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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Fridav:**

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

Shabbos Day כ"ג כסלו תשס"ט:

Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00am
Shachris (Mevorchim Teves): 8:30am
Youth Minyan: 9:00am
Mincha: 4:20pm
Sunset: 4:46pm
Maariv: 5:50pm
Shabbos is over after: 5:58pm
Father / Son Learning: 7:30pm

**DURING CHANUKAH SUNDAY -
THURSDAY MINCHA / MAARIV
WILL BE AT 4:35PM. THE
MENORAH WILL BE LIT AT SHUL
BETWEEN MINCHA & MAARIV.**

Sunday:

Shacharis: 8:00am
Mincha / Maariv: 4:35pm

Monday-Friday:

Shacharis: 6:30am
Mincha / Maariv (M-Th): 4:35pm
Tuesday Beis Midrash: 9-10:00pm

Next Shabbos-Parshas Miketz:

Candle Lighting: 4:32pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30pm

MAZAL TOV!!

- > To Tzipora Taffel on completing the Clinical Nurse Leader program at the University of Maryland and earning her MS in Nursing. We are so proud of you!
- > To Martin & Shoshana Schtamf on their 19th wedding anniversary.
- > To Josh and Cheryl Levin on the engagement of their daughter, Shani to Azriel Deutsch. May they be zocheh livnos bayis neeman b'yisroel.
- > To Rabbi Reuvain and Meira Shnidman on the birth of a granddaughter, Nechama Feiga, to Rabbi Yosi & Rebbetzin Baila Berger. May they be זוכה לגדלה לתורה לחופה ולמעשים טובים

**Motzei Shabbos Melave Malka for
Young Couples and Singles**

December 20th at 8 PM 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. A recommended donation of \$5 - \$10 per person is appreciated.

Condolences

The Kehila is deeply saddened by the loss of Horav Mendel Feldman ztz"l, a great leader in the Baltimore Jewish community for many decades and beloved by many in our own shul. May his family be comforted and may his neshama have an aliya mechayil el chayil.

**Father / Son Learning Sponsors –
December**

Dr. Barry Stein & Caren Cutler
Lenny & Glenna Ross

On the Horizon

> **December 26:** Annual Friday night Chanuka tish will be on, parshas Miketz from 8:30 -10 at shul sponsored by Ari & Caryn Blum in honor of the yartzheit's of Caryn's mother, Leah bas Herschel, and Ari's father, Avraham Yitzchak ben Abba.

December 28: Tiferes Yisroel's wonderfully fun annual Chanuka Party. Fun for the whole family bring the kids and grandkids! the last day of Chanuka in the simcha hall of the shul at 1:00. Get ready for our famous ice cream bar, salad bar, mystery auction, human dreidel, 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
> **March 22:** 23rd Anniversary Banquet honoring Efraim Katz & Judy Schnidman

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

- > Lori and Phil Saltman and children, in loving memory of her first yartzzeit: our Mother and Grandmother, Ella Richel bas Gittel Rasha, Rosalind Kaplan
- > Ken and Yocheved Gelula in honor of the Bas Mitvah of their granddaughter, Rivka Armel and the engagement of Jackelyn Volmer to Eitan Keller
- > Mordehai & Amy Gur and Yaakov & Ester Gur, in honor of the birth of Daniel Levi, son of Elie & Esther Levi, and grandson of Rabbi Menachem & Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger and Fred & Rena Levi

Dvar Torah

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger, Morah D'asra

Chanukah, Yearning for Spiritual Purity

The Chidushei HaRim, the first Gere Rebbe ZTZ"L, asks a question in the name of his Rebbe, The Kotzker Rebbe ZTZ"L, about Chanukah. There is halacha that a person who is "tamei" may not bring a korban in the Bais Hamikdash. They first must go through the process of purification and then they may proceed to bring a korban. When it comes to communal offerings, a korban tzibbur, if most of the Jewish people are in a state of "tumah", the korban may be brought.

With this in mind, why was it necessary for Hashem to perform a miracle with the olive oil which was found with the seal of the Kohain Gadol in the Bais Hamikdash, making it last supernaturally for eight days? Being that everyone was "tamei" from the wars they had just fought with the Yevanim, they could have lit the menorah as it was.

