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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 5:33 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 5:35 pm
Men/Boys Learning: 8:30 pm

Shabbos Day

Daf Yomi Shiur: 8:00 am
Shacharis (Hodu): 8:45 am
Zman Krias Shema: 9:33 am
Mincha: 5:05 pm
Maariv: 6:50 pm
Shabbos is over after: 7:04 pm
Kol HaNaarim Learning: 8:00 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 5:45 pm

Monday- Friday

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

Next Shabbos- Ki Sisa

Candle Lighting: 5:41 pm
Friday Mincha: 5:45 pm

Semichas Chaver Program

Join Rabbi Elie Levi for another 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.

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 5:45; **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.

TY CauseMatch 2024!

This year's annual TY CauseMatch campaign event will be on Sunday, March 10 be'H, as we celebrate 38 years of Kehillas Tiferes Yisroel. Stay tuned for emails containing additional details, the upcoming elevated kiddush, and info for how to get involved!

Donations

- Yahrzeit donation by Elie and Esther Weiner in memory of Gertrude Weiner, Gittel bas Shmuel a"h 11 Adar, mother of Elie Weiner

Purim and the Jewish Leap Year

I recently learned an interesting *shickle Gemara* found in the Talmud Yerushalmi that indicates that the Purim story actually took place during a Jewish leap year: "Rabbi Levi said in the name of Rabbi Choma ben Rabbi Chaninah: That year was a leap year. How so? It is written, Cast the *pur*, that is the lot, before Haman, from day to day and from month to month, to the 12th month, the month of Adar" (Esther 3:7). The extra verbiage may indicate that it was on an Adar Rishon even though the Bavli indicates otherwise. How does this verse indicate that that year was a leap year? Some read the verse as saying: "the lot fell out on [what would have been] the 12th month [but was actually the 13th month because there was an additional] Adar." According to this

opinion, the miracle happened on 14 Adar II, the day we celebrate as Purim during a leap year. Others, however, explain that the Gemara is actually stating that Haman's lottery did, in fact, fall out on the 12th month, Adar I, in a leap year.

Men's Melava Malka

Join us for a Men's Melava Malka next Motzei Shabbos, from 9 to 10:30 pm. Good food and good vibes. Divrei Torah and singing by Rabbi Goldberger, music by Avi Pear and company. Sponsorships welcome! Location to be determined. For more info, contact Mo Margolese at moshemargolese@gmail.com.

Kitzur Shulchan Aruch Shiur

Join Rabbi Goldberger for 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

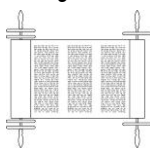
- Dr. Kevin and Lisa Ferentz on the marriage of their son Noah to Hallie Mogelson. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

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 boys' learning has returned to TY! Kol HaNaarim Learning with Rabbi Elie Levi will be motzei Shabbos from **8:00 to 8:30 pm**, followed by pizza and raffles. Both learning programs in the upstairs Bais Medrash. Please contact Rabbi Elie Levi at elieclevi@gmail.com for more information.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:
Parshas Tetzaveh and Shushan Purim Katan.

Weekly Parsha



Parshas Tetzaveh

By Rabbi Oizer Alport

“You shall make vestments of sanctity for Aharon... for glory and splendor” (28:2)

Rav Yitzchok Hutner once related that while studying in the Slabodka yeshiva in Europe, he often heard America referred to as the “Golden Medinah,” but living in the poverty that was rampant in Eastern Europe at that time, he couldn’t even begin to imagine the wealth and excess being referred to. Even upon arriving on America’s shores, he and all of the immigrants with whom he associated continued living under very simple and modest conditions. Hearing those around him complain about the difficulty involved in finding a job that paid a reasonable salary and allowed a person to observe his religious traditions, Rav Hutner remained cynical about the reports that America was a country where money was the most precious commodity and dollars rolled down the streets.

One day that all changed. It was the week of Parshas Tetzaveh. Rav Hutner was walking outside when he observed two young Jewish boys playing ball in front of their house. The older of the two was regaling his younger brother with all that he had learned in yeshiva about the lofty position of the Kohen Gadol: his special garments designed to invoke glory and splendor, the offerings he was able to bring daily in the Beis HaMikdash, and his unique role in effecting atonement for the entire nation on an annual basis. The younger boy listened with interest and fascination, envisioning the action transpiring before his very eyes. He paused to take it all in and digest it before asking, “Tell me, how much was his annual salary?” Sadly, Rav Hutner realized that he had finally been welcomed to the Golden Medinah, where the emphasis on the pursuit of the mighty dollar takes precedence over spiritual goals and aspirations.

