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Celebrating our 27th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday	
Candle Lighting:	5:00 pm
Mincha:	5:00 pm
Shabbos Day/Rosh Chodesh	
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Mincha:	4:40 pm
Maariv:	6:15 pm
Shabbos is over after:	6:31 pm
Sunday	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv:	5:00 pm
Monday-Friday	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	5:00 pm
Bais Medrash:	8:00 pm
Next Shabbos — Parshas Yisro	
Candle Lighting:	5:08 pm
Friday Mincha:	5:10 pm

This Shabbos

- 10-11:30 am: Camp Shabbos
- Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Fred and Rena Levi on the yahrzeit of Fred's father, Ari Levi, Yehuda ben Michoel Binyamin, a"h
- 7:30 pm: Father/Son Learning.

Camp Shabbos

Join us today for Camp Shabbos in the downstairs Simcha Hall.

Camp Shabbos is for children up to age 7 and features storytelling, playtime and Torah, Torah, Torah! Healthy snacks and drinks are provided. To sponsor snacks or volunteer to help, please contact Adriana Steinberg at 202-641-6677 or abpeljovich@yahoo.com.

Thank you to Gail Feinstein for volunteering and for sponsoring this week's Camp Shabbos.

Yahrzeit Info

We'd like to get our yahrzeit information up-to-date, and we need your help. If you notice that your yahrzeit information has not appeared in the Lev Echad, or you haven't received an email from the shul notifying you of the yahrzeit, please contact the Lev Echad at levechad@tiferesyisroel.org or Alisa Mandel at apmandel@yahoo.com. This is especially important for our new members. Sometimes it takes a very long time for us to get the information from your membership form, and sometimes we don't get it at all.

Mazel Tov to

- Keely and Jillian Goldberger on the birth of a baby girl, Rachel Shoshana Malka. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger. May they be zocheh l'gadla l'Torah, l'chupah, ul'ma'asim tovim!
- Mordechai Zev and Aviva Margolese on the bris of their grandson Moshe Yaakov to Yoli and Natanya Margolese of Lakewood. May they be zocheh l'gadlo l'Torah l'chupah, ul'ma'asim tovim!

Stuff This

Thank you to the stuffers this past Sunday. We were able to get it all done with your assistance. Thank you to Karen Beleck, Lev Avraham, Rachel and Akiva Simcha Rosenstock, Stuart Macklin, Reuven and Dovid Blum, Shulamis Helder, Sima Cooperman, Rena Levi, Susan Sonenthal, Ken Birnbaum and Glenna and Lenny Ross.

Phone-a-thon

The next opportunity to assist with the banquet is our phone-a-thon. Organized by Stuart Macklin, the phone-a-thon will run from Sunday, February 10, to Thursday,

February 14. It will be held from 7:30 to 9 pm in Bob Rosenfelt's office in the Greenspring Atrium.

Please volunteer your time to help bring in reservations and ads for the upcoming banquet. No prior experience is necessary! Please let Caryn Blum know which evening, or evenings, you can assist, 410-358-5478 or acblum@verizon.net.

*Congregation Tiferes Yisroel
27th Anniversary Banquet*

*Honorees**Ken and Yocheved Gelula**Dr. Marc and Elaine Lowen,
Jewish Leadership Award**Sunday, March 10, 2013, 5 PM**Greengate Jewish Center*

**Sefer HaChinuch and
Megillas Esther with
Rabbi Goldberger**

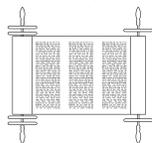
Rabbi Goldberger gives two daily shiurim for men. Between mincha and maariv, we learn Sefer HaChinuch, and after maariv, there is a 15-minute shiur on Megillas Esther with Rashi.

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

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

Stuart Macklin

The Weekly Parsha



Midei Shabbos Beshabbato

by HaRav Eliezer Chrysler

BA'AL TZ'FON, A FORBIDDEN LANDMARK

(Adapted from the Da'as Zekeinim mi'Ba'alei Tosfos)

“Speak to the B'nei Yisrael, that they should go back and encamp in front of Pi ha'Chiros, between Migdol and the Sea, in front of Ba'al Tz'fon, opposite it, you shall encamp by the sea” (14:2).

Citing Rabbi Yehudah (ha'Chasid?) the Da'as Zekeinim asks from the Gemara in Sanhedrin (13b) which forbids using an Avodah-Zarah as a landmark, a question that the questioner leaves unanswered.

