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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday	
Candle Lighting:	4:38 pm
Mincha:	4:40 pm
Shabbos Day	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	4:30 pm
Maariv:	6:00 pm
Shabbos is over after:	6:08 pm
Sunday	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:40 pm
Monday-Friday	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	4:40 pm
Bais Medrash:	8:00 pm
Next Shabbos — Parshas Va'era	
Candle Lighting:	4:45 pm
Friday Mincha:	4:45 pm
Shabbos day Mincha:	4:30 pm
Shabbos day Maariv:	6:05 pm

This Shabbos

- 7:30 pm: Father/Son Learning.
- 9 pm: Men's Melava Malka.

Sefer HaChinuch and Megillas Esther with Rabbi Goldberger

Daily, between mincha and maariv, Rabbi Goldberger gives a shiur on Sefer HaChinuch. Each night after mincha/maariv, Rabbi Goldberger gives a shiur on Megillas Esther with Rashi for 15 minutes. For men.

Join us also for the Bais Medrash learning program each weeknight from 8 to 9 pm.

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, longtime 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!

Mazel Tov to

- Chaim Davids on his marriage to Batya Tokayer in Eretz Yisroel. Chaim was a member of our shul when he lived here in Baltimore. May they be zocheh to build a bayis neeman b'Yisroel.

Thank You from JobKatif

Dear Rabbi Goldberger,

Not long ago, I returned to Israel from my visit in Baltimore. The melodies from that evening are still playing in my head and the warmth of your community still courses in my heart. I don't think I've ever been in a community before where I, personally, and

JobKatif as an organization, have felt so embraced.

How can one possibly find the words that express how grateful we are (gratitude was the theme of the event) to the Baltimore community as a whole, and to you in particular for providing the spiritual inspiration and leadership that have helped to shape this extraordinary community.

I've been working at JobKatif for five years and have had the privilege of getting to know the Baltimore community firsthand. Your commitment to helping the Gush Katif families and your ability to motivate your community is not only heartwarming but enviable.

Thank you for believing in the mission we are pursuing at JobKatif. Thank you for caring so deeply about the Gush Katif families. And thank you for your moving words which added so much to the success of the event.

I look forward to seeing you in Baltimore or in Israel in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Lowy, Executive Director, JobKatif

Men's Melava Malka

Please join us for music, food, and niggunim at a Men's Melava Malka with Rabbi Goldberger this motzei Shabbos, January 5, from 9 to 10:45 pm, in the shul Simcha Hall.

Shul Invoices

Please help out our shul by paying off your shul balances. If you would like to set up a monthly payment plan, please send in your post-dated checks or set up an automatic payment plan via PayPal on the shul website.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Jonathan and Talia Raun in honor of the second yahrzeit of Richard Hutzler a"h, 24 Teves.

Rabbi Reuvain and Mrs. Meira Shnidman, in appreciation of Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger and the entire kehilla, for your heartwarming kindness and encouragement.

Mordechai Beleck in memory of his dad, William Beleck, Ze'ev ben Shimon HaKohen a"h, and his uncle, Mordechai Dovid ben Yitzhak Tzvi HaLevi.

The Weekly Parsha



Aram Soba Foundation Newsletter

"Let us please go for a three-day journey"

The Rishonim and Aharonim z"s'l addressed the obvious question, why did Hashem instruct Mosheh to request of Pharaoh only a three-day journey? He could have demanded of Pharaoh to set the people free altogether, and Pharaoh would have no choice but to let them go after the ten plagues!

Various answers have been proposed. The Abarbanel and the Alshich Hakadosh z"s'l answer that the Almighty never tests an individual if the person is unable to withstand the test. The demand that Pharaoh free his nation of slaves altogether would have constituted too difficult a test, and his refusal would therefore not have justified such devastating plagues. But when he refused even the small request of the three-day journey, Hashem justifiably brought about the ten plagues.

