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Celebrating our 28th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 4:32 pm
Mincha: 4:35 pm**Shabbos Day**Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 4:20 pm
Maariv: 5:50 pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:02 pm
Father/Son Learning: 7:30 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Shacharis (Wednesday): 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Sfas Emes with
Rabbi Goldberger: 4:30 pm**Next Shabbos — Bo**Candle Lighting: 4:37 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:40 pm**This Shabbos**

- 7:30-8:30 pm. Father/Son Learning.

Mazel Tov to

- Mordecai Zev and Aviva Margolese on the birth of a granddaughter, born to Devory and Eli Kohn. May they be zocheh l'gadla l'Torah, l'chupah, ul'maasim tovim!

Father/Son Learning

Join us every Motzei Shabbos from 7:30 to 8:30 pm for Father/Son Learning. It's a wonderful way to hold onto the Kedusha from Shabbos as you and your son(s) share this special time together. Pizza and refreshments are available from 8 to 8:30, accompanied by stories of our holy Tzaddikim.

We meet upstairs, in the newly renovated Bais Medrash. We're also looking for additional sponsors for this year's learning cycle.

Focus on Chesed

Rabbi Goldberger gives a shiur in the Sefer Ahavas Chesed by the Chofetz Chaim. The men's shiur is right after maariv on Sunday night (about 5:20 pm). The women's shiur is Monday nights from 8:15 to 9:05 pm.

If you ordered a book from Yisrael Bethea, please contact him. All books have arrived.

Banquet

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is very pleased to announce our 28th Anniversary Banquet on March 9, 2014, honoring Dov and Karen Pear.

Relationship Skills Classes with the Rebbetzin

Join Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger for a class focusing on relationship skills, based on Rabbi Twersky's booklet.

Remaining classes will be given on Sunday evenings from 8 to 9:30, January 5 and 26.

There is no fee for shul members.

Call Rivka Bluestein at 410-585-0314 or email bluestein1@juno.com to register.

Family Seudah

Join us Friday night, January 3, in the TY Simcha Hall for a family seudah. Catering is by the Knish Shop and the price is \$18 per person. Price for families of four or more is \$14 per person. Children under three are free.

To reserve your seat, please email Reb Shlomo Goldberger at shlomhuva@aol.com or call 410-358-4456 by Monday, December

30. Please indicate if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Sponsorships of \$100 or more will include two dinners.

There will be a special presentation following bentching for adults and teens of "Raid on the Sun!" featuring Rabbi Shlomo Horwitz.

Raid on Osirak!

On Shabbos morning, January 4, at 10:45 am in the upstairs Bais Medrash, we will be having a presentation especially for young men ages 12 to 15. The program is with Rabbi Shlomo Horwitz and will be followed by Mussaf with Rabbi Horwitz.

Found

Boys' Bass black penny loafers, size 4. These shoes are under the coat rack closest to the Ezras Nashim.

Rebbetzin Bracha's Soup Gmach Is Now Open

To enjoy, when unfortunately necessary, please contact Rebbetzin Goldberger for pick-up at 410-542-9656.

Outstanding Balances

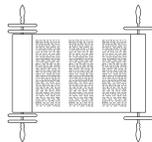
It's getting close to the end of the tax year. If you have an outstanding balance with the shul, we encourage you to make every effort to pay it off or pay part of it if you have made arrangements to do so. It would be a tax incentive to pay before December 31, and it would help the shul as well.

Statements have been sent out. If you have any questions about your balance, you can contact Caryn Blum at 410-358-5478 or carynblum@icloud.com.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of the:

Women's Tehillim Group

The Weekly Parsha



"Who Brings You Forth"

HAMOTZI

Most blessings recited over food refer to G-d as the Creator. Thus we say: "Borei p'ri ha-eitz" (Creator of fruits of the tree), "Borei p'ri ha-adamah" (Creator of fruits of the ground), "Borei p'ri ha-gefen" (Creator of fruits of the vine), and so on.

The blessing for bread, however, does not fit this pattern. Before eating bread, we say HaMotzi — "Who brings forth bread from the earth." Why do we not acknowledge G-d as the Creator of bread, as we do with other blessings?

The wording of this blessing appears to quote G-d's announcement to Moses:

"You will know that I am the Eternal your G-d, Who brings you forth (HaMotzi) from under the subjugation of the Egyptians." (Ex. 6:7)

Is there some connection between bread and the Exodus from Egypt?

THE SPECIAL FUNCTION OF BREAD

The earth contains a wide variety of nutrients and elements. Through various processes, these elements are formed into foods suitable for human consumption. With regard to foods that are not essential for human life, we cannot say that these elements attain their ultimate purpose when they are transformed into food. They fulfilled certain functions while still in the ground. We cannot positively state that now, as a fruit or vegetable, they are more important for the functioning of the world.

Bread, on the other hand, is the staff of life. Bread is necessary for our physical and mental development. "A child does not know how to call 'Father' and 'Mother' until eating grain" (Berachot 40b). Due to its importance in sustaining life, bread differs from other foods. The elements used to make bread have attained a significant role which they lacked while they were still buried inside the earth.