The Da'as Zekeinim himself answers that the prohibition is confined to humans, but does not extend to Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu Himself.

And he cites a proof for this from the fact that G-d judges on Shabbos, on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom-Kipur, even though the Halachah forbids a Beis-Din to do so.

And he supports this with a Rashi in Rosh Hashanah (30a), who writes that although the Beis-Hamikdash may not be built on Yom-Tov or at night-time, the third Beis-Hamikdash may well be built on the first night of Pesach, because it is G-d Himself who will build it, and G-d is not subject to the Mitzvos.

Another answer offered by the Da'as Zekeinim is that, even though the Torah was already written before Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu and was waiting to be given to B'nei Yisrael, since it had not yet been given to them, it was not yet applicable. As a third answer, I would suggest that perhaps the prohibition of using an idol as a landmark is confined to where it is a Kavod for the idol, but that is not the case here, where the objective of the landmark was in order to trap its adherents and cause their downfall.

Proof of this lies in the Torah Temimah. The Torah Temimah cites the Gemara in Sanhedrin with which I began, and then cites the Mechilta, which states that the Pasuk in Mishpatim (22:13) which serves as the source of this ruling does not apply when it is detrimental to the Avodah-Zarah.

The following Medrash appears to clash with the author's first answer: When Rabbi Akiva, in answer to Turnusrufus' question as to whether G-d observes the Shabbos, replied in the affirmative, the latter asked how He could then possibly carry the winds from

country to country and the clouds across the sky. To which Rabbi Akiva replied that since the entire world belongs to Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu, it is considered one domain, and in one domain one is permitted to carry.

From this Medrash, it is clear that Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu (Kevayachol) keeps the Shabbos, thereby creating a problem with the Da'as Zekeinim's first answer.

To answer the Kashya, the thought occurred to me, that, just as Chazal extrapolate from Pesukim that Yosef kept Shabbos in Egypt, perhaps because Shabbos (which is the major proof of the creation) is different from other Mitzvos (indeed, Chazal have said that Shabbos is compared to all the Mitzvos Lo Sa'aseh). Consequently, the fact that G-d keeps Shabbos does not necessarily mean that He keeps the other Mitzvos, too.

I told this to ha'Rav ha'Ga'on, R. Katz (Rosh Yeshiva of Chevron), who corroborated this by pointing out that the Torah's first mention of Shabbos is where G-d Himself rested on Shabbos. Indeed, in the Mitzvah of Shabbos in the Aseres ha'Dibros, the Torah specifically states, “Therefore G-d rested on the day of Shabbos,” and that is why, as the Pasuk concludes, “He blessed the day of Shabbos and sanctified it!”

Granted, the author himself based his first answer on the fact that G-d judges on Shabbos — but that is merely a rabbinical decree. G-d may well adhere to His laws of Shabbos, as He did at the Creation, but not necessarily to the laws initiated later by the Chachamim.

WALLS OF WATER

“And the water was for them a wall (chomah)” (14:29).

The word “chomah,” the Da'as Zekeinim comments, which is written without a “Vav,” can therefore be read “Cheimah” (anger). This is because initially, the sea was angry with K'lal Yisrael (because they carried with them the image of Michah), until the angel Gavriel came and turned the water in the middle of the sea into a wall.

Turning to the water on the right, he said, “Take care not to harm Yisrael who are destined to receive the Torah from the Right Hand of Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu!” (as the Torah testifies in ve'Zos ha'B'rochah [33:2]). To the water on the left he then announced, “Beware against causing harm to Yisrael, since they are going to wear Tefilin on their left arm!” Finally, addressing the water behind them, he declared, “Guard yourself against harming Yisrael who will wrap their Tzitzis behind them!”

The water obeyed the words of Gavriel and formed protective walls around Yisrael, dividing into twelve pathways, one path for each of the twelve tribes. Moreover, there were windows between the dividing walls, so that they could converse with each other as

they passed through, to put their minds at ease.

Hence the Torah writes, “And the water was for them a wall.”

It is from this Medrash, the author concludes that we learn the obligation, at least when putting on one's Arba Kanfos, to throw the Tzitzis backwards in the way that we do.

THE POWER OF A LITTLE WORD

“Then Moshe and the B'nei Yisrael sang” (15:1).

