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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday:**

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

Shabbos Day ש"ז' כסלו תשס"ט:

Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00am
Shachris: 8:30am
Youth Minyan: 9:00am
Mincha: 4:15pm
Sunset: 4:44pm
Maariv: 5:45pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:56pm
Father / Son Learning: 7:30pm

Sunday:

Shacharis: 8:00am
Mincha / Maariv: 4:30pm
Bais Midrash: 9-10:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE
NO MON - THURS MINCHA AT
THE SHUL. M-TH MAARIV WILL
BE AT 7:45PM.**

Monday-Friday:

Shacharis: 6:30am
Rabbi's Hilchos Chanukah Mishna
Brura shiur: 7:30-7:45pm
Maariv (M-Th): 7:45pm
Tuesday Beis Midrash: 9-10:00pm

Next Shabbos-Parshas Vayeshev:

Candle Lighting: 4:28pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30pm

MAZAL TOV!!

➤ To Binny and Malki Margolese on the birth and naming of their daughter, Dina Sarah. May they be זוכה לגדלה לתורה ומעשים טובים. Mazel tov to the grandparents Mordecai Zev and Esther Nechama Margolese.

➤ to Yaakov and Batsheva Goldman on the Bas Mitzvah of their daughter, Ruthie. May they be זוכה לגדלה לתורה לחופה ולמעשים טובים.

➤ Bert and Bina Kahn, on the birth of a granddaughter, Esther, to Yosef and Talia Kahn in Phoenix, Arizona. May they be זוכה לגדלה לתורה לחופה ולמעשים טובים.

**Father / Son Learning Sponsors –
December**

Dr. Barry Stein & Caren Cutler
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On the Horizon

➤ **December 20:** 8pm Motzei Shabbos Melave Malka for young couples and singles at Eden Café. Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a dvar torah on Emuna U'bitachon. Please RSVP to R' Shlomo Goldberger at 443-857-9229 or email shlomhuva@aol.com. If you already send it your reservation please resend as the email address listed last week was incorrect. A recommended donation of \$5 - \$10 per person is appreciated. More details to follow.

➤ **December 26:** Annual friday night Chanuka tish will be on, parshas Miketz from 8:30 -10 at shul

Camp Shabbos

Camp Shabbos has an exciting new program for children ages two through six. Camp Shabbos will now be run by our own teenage girls. We will have games, stories, Parsha, fun prizes and of course Kiddush. Bring your children to our next Camp Shabbos on December 20th.

**Rabbi Goldberger's Tuesday Night
Learning Series**

Rabbi Goldberger will be giving the fourth and final shiur of his Tuesday night series this Tuesday, December 16th from 8:15 – 9:15 pm in the main shul. He will be giving over chassidic insights on Chanuka and will draw from the works of the Chidushei HaRim, S'fas Emes, and Nesivos Shalom. Men, women and teenagers are invited.

Pledges & Membership Dues

Thank you to all of you who have already paid your membership dues and Yom Tov contributions to the shul. For those of us who still have outstanding pledges, please keep the checks and Pay Pals coming. Now is a great time to pay and so that your payment can be included as part of your tax deductible contributions for 2008.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

➤ Esther, Elie, and Daniel Levi, in honor of all the people who so graciously organized and made delicious meals for us over the past two weeks. Thank You.

Save The Date!!!

Tiferes Yisroel's wonderfully fun annual Chanuka Party is just around the corner! Fun for the whole family bring the kids and grandkids! Sunday, December 28th, the last day of Chanuka in the main hall of the shul at 1:00. Get ready for our famous ice cream bar, salad bar, mystery auction, human dreidel, quick sketch artist and MORE! Don't forget to bring a mystery gift (wrapped) of \$10 or more value. Think out of the box! Admission is \$8 a person and \$25 family max. Do you want to join the fun? Call Rivka Malka Perlman or Amy Rubin to get involved. All ages welcome.

