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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 7:28 pm
Mincha: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Rabbi's Shiur: 5:40 pm
Mincha: 6:50 pm
Maariv: 8:40 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:59 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:35 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Shacharis: 6:25 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Sfas Emes with
Rabbi Goldberger: 7:35 pm

Next Shabbos — Tazria-Metzora

Candle Lighting: 7:35 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

Want to Be a "Minyanaire"?!

Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your "spiritual equity"?

Come join the TY minyan. We are looking for a few (10+) good men ages 13-120 to join our daily minyan. Shacharis is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8 am on Sundays. Mincha/Maariv begins 10 minutes before shkia; check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

Please Help

We are seriously looking for an acting editor who is willing to do the Lev Echad when the present editor is either unable or unwilling to do the Lev Echad. We need you!

[You can tell we really need you because the editor does not use exclamation points lightly.] To volunteer for this life-changing mitzvah, please email levechad@tiferes.yisroel.org.

This Shabbos

- Shabbos Mevorchim Kiddush sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger; Mrs. Ida Goldberger; Ken and Chana Birnbaum; Ari and Caryn Blum; David and Sema Ely; Rabbi Tzvi and Felicia Graber in memory of Felicia's grandparents and extended family members murdered during the Holocaust; Baruch and Rus Jankowitz in memory of Bubby, Rochel bas Dovid, and Pappa, Todros ben Shlomo Zalman; Suzanne Kayne in honor of the yahrzeit of Gertrude Mainen; Rabbi Elie and Esther Levi; Fred and Rena Levi; Dr. Marc and Elaine Lowen in honor of the yahrzeit of Dr. Lowen's father, Yizchak ben Moshe; Jonathan and Talia Raun in memory of Dick Hutzler and Jane Earhart on their shared birthday (April 18); Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum in memory of Jerry's father, Melech ben Avraham; Rabbi Eli and Esther Weiner; and Yitzchok and Sara Weingot.

- 5:40 pm. Rabbi's shiur on Megillas Rus.

Men's Spring/Summer Bais Medrash Program

New time. New program. A new you. Starts right after maariv for 45 minutes. Grab a chavrusa and come learn, or join one of the chaburas.

On Monday and Wednesday nights, come light up your heart and soul with a 20-minute shiur right after maariv in chassidus from our Mara D'asra Rabbi Goldberger.

On Monday nights, join in for the final 20 minutes and reconnect to the sanctity of Shabbos with a concise shiur on the laws of Shabbos by Reb Shlomo Goldberger, using the sefer Shmiras Shabbos K'hilchasa.

On Wednesday nights, come for the final 20 minutes and discover the explanation behind events and questions in that week's parsha, presented by Shuki Nissan.

On Monday and Wednesday nights, Jay Taffel will be giving his exciting in-depth shiurim for 1 hour starting at 7 pm with a break for mincha/maariv. The Monday shiur will be on Rambam Hilchos Brachos and the Wednesday shiur will be on Gemara Horiyus.

Rabbi Goldberger's Shabbos Afternoon Shiur is Back

This Shabbos we will resume the Shabbos afternoon shiur, b'ezras Hashem. We will be learning Megillas Rus with Rashi's commentary. Photocopies of the shiur will be available. The shiur is weekly, every Shabbos afternoon, one hour before mincha. Men and women are invited to attend. Rabbi Goldberger will bring out insights from other meforshim as well.

Mazel Tov to

- Jonathon and Chanah Leshnoff on the bris of their son, Nachshon Zohar. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chupah ul'maasim tovim.

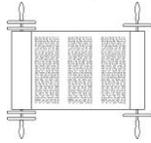
Centerpieces for Rent

The TY Sisterhood has centerpieces for rent for a nominal fee. Great for Sheva Brachos or a Bar Mitzvah. Please contact Devorah Taffel for more information.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

The editor of the Lev Echad, Suzanne Kayne; and her amazing staff, Rena Levi, Alisa Mandel, Talia Raun, Lev Avraham Rosenstock, Glenna Ross and Ann Stiller

The Weekly Parsha



The Priestly Benediction

The Tabernacle inauguration concluded with a blessing from the High Priest:

“Aaron lifted his hands towards the people and blessed them. He then descended from preparing the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings.” (Lev. 9:22)

WHEN WAS THE BLESSING RECITED?

From the Torah’s account, it would seem that Aaron blessed the people before he completed the service in the newly dedicated Tabernacle. The Sages, however, explained that the actual order was different. First, Aaron completed the offerings and descended from the altar. Only afterwards did he bless the people (“Torat kohanim,” Megillah 18a).