Said Moshe before Hakadosh-Baruch-Hu “With the word ‘Oz’ I complained against You (as recorded at the end of last week's Parshah), and with the word ‘Oz’ I will now praise You.”

Alternatively, the Gematriyah of “Oz” is eight. Moshe was hinting here at the Mitzvah of Milah, which takes place on the eighth day. And what he meant was that, on the merit of the Mitzvah the Sea should split. And it did.

The connection between Milah and K'ri'as Yam-Suf in turn, is hinted at in the Pasuk in Tehilim, which in describing the latter, writes “le'Gozer Yam-Suf li'gezorim,” and Targum translated the word in Lech-Lcha “va'momol” (in connection with Avraham Avinu's performing the Milah) as “ve'gozar.”

TZINTZENES, A JAR MADE OF ...

“Take a flask (tzintzenes) and place there an Omer-full of Manna” (16:33).

We do not know what the flask was made of, comments the Da'as Zekeinim, gold, silver, earthenware?

That is why the Torah refers to it as “tzintzenes,” which indicates something which peeps (from the word “meitzitz” [remember, that “Nun” is a letter that often falls away, as in the many derivatives of the word “nofel” (fall)]). This is an indication that the material of which the flask was made was earthenware — through which seeds that one plants in it peep out, as they penetrate the walls and appear on the outside of the flask.

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Run for Shalva

Yonatan Birnbaum, son of Ken and Chana Birnbaum, will be running the Jerusalem half-marathon on March 1, sponsoring Shalva.

Shalva is an Israeli nonprofit organization that has been around since 1990. It is a facility that provides recreational and social activities and outlets for children with physical, psychological and/or behavioral disabilities.

To sponsor Yonatan, go to run4shalva.org and type in Yonatan's name. Any amount, large or small, will be much appreciated.

What Will We Focus on Next?

Stay Tuned

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
Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock

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

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Coming Up

- **February 2:** Kiddush sponsored by the Steinberg and Raun families in honor of Gavriella Tova Steinberg and Gavriel Avraham and Naama Ayala Raun.
- **March 10:** Banquet

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.

Community

- **January 26:** 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 26:** Last lecture in the series by Rabbi Katz. Israel and the Jews: 1949-1952. American Jewry: Orthodox Spring, Conservative Summer, Traditionalist Autumn, Secularist Winter. 8 pm, Ner Tamid, free.
- **January 26:** Concert and Melava Malka with the Traveling Chassidim, sponsored by WOW! Exuberant singing and dancing. Men, women and children welcome. Etz Chaim. \$10, \$28 per family.
- **January 31:** Inspire Your Heart with Art Day.
- **February 18:** Baltimore Women's Orchestra concert for women to benefit Camp Tizmoret Shoshana. Tickets \$10-\$36 at Hats to Hose or contact Chani Caplan at 443-825-9695, chani38@verizon.net. 7:30 pm, Bnos Yisrael.
- **March 28:** Trip to the White House with Rabbi Dovid Katz. Presidents and Jews in Jewish History. Contact Kenny Friedman at dr.kenneth.friedman@gmail.com.

Online Registration

You can now register online for the Tiferes Yisroel Banquet, which will take place Sunday, March 10, at 5 pm at Moses Montefiore (Greengate Jewish Center). Go to the shul website, <https://tiferesyisroel.org/> and register now.

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
- Leah Miner
- Baruch and Ruth Jankowitz

Donations

- In honor of the new granddaughter for Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger, by Ari and Caryn Blum

Refuah Shalaimah to Our Members

- Karen Rosenfelt, Chaya bas Sheindel
- Karen Eisenberg, Keren bas Levana Yuta
- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein (back surgery)

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.

- Ari Levi, Yehuda ben Michoel Binyamin HaLevi, 17 Shevat, father of Fred Levi
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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.

Ride Gmach. We need rides between Baltimore and New York. Please offer to share your ride. 410-358-RIDE (7433).

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

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.

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.

Big Brother. We need Jewish Big Brothers! Right now, there are boys in our community waiting to be matched with a mentor and a friend. Find out how rewarding this volunteer experience can be! Getting together with your "Little" twice a month is all it takes. Training and support are provided.

For more information, contact Katie Cohen at 410-843-7462 or kcohen@jcsbaltimore.org.

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. **Megillas Esther.**
- 8-9 pm: Nightly men's bais medrash. Sunday through Thursday.

Shabbos:

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

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