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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**

Candle Lighting:	6:54-8:05 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	7:00 pm
<b>Shabbos Day</b>	
Daf Yomi shiur:	8:00 am
Shacharis ( <b>Hodu</b> ):	8:45 am
Rebbetzin's Shabbos shiur:	5:30 pm
Rabbi's Shabbos Shiur:	6:15 pm
Mincha:	7:15 pm
Maariv:	9:15 pm
Shabbos is over after:	9:35 pm

**This Shabbos**

- **Kiddush** following davening in honor of Shabbos Nachamu.
- **5:30 pm: Rebbetzin's Shabbos shiur** on Parsha and Pirkei Avos for women in the Nancy Taffel Annex.
- **6:15 pm: Rabbi's Shabbos shiur** in "Beis HaLevi on Bitachon" for men, women, and teens in the main shul.

**Sunday**

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

**Monday-Friday**

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

**Next Shabbos- Eikev**

Candle Lighting:	6:48-7:58 pm
Mincha/Maariv:	7:00 pm

**Semichas Chaver Program**

Join Rabbi Elie Levi for another **zman** in the Semichas Chaver program, Sunday nights, one hour before Mincha (**7:00 pm this week**). Topics for this semester include:

- **Halachos of Seuda**

- Netilas Yadayim
- Shinui Makom
- Hatov v'Hameitiv on wine
- Upon completion of the Zman/semester, there is an optional written exam with a **certificate of accomplishment** that will be presented at the conclusion.

**Donations**

- In honor of Rebbetzin Bracha, by Lisa Friedman

**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 at 8:00 pm; **weekday Mincha/Maariv at 8:00 pm**. 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 for davening.

**Halfway to Sinai**

Halfway to Sinai *Ayshel Avraham* is open through Simchas Torah. If you are walking to Sinai Hospital, Levindale or any other distant destination on Shabbos or Yom Tov, you can rest and have a cold drink on the porch at 3000 Glen Avenue (corner Key Avenue). For more info, call 410-299-5921.

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Thank you to the following sponsors of our Shabbos Nachamu kiddush:

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**Rebbetzin's Shabbos Shiur**

Join Rebbetzin Bracha for a weekly Shabbos summer shiur for women on Parsha and Pirkei Avos in the Nancy Taffel Annex, 45 minutes before the Rabbi's Shabbos shiur. This week's shiur will begin at **5:30 pm**.

**Mazel Tov to**

- Elaine Tuchman and Shaine Spolter on the birth of a great-grandson born to Penina and Yossi Berkowitz. Mazel tov to grandparents, Shira and Avi Tuchman. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Dr. Alvin and Yehudis Schamroth in Eretz Yisroel on the birth and bris of a grandson, Amit Yehuda, to Hadassah and Eitan Robin. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

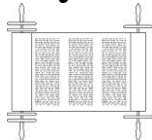
**Kiddush this Shabbos!**

The entire kehillah is invited to a sit-down kiddush downstairs in the Simcha Hall following davening in honor of Shabbos Nachamu! There will be singing and dvrei Torah led by the Rabbi. Sponsorships are welcome. **נחמו נחמו**

***This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:***

Parshas Va'eschanan and Shabbos Nachamu. May this Shabbos be a comfort for all of klal Yisroel.

## Weekly Parsha



## Parshas Va'eschanan

By Rabbi A. Leib Scheinbaum

## "I implored Hashem" (3:23)

Rashi teaches us that the term *va'eschanan* is derived from *chinam*, which means free. Thus, this form of prayer is a reference to a *matnas chinam*, whereby the supplicant asks Hashem for an undeserved favor. This is the method through which the truly righteous and humble approach Hashem. They never feel they have a claim on Hashem's mercy. They view everything that they have received as an unwarranted gift. Why is this? What would be so wrong for one who has devoted his life to Hashem -- who has lived a life of piety, virtue and righteousness -- to ask for something in return? Why should he have to ask for a favor, if he is able to pay for it?