If the priestly benediction was performed at the end of the Temple service (which nowadays is recited at the end of the Amidah prayer), why does the Torah imply a different order?

THE TRUE HONOR OF KOHANIM

When discussing the contribution of the kohanim to the Jewish people, and the corresponding honor they receive, we must distinguish between their current state and their future potential.

We may respect an individual kohen for his scholarship and piety, but the true honor we bestow to kohanim is in recognition of their holy influence over the entire nation. We honor them primarily for their future potential, for what a kohen should and can be — “for he is an emissary of God of the hosts” (Malachi 2:7). Even if the kohen is undeserving of such honor in his present state, “You must strive to keep him holy ... he will be holy for you, since I am holy” (Lev. 21:8). His holiness is due to his potential benefit to the nation, as a member of the sanctified family. (This, by the way, is similar to the honor we give to rabbis and teachers. We respect them for their erudition and also as representatives of the institution of the rabbinate. This honor is in recognition of the overall contribution of the rabbinate to the welfare of the people. The rabbi on his part should realize that he is primarily honored for what he ought to be, and should do his best to fulfill this expectation.)

TWO ROLES OF THE PRIESTHOOD

The function of the kohanim is not only to serve in the Temple. The kohanim are also expected to teach and elevate the people, as it says, “From the kohen’s lips they will guard

knowledge, and they will seek Torah from his mouth” (Malachi 2:7). These two roles are interrelated, since the source for their spiritual influence on the people originates in the holiness of their service in the Temple.

There is one duty of the kohanim that combines both of these roles: the priestly blessing. This blessing is part of the Temple service, and at the same time, reflects their interaction with the people. The kohanim recite the blessing with outstretched arms, a sign that their efforts to uplift the people are an extension and continuation of their holy service in the Temple.

BRIDGING THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

The blessing also forms a bridge over time, connecting the past with the future and the actualized with the potential.

The kohanim can best fulfill their mission to uplift the people after they have participated in the Temple service and experienced the unique elevation of soul gained through this holy public service. Their blessing will then reflect the highest level of influence and inspiration the kohen is able to impart. Thus, the blessing indicates the present state of the kohen, while being based on his past service, and extending — like his outstretched arms — to his future potential influence.

Now we can resolve the apparent contradiction between the Torah’s account and actual practice. The text implies that the kohanim complete their service after blessing the people. The service referred to here is not their service in the Temple, but their role in uplifting the people, which is truly their primary mission. In practice, however, the priestly blessing needs to be based on the holy services that they have already performed. Therefore, it is recited only after they have completed their service in the Temple.

THE IMPACT OF PRAYER

A similar phenomenon is found at the end of the Amidah, when we say, “May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable before You” (Psalms 19:15). It would appear more logical to recite this plea before praying. In fact, the verse does not refer to the prayer about to be recited, but to our heartfelt aspiration that we should be able to apply the influence of this prayer on the coming day. Like the priestly benediction, this request forms a bridge between two states. It is based on the prayer service just performed, but it looks forward to the future influence of this spiritual elevation on our lives.

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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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Coming Up

- May 3: Kitchen Dedication.

Know Your Shul Members — The Zussmans



After several years in Israel, followed by a year doing campus outreach in Madison, WI, Yair and Deidra Zussman were looking to relocate. Deidra’s parents had made aliyah from her hometown of Latrobe, PA. Yair grew up in Santa Cruz, CA, a “hyper-liberal, very enjoyable beach/surfing community sandwiched between the ocean and mountains,” where he imbibed nature but never met an observant Jew. Now they wanted to move their young family to a frum community stateside.

They listed several places’ pros and cons, and Baltimore came in at the top (“not a city” was a pro), so in May 2013, Yair came for a pilot trip, visiting many shuls in two days. He felt welcomed when he arrived for mincha in the Taffel Annex, and Rabbi Goldberger’s warm greeting afterwards made an impression. A short time later, having decided to come to Baltimore and to TY, the Zussmans crossed paths with the Goldbergers at Rabbi Michel Twerski’s shul in Milwaukee. The Goldbergers were in town for a wedding and were giving shiurim during their stay. When Yair saw Rabbi Goldberger on the street, he couldn’t quite place him from their brief encounter, but the Rabbi walked up and said, “Hi, Yair.”

Deidra recalls approaching Rebbetzin Bracha, not knowing who she was, and telling her she looked familiar.

“Are you from Baltimore?” the Rebbetzin asked.

“No, but we’re moving there.”

“My husband’s a rabbi there — Rabbi Goldberger.”

“Oh! We’re moving to your shul!”

