

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:29 pm
Mincha: 4:30 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Shema by: 9:28 am
Mincha: 4:15 pm
Maariv: 5:45 pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:59 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Shacharis (Thursday): 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Malchus
Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger: 4:30 pm

Next Shabbos – Parshas Vayetze

Candle Lighting: 4:26 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm

This Shabbos

- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger are in Seattle, leading a Shabbaton.
- We welcome HoRav Sheftel Neuberger of Yeshivas Ner Yisroel who will be giving the Shabbos morning drasha.
- Shabbos Mevorchim kiddush.
- 7:30-8:30 pm. Father/Son Learning.

Tiferes Yisroel Shabbos Chanuka Family Seuda

Please join us on December 20, Shabbos Chanuka, for a family seuda, catered by our own Tiferes Yisroel Gourmet Chefs. The cost is \$20 per person with a family cap of \$100. There is no charge for children under three. To reserve your seat(s), please email Reb

Shlomo Goldberger at shlomhuva@aol.com or call 410-358-4456. Paid reservations are due by December 8.

Ages 12 and older are invited to a special presentation at 2:30 in the Bais Medrash, "Convert or Die," featuring Rabbi Shlomo Horwitz. All are welcome for dessert, divrei Torah and singing at 1:45 pm. Sponsorships are welcome.

Looking for Gourmet Chefs

Have you seen our stunning new kitchen? Don't you want to cook in it? Here's your chance. You can be one of the gourmet chefs preparing the meal for Tiferes Yisroel's Shabbos Chanuka family seudah. Please email Rebbetzin Bracha at ggreporting@verizon.net to work out the details.

Vote

The shul election will take place on Sunday, December 14, at 11 am in the shul Simcha Hall. Please make your presence known at this important event. Tiferes Yisroel prides itself on inclusion, participation and fellowship. Your vote, your voice and your input are vital to the ongoing vitality of our unique kehilla. May Hashem see fit to bless our new officers with siyatta di'shmaya in all their endeavors.

Portrait of a Rabbi

For a limited time only, a beautiful pencil lithograph of Rabbi Goldberger, drawn by Rabbi Hillel Shepard, will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on the shul's website. The pencil drawing was inspired by a photograph of Rabbi Goldberger taken by Frank Storch, and, unbeknownst to the Rabbi, was created for him as a labor of love. Only 125 signed and numbered lithographs were printed. Proceeds from the sale of the

lithographs will benefit the shul. There will be two ways to obtain the lithographs.

Higher numbered lithos (26-125) are a flat price of \$275. First-come, first-served for lower available numbers.

There will be a silent auction until December 21 for lower numbered lithos (6-25) with a minimum bid of \$400. The highest bids will receive the lowest numbers. Identical bids will be first-come, first-served at that level. For numbers below 6, or for more information, call Scott Parsowith at 410-591-9773 or email sparsowith@cclind.com.

If you make a bid, you will be charged \$275 now, which will be applied to your bid if you win. If you do not win, you will receive a higher-numbered litho, prioritized according to the time you made your bid.

For tax and maaser purposes, the value of each picture is \$175 with \$100 going to the shul. For silent bids greater than \$275, the value of each picture is two-thirds of the purchase price, with one-third going to the shul.

To purchase a portrait to benefit the shul or for additional information, please go to tiferesyisroel.org/app/register/litho.

Welcome New Members

- Josh and Gitta Meles

Chanuka Carnival

Our annual Chanuka Carnival will be on Sunday, December 21, from 1 to 3 pm in the shul Simcha Hall.

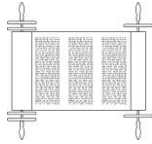
Join us for crafts, balloon art, face painting, games, prizes and Chanuka treats.

If you would like to help with planning, volunteer for on-site help, or be one of our sponsors, please contact Adriana Steinberg at 202-641-6677 or abpeljovich@yahoo.com.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

Ari and Caryn Blum

The Weekly Parsha



Jersey Shore Torah Bulletin

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR

“Yitzhak entreated Hashem ... Hashem allowed Himself to be entreated by him, and his wife Ribkah conceived.” (Bereshheet 25:21)

Rashi explains that the implication of the masculine singular form lo, “by him,” is that Hashem responded specifically to Yitzhak Abinu’s prayer, as opposed to that of his wife, Ribkah Imenu. In addition, he explains that the root of the word, va’ye’etar, “and he entreated,” is the word atar, which denotes abundance. The sense of the pasuk is that Yitzhak prayed abundantly — every which way, in order to effect a positive response from the Almighty. Why was it necessary to pray so hard in every manner possible?

