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Celebrating our 27th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday	
Candle Lighting:	4:29 pm
Mincha:	4:30 pm
Shabbos Day	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	4:20 pm
Maariv:	5:50 pm
Shabbos is over after:	5:59 pm
Sunday	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:30 pm
Monday-Friday	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:30 pm
Bais Medrash:	8:00 pm
Next Shabbos — Parshas Vayeichi	
Candle Lighting:	4:33 pm
Friday Mincha:	4:35 pm
Next Week	
Mincha/Maariv:	4:30 pm

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glenna@tiferesyisroel.org.

Banquet Honorees

We are pleased and excited to announce that:

Ken and Yocheved Gelula are the honorees for the shul banquet this year. Ken and Yocheved have been with Tiferes Yisroel since the beginning. Thank you to Ken and Yocheved for all you have done for our shul and our community.

Our Jewish Leadership Award recipients are Dr. Marc and Elaine Lowen, long-time shul members and supporters. Thank you Marc and Elaine for all you have done for our shul and our community.

The banquet will take place Sunday evening, March 10, b'ezras Hashem. Please save the date and stay tuned!

Shul Invoices

Please take advantage of a 2012 tax deduction and help out our shul by paying off your shul balances in the next few weeks. If you have not made a monthly payment plan and would like to, please send in your post-dated checks or set up an automatic payment plan via PayPal on the shul website.

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This Shabbos

- Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Moshe and Dina Roth in honor of the seventh birthday of their son, Menachem Mendel.
- 7:30 pm: Father/Son Learning.

iPhone App Update

iPhone users can now take Tiferes Yisroel everywhere they go! The new TY app is now available in the Apple App Store (also available for iPad and iPod touch).

The app allows you to view the latest Lev Echad, the current list of davening times, and listen to shiurim recorded at the shul. The brand new version allows the audio lectures to continue playing even if you switch to another app.

To download the app, just go to the shul home page, tiferesyisroel.org, using your device and tap on the App Store icon. Or open the App Store and search for "Tiferes" or "Goldberger."

Thank you to Tzadik Vanderhoof for making this possible.

Mazel Tov to

- Barry Stein and Caren Cutler on the bris of their grandson, Yishaya Eliezer, born to Ayala and Zev Pensak. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah u'l'ma'asim tovim!

Shul Roster

We recently sent out the shul roster via email to all of the members. If you did not receive the roster, or if your information is

Ask the Rebbetzin

Dear Women of TY,

Do you have a question you have always wanted to ask the Rebbetzin but never found the right moment? Well, here is your chance. On Tuesday, December 25, at 8 pm, in the Nancy Taffel Annex, our wonderful, knowledgeable and wise Rebbetzin will field questions of all sorts.

You may submit your questions in advance directly to her at ggrepoing@verizon.net. We will also pass a basket around to collect questions at the event. Light refreshments will be served.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

Eric and Elaine Gerstenfeld

The Weekly Parsha



Hadrash Ve-Haiyun Dor Revi'i Torah Insights on the Weekly Parsha

by Efraim Levine
(from hadrash.com)

Behold your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that is speaking to you. (Bereishis 45:12)

In this week's parsha we learn how Yosef revealed himself to his brothers. Rashi explains that Yosef proved to his brothers that it was truly him by showing them that he was circumcised and spoke lishon hakodesh. Rashi derives this interpretation from the words of the posuk. The phrase "behold your eyes see" refer to something physical that can be seen. This is the bris milah. The next words, "that it is my mouth that is speaking" refers to speech alluding to lishon hakodesh.

The commentators explain that although Yosef instituted circumcision for all of Egypt, only the children of Yaakov performed an additional detail in milah called piriah. Yosef revealed that his circumcision was complete including the pariah. Similarly, with regard to lishon hakodesh although some Egyptians knew the Hebrew language only the children of Yaakov understood the holy nature of the language. This added dimension of holiness is what Yosef conveyed to his brothers.

It is customary that the first Friday night after the birth of a baby boy we celebrate. The name of this celebration is called a "shalom zachor." The commentators give various reasons for this celebration. Let us briefly review some of them.

The Terumas Hadeshen explains that we give thanks to Hashem for the child and mother who have survived the dangerous ordeal of pregnancy and birth. This is what the Gemarah (Bava Kama 80) calls "the salvation of the child." The Tur notes the words of Chazal "when a male comes to the world peace comes to the world." We celebrate the additional dimension of peace that has come to the world with this child. Indeed, this is why the celebration is called shalom zachar, which is translated as the "peace of the male."