The Ran z"s'l writes in his derashot that this demand allowed for the downfall of Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. Once the Egyptian king saw that the people weren't returning after three days, he thought that they violated Hashem's will and thus figured that now he can overcome them. As a result, he and his army drowned at sea.

Rabbenu Behaye'i z"s'l writes that Hashem from the outset wished to free Am Yisrael in stages, that they would first leave for three days, accept upon themselves the yoke of Heaven and receive several missvot, as occurred in Marah, where they were commanded the missvot of Shabbat, honoring parents and parah adumah. They would then return to Egypt and be given a lighter workload. In this manner, the process of redemption would unfold gradually.

However, when Pharaoh refused, Hashem smote him with the plagues and Benei Yisrael were freed totally at once.

The "Emet L'Yaakov" z"s'l offers a beautiful answer. The Kabbalists teach us that were Benei Yisrael to have completed the decreed four hundred years of slavery, they would never have been exiled again and the redemption from Egypt would have served as an eternal redemption. But since they deteriorated to the forty-ninth level of impurity and were on the verge of complete assimilation, their exile could not have been delayed any longer, and they had to be redeemed before the prescribed time. All subsequent exiles serve to complete the years

of exile dropped from the Egyptian bondage. Therefore, the Almighty wanted a means through which the spiritual deterioration would come to halt and the prescribed years of exile could continue. The plan was for them to go out for an occasional three-day period of spiritual elevation in the wilderness. However, since Pharaoh refused this request, the process of deterioration continued and Hashem therefore had to redeem them at once.



"Benei Yisrael were fertile and prolific; they multiplied and increased very greatly"

Rabbenu Avraham Ibn Ezra z"s'l explains that this pasuk speaks of a progression in Benei Yisrael's population growth. First, "they gave birth as a tree gives forth fruit," without any infertile man or woman. Secondly, "vayishressu" — they had multiple births, twins and even more, six at once according to Hazal's tradition. Additionally, "vayirbu" — they had no infant deaths, thus becoming increasingly populous. "Vaya'assmu" — they were very strong people, "bime'od, me'od" — reaching the apex of population growth and strength!



The Ba'alei Ha'Tosefot wrote that the numerical value of "paru vayishressu" (were fertile and prolific) equals that of "shishah be'keres echad," or "six in a single womb." The Ba'al Haturim adds that the pasuk here employs six expressions: "paru," "vayishressu," "vayirbyu," "vaya'assmu," "bime'od" and "me'od," corresponding to the six children each Israelite woman would bear in a single birth.



Rabbenu Vidal Sarfati z"s'l writes that the pasuk here comes to tell us that the various stages of development followed one another with remarkable speed: the birth ("paru" — were fertile), the period of nursing, when the baby crawls like an insect ("vayishressu," related to the word, "sheress," insect), the years of growth ("vayirbu," they multiplied, which also relates to the Hebrew word for young boy), and the strong, teenage years ("vaya'assmu," from the word "assum," strong).



The Hid"a z"s'l brings (in his work, "Simhat Haregel") the comment of "the great rabbi of his generation, Maharam Ben Haviv z"s'l," that the high birthrate could have potentially placed a weighty financial burden on the slave parents. How did they afford to feed their families? The pasuk responds with the expression, "vaya'assmu bime'od me'od," which refers to money, as Hazal explain the pasuk, "bechol me'odecha" to mean, "with all your money" (Berachot 54a). Thus, the high birthrate constituted a truly complete blessing.

The Hid"a z"s'l adds that in this light we may explain the pasuk in Tehillim (107:41), "He secures the needy from suffering, and increases their families like flocks." After a poor person is removed from his state of poverty, the birth of many children is then a complete blessing for him!



