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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:47 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:50 pm

Shabbos Day

Daf Yomi shiur: 8:00 am
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am
*Krias Shema by: 9:49 am
Mincha: 4:25 pm
Maariv: 6:00 pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:21 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:55 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 7:00 am
Maariv: 8:00 pm

Next Shabbos- Va'eira/Mevorchim Shevat

Candle Lighting: 4:55 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:55 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.

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 4:55 pm; **Maariv only at 8:00 pm, Monday through Thursday nights**; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

Torah and Science

Join us for a six-week lecture series for men and women given by TY's own Dr. Andy Goldfinger, beginning this Wednesday night, January 18, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm here in the main shul. The series, "**Torah and Science - Opponents or Allies?**," will run each week on Wednesday nights through February 22. The sessions will include:

- Week 1: "Rosh Chodesh and Physical Law - Why did Hashem Create Physics?"
- Week 2: "How Old is the Universe? How a Bored Patent Clerk Revolutionized Physics"
- Week 3: "What Bothered Einstein, and Why Are We Not Bothered?"
- Week 4: "Light and Torah - Can Two Contradictory Things Both Be True?"
- Week 5: "Our Constant Companions - Can a Modern Person Believe in an Invisible Spiritual World?"
- Week 6: "Evolution, Intelligent Design and Arrogance - Is Science Really Objective?"

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- Drop off your pushka change, cash, or check in the secure locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue.
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Two Nights of Winter Kol HaNaarim Learning

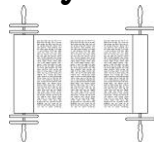
Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn -- Kol HaNaarim Learning has returned to Tiferes Yisroel! **NEW** Friday night Shabbos learning - individual or with a chavrusa, from 8:10 to 8:40 pm, followed by a 10-minute shiur given by Rabbi Yehuda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

Mazel Tov to

- Dr. Ron and Fern Berkman on the naming of a great-granddaughter, Ahuva Basya, born to Avrumi and Chumie Wax. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi Shmuel and Ruchie Berkman and Mendel and Chani Wax, and great-grandparents Rabbi Elimelech and Ruth Goldberg. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Mrs. Elaine Tuchman on the engagement of her granddaughter, Shifra Tuchman, to Zev Brull. Mazel tov to parents Rabbi and Mrs. Boruch Brull and Rabbi and Mrs. Tzvi Tuchman. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Fred and Rena Levi on the engagement of their grandson, Avraham Levi, son of Yaakov and Mattel Levi in Israel, to Daniella Ort. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:
Parshas Shemos and the beginning of Shovavim.

Weekly Parsha



Parshas Shemos

By Oizer Alport

“She saw the basket among the reeds and she sent her maidservant and she took it” (2:5)

Upon descending to the river, Pharaoh’s daughter heard a crying infant and wanted to assist and comfort him. However, the basket containing the baby was far away, and it was impossible for her to reach it. Nevertheless, Rashi writes that she stretched out her hand, which miraculously extended until it reached Moshe’s basket and pulled him toward her. The actions of Pharaoh’s daughter are difficult to understand. Although Hashem miraculously assisted her, she had no way of knowing in advance that this would occur. If she recognized that the basket was beyond her grasp, why did she even try to reach it?

The Chofetz Chaim explains that when faced with such an impossible situation, the average person would give up without even trying. Any attempted rescue would be viewed as a waste of time and effort. However, if this same person has a child trapped in a burning house or under a heavy object, he won’t think twice before attempting a miraculous rescue, which will indeed often be successful.

Similarly, Pharaoh’s daughter had a burning desire to save the crying infant. While she realized that the basket was beyond her natural reach, she also understood that Hashem only expects a person to do his best. At that point nothing more can be demanded of him, as he has put in his maximum efforts and the actual results are up to Hashem. In the case of Pharaoh’s daughter, she merited a miracle and the entire salvation of the Jews from Egypt can be traced back to her willingness to give it her all even in what seemed to be an impossible situation.

The following story gives a modern-day application of this principle. Rav Don Segal once met a taxi driver who had merited driving the Steipler as a passenger. The driver related that the Steipler asked him if he studies Torah. The driver replied that although he regularly attends a shiur in his neighborhood, he consistently falls asleep in the first minute of the shiur due to his sheer exhaustion.