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The Virtue of Purity

Parshas Terumah describes the building of the Mishkan and all its various components, and Parshas Tetzaveh deals almost exclusively

with the **בגדי כהונה**, the holy vestments that Aharon and his sons were to wear while serving as Kohanim in the Mishkan. The parsha begins, however, with the command to make the pure oil with which to light the holy Menorah, as Hashem instructs Moshe to “command the Children of Israel that they shall take for *you* pure olive oil **שמן זית זך**, pressed for illumination, to kindle a lamp continually” (Shemos 27:20). Artscroll writes: Having completed the commandments regarding the actual design and construction of the Mishkan, the Torah now turns to those who will perform the service within it. It begins by teaching that the oil for the Menorah must be absolutely pure, without any admixture of a foreign substance or even olive sediment. This requirement of absolute purity is a fitting prelude to the selection of Aharon and his sons as Kohanim, for they, too, must remain pure and separate from the rest of the nation, in the sense that they may not permit unauthorized people to take part in the service (Ibn Ezra).

Rashi defines “pure olive oil” as oil without sediments. The Mishnah in *Menachos* explains that the olive tree is harvested three times a year. The first harvest is for the earliest ripening olives at the top of the tree. The second is for the olives on the middle branches which ripen later. Finally, a third harvest is for the fruit of the lowest branches that never receive the full sunlight and so do not ripen until after they have been harvested and left to stand packed tightly together in a vessel. Olive oil is extracted from the olives of each harvest through three consecutive methods: First, they are crushed in a mortar; then they are pressed with a beam; finally, they are ground with mill stones. Although the oil obtained from all three methods was suitable for the meal-offerings, only the pure drops obtained by the first step of crushing in a mortar was fit for use in the Menorah. This special “pure oil” was obtained by pressing each olive gently, until only one drop of pure oil emerged. Afterwards, the olives could be crushed and the remaining oil used for meal-offerings (Rashi).

“They shall take for *you* pure olive oil.” The Ramban states that in the Midbar, no olive trees were available, so the Bnei Yisroel had to use oil that had been prepared in Mitzraim. That oil had to be brought exclusively to Moshe for his inspection, to certify that it was of the necessary purity to be used to kindle the Menorah. Thus, the pasuk emphasizes that “they shall take for *you* (Moshe).” The Ibn Ezra adds that Moshe could receive prophecy only in the light of day, unless he was in the presence of the kindled Menorah. The light of its illuminating oil provided the element of clarity that was necessary for him to attain prophecy at night, hence the phrase “take for *you*” (Artscroll Stone Chumash).

The Virtue of Purity is the middle rung on the Ramchal’s “ladder” to Holiness outlined in

his brilliant, holy sefer, the *Mesillas Yesharim*. He writes: “Purity entails corrective measures aimed at [the refinement of] one’s heart and thoughts. This idiom was used by Dovid HaMelech, who said: ‘Create for me, O G-d, a pure heart’ (Tehillim 51:12). The purpose of this virtue is that a person should prevent the evil inclination from influencing his actions. All of his actions should be permeated with knowledge and fear [of the Eternal] and should be free of sin and lustful desire. This is relevant even to an action that involves one’s physical and material needs. For even though one conducts himself with abstinence – taking from the world no more than what is essential – he must still purify his heart and thought so that the little that he does take should have nothing to do with pleasure and desire. Rather, the intent of his action should be directed toward the good that will emerge from this deed and it should be bound to knowledge and the service of the Eternal.” Albeit a seemingly very high, if not impossible *madreiga*, these incredibly profound words of the *Mesillas Yesharim* can illuminate the way for any Jew who wishes to strive to achieve higher levels of purity, like the **שמן זית זך** of the Menorah.

In a similar vein, the Nesivos Shalom explains that all the different parts and many details of the Mishkan could enlighten and purify every aspect of each Jew. He writes: “The Torah begins our parsha with the Menorah, whose light brought spiritual illumination to the entire Jewish People. The holy *sefarim* teach us that the light of the Menorah is from the **אור הגנוז**, the hidden spiritual light that Hashem created on the first day of creation and hid away for the *tzaddikim* in the future. This holy light was revealed in the Menorah, which would purify and enlighten the Jewish soul. This concept of spiritual illumination is also present in the holy Shabbos. The Ba’al HaTurim noted that the words **נר תמיד** of the verse ‘to kindle a lamp continually,’ have the same gematria as the word **בשבת**, ‘in Shabbos.’ The Midrash Yalkut Shimon brings the verse, ‘Towards the face of the Menorah shall the seven lamps cast their light’ (Bamidbar 8:2) and explains that the seven lamps correspond to the seven days of Creation. Based on this, the face of the Menorah is a reference to the holy Shabbos, which illuminates all seven days of the week” (Nesivos Shalom).

