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Celebrating our 38th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:25 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 4:25 pm
Men/Boys Learning: 8:30 pm

Shabbos Day

Daf Yomi Shiur: 8:00 am
Shacharis (**Hodu**): 8:45 am
Zman Krias Shema: 9:36 am
Mincha: 4:10 pm
Maariv: 5:40 pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:54 pm
Kol HaNaarim Learning: 7:00 pm

Sunday

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

Monday- Thursday

Shacharis: 6:55 am
Shacharis (Wed-Rosh Chodesh): 6:40 am
Chanukah licht followed by Maariv: 5:00 pm

Next Shabbos- Mikeitz

Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Adina Speedone a"h. Shivah motzei Shabbos at the home of Miriam Goliger, 6011 Greenspring Avenue, from 6 to 9 pm. May Hashem bring comfort to 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.

Donations

- Yahrzeit donation by Aviva Saltman in memory of Ella Richel bas Betzalel

Shul Chanukah Carnival

Bring the kids for latkes, donuts, music, games, tons of prizes, family fun, and more! This 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.

Sponsors

Thank you to the following sponsors of the shul **Chanukah Carnival**:

- Ari and Caryn Blum l'iluy nishmas Leah bas Herschel and Avraham Yitzchak Ben Abba
- Ze'ev and Hadassa Beleck in honor of their amazing parents and in the zechus of every hostage being released immediately
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- Fred and Rena Levi

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 4:30; **weekday Maariv this week following Chanukah licht** at 5:00 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.

From the Sfas Emes

"Chanukah was a time of dedication and renewal not only for the Beis HaMikdash, but for klal Yisroel as well. They left behind the natural world described by Shlomo HaMelech as being "nothing new under the sun" (Koheles 1:9) and entered a new environment based on miracles such as the *Neis* Chanukah. Klal Yisroel had become accustomed during the Hellenistic period to perceive the world as being governed by **טבע**, laws of nature. Its moral and religious behavior were based primarily on habit rather than enthusiasm. The Chanukah miracle demonstrated that the universe was not quite as rigid as Jewry had believed. Things could change! Miracles did occur." (5631-5632)

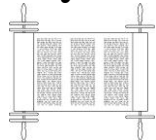
Winter Learning for Men and Boys!

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 motzei 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. ***No learning this week for Chanukah.**

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:
Shabbos Chanukah and Parshas Vayeishev.

Weekly Parsha



Parshas Vayeishev/Chanukah

Chanukah Lights - The Ohr HaGanuz

It has been a long time since we have gotten together in full force. Thank G-d, our minyan is going well, as are our shiurim, both in the shul and on Zoom. We miss you and hope everyone is feeling well beH.

Chanukah is a time of great light. The *Chassidishe Sefarim* say that the “Ohr HaGanuz,” the Hidden Light from the six days of Creation, shines through the lights of the menorah. Simply being in the presence of the menorah after it has been lit brings the light into our very own *neshamos* and personalities. Some have the *minhag* to stay with the candles for a half hour and say Tehillim and simply look at the lights. My Rebbi ztz”l, HaRav Shloime Twerski, used to say that looking at the menorah changes the way we see the world.

What do these holy teachings mean to us in a practical sense? I would like to suggest that it has to do with purpose. Living with purpose and living without purpose are two very different life experiences. Living with purpose elevates, energizes, and enables us to focus on what we are doing with our lives. Living without purpose is more like wading through life. How blessed we are that we have our Holy Torah through which we gain deep insight as to our purpose in life. At the same time, we get bogged down in day-to-day life and lose sight of our purpose as Jews. What is our purpose? One way to define it would be to bring Hashem’s presence into our daily life and into the world through what we think, feel, say, and do. The bumps and bruises of life often bring about a loss of focus. How do we recapture that purpose?

Hashem delivered to us, through the Chachamim, the Chanukah lights. This translates into an opportunity for us - an opportunity to regain the unique awareness of our purpose here in the world. Our mission is to light them, sing near them, daven near them, and experience the illumination they bring to us. Perhaps the Ohr HaGanuz embodies the original purpose Hashem had in mind for us when He created the world. It was hidden. We have to search for it. Perhaps, in Rabbi Twerski’s words, the change in the way we see the world is in regaining the vision of our purpose. “Shivisi Hashem l’negdi tamid” -- “I place Hashem before me always.” (The words of Dovid HaMelech). Any gain in that direction is positive and impactful, and it

influences our full life involvement in the world.