The words of the HaMotzi blessing — "Who brings forth bread from the earth" — reflect this aspect of bread. The act of "bringing out" draws our attention to two stages: the elements' preliminary state in the ground, and their final state as bread, suitable for supporting humanity. Other blessings focus on the original creation of fruits and vegetables. HaMotzi stresses the value these elements have acquired by leaving the earth and becoming life-sustaining bread.

What does this have to do with the Exodus from Egypt?

The elements that are used to make bread started as part of the overall environment (the earth), and were then separated for their special function. So too, the Jewish people started out as part of humanity. Their unique character and holiness were revealed when G-d took them out of Egypt. "I am the Eternal your G-d, Who brings you forth from under the subjugation of the Egyptians." Like the blessing over bread, G-d's declaration emphasizes two contrasting qualities: the connection of the Jewish people to the rest of the world; and their separation from it, for the sake of their special mission.

Order in Miracles

Presenting his "credentials" before Pharaoh, Moses threw down his staff before the Egyptian king, and it transformed into a viper. When the magicians of Egypt did the same with their magic, "the staff of Aaron swallowed up their staffs" (Ex. 7:12).

The Sages in Shabbat 97a noted that the Torah does not say that Aaron's snake swallowed up the magicians' staffs. It says Aaron's staff did the swallowing. A double miracle, a "miracle within a miracle" occurred. The viper became a staff once again, and only then — as a staff — did it swallow up the other staffs. What is the significance of this double miracle?

LEVELS OF MIRACLES

Just as there is an underlying order in the world of nature, so too there is order and structure in the realm of miracles. We may distinguish between two types of laws of the natural world: those of a fundamental nature, and those that have a detailed and specific function. The extent to which a miracle defies natural law depends on the purpose of that divine intervention.

Sometimes it is sufficient to have a minor disruption, and still remain within the overall system of natural law. For example, when the prophet Elisha advised the widow in debt how to miraculously produce oil (II Kings 4:1-7), the oil was not created ex nihilo. Rather, the miracle was based on an existing jar of oil. There occurred no blatant abrogation of the laws of nature; they were merely "extended," as the small cruse of oil sufficed to fill up many large pots. But the basic framework of natural law was left undisturbed.

The purpose of Elisha's miracle was to help out a poor woman in need. The goal of Moses' miraculous signs in Egypt, on the other hand, was far more grandiose. These wonders were meant to demonstrate the power and greatness of the Creator, "so that you will know that I am G-d here on earth" (Ex. 8:18).

In Egypt, G-d willed to demonstrate His ability to overrule any law and limitation of the natural world. Therefore, it was necessary

to have a "miracle within a miracle." This exhibited independence and autonomy at all levels of natural law, both specific and fundamental. The miracle of the staff occurred not only as a minor disruption of nature — a level at which the Egyptian magicians could also function — but also at the level of total disregard for the most basic laws of nature, so that one staff could "swallow up" other staffs.

Priceless Jewels on Tattered Clothes

Every year at the Passover seder, we read Ezekiel's allegorical description of the Israelites in Egypt: "You grew big and tall. You came with great adornments and were beautiful of form, with flowing hair. But you were naked and bare." (Ezekiel 16:7)

The prophet describes the Israelites as being large and numerous, yet, at the same time, impoverished and barren. Physically, Jacob's family of seventy souls had developed into a large nation. Despite Egyptian persecution and oppression, they had become numerous. Morally and spiritually, however, they were "naked and bare."

What about the "great adornments" that the verse mentions? What were these "jewels" of Israel?

TWO SPECIAL JEWELS

These "jewels" symbolize two special traits of the Jewish people. The first trait is a natural propensity for spirituality, an inner desire never to be separated from G-d and holiness.

The second "jewel" is an even greater gift, beyond the natural realm. It is the unique communal spirit of Israel that aspires to a lofty national destiny. Even in their dispirited state as downtrodden slaves in Egypt, their inner drive for national purpose burned like a glowing coal. It smoldered in the heart of each individual, even if many did not understand its true nature.

For the Hebrew slaves, however, these special qualities were like priceless diamonds pinned on the threadbare rags of an unkempt beggar. The people lacked the basic traits of decency and integrity. They were missing those ethical qualities that are close to human nature, like clothes that are worn next to the body.

Without a fundamental level of morality and proper conduct, their unique yearnings for spiritual greatness had the sardonic effect of extravagant jewelry pinned to tattered clothes. "You came with great adornments ... but you were naked and bare."

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Rabbi Chanan Morrison, of Mitzpeh Yericho, runs <http://ravkookTorah.org>, a website dedicated to presenting the Torah commentary of Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook, first Chief Rabbi of Eretz Yisrael, to the English-speaking community. He is also the author of *Gold from the Land of Israel* (Urim Publications, 2006 <http://ravkooktorah.org/book-gold.htm>).

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Focus on Chesed

Chesed for the Week

Welcoming guests (hachnosas orchim) with a pleasant countenance and putting forth effort to serve them and honor them properly is a mitzvah of chesed. This is so even if your guests are financially comfortable and have their needs taken care of, and most certainly with guests who are poor.