Rav Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld, z”l, gives us a powerful — almost frightening — insight into the concept and efficacy of prayer and its far-reaching implications. Rashi teaches us that on the day that Esav went out l’tarbut ra’ah, left the fold and publicly displayed his true malevolent character, Abraham Abinu died. The Patriarch was originally supposed to live five more years — to age 180. He died prematurely, so that he should not be privy to the infamy wrought by his evil grandson. This means, explains Rav Yosef Chaim, that Yitzhak’s and Ribkah’s prayers had severe ramifications for the Patriarch. Had the prodigal twins been born five years later, Abraham could have lived out his entire pre-determined lifespan. Their prayer — if accepted — would be the indirect cause of Abraham’s premature demise. Frightening! We see now why Yitzhak had to pray with such fervor. He was not simply asking for a child. It was much more. He did not know this, but Hashem, Who knows all, was well aware of the difficulty of this decision.

What a powerful lesson for us. We all pray and, while Hashem certainly listens to each and every prayer, the reply is not always, in our limited perception, positive. Sometimes, the answer is “no!” We have difficulty understanding His ways, but, He has reasons for everything.

Rav Yosef Chaim adds that this idea is underscored in the pasuk in Ashrei — Retzon yere’av yaaseh, v’et shav’atam yishma v’yoshi’em, “The will of those who fear Him, He will do; and their cry He will hear, and save them.” This verse seems redundant. With the above, we understand that there are times when we ask for something which we ultimately might regret or which will

eventually cause us pain. The pasuk teaches us that Hashem listens twice — before and after — we ask for something. At first, it is good. Then we realize — or become aware — that the ramifications are not good. We pray again. He listens — once again. May our prayers be heard, and may we know for what to pray. (Peninim on the Torah)

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

“And Ya’akov said, ‘Sell this day your birthright to me.’” (Bereshheet 25:31)

The Midrash cites that Ya’akov resorted to self-sacrifice in order to attain the birthright from Esav. It continues to justify Ya’akov’s desire for the birthright. This seems puzzling, for we have no indication of self-sacrifice on Ya’akov’s part in order to gain the birthright. The Torah only mentions that Ya’akov was able to exact the birthright from Esav through cunning and guile. We may suggest that Ya’akov indeed displayed a magnificent sublime form of self-sacrifice. The attribute which characterized Ya’akov is emet (truth) and he excelled in it. For Ya’akov to resort to what seems to be subterfuge, even justifiably, goes against the very essence of his personality. His inability to act with complete veracity at that point is tantamount to the most supreme form of self-sacrifice. (Peninim on the Torah)

RABBI’S MESSAGE

“The man became great and kept becoming greater” (Bereshheet 26:13)

Yitzhak Abinu becomes fabulously wealthy. Rashi says that the Philistines who lived with Yitzhak said, “Better the dung (fertilizer) from Yitzhak’s mules than the silver and gold of Abimelech.” They said this because in the previous verse it says that when Yitzhak planted in the land, the yield was me’ah she’arim, one hundred fold more than normal. The gentiles were idolaters, and when they saw this tremendous abundance, they attributed this to Yitzhak having some miracle formulas. They thought he put it in the dung of his mules that was used to fertilize the land. Therefore they said that this dung was worth more than gold and silver.

They weren’t completely wrong. Yitzhak used these mules to dig his wells of water. These wells all provided precious water, an unusual feat. Many times wells are dug without success, but here they always hit water, which sanctified Hashem’s name. Since these mules were blessed, because they brought about the sanctification of Hashem’s name, their dung provided tremendous amounts of produce. The gentiles attributed the success to some miracle potion, but it wasn’t that at all. It was the spiritual greatness of Yitzhak.

Imagine today, if someone we know opens a store in a certain neighborhood. In a short

amount of time the store is a tremendous success. The store, always packed with customers, consistently sells all the goods that the owner puts in. You can bet that someone who notices this will open a store in that same neighborhood. That person figures it’s the great location, therefore he opens a store close by. That person is thinking like the Philistines. He attributes the success to some physical factor and wants to duplicate it. This shows a lack of understanding of the true source of blessing.

Whenever we see success try to find the merit that causes that success, instead of a talent. If we copy that merit, we can gain success too. Shabbat Shalom. Rabbi Reuven Semah

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Women’s Shiur with Rabbi Goldberger

Beginning Sunday night, December 14, there will be a new women’s shiur with Rabbi Goldberger. We will be learning Navi, “Shmuel,” about Dovid HaMelech both prior to his becoming king and during his reign. Please bring a Sefer Shmuel with Rashi. The shiur will be held in the Nancy Taffel Annex, time to be announced.

Shul Kiddush

As part of the initiative mentioned by Ari Blum, we are having a shul kiddush today for Shabbos Mevorchim. Thank you to our sponsors: Ari and Henia Gruner, Mordechai Beleck, Yaakov and Batsheva Goldman (in honor of Ruthie Goldman’s 18th birthday), Fred and Rena Levi, Jay and Devorah Taffel, Eli and Esther Weiner and Mr. and Mrs. Anonymous.