I think that this year I’m going to be thinking about purpose when I sit by our candles, and I’ll be hoping to walk away with a little more clarity than before. How about you? Wishing everyone a lichtig and a freilechen Chanukah. (5781)

-Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

Staying Connected

Parshas Vayeishev tells the story of Yosef and his brothers, who by revealing his dreams to them and to his father Yaakov, set into motion the nascency’s of the future *galus* in Mitzraim. “Yosef dreamt a dream which he told to his brothers... His brothers said to him, ‘Would you then reign over us? Would you then dominate over us?... they hated him even more – because of his dreams and because of his talk. He dreamt another dream and related it to his brothers... And he related it to his father and to his brothers; his father scolded him... So his brothers were jealous... but his father kept the matter in mind” (Bereishis 37:5-11). Dreams mentioned in Scripture are generally understood to be vehicles of prophecy. Although the Sages leave it as an open question whether dreams have validity (Berachos 55a), it is clear from the Torah’s accounts of Yosef’s dreams and those of Paroah and his officials that G-d used them to convey revelations of future events. All these dreams came true according to their interpretations (Artscroll Stone Chumash). Although Yaakov “scolded” Yosef for relating the dreams, Rashi states that it was only in order to quell the brother’s hatred and jealousy; however, the Torah adds that “his father kept the matter in mind.” Rashi notes that Yaakov understood the dreams to be prophetic, and that he did take them seriously, as he writes, “He [Yaakov] was waiting and looking forward to when the dreams would come true.”

So it was that as the brothers hatred for Yosef augmented, they conspired against him and “they stripped Yosef of his tunic; the fine woolen tunic that was on him. Then they took him, and cast him into the pit... they drew Yosef up and lifted him out of the pit and sold Yosef to the Yishmaelim for twenty pieces of silver; then they brought Yosef to Mitzraim” (Bereishis 37:23-28). The brothers understood that the Yishmaelim were traveling to a distant country [Mitzraim], and therefore assumed that their deed would never be discovered (Ramban); by selling him, they would punish him *midda-kenegged-midda*, for they reasoned, “He wanted to become our master; now he will become a slave” (Sforno). Chapter 39 describes Yosef’s seemingly tragic life in Mitzraim, and teaches us a valuable lesson for

survival in *galus* – the importance of staying connected. “And Yosef had been brought down to Mitzraim. Potiphar, a courtier of Paroah... a prominent Mitzri, purchased him from the Yishmaelim who had brought him down there. Hashem was with Yosef, and he became a successful man... His master perceived that Hashem was with him... whatever he did Hashem made succeed in his hand” (Bereishis 39:1-3). Rashi explains that “Hashem was with him” means that Yosef constantly mentioned the Name of Hashem. The Ramban quotes a Midrash (Bereishis Rabbah 86:4) that Yosef would whisper when he entered and when he left, ‘I have set Hashem before me always’ (Tehillim 16:8). Potiphar actually saw the Shechinah hovering above Yosef, as the verse states, “His master perceived that Hashem was with him.” The Ramban explains that due to the merit of the righteous Yosef, his master had a Divine revelation, either in a dream or while awake, with Hashem appearing in a cloud or the like. This proved to him that Yosef’s great success was due to Hashem being with him, for the Divine Presence was above him (Nesivos Shalom).

The Nesivos Shalom writes: “This was the great level of Yosef: he was always attached to Hashem and never diverted his mind from Him. Therefore, in everything he did he was successful. The *Yesod HaAvodah* quotes the Rambam in *Moreh Nevuchim*: no harsh judgments can rest on a person who is attached to Hashem, and everything he does will be successful, for he is with Hashem and Hashem is with him. Only when one severs his connection to Hashem does He remove His supervision from the person, and then Hashem is no longer with him. When a Jew removes his thoughts from Hashem, He is separate from him and he is then prone to every kind of evil.”