The Kotzker responds that although on the day to day basis this is true, for an actual dedication of the Bais Hamikdash this type of service would not be proper. The Chashmonaim yearned to have the Bais Hamikdash rededicated in a state of complete purity after the Yevanim had defiled it. The yearning for this purity was so strong that Hshem made a miracle for them in that they found the pure olive oil, even though it was not halachically necessary in that situation. Hence, the name Chanukah, which means dedication. **Continued...**

Around Town

➤ December 22: 7 PM NCSY's Jewish Music Festival at Baltimore's Lyric Opera House. Come and hear Avraham Fried, Yossi Green, and Shlomi Gertner. Tickets are still available and can be purchased by calling 410-358-6279.

Continuation of Dvar Torah

Upon reflecting on that beautiful insight, we can see that there is an application to our own lives contained in its wisdom. Sometimes we do things just to get by, and its okay to get by; in certain situations you just do what is necessary. Other times, however, lend themselves to much more than that which is necessary, but rather to those realms which we would consider to be special or unique. Starting something new is often one of those times. We don't want things to be merely acceptable, we want them to be special, pure, unique.

Chanukah is the holiday of light, light that shines into darkness and illuminates our lives. It is a time to yearn for light, to want it badly and to celebrate the special light, the "ohr haganuz" which filters into our world and our lives as the Chanukah candles burn. This is a form of dedication, as we rededicate our lives to the kedusha and the spiritual purity of Jewish life. Yearning for it as we light our menorahs has the power to make it happen.

Have a freilichen and a lichtegeh Chanukah!

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.

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).

Tuesday:

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

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"
- In memory of Batya Sklar

SHEMEN LAMAOR

- Ari & Caryn Blum
- Michael Gordet
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg
- 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.
- In memory of Yaakov Chaim Feinstein on his yearzeit, by the Schwarz Family

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Thank you for your contributions!

Crash Course in Jewish History

By Rabbi Ken Spiro

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

From the year 638 (six years after the death of Mohammed) when Caliph Omar invaded Jerusalem, the Land of Israel had been in Muslim hands - with the very short exception of the Crusades (1099 to 1187) - and would continue to be until the end of World War I in 1917.

During the years of the Renaissance -- from 1516 onward -- that Muslim power belonged to the Ottoman Empire based in Istanbul. It is important to note that although they were Muslims, the Ottomans were *not* Arabs - they were Turks.

The Turks were traditionally good to the Jews. We already saw how following the expulsion from Spain, Jews were welcomed into Ottoman lands by Sultan Bayezid II, who declared: "They tell me that Ferdinand of Spain is a wise man but he is a fool. For he takes his treasure and sends it all to me."

As the Ottoman Empire spread, the Turks came to Israel, and it was the greatest of the Ottoman sultans, known as "Suleiman the Magnificent," who re-built the walls of Jerusalem.

It is fascinating that Suleiman is Arabic for Solomon - and that it is his walls that define the Old City of Jerusalem to this day.

At this time many Jews started to return to the Land of Israel, and particularly to the city of Tzfat (sometimes spelled Safed). In less than 100 years the population of Tzfat grew from a mere 300 families to 10,000 people thus making it the largest Jewish population in Israel at that time.

And during this time Tzfat gave birth to some amazing contributions to Jewish scholarship.

First, we must mention Rabbi Jacob Berav (1475 to 1546). He's very significant because he tried to do something which had not been done in the Jewish world for well over 1,000 years. He tried to re-institute *semichah*, "rabbinic ordination." *Semichah* is a "proper" rabbinic ordination which would come in a direct line from teacher to student traceable all the way back to Moses. It had been interrupted during Roman persecutions. Rabbis were still "ordained" but these ordinations were neither "proper" nor "official" in the way Jewish law intended them to be.

Based on a statement of Maimonides, Rabbi Berav thought it could be done properly again if it was supported by all of the Rabbis in Israel He ordained himself and a few other scholars, but his attempt at re-instituting *semichah* was not successful. The rabbis in Jerusalem didn't recognize it, and, to this day, rabbinical ordination is symbolic only.

One of the few people that Rabbi Berav ordained was Rabbi Joseph Karo. Rabbi Karo (1488 to 1575) was among the Jews expelled from Spain, and he had made his way through Europe and Turkey and finally ended in Tzfat. There he wrote one of the most important books in Judaism - the *Shulchan Aruch* "The Prepared Table" - and it is a code of Jewish law which is followed to this day.