Another reason given is to comfort the child whose pure soul has left the spiritual world and has come to a world of darkness. Similarly, Chazal teach us that when the child is in the mother's womb it studies Torah with an angel. Immediately before it leaves, the angel strikes the child causing it to forget all that it has learned. The child is sad because it

has forgotten the Torah. We come together at the shalom zachor in order to comfort the child.

Let us now suggest another reason. When Yosef attempted to reintroduce himself to his brothers and prove that he was their brother he did two things. First he showed them that he was circumcised and second, spoke with them in lishon hakodesh. Likewise, when a child is born, in order for it to be part of the Jewish people it must undergo these two procedures. The first thing is the circumcision that takes place on the eighth day. The second is speaking in the holy language. This is fulfilled by coming together at the shalom zachor and speaking words of Torah in honor of the child. In truth this could be accomplished on any day of the week, however, Shabbos has the special nature that all its speech is holy. The posuk says concerning Shabbos "You shall honor it by not pursuing your affairs and speaking words" (Isaiah 48:13). Chazal derive from the last words of this posuk "vedaber davar," i.e., "and speaking words" that our speech on Shabbos is not to be the same as our speech during the week. On Shabbos we may only speak holy words relating to Torah and prayer and must refrain from all mundane talk. When we come together on the first Shabbos and speak words in honor of the new child we act like Yosef who reintroduced himself to his brothers with "holy language." The holiness of Shabbos enhances the holiness of speech.

It is noteworthy that the custom is to eat lentils at a shalom zachor. One of the reasons is that the child is in a state of mourning after having left the spiritual world and has forgotten the Torah that he studied in his mother's womb. A lentil is round and has no mouth just as mourner is silent due to his pain. We may similarly suggest that we eat lentils to allude to the posuk "it is my mouth that is speaking to you." The Torah records Yosef's speech in lishon hakodesh with the words "it is my mouth." Similarly, we eat lentils that have no mouth to signify that at the shalom zachor we open up the mouth with holy words.

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Sisterhood News

Dear TY Sisters,

First, we are very excited to announce that Shulamis Heldoorn will be the treasurer for the Sisterhood. Thanks Shulamis!, and welcome.

Second, dues for 5773 (2012-2013) are \$25. You will receive discounts for our events as well as letting us know you are a part of the TY Sisters! We will sponsor some free events and help out the shul when needed.

On Tuesday night, December 4, many of us met in the Annex to discuss TY Sisterhood events and shiurim for the year, and to solicit

volunteers for the events. Here are the next events on the horizon. Please watch for details as we get them on the schedule.

- Live presentation on checking vegetables and fruits from the Vaad Hakashrus.
- "Ask the Rebbetzin" night, December 25 at 8 pm. Submit questions in advance or wait until the meeting.
- Thrift shop trip, December 30, where 10% of what was spent goes to the shul.
- Taharas hamishpacha/Shalom bayis class with Rebbetzin Bracha for six weeks — three on halacha and three on hashkafa.
- Class in Jewish Art subjects with Susan Vick at the Goldsmith Museum at Chizuk Amuno for an hour and a half.

There was also interest in having a craft day, or a series of craft days. We are looking to sisterhood members to provide leadership to get it off the ground. If you are interested in leading this event, please let us know and we can help you form your committee.

*Batsheva Goldman,
Shulamis Heldoorn,
Elka Rottman and
Devorah Taffel*

Coming Up

- **December 25:** Ask the Rebbetzin
- **December 30:** Sisterhood Thrift Shop Trip. 2 pm
- **January 5:** Men's Melava Malka, 9 pm
- **January 6:** Upsherin for Akiva Simcha Rosenstock. Sponsored by his parents Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock. 1-3 pm
- **January 19:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Fred and Rena Levi on the yahrzeit of Rena's father, Leonard Sternfield, Aryeh Leib ben Moshe, a"h
- **January 26:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Fred and Rena Levi on the yahrzeit of Fred's father, Ari Levi, Yehuda ben Michael Binyamin, a"h
- **March 10:** Banquet

Thrift Shop Trip

Hi TY Sisters!

We have been wanting to do a thrift shop trip together for a while. Some of us thrift shop veterans really want to share our skill with you. We will go to the Village Economy Store at 790 West North Avenue, where many color tags are half price on Sundays and Mondays. The cross street is Madison Park. We will meet at the shul parking lot, Sunday, December 30, at 2 pm, and we can either carpool or follow each other.

Our idea is to make a 10-percent donation to the shul based on what we buy.

