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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 4:29 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Daf Yomi shiur: 8:00 am
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am
*Krias Shema by: 9:45 am
Mincha: 4:10 pm
Maariv: 5:45 pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:59 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:35 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis (Monday only): 6:55 am
Shacharis: 7:00 am
Maariv: 8:00 pm**Next Shabbos- Vayigash**Candle Lighting: 4:34 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:35 pm**Semichas Chaver Program**

Join Rabbi Elie Levi for the Semichas Chaver program Sunday nights at 8 pm. The topic for this semester will be:

- **Hilchos Niddah** (bring a Shulchan Aruch Hilchos Niddah if you have one)
- 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 information, please contact Rabbi Levi at 443-473-3073.

La'Ofek Chanukah CampaignSupport La'Ofek's today! Contributions can be made payable to the **Shomrei Israel Fund** by check, earmarked La'Ofek or online at www.shomreimunah.org by clicking on

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NO Kol HaNaarim Learning

Since many people will be away for Shabbos this week, there will be no Kol HaNaarim Learning. Both nights of learning will resume next Shabbos.

Parshas Mikeitz and Chanukah

The commentary for each parsha in the Stone Chumash ends with a "Masoretic note" that lists the number of verses in the Sidrah; a mnemonic numerically corresponding to the gematria of a word or phrase that is somehow related to the parsha. Mikeitz is the only parsha in the entire Chumash where the Masoretic note lists a mnemonic for the number of words, not verses. Oddly enough, this mnemonic has nothing at all to do with Parshas Mikeitz; rather, it is an allusion to Chanukah.

Parshas Mikeitz almost always falls out on the Shabbos of Chanukah. There are 2025 words in Mikeitz. On each of the eight nights of Chanukah, we light a new *ner* (lamp). The word *ner*, נר, has the gematria of 250, and there are eight nights of Chanukah, giving us a total of 2000; Chanukah begins on the twenty-fifth of Kislev. Thus, 2025 is an allusion to the lights and date of Chanukah.

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. Sunday Mincha/Maariv this week at 4:25 pm; **Maariv only at 8:00 pm, Monday 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.

Donations

- Yahrzeit donation by Aviva Saltman in memory of her mother
- Yahrzeit donation by Glenna Ross in memory of her grandmother
- By Meir and Debbie Tulkoff in honor of Dr. Andy Goldfinger on the birth of a great-granddaughter born to Mordechai and Esther Stein of New York, and grandparents, Rabbi Dovid and Dr. Rivka Stein
- Chanukah carnival sponsorship by Yehuda and Yael Weisbord

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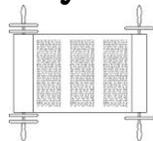
- Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick on the engagement of their son, Aaron Binyamin, to Gayil Langer of Woodmere. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

Two Nights of Winter Kol HaNaarim Learning

Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn -- Kol HaNaarim Learning has returned to Tiferes Yisroel! **NEW** Friday night Shabbos learning - individual or with a chavrusa, from 8:10 to 8:40 pm, followed by a 10-minute shiur given by Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger. Light refreshments will be served. Our regular Motzei Shabbos Kol HaNaarim learning will be from 7:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by pizza and raffles. For more info, contact Rabbi Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick and the Langer mishpacha in honor of the engagement of Aaron Binyamin to Gayil Langer of Woodmere, NY. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel, a binyan adei ad.

Weekly Parsha**Parshas Mikeitz****The Holy Light of Chanukah**

On the first day of Creation, the Torah states: “G-d said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light. G-d saw that the light was good, and separated between the light and the darkness” (Bereishis 1:3-4). Rashi explains, according to the *aggadah*, that the “supernal light” had to be stored away because it was too good to be used by the wicked (Gur Aryeh). Where was the light stored? We find a *remez* to the answer in our pasuk, “G-d saw that ‘the light’ was good...” The light, **אֵת הָאוֹר**, has the gematria of 613, alluding to the mitzvos of the Torah. Thus, the Almighty stored the light away in the Torah, and the way a Jew can access this light is through Torah and mitzvos.

Rabbi Goldberger gave over a beautiful vort that suggests another way to gain access to this supernal light, the *Ohr Haganuz*, through the lights of Chanukah. The Bnei Yissaschar states that the light of the Chanukah menorah has the same quality as the *Ohr Haganuz*; that this Divine light existed for thirty-six hours before G-d stored it away, which corresponds to the thirty-six candles that we light for the eight days of Chanukah. Each candle we light represents another hour that the supernal light of Creation shone brightly in the world before it was hidden away in the Torah. When we light the Chanukah menorah, we are actually bringing that light into the world and into our homes, to shine its warmth and brilliance on Klal Yisroel. Just as in the days of Mattisyahu and the Hasmonians, we are living in dark times (According to Rabbi Yisroel Brog, much darker times now). Klal Yisroel is constantly struggling with the forces of evil, in both the physical and spiritual realms. Our struggle is not only for Yerushalayim and Eretz Yisroel, but a fight for the survival of the Jewish people and Torah values. We still very much live in a “Greek” culture, where Hellenism and extreme hedonism prevail. As we stand on the threshold of Mashiach, we ask Hashem to once again shine His *Ohr Haganuz* on Klal Yisroel, and bring victory to our people. May we all be zoche to experience the supernal light of Creation, and may this Divine light usher in the coming of Mashiach, **בִּימֵינוּ**.