Yosef was faced with many challenges during his forlorn stint as a slave in Mitzraim, yet he maintained a constant connection to Hashem, reaching the highest levels of holiness and purity; therefore, he was referred to as Yosef “HaTzaddik,” and it was his righteousness and great success that ensured his survival there. Says the Nesivos Shalom, this idea of connection to Hashem is dependent on the attribute of holiness. Perhaps his most difficult challenge and greatest test was that of **אשת פוטיפר**, the wife of his master, who persistently tried to seduce Yosef on a daily basis. “After these things, his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Yosef... But he adamantly refused... And so it was – just as she coaxed Yosef day after day, so would he not listen to her... to be with her” (Bereishis 39:7-10). Her enticements did not relent, as the Gemara (Yoma 35b) states: “Each and every day the wife of Potiphar would attempt to seduce him with her words. Clothes she wore for him in the morning she would not wear for him in the

evening; clothes she wore for him in the evening she would not wear for him in the morning." Yet despite her daily advances, Yosef remained connected to Hashem, and He gave Yosef the fortitude to withstand the test and avoid sin, as Rashi states: "To be with her" is a reference to "be with her in Olam Haba," for a Jewish man who is with a non-Jewish woman loses his portion in Olam Haba (see Maharsha to *Avodah Zara* 5a).

Throughout this trial, Yosef focused on his connection to Hashem and was able to overcome his desires and elevate himself to a most exalted level. The Nesivos Shalom continues: "This is truly a very high level, and most Jews are far from the level of being constantly connected to Hashem and never removing their thoughts from Him. However, there is a corresponding lower level that is more easily attainable. When one attaches oneself to a group of G-d fearing Jews, the power of the community draws upon him Hashem's mercy and kindness. This is why it is so important for the Chassidim to be closely tied to a Rebbe and to a community of G-d fearing Jews. Even if a Jew severs his connection to Hashem, if he is attached to such a community, which certainly contains members who are close to Hashem, he too, will reconnect. Furthermore, the community's connection to Hashem brings about compassion for the entire group and diminishes all harsh decrees, even if the community does not actually request it."

This principle applies to every Jew in every generation. We are currently living in a generation bereft of Torah and mitzvos, and as a klal, lack a strong connection to Hashem. The recent course of events seems to be a "wake-up call" for all Jews around the world. Rabbi Benzion Twerski mentioned in a shiur a few

weeks ago that the key to Jewish survival is unity. But not just Jewish people coming together for a rally in DC, but rather that klal Yisroel needs to reconnect to Hashem and His Torah and mitzvos, and live life as prescribed by the Torah. Hashem is showing us Who is really in charge, and unless we reconnect and stay connected to Him and to His holy Torah, and believe that only He can assure our survival, then we will continue to flounder in this state of *galus*. We must establish and maintain the perspective that "I have set Hashem before me always," and place our complete faith and trust in Him. Staying connected is the key to our survival, our salvation, and our redemption. May we all be zoche. 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.

Yaakov Chaim Feinstein, Yaakov Chaim ben Leib Yoel a"h, 27 Kislev, son of Louis and Gail Feinstein

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Herman Albert Komenarsky, Chaim Eliahu ben Yechezkel HaLevi a"h, 28 Kislev, father of Fern Berkman

Al Goldman, Avraham ben Shimon a"h, 28 Kislev, father of Stuart Goldman

Jory Rosean, Yosef Ber Leib ben Aharon Eliezer a"h, 29 Kislev, brother of Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger

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Parsha Poem

About Yehuda I have a shayla,
Why he kept Shey-la from Tamar,
Since Shey-la also spells Shel-La,
So Shey-la could also mean "hers."

But I suppose to Er is human,
And the same could be said of Onan,
Salvation's not born of bas-Shua,
Beis Dovid is up to Tamar.

From This Week's Daf

"The rabbis taught in a Baraisa: If an ox that is worth two hundred zuz gored another ox that is worth two hundred zuz and inflicted an injury in it that decreased its value by fifty zuz, and the value of [the other ox] then appreciated and stood at four hundred zuz, but if [the other ox] had not damaged it [its value] would have stood at eight hundred zuz, [the damager] pays half damage according to the assessment of the loss at the time of the damage. By contrast, if the condition of [the injured ox] deteriorated after the time of the damage, the damager must pay half damages according to the assessment of the loss at the time of standing before the court for judgment." (Bava Kamma 34a)

Community

- **December 13:** 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 13,

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Participants

Sign up by emailing 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:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
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Running total for 5784:
\$164.60

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.

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!
- **January 27:** Aufruf for Avi Pear.

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'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.

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. For availability, go

to www.tiferesyisroel.org, and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.

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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:

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).

- 8:00 pm: Men's **Semichas Chaver Program** with Rabbi Elie Levi.

Monday:

Rambam's Hilchos Tefillah with Rabbi Goldberger following Maariv.

Tuesday:

- 7:35 pm: **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch** with Rabbi Goldberger followed by Maariv.

Wednesday:

- **Rabbeinu Bachya** with Jay Taffel following 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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