We hope you can join us!

Devorah and Elka

Focus on Tanach

Dear Kehilla HaKedosha,

This past Sunday, "Zos Chanukah," the Siyum HaTanach was held and what a magnificent event it was, baruch Hashem. The feeling of celebration, unity, and accomplishment was palpable. The attendance was excellent, both for the siyum and the Seudah which followed.

Eric and Elaine Gerstenfeld were the overall coordinators for all three events (shuirim, carnival, siyum) and the active chairpersons for the Grand Siyum. They did an outstanding job all the way through with creativity, great energy, attention to detail, planning, and they really put their heart into it, and it showed. Thanks so much to Eric and Elaine and to everyone who helped. The level of participation from so many shul members was extremely high and that's always very rewarding.

Rabbi Hoffer, our guest speaker, spoke profoundly on the importance of understanding Tanach on a sophisticated, thoughtful, and deep level and gave examples from the stories of Yoseph and his brothers and from Dovid HaMelech and Batsheva. He explained how it's crucial to learn Tanach through the eyes of the meforshim and Chazal. We all gained a great deal from his wise words.

Many people, both adults and young teenagers, contributed 2 to 3 minute divrei Torah at the Seudah. We heard an a-capella group, "Who Knows Five," and saw a stirring Video of the Tiferes Yisroel Siyum, it's spirit, and it's background by Yisroel Bethea. We danced and sang to the music of Nossi Gross. It was an afternoon of Kavod HaTorah and achdus. I feel a tremendous sense of joy and fulfillment for our shul and I am so grateful to Hashem for bringing us to this special goal. Kein Yirbu. I'd like to encourage everyone to keep on learning and make a goal to finish Tanach. There is much commentary available in English including from ARTscroll.

Moshe Rabbeinu is compared to the light of the sun and Yehoshua is compared to the light of the moon. The light of the moon is a reflection of the light of the sun, Yehoshua was therefore a reflection of the light of his great teacher, Moshe Rabbeinu. The Jewish people are compared to the moon by our chachamim. Perhaps the Torah is like the light of the sun and it is therefore our mission as the Jewish people to reflect the light of the Torah into the world as we live our lives. Each person's reflection of that light is special and unique and vital toward the world reaching it's shlaymus (completion).

May we continue to climb and grow in the light of the holy Torah. Yasher koach to one and all for a most meaningful "Focus on Tanach" program and for reaching the culmination, the Grand Siyum. May Hashem help us to fully integrate His will and His words in all that we do.

Bivracha v'shalom, b'chavod rav,
Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

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Each week we will print the names of the participants who have turned in a pushka that week.

This week's contributors:
Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
Louis and Rachel Rosenstock
Hillorie Morrison

Participants who have signed up for this year's campaign:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
Shlomo and Ahuva Goldberger
Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick

Moshe and Shelly Cohen
Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum

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Tehilla Rottman
Chaim and Rivka Bluestein
Shulamis Heldoorn
Moshe and Joyce Dreyfuss
Hillorie Morrison

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Support Network

Members of our community are developing a new mutual support network called Northwest Neighbors Connecting. Primarily to aid seniors to more happily age in place, they are also working to empower anyone, any age, to support each other with their day-to-day tasks. It can be offering a ride to the grocery store, changing someone's lightbulb, or just a friendly check-in call.

If you are interested in helping create a richer culture of caring in our community, please get in touch with Risyl Edelman at CHAI.

Huge Jewish Bookstore Liquidation Sale

There will be a huge Jewish Bookstore Liquidation Sale on Tuesday, December 25, at Shomrei's Social Hall from 8 am to 12 midnight.

Pricing starts at a minimum 50 percent off retail. There are tons of judaica like jewelry, mezuzah covers, seder plates, menorahs, tzitzis, shofars, tallis bags, books and sefarim.