Tunnel Vision

The Malbim writes: “Although it is true that G-d’s general plan will ultimately be done despite human intervention, humans have the

free will as to what specific part they will play in this plan.” Last week we saw how Yosef’s brothers carried out Hashem’s plan through their own actions, namely the sale of Yosef, which led to his descent to Mitzraim, and ultimately to his rise to power as the viceroy of the land. Of course, this all was necessary in order to fulfill Yosef’s dreams of his brothers’ bowing down before him. In this week’s parsha, this is precisely what happens. But this time, it is through Yosef that Hashem’s plan is being fulfilled, to arouse his brothers to do *teshuvah*, and to pave the way for Yaakov’s settling in the land of Mitzraim, thus initiating the fulfillment of G-d’s promise to Avraham: “Know with certainty that your offspring shall be aliens in a land not their own – and they will serve them, and they will oppress them – four hundred years” (Bereishis 15:13).

With each encounter with the seemingly “malevolent” viceroy, trouble seemed to befall Yosef’s brothers. First Yosef accused them of being spies, imprisoned them for three days, and kept Shimon in prison while the other brothers were sent home to Yaakov to retrieve their brother Binyamin. To this, the Torah states: “They... said to one another, ‘Indeed we are guilty concerning our brother inasmuch as we saw his heartfelt anguish when he pleaded with us and we paid no heed; that is why this anguish has come upon us’” (ibid. 42:21). After they discovered money in their sacks and would be accused of stealing, the Torah states: “Their hearts sank, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, ‘What is this that G-d has done to us?’” (ibid. 42:28).

Rabbi Noach Weinberg writes: “Yosef’s brothers were great men who lived with a constant awareness of Hashem’s presence in their lives. They knew that life is not a series of random events and that everything that happens is orchestrated by Hashem and contains a message. But for some reason, no matter what events Hashem and Yosef conspired to bring upon his brothers, they never fully got the message that Yosef’s dreams were actually prophetic.”

It is interesting to note that through all their trials and tribulations in Mitzraim, the brothers never suspected that the viceroy was actually their long-lost brother Yosef. Even after he arranged their seats according to their order of birth: “They were seated before him, the firstborn according to his seniority... the youngest according to his youth. The men looked at one another in astonishment” (ibid. 43:33), the brothers never realized that it was Yosef who stood before them. Rashi states: “Yosef would strike his goblet and call out ‘Reuven, Shimon, Levi, Yehudah, Yissachar, and Zevulun, sons of one mother, recline at the table at this order, for it is the order of your births.’ So did Yosef do with all the other brothers. Once he reached Binyamin, he said, ‘This one has no mother, and I have no mother.

Let him sit next to me.’” Since Mitzraim was notorious for sorcery and black magic, it is safe to assume that the brothers were easily duped by Yosef’s charade. But one still must consider why his brothers were unable to understand the deeper meaning behind Hashem’s Providence.

Rav Noach asks the same question, “Why did they not realize that the viceroy was none other than Yosef?” His answer is that the brothers had tunnel vision. They had already made up their minds twenty-two years earlier that Yosef’s dreams were nothing more than “wishful thinking.” Had they considered the possibility that his dreams actually were prophetic, then they would have realized that the viceroy was indeed their brother Yosef. Rav Noach suggests that there is a lesson here for all of us: “If Yosef’s brothers fell into the trap of closed-mindedness, then we most certainly need to be on guard to prevent ourselves from being ensnared in tunnel vision. Hashem is talking to us. He wants us to understand His messages. Let us embrace Hashem’s Providence, reconsider our assumptions, and open ourselves up to seeing His guiding Hand and internalizing the messages he is transmitting to us.”

In his classic Chassidic discourse, *Shelosh Ma’amarim*, the holy Piaseczna Rebbe states that it is the power of prophecy that distinguishes a Jew from other men, and that all good thoughts, desires, urges, ideas and religious excitement, even a simple thought of *teshuvah* that wells up in the heart of the Jew, is rooted in the quality of the *ben navi* within him. He writes: “[Even today] all Jews are only *bnei nevi’im*, and only the last remnant of the *bnei nevi’im*, so when they are bestirred by an awakening of goodness, they do not consider whether or not it is a spark of prophecy, because it is so slight. Yet who has not heard the words of the Baal Shem Tov z”l, who told us how the *bas kol*, the Heavenly voice that emanates daily from Har Chorev, as the Mishnah (Avos 6:2) states, arouses the heart of the Jew to feel a stirring of *teshuvah*, and this stirring of *teshuvah* is actually the spark of the *bas kol*, even though he thinks that it is only coming from within himself. If, however, a person is immersed in the physical, closing up his soul and burying it under the dirt and mud piles of his bodily vanities, then very little of the spirit of the *bnei nevi’im* will pulse within him.”

