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Celebrating our 38th year

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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:33 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:35 pm  
Men/Boys Learning: 8:30 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Daf Yomi Shiur: 8:00 am  
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am  
Zman Krias Shema: 9:22 am  
Mincha: 4:10 pm  
Maariv: 5:45 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 6:02 pm  
Kol HaNaarim Learning: 7:30 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm

**Monday-Friday**

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

**Next Shabbos- Vayeitzei**

Candle Lighting: 4:28 pm  
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm

**Rambam's Hilchos Tefillah**

Join Rabbi Goldberger for the return of the Monday night shiur for men in the **Rambam's Hilchos Tefillah** following Maariv.

**Semichas Chaver Program**

Join Rabbi Elie Levi for a new semester of the Semichas Chaver program Sunday nights at 8 pm. Topics for this new semester include:

- Hilchos Shabbos
- Reheating foods
- Blechs/Warming drawers
- Opening food packages

Upon completion of the zman/semester, there is an optional written exam with a **certificate**

of accomplishment to be presented at the conclusion.

**From the Sfas Emes**

"The same process of renewal and growth that occurred at the time of the Chanukah miracle will also occur prior to Mashiach's arrival. Though they had veered away from Torah, they swiftly attained perfection. In fact, every individual has the ability to attain perfection at any time. The most alienated individual can swiftly return to his roots if he is no longer suppressed. Every Chanukah such a process occurs. Certainly, Mashiach's arrival will hasten this process. Despite our many shortcomings, when the Final Redemption will occur, a radical transformation will take place, and swiftly, distraught, forlorn, destitute individuals will attain spiritual perfection." (5639)

**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 Sunday. **Maariv only** 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.

**Shul Pushka Challenge 5784**

We reached our goal and have restarted the Shul Pushka Challenge for 5784! 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 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.

**Kitzur Shulchan Aruch Shiur**

Join Rabbi Goldberger for the return of the Tuesday night shiur for men in the **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch**, at 7:35 pm, followed by Maariv. For more info, please contact Lev Avraham Rosenstock at 443-255-4343.

**Mazel Tov to**

- David Dannenbaum and to Ellyn Samuelson on the marriage of their daughter, Miriam, to Yaakov Lehman in Eretz Yisroel. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

**Winter Learning for Men and Boys!**

Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn - men and boy's learning has returned to TY! Friday night learning seder (individual or with a chavrusa) with Rabbi Yehudah Leib Goldberger will be from 8:30 to 9:15 pm, followed by a 10-minute shiur given by Rabbi Yehuda Leib. Light refreshments!

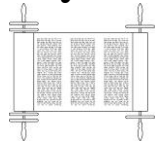
Kol HaNaarim Learning with Rabbi Elie Levi will be motzei Shabbos from 7:30 to 8:00 pm, followed by pizza and raffles. Both learning programs in the upstairs Bais Medrash. For more info, please contact Rabbi Yehuda Leib at 443-546-0072 or Rabbi Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com.

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

Everyone who attended the rally for Israel in Washington DC- yasher koach! A special thank you to Binny Margolese, Caryn Blum, Yaakov Gur, and Avi Sonenthal for their efforts. Shalom al Yisroel!

May this Shabbos be a nechama for all of klal Yisroel. **נאנא ה' הושיעה נא**

## Weekly Parsha



## Parshas Toldos

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

**“Esav said to Yaakov, ‘Pour into me, now, some of that very red stuff’...”  
(25:30)**

Parsha Toldos begins with the birth of Yitzchak’s twin sons, Yaakov and Esav. Shortly thereafter, the Torah records that one day, Esav came in from the field, tired and exhausted. He saw that Yaakov was cooking a lentil stew, and in his fatigued state, he begged Yaakov to feed him “the red food,” identifying it solely by its color and not even bothering to refer to it by its proper name.

Rav Mattisyahu Salomon relates that he was once in the house of Rav Elozar Menachem Shach and observed Rav Shach, who was well-known for giving candy to children, offering a lollipop to one of his grandchildren, adding, “You want a red one, right?” Rav Mattisyahu interjected, “Isn’t the Rosh Yeshiva encouraging him to be like Esav, who insisted that Yaakov feed him ‘the red food?’”