Shiur for the Week

The Jewish midwives in Egypt were Yocheved and Miriam. They performed chesed at a very high level by putting their own lives in danger to save the Jewish babies. They defied Paroh's order to kill the babies and not only that, they took care of them, cleaned them, and cooed them. They provided food and drink for the mothers who just gave birth. The Chofetz Chaim says the midwives could have gotten themselves out of the whole situation by taking on a different occupation. They were concerned that if they did that, then those who would take their place might carry out Paroh's decree out of fear. They actively chose to remain in this situation of danger in order to save the Jewish children.

When Moshe Rabbeinu left the palace of Paroh for the first time, he went to see what was happening with his Jewish brethren and he took their troubles to heart. We learn from here to look thoughtfully into the life situations of our fellow Jews and think carefully and specifically about something we may be able to do to help.

Try to do a "complete chesed." When Moshe saved the daughters of Yisro from harassment at the well he didn't stop there. He drew water for them from the well and gave their flocks water to drink. One of those daughters was Tziporah who later became Moshe's wife. The Midrash says that at first Yisro put Moshe Rabbeinu in jail for ten years. (Not recommended behavior for fathers-in-law.) Tziporah secretly brought him food and drink and kept him alive all those years.

The chachamim say in Bava Mitziah 30b, that when Moshe instructs the Jewish people in "The way," that refers to acts of kindness (gemilus chasadim). I asked one class why they think doing chesed is called, "The way" instead of "A way." Two responses:

- 1) By doing chesed a person gets to know Hashem better because Hashem is infinitely kind. It is, "The way" of a Jew in the world to get to know Hashem.
- 2) By doing a chesed a person mirrors Hashem's way with us, Klal Yisroel. "The way" of a Jew is to endeavor to reflect Hashem's ways in the world.

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.

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Coming Up

- **January 3:** Family seudah.
- **January 11:** Bar Mitzvah of Dovid Goldman. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Yaakov and Batsheva Goldman.
- **February 1:** Bar Mitzvah of Saul Sawilowsky. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his grandmother, Esther Sawilowsky. Shalosh seudos sponsored by his parents, David and Helaine Sawilowsky.
- **March 9:** Tiferes Yisroel banquet honoring Dov and Karen Pear.

Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Please join us whenever you can.

Community

- **December 28:** Women's shiur in memory of Chaya Malka Barkai and Esther Nechama Margolese. Sefer HaChinnuch, led by Dr. Dovid Clay. Home of Joyce Dreyfuss, 3820 Menlo Drive, each Shabbos at 3:30 pm. All women and high school girls are invited.
- **December 28:** Rabbi Katz lecture, Progress without Peace, Shomrei, 8 pm.
- **December 29:** NCSY's 39th Annual Campaign Kickoff Issac H. Taylor Jewish Music Festival honoring Rabbi Simcha and Leah Kossman. The concert features Benny Friedman and Avraham Fried. 7 pm, Lyric Opera House. VIP reception for honorees at 5:30 pm. Tickets and Scroll of Honor sponsorship information is available by contacting Zahava at 410-358-6279 or www.atsncsy.org.
- **December 30:** N'shei Newcomers Night. 8 pm, Rabbi Taub's shul, 3509 Clarks Lane. Open to all women in the community and free for newcomers.
- **December 31:** Make Up Your Mind Day.
- **January 11:** Diaspora Yeshiva Band. 8:30 pm, Shomrei.
- **March 2:** Ohr Chadash Academy Annual Concert featuring The Maccabeats. Honoring Dr. Peter and Rosemary Warschawski. Email concert@ohrchadashbaltimore.org for more information or to be notified when tickets go on sale.

Father/Son Learning Sponsors

- Jay and Devorah Taffel in memory of Jay's uncle and aunt, Harvey and Anita Taffel
- Jonathan and Talia Raun in honor of the third yearzeit of Richard H. Hutzler, 24 Teves.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Karen Rosenfelt, Chaya bas Sheindel
- Karen Eisenberg, Keren bas Levana Yuta
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- Shaya Cohen, Yeshaya Lev ben Shelly Gabriella
- Hillel Zeitlin, Hillel Mordechai ben Miriam

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, Yitzhak and Yaakov; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

Laurence Louis Rosenfelt, Eliezer Lazar ben Mordechai a"h, 25 Teves, father of Bob Rosenfelt

Joseph Abraham Lipsitz, Avraham Zusyeh ben Hersh Velvel HaLevi a"h, 26 Teves, father of Harold Lipsitz a"h



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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.



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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.



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

There is no fee to reserve the date. 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.

TY Shiurim Schedule**Sunday:**

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Megilla** 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.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

- Every morning following davening — a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom.** With *fresh hot coffee!*
- Monday through Thursday between mincha and maariv: Rabbi Goldberger teaching **Tur Bais Yosef** on Hilchos Chanukah.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Sfas Emes** on the parsha.
- 8-9 pm: Nightly men's bais medrash. Sunday through Thursday.

Shabbos:

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

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