Rabbi Rahamim Havivah Hakohen z"s'l of Djerba presented the following parable. A farmer wanted to train his indolent son in agricultural work. He said to him, "This tree covers the seeds with its shade and thus prevents their growth — you must therefore uproot it." But the son did not want to go through the trouble, so he thought to himself, "It is not the tree itself that disrupts the growth, but rather the leaves that cast their shadow." So he went ahead and trimmed all the leaves, exposing the field to the sunlight. He sowed the field and waited for the produce to grow. Father and son went together to see the abundant produce, and their faces darkened. The shade had doubled, and total darkness covered the field; only a tiny amount of produce was to be found.

"Why did you not uproot the tree?" the father scolded.

"I don't understand," the lazy son replied. "True, I didn't remove the tree itself, but I trimmed all the leaves!"

The father shook his head and said, "Trimming the leaves accelerates the tree's growth."

Similarly, the Egyptians — and all enemies of Yisrael to this very day — issued decrees in an attempt to destroy us. But these decrees only strengthen us, just as the tree grows larger and stronger after its branches are trimmed!

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iPhone App

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. It also allows the audio lectures to continue playing even if you switch to another app.

To download, go to the shul home page, tiferesyisroel.org; and using your device, 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.

What Will We Focus on Next?

Stay Tuned

Coming Up

- **January 6:** Upsherin for Akiva Simcha Rosenstock at the shul. Sponsored by his parents Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock. 1-3 pm
- **January 12:** Camp Shabbos
- **January 15:** Q&A with the Rebbetzin
- **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

Q&A with the Rebbetzin, Part 2

We had such a good time that we want to hear more.

Come for the follow-up Q&A session and ask your question.

On Tuesday, January 15 at 8 pm in the Nancy Taffel Annex, our wonderful, knowledgeable and wise Rebbetzin will again field questions of all sorts.

You may submit your questions in advance directly to her at ggregreporting@verizon.net. We will also have a basket for anonymous questions on the night of the event.

Siyum Video

We have posted the video (produced by Yisrael Bethea) shown at the siyum on the shul website, tiferesyisroel.org. We have also posted some photos shot by Lous Feinstein as well as a link to the Baltimore Jewish Life article on the siyum. We also have Chanukah Carnival photos shot by Lev Avraham Rosenstock.

Our siyum was also featured in Hamodia two weeks ago. Thank you to Mrs. Devorah Klein for her excellent work.

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 incorrect, please contact Glenna at glenna@tiferesyisroel.org.

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

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.

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
Shulamis Heldoorn
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Donation

- In honor of the upsherin of Akiva Simcha Rosenstock, son of Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock, by Myron and Gail Esterson.

Community

- **January 5:** Women's shiur 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.
- **January 5:** Lecture by Rabbi Katz. Israel and the Jews: 1949-1952. State of Israel and Germany. Ner Tamid, 8 pm, free.
- **January 11:** Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day.
- **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.
- **January 23:** A Kallah's Introduction to Family Financial Management. Hands-on workshop for engaged and recently married women presented by Mesila of Baltimore. 7:30 pm, Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail mesilabaltimoreworkshop@gmail.com.

Shemen Lamaor Sponsors

- Ari and Caryn Blum
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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.

- Shandle Reznick, Shandle bas Yisrael Leib a"h, 23 Teves, grandmother of Howard Reznick
 Chezkel ben Shmuel Shaya a"h, 23 Teves, nephew of Yaakov David Shulman
 William Beleck, Ze'ev ben Shimon HaKohen a"h, 24 Teves, father of Mordechai Beleck
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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.



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@tiferesysisroel.org.



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@tiferesysisroel.org.

There is no fee to reserve the date. For availability, go to www.tiferesysisroel.org, and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.



Sponsorships. To arrange your sponsorship, email levechad@tiferesysisroel.org or go to www.tiferesysisroel.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!*
- Between mincha and maariv: Rabbi Goldberger teaching Sefer HaChinuch. Monday through Thursday.

- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/ maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Chovos HaLevovos.**
- 8-9 pm: Nightly men's bais medrash. Sunday through Thursday.

Shabbos:

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

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Good Shabbos!