Community

- **December 22:** Women's shuir in memory of Esther Nechama Margolese. Sefer HaChinnuch, led by Dr. Dovid Clay. Home of Joyce Dreyfuss, 3820 Menlo Drive, each Shabbos at 3:20 pm. All women and high school girls are invited.
- **December 22:** Lecture by Rabbi Katz. Israel and the Jews: 1949-1952. Israeli Politics. Decisive Leadership and Tammany Hall. 8 pm, Suburban, free.
- **December 25:** Open House at Ohr Chadash Academy for prospective parents of children entering kindergarten through eighth grade in 2013-2014/5774 academic year. Walk-in hours between 9 and 11 am. Learn more about Ohr Chadash Academy, meet our principal, Rabbi Akevvy Greenblatt, and current parents, take a personalized tour, and view our video and samples of student work. Please contact us with any questions at office@ocabaltimore.org or 410-500-5984.
- **December 28:** National Chocolate Day.
- **December 30:** NCSY presents the 38th Annual Isaac H. Taylor Jewish Music Festival, featuring Baruch Levine, 8th Day, and Shloime Gertner. Tickets are available now by contacting Zahava at 410-358-6279 or www.atnsny.org.
- **January 13:** Ahavas Yisrael Event — AY Starts at Home: The Importance of Self-Care for Jewish Women of All Ages and Affiliations. Keynote Speaker: Rivka Malka Perlman. 7-9:30 pm at Greengate Jewish Center.

Shemen Lamaor Sponsors

- Ari and Caryn Blum
- Jerry and Elka Rottman in loving memory of Elka's dear parents, Aryeh Leib ben Eliyahu HaKohen a"h and Golda bas Yosef Zelig HaLevi a"h
- Andy Goldfinger
- Shulamis Heldoorn
- Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger
- Leah Miner
- Baruch and Ruth Jankowitz

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.

- Rev Naftali Unger, Naftali ben Yehuda a"h, 9 Teves, father of Shoshana Porter
 Morris Schnidman, Moshe ben Yehoshua a"h, 13 Teves, father of Judy Schnidman
 Seymour Steinberg, Zachariah ben Shepsel HaCohen a"h, 13 Teves, grandfather of Caren Cutler
 Benjamin Sklar, Baruch ben Reuven a"h, 14 Teves, grandfather of Hinda Blum
 Harry Cutler, Yechiel Tzvi ben Shmuel Yoseph HaLevi, 14 Teves, grandfather of Caren Cutler
 Naomi Feinstein, Nechama bas Yoel a"h, 15 Teves, grandmother of Louis Feinstein

Refuah Shalaimah to Our Members

- Karen Rosenfelt, Chaya bas Sheindel
- Karen Eisenberg, Keren bas Levana Yuta
- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Ray Saperstein, who is recovering from knee surgery
- Bert Kahn, who is recovering from eye surgery

No Peanuts! The shul is peanut-free. In consideration of our members with peanut allergies, please refrain from bringing peanut products into the shul.

Joblink. Joblink provides job seekers, recruiters and employers with valuable information regarding employment opportunities and career information.

If you are looking for a job or know of one at your office, please contact our shul liaison, Yehudis Gruber, gruber.jennifer.e@gmail.com or Elly Lasson, executive director at Joblink, 410-602-8700, elasson@joblinkemployment.com.

Shul Rentals. To reserve the use of the shul's simcha hall or Nancy Taffel Annex, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or eileen@tiferesyisroel.org.

There is no fee to reserve the date. 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.

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.

Contact Glenna Ross at 410-358-1687 or e-mail glenna@tiferesyisroel.org.

Sponsorships. To arrange your sponsorship, email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org or go to www.tiferesyisroel.org and click donate. Please send your donation to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

To sponsor Shemen Lamaor for a month or the Lev Echad, Camp Shabbos or Father/Son Learning for a week, the donation is \$36.

For the following, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943 or inn8doc@aol.com.

Siddur \$50 Chumash \$75

Yahrzeit Plaque \$300

Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

TY Shiurim Schedule**Sunday:**

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Brachos** shiur given by the Rabbi. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10-10:45 am: **Women's Tehillim** gathering for cholim (Nancy Taffel Annex).

Monday:

- 6:45-7:45 pm: Rambam Hilchos Ishus. Given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash. On hiatus.

Tuesday:

- One hour before mincha: **Gemara Chulin.** The 8th perek dealing with the meat and bones and blood of kashrus, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- 8 pm: Chabura learning — **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch**, focusing on the laws of Pesach. After maariv in the Bais Medrash. Led by Elie Weiner.

Wednesday:

- 8-9 pm: **Nesivos Shalom.** Bais Medrash. Led by Fred Levi.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

- 6-6:25 am: Chabura learning **Rashi** on the weekly parsha given by Nisan Blaxberg. All men and (older) boys are invited to attend.
- Every morning following davening — a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom.** With *fresh hot coffee!*
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Mishna Berurah.**
- 8-9 pm: Nightly men's bais medrash. Sunday through Thursday.
- 9:20-9:40 pm: Rabbi Goldberger teaching Tur-Bais Yoseph. Monday through Thursday.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin.**

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Good Shabbos!

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