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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm  
Men/Boys Learning: 8:30 pm

**Shabbos Day**

Daf Yomi Shiur: 8:00 am  
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am  
Zman Krias Shema: 9:32 am  
Mincha: 4:10 pm  
Maariv: 5:40 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 5:55 pm  
Kol HaNaarim Learning: 7:00 pm

**Sunday**

Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 pm

**Monday-Wednesday**

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

**Thursday- 1<sup>st</sup> Day Chanukah**

Shacharis: 7:00 am  
Chanukah licht followed by Maariv: 5:00 pm

**Next Shabbos- Vayeishev/2<sup>nd</sup> Day****Chanukah/Mevorchim Teves**

Candle Lighting: 4:25 pm  
Friday Mincha: 4:25 pm

**Baruch Dayan HaEmes**

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Jerry Goldberg a"h, father of Sandy Parsowith. Shiva at the Parsowith home, 6701 Park Heights Avenue #3C motsei Shabbos from 7 to 8:30 pm. May Hashem bring comfort to Sandy and her family with the mourners of Tzion and Yerushalayim.

**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.

**Shul Chanukah Carnival**

Bring the kids for latkes, donuts, music, games, tons of prizes, family fun, and more! Next Sunday, December 10, from 12:30 to 3pm in the shul Simcha Hall. The event is free; sponsorships welcome! Go to the shul website EVENTS page to help sponsor.

**Donations**

- In memory of Dr. Norman Tenenbaum, father of Morty Tenenbaum, by Brian and Karyn Gold
- Yahrzeit donation by Glenna Ross, in memory of her father, Isidore Frank
- In memory of Jerry Goldberg, father of Sandy Parsowith, by Ari and Caryn Blum
- In memory of Jerry Goldberg, father of Sandy Parsowith, by Lenny and Glenna Ross
- Yahrzeit donation by Ari and Caryn Blum
- Yahrzeit donation by Moshe Shaul Grossman

**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. Mincha/Maariv on Sunday this week

at 4:25; **weekday 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.

**New Members**

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel welcome our newest members, Dov and Shayna Solomon, to the kehilla. Welcome to the TY family!

**Mazel Tov to**

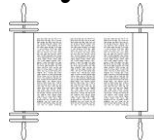
- Dov and Karen Pear on the engagement of their son Avi to Bracha Weinberg of Far Rockaway. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Yaakov and Shiffie Novograd on the birth of a new granddaughter born to Chaim Yoel and Aliza Zabare. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Yaakov and Batsheva Goldman on the birth of a new granddaughter born to Tali and Zev Goldberg in Eretz Yisroel. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

**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 boys' 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 motsei Shabbos from 7:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by pizza and raffles. Both learning programs in the upstairs Bais Medrash. Please contact Rabbi Yehuda Leib at 443-546-0072 or Rabbi Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com for more information.

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

**Weekly Parsha****Parshas Vayishlach**

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

**"For you have striven with the Divine  
and with men and have overcome"  
(32:29)**

**"With men" – Esav and Lavan (Rashi)**

After ferrying his family across a stream, Yaakov returned to the other side to retrieve some small pitchers that he had forgotten. He was confronted by an angel, who wrestled with him throughout the night. After realizing that he could not overcome Yaakov, the angel informed him that because he had successfully wrestled with Hashem and with men, his name would be changed to Yisroel.

Rashi explains that "with men" refers to Yaakov's triumphs over Lavan and Esav. As the parsha begins with Yaakov being forced to give a substantial gift to Esav and to lower himself by bowing to his wicked brother in an attempt to placate his wrath, in what way can this be considered victorious? Wasn't it Esav who emerged with his ego intact after Yaakov was forced to flatter and capitulate to him?

Rav Moshe Soloveitchik answers that this question is based on a widespread and fundamental misunderstanding of the definition of "success." Victory is not defined as subduing and crushing the other side. Rather, it must be viewed in terms of one's objectives. A person who successfully accomplishes his goals, whatever they may be, is victorious.

Yaakov's goal was to be able to pursue his service of Hashem and to raise his children to continue in his pious ways without outside distractions or interference. If the only way to accomplish that objective was to give Eisav a considerable number of animals as a present and to humble himself before his arrogant brother, he was quite happy to do so. Yaakov was able to keep his eyes "on the prize," focusing on the larger picture of his more important spiritual goals. Because he pacified Esav's wrath and was able to send him away and return to his service of Hashem, the Torah considers Yaakov victorious.