Crash Course in Jewish History

By Rabbi Ken Spiro

The Kabbalists

In the 16th century, the mountaintop town of Tzfat became the center of Jewish mysticism – the Kabbalah.

In the past few installments, we have been relating the events in the history of the Jews that happened during a period known as the Renaissance (1350 to 1650).

During this time we saw: a resurgence of classical knowledge and the waning power of the Church; the advent of the Spanish Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews from various countries; the growth of Protestantism as a new offshoot of Christianity; the Golden Age of Polish Jewry and the Ukrainian massacres of Bogdan Chmielnicki. (See Parts 48, 49, and 50.)

Where was the Jewish world as the Renaissance was drawing to a close? Geographically, about half the Jewish population was located in the Middle East, with a high concentration in Turkey and the lands of the Ottoman Empire. And about half in Europe, with a high concentration in Eastern Europe (Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania.)

That is not to say that *all* the Jews lived there. In fact, there were Jews literally the world over, including India and China. But for the purposes of a Crash Course in Jewish History, we are focusing on the large Jewish population centers.

Tapping Into TY Wisdom

We have a wealth of untapped wisdom within our Kehilla. This space is dedicated to sharing practices that have made a real difference in your life... It may have to do with davening or learning; shalom bayis, parenting; outreach; ways to connect with others; travel destinations or even a good recipe. It's very open ended. Preferably, you have already tested it out "in the field", so your ideas are based on your own, real time experience. Send your ideas to: (dov.pear@verizon.net) and if appropriate, we can share them in this space. Contributions can be anonymous if you like. Here's this week's contribution:

For a rainy day

If I were a farmer I'm sure I would be thrilled with this rain, silently hoping for its steady march on...keep on, rain, keep on for the farmer knows his efforts are only worth so much it's the rain, the rain that brings forth the bounty but we get so caught up and the rain seems to be in our way and we not so silently whine on...how long, this rain, how long but it is perhaps our opportunity for respite and quiet gratitude for Hashem's great blessings over our toil...keep on, rain, keep on...(and pass the hot cocoa)

Mailing Address

Please note the Shul has discontinued the use of the P.O Box. All mail should be sent to the shul directly at 6201 Park Heights Ave, Baltimore, MD 21215.

TY Shiurim Schedule

Sunday:

- Men's Gemara Brachos shiur given by the Rabbi. פרק ד, Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha- following Shacharis.
- 10:30–11am: Tehillim gathering for cholim for women
- 11–12pm: Rebbetzin's class on Tefillah, for women.
- 8- 8:45pm Hilchos Shabbos Shiur, given by R' Shlomo Goldberger, with the Sefer Shmiras Shabbos K'Hilchesa. All men are invited to attend.
- 9-9:45 pm: Rabbi Pinchas Goldfinger will be giving a shiur on Nevi'im Rishonim

Monday:

- Rambam Shiur, given by Jay Taffel 1 hour before Maariv (6:45pm).

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- Gemarah Chulin, given by Jay Taffel 1 hour before Maariv (6:45pm).
- 8-9pm: Rabbi Gary Poretsky will be giving a shiur on Agadeta with the Maharal

Wednesday:

- Nesivos Shalom for men on Wednesday at 8:00pm, given by Rabbi Pinchas Rabinowitz.

Thursday:

- Men's shiur given by the Rabbi on *Peirush HaRamban al HaTorah*, please bring chelek Breishis to the shiur.

Daily Shiurim (M-F):

- Every morning following davening- a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with Nesivos Shalom. Incentive: *fresh hot coffee!*
- 6 – 6:25am Chaburah learning Rashi on the weekly parsha given by Nisan Blaxberg. All men and (older) boys are invited to attend.
- **Shabbos Morning Chabura:** Learning, Discussion and Inspiration: 8-8:30am by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. **Text:** Shabbos Malkisa

BATYA SKLAR CAMP

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- In honor of Tiferes Yisroel - "a chavrusa for everybody"
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- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger are shemen lamaor sponsors this month in memory of Yoseph Ber Leib ben Aharon Eliezer, Jory Rosean, whose yearzeit is the fifth night of Chanukah.