Through a slightly different lens, HaRav Moshe Feinstein offers an additional amazing insight into the concept of “pure, pressed olive oil.” He writes: “Rashi comments that only the oil of pressed olives was acceptable for the Menorah, while for *menachos* (meal-offerings) the oil of crushed olives was also suitable. The crushing of olives leaves a sediment which must be removed in order to produce pure oil; but for the Menorah, only oil that had never contained any impurities at all was necessary.

The Menorah represents the wisdom of Torah and the scholars who are imbued with that wisdom, the teachers and leaders who guide the people in the way of the Torah. Just as oil for the Menorah must never have been clouded with sediment, so also must the leaders of the holy nation be people whose actions have always been impeccably pure, whose deeds were never open to suspicion. Should a leader ever commit any questionable acts, then even though they are later clarified and he is found innocent of any impropriety, there is room to fear that people might dwell upon his alleged troubles, rather than the eventual clarification and justification that emerges." I believe that this is a lesson for us all, as we all can and must use the wisdom of the Torah to help guide us in our everyday lives as we each journey down our own path to attain the virtue of purity.

We are now living in spiritually dark and challenging times, and must work hard every moment and every day to help protect our children from the many lures and snares of the modern world, to assure that their innocence and purity remain untainted. The more that we battle our *yetzer hara*, the greater impact we will make on our children to help them battle their *yetzer hara*. I find that the baal-teshuvah has the awesome and unique responsibility and unbelievable opportunity to raise children who can remain pure. Just as the Kohanim had to remain separate to maintain their purity, so, too, must we separate and distance ourselves and our children from the degraded culture of the "outside world" in which we live- a world of *תהו ובהו וחשך*, "astonishingly empty, with darkness" (Bereishis 1:2). We must continue to inculcate Torah values to ensure that our children remain pure and able to reach even higher levels of purity. The Ramchal writes: "True service of the Eternal requires much

more purification than do gold or silver... This is the chosen [way] of those who serve the Eternal with a whole heart. For he who does not cleave to the Eternal with absolute love, the adoption of this type of service will become arduous and hard to bear. For he will say: 'Who can sustain this? We are ordinary mortals, born of women. We cannot possibly attain such refinement and purification!' But the hearts of those who love the Eternal and aspire to serve Him rejoice in expressing the commitment of their love for Him and in strengthening themselves through the refinement and purification of His service. That is what Dovid HaMelech himself concluded: 'And Your servant loves it' (Tehillim 119:140). For the Master, blessed be He, is not satisfied with deeds alone in the performance of mitzvos. Rather, what is most important to Him is that the heart be pure so that it may direct itself to the true service of the Eternal" (Mesillas Yesharim). A lofty level indeed, but as the Rav is oft to say in the name of his Rav, HaRav Shlomo Twerski zt"l: Not to reach it, but to reach out to touch it. May we all be zoche... 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.

Jack M. Weiss, Yaakov Moshe Yosef ben Menachem Mendel a"h, 16 Adar, brother of Avrum Weiss

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Liselott Freeman, Leah bas Ernst a"h, 17 Adar, grandmother of Gail Feinstein

Bernice Koffler, Chaya Bryna bas Mordechai David a"h, 17 Adar I, mother of Shalomis Weinreb

Parsha Poem

The Torah tells us tales of brothers,
a saga of learning to love the other,
Who is above, and who below,
even with twins, it's hard to know.

From Hevel and Kayin, to Moshe and Aaron,
will it be murder, or might it be caring?
One to be master, or leadership shared?
one who's secure, and one who is scared?

But in the end two brothers meet,
and with expressions of affection greet,
Joint shepherds of a bleating nation,
a fitting tikkun for confrontation.

For amid the vestments and the oil,
craftsmen's work and weavers' toil,
A place for God is made below,
where brothers love to each bestow.

From This Week's Daf

"The Rabbis taught in a Baraisa: The Torah states: *And he shall return the robbed article that he robbed*, what does [the verse] mean to teach when it states, *that he robbed*? It means that **he shall return** the stolen article as it was **when he robbed it**. This implies that if it is no longer extant, he is not liable. **Based on this [the Sages] said:** If one robs something and feeds it to his children, they are not liable to pay the owner for it. If he left the stolen article **before them** intact as an inheritance, **whether they are adults or minors, they are liable** to return it. **In the name of Sumchos, they said:** If the heirs are adults, they are liable to return the article intact; if they are minors, they are not liable to return it. **Rava said:** If their father died and left them a cow he had borrowed, they may use it all the days for which it was borrowed by their father. But if it died, they are not liable to pay because they are not responsible for unavoidable mishaps that befall it." (Bava Kamma 112a)

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.

Latest contributors:

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Community

- **February 21:** 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 February 21, 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.

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.

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@tiferesysroel.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@tiferesysroel.org. For availability, go to www.tiferesysroel.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@tiferesysroel.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:

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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