From the Torah's definition of success, a similar and critical lesson regarding shalom bayis may be derived. If a person's goal in marriage is to selfishly make sure that everything is done in accordance with his personal opinions and preferences, any time that his spouse acquiesces he has succeeded in meeting his objectives, and any time that he is

forced to give in, he has failed. While this model may be comfortable and familiar, it will not help a person find long-term happiness and satisfaction.

Rather, a person should strive to be mature enough to make his needs secondary to the greater cause and ultimate goal of establishing an atmosphere of love, trust, and mutual respect so that the *Shechinah* will find a comfortable dwelling place in his home. A person who does so may find himself compromising more than he would have liked, but his ability to do so will allow him to successfully accomplish his true goal. He will reap the immeasurable benefits and security of a warm and loving relationship which is worth more than all of life's mundane trivialities combined, and he will recognize that doing so makes him the real winner.

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**Take A Bow**

After Yaakov's fourteen years at the yeshiva of Shem and Eiver, and then another twenty years with Lavan, Parshas Vayishlach tells the story of Yaakov's return to Eretz Canaan, a dysfunctional "homecoming" of sorts. Artscroll writes that according to the Zohar, Yaakov took the initiative in seeking a reconciliation while Yitzchak was still alive, because, given Esav's great respect for his father, it seemed logical that he would make peace with Yaakov to avoid discomposing their father. The Ramban notes that Yaakov could not avoid this potentially dangerous confrontation because the direct route to his parents' home in the south of the Land took him through Esav's habitat of Edom. However, according to the Midrash, Yaakov should have taken a more roundabout route to avoid Edom, for the Sages fault him for "taking the dog [Esav] by the ears... Esav was going about his business and you send messengers to say, 'Thus said your servant Yaakov!'" (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

The commentators add that the Torah records the confrontation between the brothers in order to illustrate how Hashem sent מלאכים to save His servant Yaakov from the hand of a stronger enemy, his brother Esav. Furthermore, it shows that Yaakov did not rely on his own righteousness, but strove mightily to ensure his safety through more practical measures (ibid.). Indeed, our Sages saw in this chapter the "textbook" of Jewish behavior in our current exile, and, accordingly, we should follow his example by making a threefold preparation in our struggles with Esav's descendants: prayer, gifts [for appeasement], and battle (Ramban).

The parsha begins with: "Yaakov sent מלאכים ahead of him to Esav his brother to the land of Seir... saying: 'Thus shall you say -- To my lord, to Esav, so said your servant Yaakov: I have sojourned with Lavan... and I am sending to tell my lord to find favor in your eyes'" (Bereishis 32:4-6). According to the Midrash and the commentators, the מלאכים that Yaakov sent were human emissaries, as the word מלאכים can be rendered either as angels or human emissaries, but Rashi states that he sent *mamash* real angels in order to both impress and terrify Esav. This teaches that tzaddikim are even greater than angels, for when Yaakov needed to send emissaries to Esav, he was able to send real מלאכים to do his bidding (Tanchuma). When the מלאכים returned to Yaakov they warned, "We came to your brother, to Esav; moreover, he is heading toward you, and four hundred [armed] men are with him" (Bereishis 32:7).

As stated above by the Ramban, Yaakov prepared for his encounter with his brother Esav in three ways: he made "military preparations" by dividing his camp into two groups, lest "Esav comes to the one camp and strikes it down, then the remaining camp shall survive" (ibid. 32:9); he davened to Hashem: "Rescue me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esav" (ibid. 32:12); and in an attempt to appease him, he sent several droves of animals as a tribute to Esav: "two-hundred she-goats... twenty he-goats; two hundred ewes... twenty rams; thirty nursing camels with their colts; forty cows... ten bulls; twenty she-donkeys... ten he-donkeys" (ibid. 32:15-16). When Yaakov saw Esav approaching with four hundred men, the Torah states that "he himself went on ahead... and bowed earthward seven times until he reached his brother" (ibid. 33:3). Although it appeared that Yaakov was prostrating himself towards his brother, the Zohar (171) states that the holy presence of G-d, the Shechinah, was passing at that moment before them, and that it was Hashem, not Esav, to Whom Yaakov bowed down these seven times.

