parshas Bereishis: During his travels, Alexander the Great came to a beautifully fragrant stream. After he stopped to wash his face with the water, he said, "This seems to be water from the Garden of Eden," and he followed the stream until he actually came to the entrance of Gan Eden. When he requested that the gate be opened, the reply was, "This gate is reserved only for the righteous." He said, "I am an important king. Since I have come so far, at least give me a memento." He was given a round object and told to weigh it. When he returned home, he placed object on a scale and all his gold and silver on the opposite side. No matter how much he placed there, it could not outweigh this small object. He asked the Sages, "Can any of you tell me what this object is, and why nothing can overbalance it?" They replied, "It is a human eye. It can never be satisfied. The more it has, the more it wants." When Alexander asked them to prove it, they said, "Place a little dust on the opposite pan. Then

you will see that even something very light can outweigh it.” He made the test and found that they were correct. The human eye cannot be satisfied until a person dies and dust is placed on his eyes.

Rav Moshe concludes: “Therefore the Torah tells us that you can see for yourselves that your biggest blessing is the very fact that you listen to what the Torah teaches you, so that you can find a blessing in everything you have and everything you do. If, however, you do not listen to the Torah, then everything you have will be a curse to you, because you will never be satisfied and will always want more.”

Before Rachel and I bought our house, we lived together as a family of six in a small apartment in Cross Country Manor. Although we lived there for ten years, we always felt very blessed to have such a nice home and never complained about the lack of extra space. Every so often, my wife would get the urge to look for a house, but only for issues of *tznius*, as our older kids were becoming teenagers and sharing one bathroom was becoming a challenge. We believe that because we were always happy and truly grateful for everything that we had, that Hashem blessed us with a beautiful house on an amazing street, with awesome neighbors and a five-minute walk to shul. I can personally attest that living a Torah life is truly a life of blessing. May we all be zoche to see the blessing in our lives, and continue to pass the *mesorah* of Torah down to our children for generations to come. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

### Mei Miriam is Back!

Cold water on a hot Shabbos – Mei Miriam returns for its sixth season! Beginning this

Shabbos and continuing through the summer months, hosts throughout the area will be distributing cold water bottles to pedestrians when temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher.

### Parsha Poem

Two opposite mountains,  
From which could be heard,  
The words the Levi'im would utter.  
Two opposite ways,  
To respond to those words,  
With reverence, or with a mutter.

Did the Bnei Levi give over for real,  
All the words that we read in the parsha?  
And precede each pronouncement,  
From the valley below,  
With the preface of klalah or bracha?

Or was it the people,  
Who heard in their minds,  
On the slopes of the mountains,  
Just mentioned,  
The message that they were inclined to receive,  
Depending upon their perception?

### 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.

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  
Yaakov Puchtick, Yaakov ben Chaim Moshe a”h, 3 Elul, grandfather of Rabbi Shlomo Porter

Joel Goldberger, Pinchas Yehuda ben Rav Daniel HaLevi a”h, 5 Elul, brother of Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

Samuel Rosenfeld, Shmuel ben Eliezer a”h, 6 Elul, grandfather of Meira Blaxberg  
Eva Deborah Bailis, Devorah Chava bas Yitzchak a”h, 30 Av, grandmother of Eileen Rosenbaum

### Community

- **August 28: Project Ezra/Chesed Fund** presents, “Train to Blow Shofar!” Pick up a free shofar and join a shofar-blowing training session. There will be four sessions: Sunday, August 28 at 11:30 am; Thursday, September 8 at 8:30 pm; Sunday, September 11 at 11:30 am; and Wednesday, September 14 at 8:30 pm. All sessions to be held in the rear building, 3209 Fallstaff Road (Storch).
- **August 31: N’shei Agudath Israel of Baltimore** summer lecture series: Dr. Jonathan Lason, “Ani Ledodi Vedodi Li-Reconnecting with Hashem in Elul,” at 8 pm, 3209 Fallstaff Road rear building (Storch) or via phone and **ZOOM**. [For the link, go to [nsheibaltimore@gmail.com](mailto:nsheibaltimore@gmail.com)].

### 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, 8:45 am on Shabbos, and 8:00 am on Sundays. \***Weekday Mincha/Maariv with Men’s Shiurim and Beis Medrash Learning, Sunday through Thursday nights.** Davening begins 10 minutes before shkia; check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

### 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 or to donate books, please contact Steve Schwarz at [simchamelech@aol.com](mailto:simchamelech@aol.com) or call 410-446-8330.

### From This Week’s Daf

“Abaye said: Mother told me that this six-year-old who was bitten by a scorpion on the day that he completes six years will not live without a proven remedy. What is his remedy? The bile of a white culture with beer. That is, rub some of [the bile] on the child and have him drink some of it with beer.” (Kesubos 50a)

### Refuah Shalaimah to

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

### PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing [shlomhuva@aol.com](mailto: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. If you need a shul pushka, you may take one from the shul window sill, and they will be replenished as needed.

#### Latest contributors:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger  
Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock  
Shul Pushka

Running total for 5782:

**\$3,833.44**

### Participants

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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 the 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 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 Caryn Blum carynblum@icloud.com:

- Siddur \$50
- Chumash \$75
- Yahrzeit Plaque \$360
- 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 only)

### Sunday:

- 9:15-10 am: Men's **Gemara Sukkah** shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharshas.
- **Women's Tehillim** for cholim will be on hiatus until further notice.
- Men's **Semichas Chaver Program** with Rabbi Elie Levi one hour before Mincha/Maariv.

### Monday:

- **Rambam's Hilchos Tefillah** with Rabbi Goldberger following Maariv.

### Tuesday:

- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch** with Rabbi Goldberger following Maariv.

### Wednesday:

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

### Thursday:

- **Parsha Preview** (with hot potato kugel) with Rabbi Ori Strum following Maariv.

### Daily (Monday-Friday):

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

### Shabbos:

- 8:00 am: Daf Yomi shiur with Rabbi Yehuda Leib before Shacharis.
- After davening Friday night: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.
- After Mussaf on Shabbos morning: Sidduro Shel Shabbos, with Nossi Gross.
- Shabbos shiur in **Chovos Halevavos Shaar HaBitachon** one hour before Mincha.

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*Good Shabbos!*



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