If you would like to help sponsor our next Shabbos Mevorchim kiddush, please contact 13blum@gmail.com.

Father/Son Learning

Join us for Father/Son Learning this Motzei Shabbos, from 7:30 to 8:30. It’s a wonderful way to hold onto the Kedusha from Shabbos as you and your son(s)/grandsons share this special time together.

Pizza and refreshments will be available at the end of learning, from 8 to 8:30, along with stories of our holy Tzaddikim. We will meet upstairs in our beautiful Bais Medrash.

Thank you to this week’s sponsor, Lev Avraham and Rachel Rosenstock, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Kislev and in memory of those who were murdered in the recent terrorist attack in Yerushalayim.

Focus on Chesed

Rebbetzin Bracha is passing along these names for us to pray for the refuah shelayma of the following men who were wounded in the Har Nof massacre:

Shmuel Yerucham ben Bayla

Chaim Yechiel ben Malka

Etan ben Sarah

Yitzchak ben Chaya

Coming Up

- December 14: Shul election.
- December 20: Family seuda.
- December 21: Chanuka Carnival.

Shul Roster

We recently emailed the shul roster to all members. If you did not receive the roster, or if your information is incorrect, please contact Glenna at glenna@tiferesysroel.org.

Used Book Sale

Come check out our used book sale located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. Everything is \$5 or less. If you would like to donate any gently used Sefarim or Jewish books, please contact Steve Schwarz at 410-446-8330 or simchamelech@aol.com. All proceeds go to the shul.

Men's Bais Medrash

Our Bais Medrash Program for men is on Monday and Wednesday nights from 8 to 9, followed by maariv. There are several different learning opportunities of varying lengths to make it possible for everyone to participate. As an added incentive, there will be freshly brewed coffee and refreshments.

- Monday
 - 8-8:35, Reb Shlomo Goldberger, Mishna Brura
 - 8-9, Jay Taffel, Rambam Hilchos Tzitzis
 - 8:45-9, Shuki Nissan, Chovos Hatalmidim
- Wednesday
 - 8-8:35, Reb Shlomo Goldberger, the Weekly Parsha
 - 8:45-9, Shuki Nissan, Chovos Hatalmidim

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing shlomhuv@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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Sima Cooperman
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Running total: \$484.54

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Community

- **November 22:** 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.
- **November 23:** Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland. "Finding a Family's Town: A Case Study," and "Beyond Ancestry.com: It Isn't All Online!" Free for paid members and \$5 for nonmembers (applied to membership fee when a visitor joins JGSMD). Refreshments will be available. Please check our website at www.jgsmd.org for late updates and for the time, location, and program of future meetings. 1:30-3:30 pm, Pikesville Library meeting room.
- **November 28:** Flossing Day.

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.

Arlene Katz, Chai Tova bas Itzchak HaLevi a"h, 29 Cheshvan, mother of Sandra Orman, wife of Bernard Katz a"h

Sofia Bialecki, Tsia bas Simcha a"h, 29 Cheshvan, mother of Felicia Graber

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HaRav Yaakov Ozer ben Reb Eliyakum Gatzil a"h, 1 Kislev, grandfather of Chana Kuritsky Elizabeth Schwartz, Basya bas Menachem a"h, 4 Kislev, mother of George Schwartz

William W. Kayne a"h, 5 Kislev, uncle of Suzanne Kayne

Found

A large green Frisbee was found at the shul picnic. Please contact Toby Passe at 410-585-0182 to claim it.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Shaya Cohen, Yeshaya Lev ben Shelly Gabriella
- Hillel Zeitlin, Hillel Mordechai ben Miriam
- Risha Saperstein

Donations

- In memory of Harriet Chana bas Baruch Mendel, the sister of Shoshana Liebman, by Shoshana Liebman

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, David Sawilowsky at davidsaw@comcast.net, 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.

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

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. Often, Chesed of Boro Park calls, needing a ride to/from New York for people with medical appointments in Baltimore hospitals.

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.

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

Candle Gemach. Need yahrzeit or Shabbos candles? The Schwartzes have a candle gemach at their house at 3413 Olympia Avenue.

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 or Camp Shabbos for a week, the donation is \$36. To sponsor Father/Son Learning for a week, the donation is \$72. Half-sponsorships are also available for \$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 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:

- 8-9 pm: **Rambam Mishnah Torah**, Hilchos Tzitzis, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After mincha/maariv: **Ahavah Chesed** for men with Rabbi Goldberger for a half hour.

Wednesday:

- 8-9 pm: **Gemara Horayos**, 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, 5 minutes of Mesillas Yesharim by the Ramchal.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Malchus Shlomo**.
- 8-9 pm: Men's bais medrash. Monday and Wednesday.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin**.
- One hour before mincha: Rabbi's shiur.

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