Rav Shach, who was capable of imparting valuable lessons and perspectives through even mundane conversations and actions, responded that there was a critical difference between the two cases. He explained that for a child living in a world of superficial dreams and imagination, preferring a shiny red lollipop is ordinary behavior. Children are only capable of appreciating the external appearance of an object, and there is no problem with recognizing this reality and interacting with them on their level.

The problem, Rav Shach continued, begins when an adult refuses to mature and elects to live his entire life in this shallow manner. As a person grows up, it is expected that his mind will mature as well, enabling him to see and appreciate an item’s internal value. When Esav requested that Yaakov provide him with “the red food,” he was demonstrating his singular focus on externality and his inability to concern himself with the actual content of the dish. Although most of us don’t spend our days pursuing red lollipops or red stew, Rav Shach’s message is still relevant to each of us. As children, we were drawn toward flash and superficiality, as could be expected of us at that time. However, as we age, it is imperative to transition to a more mature outlook and perspective, recognizing that people, possessions, and accomplishments should not

be judged by their external appearance, but by their deeper - and true - value.

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## Afikoman and the Art of Deception

Parshas Toldos begins with “And these are the offspring of Yitzchak ben Avraham... Yitzchak was forty years old when he took Rivka... as a wife for himself... and his wife Rivka conceived... The children agitated within her... And she went to inquire of Hashem... And Hashem said to her: ‘Two nations are in your womb; two regimes from your insides shall be separated; the might shall pass from one... to the other, and the elder shall serve the younger’” (Bereishis 25:19-23). Even in the womb, Rivka’s sons Yaakov and Esav displayed diametrically opposing personality traits and seemed to be in constant turmoil. The Torah describes her pregnancy: “The children agitated within her,” (ibid. 25:22) and uses the word **וַיִּתְרַצְצוּ**, “agitated,” which is derived from the root **רָץ**, “to run.” The Midrash states that when Rivka passed the Bais Medrash of Shem and Eiver, Yaakov “ran” and struggled to come forth; and when she passed a temple of idol worship, Esav “ran” and struggled to come forth (Anaf Yosef). Alternatively, they were struggling with one another and fighting over the inheritance of two worlds, this world and the World to Come (Rashi). The Gur Aryeh explains that this embryonic Yaakov-Esav struggle was not influenced by their personal inclinations, their **יצר הרע** and **יצר הטוב**, for they are not present before birth. Rather, Yaakov and Esav represented cosmic forces in Creation, forces that transcended the normal course of personality development, and that existed even before birth (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

“The lads grew up... Esav became one who knows trapping, a man of the field; but Yaakov was a wholesome man, abiding in tents” (Bereishis 25:27). Rashi renders **יָדַע צֹדֵד**, “who knows trapping,” as Esav’s ability to ‘ensnare and deceive his father with his mouth.’ He would ask him, “Father, how do we tithe salt and straw?” His father would thus be under the impression that Esav was meticulous about the fulfillment of the Torah’s commandments. Yaakov, however, was well aware of his brother’s nefarious nature, and knew that he, too, had to practice the “art of deception” in order to protect himself from falling prey to Esav’s wicked entrapment. This would prove to be an essential tool for Yaakov’s survival during the twenty years he would yet spend in Lavan’s household.