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Maintaining Balance

"No longer will it be said that your name is Yaakov/Jacob, but Yisrael/Israel, for you have striven with the Divine and with man and have overcome." (Beraishis/Genesis 32:29) Yaakov is described as one who has excelled in his service of G-d, both in relation to his personal relationship with the Divine and with his interpersonal behavior. Thus, Yaakov warranted earning the additional name "Yisrael" that became the collective name for the Jewish nation. From this point on, both the names Yaakov and Yisrael are used in the narrative of the Torah.

The Talmud (Brachos 13a) questions this episode versus the renaming of Avraham (Abraham) in which his old name "Avram" is no longer used in the Torah after the renaming. Further, is there any system or logic explaining why the Torah in some places uses the name Yaakov and in others Yisrael?

Rabbeinu Bachya explains the Torah uses the name Yaakov for matters pertaining to the physical while Yisrael appears for matters reflecting the spiritual role of the patriarch. Kli Yakar, expounds on this principle, inferring that although Yisrael is the main name as it refers to the spiritual activities of the patriarch in the Torah, "Yaakov" was not totally dismissed by G-d as the physical activities of Yaakov's life were also considered important and worthy of attention. Netziv further elaborates that the name Yaakov is used during occurrences when our forefather was going in the natural manner of the world. The name Yaakov is derived from the Hebrew word for "heel", derived from the fact that Yaakov was pulled out of his mother's womb while actively holding onto his twin brother's heel. This symbolizes the fact that as human beings most of us have to make valid attempts and utilize opportunities to achieve goals in the physical world. The name Yisrael refers to the patriarch while enjoying supernatural assistance. In every generation there will be those who are recipients of miracles due to their righteousness. Thus, Netziv proposes that not only do these two names refer to the life of Yaakov on a microcosmic level, they also allude to the entire nation of Israel on a macrocosmic level.

It is therefore evident that both the name Yaakov and Yisrael were appropriate descriptions of our forefather. In contrast, Avraham's original name "Avram" means "the father of one nation" whereas Avraham refers to him as the father of nations. When Avraham only had his one son Yishmael (the father of the Arab nations), then he was called Avram. But with the news that Yitzchak (Isaac) would be born, G-d renamed him Avraham as he was now the father of nations thus rendering his original name inappropriate and obsolete.

Judaism embraces the ideal of utilizing the physical world in an appropriate manner. The majority of our commandments require us to utilize physical stimuli to stimulate and engender spiritual ideals, from the tefillin (phylacteries) and tallis (prayer shawl) utilized in prayer, to the lavish dinners that complement the Shabbos and holiday experience. Rabbi Chaim Friedlander explains that the physical world provides man with the test of actively exerting ourselves to earn a livelihood and live a physical existence while simultaneously attributing our success to our G-d and channeling these physical experience to achievement of our spiritual life goals. This proves extremely difficult because we habitually relate to the physical world exclusively on the physical plane, when, in truth, it allows us to express and concretize our otherwise dormant inner spiritual potential through doing acts which reflect the will of G-d. It is our mission to synthesize the Yaakov and Yisrael within us all and to gain the correct proportions of each.

Our Community's Teens and Children Need Us!