Rav Eliyahu Dessler comments: "Yaakov appears to be prostrating himself before Esav, but in fact, he is prostrating himself before Hashem. However, there is a deeper meaning to this. Every event can be seen in two ways: from the lower, external viewpoint and from the higher, spiritual viewpoint. Externally this was merely a case of the weaker party abasing himself before the stronger. As our Rabbis say: 'When a fox has his hour, bow down to him' (Megillah 16b). But the Zohar shows us a different insight. From that very ordinary human situation Yaakov elevated himself to a higher vantage point. He saw through the enemy with his military might; behind all this he saw the presence of G-d, Who decrees the facts of history. Behind all human actions stands G-d, Who uses everything to conform to

His plan. It was no accident that the presence of G-d passed by at that moment. With his heightened vision, Yaakov beheld the hand of G-d behind all worldly power. Thus, when bowing down to Esav, he was in fact bowing down to the One behind him. Yaakov had to find the spiritual strength to transcend the external situation and attach himself to the spiritual truth beyond it and within it." (Michtav M'Eliyahu).

As we approach the Ikvot Mashica, the end of the long *galus* of Esav is drawing near. We anxiously await and yearn for the imminent coming of Mashiach, and although right now klal Yisroel is facing arduous challenges, and our future appears to be uncertain, we must maintain our faith and trust in Hashem and bear in mind that "behind all human actions stands G-d, Who uses everything to conform to His plan." Yaakov's actions teach us how to see the "bigger picture," and not be intimidated by what appears to be a hopeless situation. Yaakov's entire life was one struggle after the next, yet his trust and faith in Hashem never wavered, for Hashem had promised him, "Behold, I am with you; I will guard you wherever you go... I will not forsake you" (Bereishis 28:15). With the resurgence of anti-Semitism around the world, it seems as though the odds are stacked against us, but we must always remember to "transcend the external situation" and attach ourselves to the "spiritual truth beyond it and within it." Rav Dessler explains with words of inspiration and encouragement: "In later times, when our sense of our inner worth diminished, the value and significance of our enemies correspondingly increased in our eyes. We began to feel their contempt as something significant, and we tried to follow in their ways. It was at this point that some felt the yoke of exile too hard to bear.

Some wrongly saw in this an awakening of Jewish secular nationalism, but the truth is the precise opposite of this. We need to rediscover the greatness of our ancestors' spirit to see events from a truly spiritual viewpoint. We must follow in the footsteps our father Yaakov and overcome our tests as he did. Then we will be elevated by them and change the darkness into light" (Michtav M'Eliyahu). May we all be zoche to see the downfall of our enemies and the end of this long *galus*, and may Mashiach come speedily and in our days. Amen, Selah. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### 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.

### 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.

Sidney Morrison, Schnur ben Shlomo HaKohen a"h, 21 Kislev, father of Elliott Morrison a"h

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### Parsha Poem

He sees visions of malachim who  
ascend and descend,  
serve as earthly emissaries,  
and then wrestle him for supremacy.

Is the divine image  
which he sees in Esav's face  
that of the angel who  
would not be named?

What are we to make of  
dreams and apparitions,  
shifting, shimmering sands,  
within which formless mysteries dwell?

How many phantom ladders to climb,  
How many crushing falls to endure,  
How many crippling battles to fight,  
How many elusive dreams to pursue,  
before Yisroel can rest?

### From This Week's Daf

"**Rav Kahana objected** to Rav Yehudah's view on the basis of the following Baraisa: **Ben Bag Bag says: Do not enter your neighbor's courtyard to retrieve your property without asking permission, lest you thereby appear as a thief. Rather, smash his teeth and say to him, 'I am taking my own property!'** This Baraisa indicates that a person is entitled to enforce the law for himself. Rav Yehudah defends his view: **[Rav Yehudah] said to [Rav Kahana]: Is this a valid challenge in your opinion?! Ben Bag Bag, the Tanna of the Baraisa, is only an individual, and other Sages disagree with him. R' Yannai says: What is this meaning of Ben Bag Bag's directive: 'Smash his teeth?'** It means that the owner of the stolen item should attack his opponent's claim in court." (Bava Kamma 28a)

### Community

• **December 4:** N'shei Baltimore presents "Welcome Newcomers Night," and Chanukah Celebration at Congregation Arugas Habosem, 3509 Clarks Lane, at 8 pm. "Chanukah Insights" with Rebbetzin Rochel Naiman, soup and salad buffet, mini-Chinese Auction, and a "Getting to Know You" activity. N'shei members and newcomers free; \$10 for non-members. Please contact Tova Krasner with names of newcomers to

### PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

### Participants

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.

### Latest contributors:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger

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invite at 410-653-2463 or 443-415-5139, or email nsheibaltimore@gmail.com.

- **December 6:** 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 December 6, 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).

### Coming Up

- **December 10:** Shul Chanukah carnival from 12:30 to 3 pm (see p.1 for details).
- **December 16:** Aufruf for Yaakov Goldberger. Kiddush following davening sponsored by the Rabbi and Rebbetzin!

### 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.

### 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’Ori 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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