But Yaakov’s “trickery” was different from that of his brother Esav, as the Torah describes

Yaakov’s **מְרִמָּה**, deception, as “cleverness” (ibid. 27:35). Rashi defines this “cleverness” as **חֲכָמָה**, wisdom, the wisdom that Yaakov gained by “abiding in tents,” and diligently studying in the tents of Torah with his father Yitzchak. I would like to share an unbelievable drasha that I heard given over in a shiur by one of my favorite TorahAnytime rebbes, Rabbi Benzion Twerski. Chapter 27 tells the story of the Patriarchal blessings that Yitzchak was to pass on to the next generation. Artscroll describes this chapter as one of the most crucial and mystifying in the Torah. Crucial in that these blessings would determine who would be G-d’s Chosen People, and mystifying because it is hard to fathom how the righteous Yitzchak could be so adamant in choosing Esav, and why Rivka would resort to such a blatant deception to secure the blessings for Yaakov (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

“Behold, I heard your father speaking to your brother Esav saying, ‘Bring me some game and make me delicacies to eat, and I will bless you’” (Bereishis 27:6-7). When Rivka “went to inquire of Hashem,” she went to the Navi Shem (Bereishis Rabbah 63:6), who relayed his prophecy and informed her that the younger [Yaakov] would be the superior one, and therefore Rivka knew that the blessings had to go to Yaakov. She also understood from the prophecy that the two could not coexist – because when one would rise, the other would fall – so that any plan that Yitzchak might have to enlist them in joint service of G-d could not succeed – but she was sworn to secrecy and could not divulge that information to Yitzchak. Her only alternative was to deceive Yitzchak into giving the blessings to Yaakov, and so she did.

“Go now to the flock and fetch me... two choice young kids of the goats, and I will make of them delicacies for your father, as he loves” (Bereishis 27:9). Reb Benzion, quoting Rashi, states that this day was erev Pesach, and one goat was for the Korban Pesach, and the other for the Korban Chagigah, for delicacies (Pirkei DeRebbe Eliezer 32). After Yaakov served his father the food and drink and Yitzchak’s soul was satisfied, his father blessed him. But, “And it was, when Yitzchak had finished blessing Yaakov... Yaakov had scarcely left from the presence of Yitzchak, his father, that Esav, his brother came back from his hunt” (Bereishis 27:30). Rashi notes that “This one [Yaakov] left and this one [Esav] entered,” as Yaakov hid behind the door and waited for Esav to enter, and then cautiously slipped out behind Esav’s back. The Midrash explains that Hashem arranged for Esav to be unsuccessful in his hunt so that he would be delayed and Yaakov could receive the blessings. Although Esav trapped many animals and birds that day, Hashem’s **מַלְאָךְ** came and untied them, setting them free, and they each escaped (Bereishis Rabbah 67:2). According to another Midrash,

the frustrated Esav, so as not to return empty-handed, killed a dog and cooked its meat to serve to his father (Targum Yonason 27:31).

When Esav entered the tent of his father, he maundered, "Let my father rise and eat of his son's game, so that your soul will bless me" (Bereishis 27:31). Upon hearing the voice of Esav, Yitzchak was astounded and greatly perplexed; once Esav realized that Yaakov had already come and received the blessings, he "cried out an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, 'Bless me too, father!'...he [Yitzchak] said, 'Your brother came with cleverness **במרמה** and took your blessing'" (ibid. 27:34-35). Rabbi Twerski brings down an absolutely amazing vort that clarifies what Rashi meant when he rendered **מרמה**, cleverness, to be **חכמה**, wisdom, and teaches an important Pesach halacha. He notes that **במרמה** has the gematria of 287, the same as **אפיקומן**! Says Reb Benzion, this, in essence, is what Yitzchak is saying to Esav: 'Today is Pesach. Your brother already came to me and brought me the Korban Pesach, and I ate, and then he gave me the Afikoman. And now, according to halacha, because I have eaten from the Afikoman, I am not permitted to eat any more. Therefore, I cannot bless you, my son.' Because Yitzchak had made the condition: "Make me delicacies such as I love and bring it to me and I will eat, so that my soul may bless you" (ibid. 27:4), the blessings Yitzchak had wished to bestow upon Esav were contingent on the eating. Since Yitzchak already ate from the game that Yaakov had brought in the guise of his brother Esav, and then the **אפיקומן** afterward, Yitzchak was now bound by Torah law and could neither eat of Esav's game, nor give him the blessing. Givaldig! Esav's response? "Is it because his