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Kitchen Dedication

As an expression of deep appreciation, Kehillas Tiferes Yisroel is invited to the dedication of our renovated kitchen in the Simcha Hall on Sunday, May 3, at 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Many have participated generously in the beautification of our kitchen and we wish to thank them. The kitchen renovation will be dedicated in memory of Mrs. Miriam Lowenbraun, a"n. Mrs. Lowenbraun was a vibrant member of our shul family, whose presence in our shul was always one of grace and dignity.

Please mark your calendars to join us for this meaningful event.

Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger

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Not long after coming to Baltimore, the Zussmans welcomed their third child. Their children are Ari (5), Aviya (3 in May), and Sarah (1½). With two jobs, three kids five and under, and no family in town, the young parents are mostly "in survival mode," but seeing the sibling love developing among their kids gives them strength.

Yair manages a team of workers at Grow and Behold, a kosher meat processing company specializing in hormone-free, grass-fed beef; his supervisor is TY member Yosef Hertzmark.

As director of Women's Programming at Jewish Family Institute-Etz Chaim, Deidra can draw on her own experience at Neve Yerushalaim, which she describes as life-changing. She was mentored there, both in learning and in running a home according to Torah values, by an American olah who raised eleven kids in a small Har Nof apartment and somehow gave everyone attention when they needed it.

Learning in Eretz Yisrael is similarly central to Yair's growth in Yiddishkeit. At the end of his senior year at UC-Santa Barbara, he was offered a free trip to Israel through Aish HaTorah. He was looking for something exciting, and he happened to be Jewish, so he thought, Why not? There ensued a month of milestones: Hebrew name, bar mitzvah, pidyon haben. What made the deepest impression was the connectedness of the families he met, as compared with back home, where the divorce rate seemed to be upwards of 70 percent. Another striking contrast in Torah's favor was the value of avoiding lashon hara. "I was so impressed that there were laws about how we should relate to other people through speech. When I came to Aish, I found that we don't need to talk about other people — we can talk about something else." In the end, he learned at Aish for 3½ years.

All told, Deidra lived in Israel for 5 years, and Yair for 7; they spent 3 ½ years there as a married couple. "It's a different world over there," Deidra says. "Last time I went back, superficially things were different, but underneath, everything was the same. It's like the place is on fire. Jerusalem is smoldering. You can feel it. It's alive. It's hard to describe, or even to remember — like remembering a smell. It's not the perfect place for my family right now. Hopefully Moshiach will come soon, and it will be."

Used Book Sale

Our used book sale is located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. All proceeds go to the shul. Most titles are still \$5 or less. For more information or to donate gently used Jewish books, please contact Steve Schwarz at simchamelech@aol.com or call 410-446-8330. Thank you for supporting your shul.

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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Right now, there are young people in our community who need a mentor and a friend. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister and find out how rewarding this volunteer experience can be. For more information, contact Mrs. Bracha Goetz at Jewish Community Services, 410-843-7453 or bgoetz@jcsbaltimore.org.

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- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Hillel Zeitlin, Hillel Mordechai ben Miriam
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman, Sima bas Sarah
- Emunah Friedman, Emunah L' Ori bas Nachas

Yizkor Donation

- Jerry and Elka Rottman

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.

Regina Komet, Rivka bas Moshe a"h, 1 Iyar, mother of Max Komet a"h

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Community

- **April 18:** Women's shiur in memory of Chaya Malka Barkai and Esther Nechama Margolose. 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.
- **April 18:** Seven Famous Jewish Historians. Rabbi Dovid Katz. 10 pm, Shomrei.
- **April 18:** Husband Appreciation Day.
- **April 23:** Ohr Chadash Academy's celebration of Israel's 67th Independence Day. Songs and presentations from the student body and informational tables from various local Israeli organizations and artists. 5:45-7:15 pm, Oheb Shalom Auditorium. Call 410-999-2200 for more information.
- **April 26:** Community-wide Symposium: "Are you prepared? Is your family protected? A Halachic Living Will. Why Everyone Must Have One!" Expert panel includes Rabbi Mordechai Shuchatowitz, Dr. Giora Netzer, Allan Gibber, Esq. and Rabbi Elchonon Zohn. 10 am-12 pm, Shomrei. Men and women are invited, free admission. Following the program all forms will be available and volunteers can assist anyone in preparing their halachic will. Contact Bikur Cholim of Baltimore at 410-999-3700 for additional information.

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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 \$90. Half-sponsorships are also available for \$45.

For the following, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 443-527-1726 or inn8doc@aol.com.

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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.

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**.

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