Toras Maharitz explains that the righteous ask for a *matnas chinam*, not for themselves, but because of those who, regrettably, do not have the necessary *zechusim* to assist them in "paying" for Hashem's positive response. This lack of merit can catalyze an individual to become depressed and give up hope, and, as a result, not daven at all. After all, davening is for those who have something with which to come to the "table." We are not worthy, so why should we bother? Therefore, the righteous also ask for an undeserved favor, so that others who must ask for a favor will also rise to the occasion by praying to Hashem. They do not think of themselves, but of others. Is that not what we are all supposed to do?

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## Yashar Yashar

It is written in Tanach: "The sun stood still and the moon stopped, until the nation took retribution against its enemies. Is it not written in the Book of the Upright (**ספר הישר**)?" (Yehoshua 10:13). The renowned Rav and Rosh Yeshivah HaRav Asher Weiss explains a debate in the Gemara (Avodah Zarah 25a) over which volume of the Torah is referred to as **ספר הישר**: According to R' Yochanan, this refers to Sefer Bereshis, which chronicles the lives of our beloved Avos: Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov. According to R' Elazar, this refers to Sefer Devarim, as it is written: "And you

shall do that which is upright (**ישר**) and good in the eyes of Hashem" (Devarim 6:18). He writes: "This debate portrays the essential difference between he who is straightforward at heart and he who is straightforward in practice. A person may have the character trait of honesty, either having been born with a naturally truthful disposition, or having developed this trait by working on his *middos* over the years. However, it is not enough to have an honest character unless one's actions reflect his honest heart."

The Rambam (Hilchos Shemittah V'Yovel 13:13) writes: "[Not only the Tribe of Levi, but] any person, from anywhere in the world, whose soul so inspires him, and his reason so directs him, to separate himself and stand before Hashem, to serve Him, to know Hashem, and to walk upright (**ישר**), as G-d made him; casting off his shoulders the yoke of many schemes of man; such a person is sanctified as the holiest of holies. Hashem will be his portion and his inheritance for all eternity, providing his needs in this world [as He provided for the Kohanim and the Levi'im]." The Rambam describes three traits that one must develop in order to devote his life to Hashem: "to know Hashem" -- a reference to Torah study; "to serve Him" -- through service in the Beis Hamikdash, or prayer, the "service of heart"; and "to walk upright (**ישר**) as G-d made him" -- a reference to honesty and integrity in all of one's dealings.

The attribute of **אמת** is the *yesod* of Torah and Yiddishkeit, and is exemplified by Yaakov Avinu, the epitome of **אמת** and **תפארת**. In his sefer in Sefiros, Rabbi Yaakov Haber writes: "*Tiferes* is the harmony and beauty of symmetry- the perfect balance of elements of creation. G-d's finished product is *tiferes*. Similarly, the completion of something in our lives is a moment of *tiferes*. Truth is *tiferes* - the clarity that comes when disparate facts come together in resolution. *Tiferes* is personified by Yaakov Avinu, who represented the perfection of the Avos, combining the behaviors of Avraham and Yitzchak to create his own unique relationship with G-d and the world" (Sefiros p. 57).

Living **ישר** is a basic human trait but has been "perverted by our own self-interests," as Shlomo HaMelech writes: "G-d made mankind straightforward, but they sought their many schemes" (Koheles 7:29). Here, I believe, Koheles suggests that although man was created with a soul that yearns to do good and follow the straight path, his body, governed by the corruptive forces of the *yetzer hara*, causes him to fulfill his base desires through "man's many schemes." Without the Torah to serve as a guide, the line between truth and falsehood becomes blurred; the *yetzer hara*, an expert in deception, confuses us, and in our confusion, our ability to differentiate between right and

wrong - between truth and falsehood -- becomes greatly distorted and compromised.