The Steipler told him that in Heaven he is considered a great man, as Hashem only asks for a person’s best efforts. If the driver doesn’t have the energy to remain awake during the shiur, he will still receive tremendous reward for using his last remaining strength to travel to

learn what little he is able to absorb before dozing off. Many times, a situation seems desperate and beyond our control. At those times, we should take comfort in the lesson of Pharaoh’s daughter that all Hashem wants is our best good-faith effort, and at that point we can leave the rest to Him.

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Now You Will See!

Parshas Shemos tells the grueling story of the **שעבוד מצרים**, the bitter servitude endured by the Bnei Yisroel while serving Paroah in Mitzraim, setting the stage for their ultimate redemption. “During those many days... the king of Mitzraim died, and the Bnei Yisroel groaned because of the work and they cried out. G-d heard their moaning, and... remembered His covenant with Avraham, with Yitzchak, and with Yaakov” (Shemos 2:23-24). The Ohr HaChaim suggests that the outcry was not one of repentance or prayer; it was one of pain. Nevertheless, G-d heard and responded with mercy. The Gemara states that even when Jews are not deserving of G-d’s intervention, He is still bound by the covenant with the Avos. Although the *zechus* of the Avos may not be sufficient to earn G-d’s salvation, a *covenant*, by definition, is inviolable (Shabbos 55a, Tosafos). G-d cautioned Avraham that his descendants would serve and be oppressed by another nation, but Paroah added an element of cruelty to the suffering that superseded the prophecy. For his added *rishus*, the time had come for Paroah to be punished; thereby, Hashem hastened the redemption and appointed Moshe, along with his brother Aharon, to become the leaders and redeemers of klal Yisroel.

“Who is Hashem that I should heed His voice to send out Israel? I do not know Hashem, nor will I send out Israel” (Shemos 5:2). On that day, the Torah tells us that Paroah intensified the already back-breaking labor by taking away the straw with which to make the bricks. Because the daily quotas for bricks produced were not being met, the Mitzri taskmasters were beating the Jewish foremen mercilessly. Needless to say, life for the Bnei Yisroel went from bad to worse. When Moshe realized that his appeal to Paroah only seemed to worsen things for the Bnei Yisroel, he assumed responsibility and called out to Hashem: “My Lord, why have You harmed this people, why have you sent me?” (ibid. 5:22). The Midrash (Shemos Rabbah 5:22) notes that the order of questions in this verse appears to be the reverse of the logical sequence. Moshe would be expected to present his lesser claim

to G-d, and then work up to the greater one. He should have first asked, “Why is it that you sent me on an unsuccessful mission?” and then gone on to say, “Moreover, why have You harmed this people?” as if to say, “Not only have I not succeeded in my mission to free Israel from bondage, but their situation has even deteriorated as a result of my attempt!” Since the questions in the verse are in the opposite order, the second question must be understood as following from the first thusly: “Why have you done bad to this people?” And if You will respond, “What concern is it of yours; how can man question G-d’s judgment in issues that do not concern him? I say that I have a grievance over the fact that You sent me on this unfortunate mission” (Rashi; Gur Aryeh).

Although G-d had forewarned Moshe that Paroah would not acquiesce to his appeal, Moshe thought that the process of redemption would be much faster – that Paroah would refuse, and immediately G-d would bring upon him the “signs and wonders” that would break his resistance. Surely Moshe did not expect the subjugation to become even harsher. Clearly, states the Ramban, the preordained time of redemption had not yet arrived – but if so, why had G-d sent him prematurely? Rabbeinu Chananel suggests that although Moshe understood that it was Paroah, and not Hashem, who was responsible for the harsh persecution of the Bnei Yisroel, still he wondered why G-d had permitted it to happen. His question was in the nature of the eternal dilemma of why the wicked have good fortune while the righteous suffer (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