name was called Yaakov that he outwitted me these two times?" (ibid. 27:36). Artscroll notes that Esav made a play on words. Yaakov's name came from the word **עקב**, heel, because he was holding onto Esav's heel when they were born (ibid. 25:26). But the word **עקב** can also be rendered as "outwit" (Rashi), or "deceit" (Radak). Thus, Esav was asking rhetorically: Was it Yaakov's prophetically given name that allowed him to outwit me when he took the birthright and again now when he stole my blessings? (Artscroll Stone Chumash). According to Rabbi Twerski's vort, however, it was Yaakov's **חכמה**, the wisdom he gained from his Torah learning that enabled him to outwit Esav, to secure the rights of the firstborn and to filch the blessings intended for his brother. Yaakov's life was committed to Torah, and therefore he was "a wholesome man, abiding in tents" (Bereishis 25:27); it was his destiny, and not that of his brother Esav, to become the father of klal Yisroel and to continue the mesorah passed down from Avraham to Yitzchak and throughout the generations. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham 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.

William W. Kayne a"h, 5 Kislev, uncle of Suzanne Kayne

Arthur Paymar, Aharon ben Mordechai a"h, 7 Kislev, father of Eugene Paymar

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### Parsha Poem

A mother's eyes never grow dim,  
She always knows the essential nature,  
Of each child and grandchild,  
Seeing deeper than -  
their choices.

A father's eyes look beyond the child,  
He may fail to see the inner kernel of each neshama,  
Yet he is vigilant to guide and protect,  
His vision focused -  
outward.

So, a mother must be chosen carefully,  
No small task for a man,  
Who, at that singular moment of insight,  
Is gifted from Above with  
one fleeting flash -  
of binah.

### From This Week's Daf

**"Rav Chisda said in the name of Avimi: In a yard belonging to partners, [the Torah] obligated one to pay for *shein* and *regel* damage done there by one partner to another. And this is what [the Mishnah] is saying: One is liable to pay for damage done by his animal in any place except for on premises that is reserved exclusively for the damager, in which case he is exempt. But a premises belonging to both the damaged party and the damager, when it [the animal] does damage, the damager is obligated. But R' Elazar said: [A partner] in a property is not liable for *shein* and *regel* damage done there by his animal to his partner's possessions... When it [the animal] does damage, 'the damager is obligated, comes to include liability for *keren* damage, which has not previously been mentioned in the Mishnah. And this is what [the Mishnah] is saying: One liable for damage done in any place except for a premises that is reserved exclusively for the damager, as well as a premises that belongs to both the damaged party and the damager, in which case [the damager] is also exempt. When it [the animal] does damage, 'the damager is obligated...' comes to include liability for *keren* damage." (Bava Kamma 13b)**

### Community

- **November 22:** A Single Impact invites from single, divorced, or widowed women and men of all ages to **"Parsha and Pizza"** on

### PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

### Participants

Sign up by emailing [shlombuva@aol.com](mailto:shlombuva@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:

Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum  
Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock

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**\$57.60**

**Wednesday nights**, with a variety of speakers! Next class will be on November 22, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost is \$3.00 per person; sponsorships available. For more information, or to RSVP, please go to: [asingleimpact.com/event/pizza](http://asingleimpact.com/event/pizza).

- **November 25:** Join Mesorah Baltimore and BGCubed as they welcome Mrs. Michal Horowitz for a shiur for women, "The Road to Redemption: Achdus and Ahavas Yisroel." The program will take place Motzei Shabbos at 8:00 pm at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. The shiur is open to women and high school girls. Free for Mesorah Baltimore members; \$10 charge for non-members. For more information, please contact [mesorah@mesorahbaltimore.org](mailto:mesorah@mesorahbaltimore.org).

## Coming Up

- **December 16:** Aufruf for Yaakov Goldberger. Kiddush following davening sponsored by the Rabbi and Rebbetzin!

## 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.

**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](mailto:facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org). For availability, go to [www.tiferesyisroel.org](http://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](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 following Mincha/Maariv.

### Monday:

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

### Tuesday:

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

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*Good Shabbos!*

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