Indeed, we are living in the chaotic world of virtual reality – smart phones, computers and cyberspace. Our senses and awareness have become so convoluted by these technological externalities that it is nearly impossible to focus and see G-d’s presence in our everyday lives, much less be attuned to His messages. It is only through *emunah* and *bitachon*, the awareness and complete trust that He is orchestrating our lives (in every moment and in every way) that we can avoid falling into the

trap of having tunnel vision. May we all be zoche to have the awareness of Hashem's presence, so that He may guide us through this long galus and fulfill his promise to Yaakov: "I will guard you wherever you go, and I will return you to this soil; for I will not forsake you until I will have done what I have spoken about you" (Bereishis 28:15). A gutten Shabbos and a freilichin Chanukah.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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Coming Up

- **January 7:** Bar mitzvah of Akiva Simcha Rosenstock. Kiddush following davening sponsored by Lev Avraham and Rachel 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.

Marshall Berman, Mordechai Yaakov ben Tzvi HaLevi a"h, 30 Kislev, father of Donald Berman

Sidney Joseph Salomon, Shlomo Yosaif ben Zvi a"h, 30 Kislev, father of Hillorie Morrison

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Anna Edelberg, Elka bas Boruch a"h, 5 Teves, grandmother of Glenna Ross

Parsha Poem נ

Chanukah

It was thin and made of tin,
With colored, waxy candles,
It stood shimmering on the sill,
By the window with the handles.

Each chanukiah after that,
Had a hard time to compete,
With that simple, hidden glow,
From Antiochus' defeat.

Metal, silver, porcelain, glass,
None could hold a candle,
To that golden, tinny thing,
By the window with the handles.

Watching now my dancing flames,
I can see down through the years,
Every wick and every flicker,
In a span of seventy years.

So, glimmer on you holy light,
But I'll always see within,
Those colored, skinny candles,
And my menorah made of tin.

Community

- **January 7:** Join the women of WIT for the annual Melave Malka where WIT Executive Director, Andrea Schulman, will be honored with the Avodas HaLev award. The program

will begin at 8:00 pm and take place at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. To register for this event, or to place an ad in the tribute journal, please visit www.witbaltimore.org/melavemalka. Please go to witevents@witbaltimore.org for more information.

Parsha Poem א

Mikeitz

My father wouldn't let me go,
To Egypt with the others,
He would not risk I would be lost,
Just like my older brother.

They returned with sacks of grain,
And a tale beyond belief,
My brother Shimon left behind,
To add to Abba's grief.

But the Wizard of Egypt wanted me,
For a reason he kept well hidden,
When eventually the food ran out,
They brought me down as bidden.

But "in the end" it all worked out,
The Wizard was my brother,
We held each other close and cried,
For ourselves, and for our mother.

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. There are many new titles each week. For more information, please contact Steve Schwarz at simchamelech@aol.com or call 410-446-8330.

Kitzur Shulchan Aruch Shiur

Join Rabbi Goldberger's weekly Tuesday night shiur for men in the **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch** following Maariv. All men are invited and encouraged to attend.

From This Week's Daf

"Rava heard that Rav Yosef was offended by his query, and he came before [Rav Yosef] on Yom Kippur eve to appease him. [Rava] found [Rav Yosef's] attendant mixing a cup of wine before him. [Rava] said to [the attendant], 'Give it to me, so that I may mix it for him.' [The attendant] gave the cup to [Rava], and he himself mixed the cup of wine for Rav Yosef. Now, Rav Yosef was blind and unaware of Rava's presence, but when he drank the wine he remarked, 'This mixing [the ratio of wine to water] is like the mixing of Rava the son of Rav Yosef bar Chama.' [Rava] then said to him, 'It is he, Rava, who actually mixed your drink.'" (Nedarim 55a)

Refuah Shalaimah to

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

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- Yahrzeit Plaque \$360
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TY SHIURIM SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim are for men only)

Sunday:

- 9:15-10 am: Men's **Gemara Sukkan** shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger following Shacharis. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharshas.
- **Women's Tehillim** for cholim on ZOOM at 10:15 am. (Contact Rebbetzin Bracha for your assignment, and to see if ZOOM will be available).
- 8:00 pm: Men's **Semichas Chaver Program** with Rabbi Elie Levi.

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).

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.

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