Rashi explains our pasuk, "that which is upright (**ישר**) and good," as a compromise, going beyond the letter of the law, forgoing what one is entitled to according to the law. This concept is defined in the Ramchal's fourth rung of the "ladder to Holiness" outlined in Mesillas Yesharim, the chapter of **פרישות**, Abstinence. The Ramchal writes: "The ideal way for a person to acquire **פרישות** is to examine the inferior nature of the pleasures of this world, their insignificance [transience], and the serious ills [sins] that are likely to emerge from them... The enticement of the eyes, which are tempted by the appearance of things that seem good and pleasant, draws one's nature to these pleasures to such an extent that one needs great strength and shrewdness in order to remove himself from their influence. Yet, when a person discerns that this 'good' is totally false, illusory, and without any permanence, and the evil in it is real, or imminently about to emerge from it, then surely, he will loathe it and reject it totally" (Mesillas Yesharim chapter 15). For one to truly live a life that is "upright and good," he must practice the virtue of **פרישות** and make "fences around his fences" to better safeguard himself from sin. **פרישות** leads up the "ladder" to **טהרה**, Purity and **הסידות**, Piety, which the Ramchal defines as "very profound and difficult to grasp." He adds: "It [Piety] rests on the foundations of great wisdom and the thorough rectification of one's conduct, and as such, it is worthy of pursuit by those who are wise of heart, for it is only given to the wise to truly attain it" (ibid. chapter 18).

HaRav Asher Weiss continues: "In Sefer Bereishis, we learn about the Avos, our role models for honesty, integrity, and all noble traits. However, it is insufficient for us to merely admire these traits and theoretically espouse them. In Sefer Devarim, we are commanded to 'do what is upright and good in the eyes of Hashem,' by emulating these traits in practice. Both are called 'Sefer HaYashar' since they portray equally important aspects of straightforwardness."

The Torah is **אמת**, and when the baal-teshuvah [who grows up without it] comes to this understanding, he realizes that up until the point of "return," his entire life has been **שקר**! This realization can be a rude awakening, and for most, quite discomfiting. But through the Torah, one sees the **אמת**, the "real truth," and acquires *seichel*, the ability to discern. This newfound awareness helps guide the baal-teshuvah to do what is "upright and good," the Torah's essential task for every Jew, whether one was born with it or comes to it later in life. Rav Asher Weiss concludes: "Have we 'cast from our shoulders the yoke of man's many schemes,' or perhaps we are so immersed in

our own selfish interests that we hardly give a second thought to what is right and what is wrong, what is honest and what is deceitful? Our Torah is a 'ספר הישר,' and Hashem created us to be equally straightforward, as it is written: 'For the ways of Hashem are straightforward. The tzaddikim will walk in them, and sinners will stumble over them' (Hoshea 14:10)." May we all be zoche to see the light of Torah and **נחמו** shine brightly in our lives, and strive to live a life that is **ישר וטוב**.

### Nachamu, Nachamu A Short Vort

This haftarah of Shabbos Nachamu is the first of the "seven consolations" – the seven haftaros read after Tisha B'Av that lead us on our journey toward Rosh Hashanah. It begins with words of solace: **נחמו נחמו** Comfort, comfort My people – says... G-d" (Yishaya 40:1). The word **נחמו** - "console," is repeated, and thus it is said: Let those above console her and those below console her; let the living console her and let the dead console her; console her in this world and console her in the World to Come; console her for the Ten tribes and console her for the tribes of Binyamin and Yehudah. The verse, "She weeps bitterly in the night" (Eichah 1:2) uses the Hebrew root word "to weep" in two forms, **בכו** and **תבכה**, for emphasis – thus we should weep twice – over the destruction of the first Beis HaMikdash and over the destruction of the second. For all these reasons, the consolation – **נחמו נחמו** – is mentioned twice. There are 144 verses altogether in the seven haftaros of consolation, and 143 verses contained in the portions of admonition in the Torah recorded in *parshios*

*Bechukosai, Ki Savo, Netzavim, and Ha'azinu* – and we see that the consolation exceeds the admonition (Eliyahu Kitov, *The Book of Our Heritage*). **נחמו נחמו** A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

### Coming Up

- **August 12:** Bar Mitzvah for Akiva Levi. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Rabbi Elie and Esther Levi.
- **August 19:** Bar Mitzvah for Shaya Kelley. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his grandparents, Gad and Dena Frankel, and his mother, Havah Kelley.
- **September 9:** Bar Mitzvah for Baruch and Katriel Jussim. Kiddush following davening sponsored by their parents, Rod and Tova Jussim.
- **September 30:** Bar Mitzvah for Eliezer Flax.