“Rabbi Yannai said: It is not in our power to explain either the tranquility of the wicked or the suffering of the righteous” (Avos 4:19). The age-old question of why the wicked prosper while the righteous suffer is beyond the scope of human understanding. While we know that G-d has His reasons for allowing both, we, with our limited intelligence and view of only minute parts of the total flow of life, [certainly] cannot fathom them (Rav; R’ Yonah). Rashi adds that sometimes G-d pays the wicked for their few good deeds in this world and reserves their punishment for the World to Come. Similarly, the righteous are purged of their few sins here on earth so that they will receive only reward in the World of Eternity. The Ramchal writes: “Suffering may come to an individual in order to make him examine his deeds and motivate him to repent. This is particularly true in the case of a righteous person who may have committed a few sins, or in the case of an intermediate individual, whose sins are balanced by good deeds. Such suffering, however, is not an atonement for sin; rather, these sufferings are meant to motivate one and awaken his heart to repent. If this is not effective, then he must also

undergo further suffering to cleanse him of his sins" (Derech Hashem 2:3:5). Based on the aforementioned Ohr HaChaim, we can suggest that the initial suffering from the servitude was motivation to repent; the suffering inflicted upon them after Moshe's visit to Paroah's palace was to cleanse them of their sins and prepare them for their redemption.

"Now you will see what I shall do to Paroah... through a strong hand will he send them out, and through a strong hand will he drive them from his land" (Shemos 6:1). This was G-d's answer to Moshe's question: Now you will see... Paroah's invincibility is temporary; he is about to feel the might of the Almighty's anger. Israel's pain is temporary; it is about to witness a redemption that will inspire its offspring throughout history. This should serve as a source of perspective and comfort for us in our present *galus*. As the redemption from Mitzraim was about to commence, the persecution became worse. So it is in our time. And so must we view the phenomena of history. Israel may suffer more and more, but it may well be the last darkness before the light of redemption, and it may well mean, as it did in Mitzraim, that G-d is increasing our suffering only to prepare the way for Mashiach (Artscroll Stone Chumash). A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Community

- **January 17: This Tuesday!** The Shidduch Center of Baltimore, together with Bais Yaakov and Bnos Yisroel of Baltimore, cordially invite you to an entertaining evening for single women who have recently

started, or are soon to start, shidduchim. Mothers of single women who are in shidduchim or about to start, are also invited to attend. This year's event, featuring guest speaker, Mrs. Jaclyn Sova, will take place at 7 pm at the Bais Yaakov Middle School, 6300 Smith Avenue.

Parsha Poem

Desperately she wracks her brains,
For a way to save the infant,
If Pharaoh's henchmen find him,
They will drown him in an instant.

She harks back to the parsha,
Of that primeval patriarch,
Righteous Noach and the flood,
With clay and pitch he sealed an ark.

If Noach's tevah rescued,
Every beast and all humanity,
Perhaps it too could save her son,
From a watery calamity.

She entrusts a basket to the reeds,
Lays the baby on his back,
She seals it tight and prays that he,
Will reach his Ararat.

Water can bring life or death,
Which one will G-d bestow...
Then, behold, the river lays him,
In the arms of bas Pharaoh.

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.

Abraham Hisler, Avraham ben Sender a"h, 22 Teves, father of Ira Hisler

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Zillah Kruger Ezra, Tzyrl bas Dovid v'Yenta Baila a"h, 24 Teves, mother of Jared Ezra

Women's Tehillim

Join Rebbetzin Bracha on Sundays at 10:15 am for the Tehillim gathering for cholim. Contact Rebbetzin Bracha for your assignment.

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.

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Check out our audio shiurim by Rabbi Goldberger, including shiurim in the Sfes Emes, Ohr Gedalyahu and Pele Yoetz. Log on and listen from our Audio Library Archive under Shiurim and Classes on the shul website.

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. If you need a shul pushka, you may take one from the shul window sill, and they will be replenished as needed.

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From This Week's Daf

"Rav Yosef considered saying that when the Mishnah says we may seek annulment on Shabbos, when using a single expert – yes, it is permitted; but when using a panel of three laymen – no, it is not permitted, because it looks like a court case. Abaye said to him: Since we hold that annulment may be performed by the three-man panel even while they are standing, even when they are relatives, and even at night, it does not look like a court case. R' Abba said in the name of Rav Huna, who said in the name of Rav: The halachah is that we may revoke vows at night." (Nedarim 77a)

Refuah Shalaimah to

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

- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah



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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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.



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



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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 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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