Would you like to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister? Jewish Community Services has a long waiting list of boys and girls who need mentors and friends. Training and support are provided for this wonderful program. If you would like to make a difference in the life of a child or teen, and can commit to meeting once or twice a month, please call Mrs. Bracha Goetz at 410-843-7453 or email bgoetz@jcsbaltimore.org

Parsha Summary
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R' Aron Tendler

1st 2nd & 3rd Aliyot: It's the year 2205 and Yakov is 97 years old. He sends messengers to greet Eisav and is informed that Eisav is approaching, prepared to do battle. He applies a three pronged strategy in preparation for the confrontation: a) Tefilah - prayer b) diplomacy c) war. Prior to the actual confrontation, Yakov bests Eisav in a spiritual battle with Eisav's Angel, and earns the name "Yisroel." Due to the wound he sustained in the battle, G-d prohibits Yakov and his family from eating the Gid Hanashe - the sciatic nerve. Yakov and Eisav meet after 34 years.

4th Aliya: Yakov and Eisav agree to separate peacefully. Eisav returns to his kingdom of Seir, and Yakov settles outside of the city of Shechem.

5th Aliya: Dina is abducted and raped by Shechem the son of Chamor, and Shimon and Levi devise a strategy for successfully killing the entire male population of Shechem. According to Chazal, Shimon and Levi were 13 years old. Hashem (G-d) instructs Yakov to move to Beth El. Rivka's nurse Devora dies, and Hashem confirms the name Yisroel upon Yakov.

6th & 7th Aliyot: Rachel dies while giving birth to Binyamin and Yakov buries her in Beis Lechem. Following Rachel's death, Reuven switches the bed of Yakov from Bilha's tent to Leah's tent. Although Yitzchak will live another 21 years, the Torah relates his death at the age of 180 (2228). The remainder of Vayishlach lists Eisav's descendants as well as the specific Kings of Seir who ruled prior to King Saul - the first king of Israel. (2882)

Yahrzeits: 16th Kislev – 22nd Kislev

מ"ז כסלו – כ"ב כסלו

We apologize for any yahrzeits not listed in the Lev Ehad. Please let us know if we missed a Yahrzeit.

- Rose Sylvia Littman, Raasha Shifra bas Shmual Eliyahu a"h, 13 Kislev, mother of Iris Littman.
- Philip Zassler, Shraga Feivel ben Israel a"h, 16 Kislev, father of Judy Ference
- Morris Solomon Klavan, Moshe Shlomo ben Harav Yehoshua a"h, 17 Kislev, father of Joyce Jandorf
- Barry Y. Moss, Baruch Yehuda ben Chaim HaLevi a"h, father of R. Laurence Moss

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Each year, Rabbi Goldberger assists hundreds of people in Baltimore and elsewhere, including Eretz Yisroel, through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. These funds are used to assist families and individuals in desperate situations that need money for food, rent, medical expenses and tuition for their children...the list is long.

Checks made payable to the Congregation Tiferes Yisroel Rabbi's Discretionary Fund can be given to Gabbai Tzedakah Nisan Jaffee, or to Rabbi Goldberger. Donations to the fund can also be made online via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) from the shul website. All donations to the fund are tax-deductible. Please donate generously.

Notice Regarding Shul Rentals

If you are planning on having a Simcha, Shalosh Seudos, vort, l'chaim, party, meeting, or any other event that would require the use of the Shul's Simcha Hall please call Eileen Rosenbaum to reserve the use of the hall. Even if your event is in the planning stages or there's a chance that it might even be canceled, call Eileen so you can be penciled in on that date. There's no signup fee, we just want the scheduling to go as smoothly as possible. 410-764-8443 or eileen@tiferesyisroel.org
If you just want to check whether the date you want is available, you can go to our website www.tiferesyisroel.org and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up to date continuously.

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Contact Nisan Blaxberg, 410-358-3943

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The shul is peanut-free. Please do not bring in any products with peanuts. This includes personal snacks (for children and adults) as well as for any functions held in the shul, i.e. Kiddush, Shalosh Seudos, etc.

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A reminder for women and men -- please refrain from using fragrances (such as perfume, cologne, after shave) in shul. Many people are sensitive to these fragrances, and some people even experience severe allergic reactions. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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Good Shabbos!
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