### 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.

Elliott Morrison, Eliyahu Reuven ben Schnur HaKohen a"h, 12 Av, husband of Hillorie Morrison  
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### Parsha Poem

Moshe has implored before,  
And never been rebuffed,  
He pleads again in this parsha,  
But now he is told "Enough!"

I suggest this plea is different,  
Than his appeals of other days,  
He entreated then for his People,  
Now it is for himself he prays.

I have heard another explanation,  
Why he could not reach the Land,  
If HaShem had let him enter,  
Geula would have been at hand.

Sounds like some rationalization,  
That our mesorah tries to sell,  
"If only we had done such-and-such,  
All would have turned out well."

On my tougher days it seems as if,  
We are playing blind man's buff,  
And no matter what we might have done,  
It would not have been "enough."

So, if it is all the same to you,  
I will stick with my suggestion,  
And beseech HaShem for others,  
One of Moshe's final lessons.

This is the hope I cling to,  
On this Shabbos of consolation,  
Please, my brother, take my hand,  
And let us seek compassion.

### 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

"A Baraisa supports the view of Rav Ashi: If a scribe wrote a *get* for the sake [of a particular woman], and witnesses signed the *get* specifically for her sake, even if they wrote it and signed it and gave it to [the husband] and [the husband] then gave it to her, the *get* is void unless [the scribe and the witnesses] heard [the husband's] voice; that is, the husband must say to the scribe, 'write,' and to the witnesses, 'sign.' If he tells agents to appoint a scribe and witness, though, they do not become empowered to do so." (Gittin 72a)

### Community

- **August 1:** N'shei Agudath Israel of Baltimore presents "Summer Lecture Series: **Eminah and Bitachon**." Rabbi Yisroel Roll: "From Darkness to Light: Rebuilding Your Inner

Self," at 8 pm on ZOOM. For more info, please contact Chavi Barenbaum at 410-935-3010.

- **August 2:** Join WIT via ZOOM for a special Tu B'Av shiur, "**Tu B'Av: Tragedy, Renewal and Growth**," given by Mrs. Ruhama Welcher. No charge for 5783 WIT members and summer members; non-members: \$10. For more info, go to [www.witbaltimore.org](http://www.witbaltimore.org).
- **August 2:** A Single Impact invites from single, divorced, or widowed women and men of all ages to "**Parsha and Pizza**" on **Wednesday nights**, with a variety of speakers! Next class will be on August 2, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person; sponsorships available. For more information or to RSVP, go to: [asingleimpact.com/event/pizza](http://asingleimpact.com/event/pizza).

## Kitzur Shulchan Aruch Shiur

Join Rabbi Goldberger's weekly Tuesday night shiur for men in the **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch** 25 minutes before Mincha/Maariv. This week (and next week) the shiur will begin **following Mincha/Maariv**.

## 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 Naches
- Saul Cohen, Saul HaCohen ben Feiga Bryna

**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.

**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. Not door-to-door, just city-to-city.

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**Sponsorships.** To arrange your sponsorship of the Lev Echad, email [levechad@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto: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](mailto:carynblum@icloud.com):

- Siddur \$50
- Chumash \$75
- Yahrzeit Plaque \$360
- Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

## TY SHIURIM SCHEDULE

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim listed here 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 at 10:15 am. (Please contact Rebbetzin Bracha for your assignment).
- Men's **Semichas Chaver Program** with Rabbi Elie Levi one hour before Mincha/Maariv.

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch** with Rabbi Goldberger 25-minutes before Mincha/Maariv.

### Wednesday:

- **Rabbeinu Bachya** with Jay Taffel following Mincha/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.
- Rebbetzin's Shabbos shiur for women on Parsha and Pirkei Avos 45 minutes before Rabbi's shiur
- Rabbi's Shabbos shiur in the Beis HaLevi on Bitachon one hour before Mincha.

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