Before him, Rabbi Jacob ben Asher, (know as the *Tur*) had attempted to organize Jewish law in a book called the *Arba Turim* ("Four Sections). Rabbi Joseph Karo took the *Arba Turim* and spent 32 years writing a commentary to it, which he called *Beit Yoseph*, "House of Joseph," and which he later condensed into the *Shulchan Aruch*.

Rabbi Karo was Sephardi, and Rabbi Moses Isserles (known as Ramah), a Polish rabbi from Krakow, wrote an Ashkenazi commentary to the *Shulchan Aruch* ([see Part 49](#)). To this day, the *Shulchan Aruch* by Joseph Karo, as amended by Moses Isserles and with its later commentaries, dictates Jewish law.

While Joseph Karo is today most famous for his book of law, he was a mystic. And it is no coincidence that he made his home in Tzfat, because in his day Tzfat became the center of Jewish mysticism.

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:

I hardly have words to express my amazement and pleasure when I saw the Bais Yaakov Exhibit at the high school. The creativity and professionalism is astounding. Entering the exhibit, you will experience in 3D living Technicolor, our girl's interpretation of the 12 Shevatim (Tribes). Each room you enter is full of wonder, surprise, and astounding depth ... and the girls are available to give you a guided tour. Astounding to experience and to see how our children bring out their Ahavas HaShem and Ahavos Yisroel in such a profound way. This is not a high school project. It is the embodiment of achdus (sisterhood) on a very high level. Am I excited? Yes, yes, yes. Do I think everyone should go? Absolutely! This exhibit is only open this Motzei Shabbos and Sunday so please do yourself a favor and go!

Yahrzeits: 23rd Kislev – 29th

Kislev

כ"ג כסלו – כ"ט כסלו

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

- Isidore Benjamin Chaim Frank, Chaim Binyamin Yitzchak ben Gershon a"h, 23 Kislev, father of Glenna Ross
- Rita Berger, Leah bas Herschel a"h, 24 Kislev, mother of Caryn Blum
- Max Levin Gordet, Menachem ben Yaakov a"h, 24 Kislev, father of Michael Gordet
- Rita Berger, Leah bas Herschel a"h, 24 Kislev, mother of Caryn Blum.
- Yaakov Chaim Feinstein, Yaakov Chaim ben Leib Yoel a"h, 27 Kislev, son of Louis and Gail Feinstein.
- Raymonde Genah, Shelbiyah bas Reb Michael a"h, 27 Kislev, mother of Sylvie Grossman.
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- Celia Kravitz a"h, 29 Kislev, grandmother of Dr. Edward Leventhal.
- Jory Rosean, Yosef Ber Leib ben Aharon Eliezer a"h, 29 Kislev, brother of Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger.
- Henya Jaffee, Henya bas Wolf a"h, 29 Kislev, grandmother of Nisan Jaffe.

Parsha Summary

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R' Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: In the year 2216, Yakov was settled in Canaan. Yoseph was 17 years old and Yakov presented him with the multi-colored coat. Yoseph related his two dreams to his brothers.

2nd Aliya: The brothers conspired to kill Yoseph, but Reuven intervened. He suggested throwing Yoseph into a pit to buy time, during which he would have been able to save Yoseph.

3rd Aliya: During Reuven's absence, Yehudah suggested selling Yoseph into slavery. The brothers presented Yakov with contrived evidence of Yoseph's death, and he was inconsolable.

4th Aliya: The story of Yehudah and Tamar is related. In the end, their first son, Peretz, is the progenitor of Mashiach.

5th Aliya: Yoseph had been purchased by Potiphar and was quickly recognized for his managerial skills and integrity. He was appointed to run Potiphar's household.

6th Aliya: Potiphar's wife attempted to seduce Yoseph, but Yoseph withstood temptation and fled his mistress's presence. He was thrown into the royal prison and was soon chosen by the warden to run the prison.

7th Aliya: Due to his managerial position, Yoseph came in contact with the former royal wine steward and baker. He successfully interpreted their dreams and the wine steward was re-appointed to his position. Yoseph asked the wine steward to intervene on his behalf with Pharaoh. In the year 2227, Yoseph is 28 years old.

Shisha Sidrei Mishna

The entire Baltimore community will be learning Shisha Sidrei Mishna - L'iluy nishmas Harav Mendel (Menachem Mendel ben Dov Hakohen) Feldman zt"l, who as Rav of Shearith Yisroel and Khal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemach Tzedek served our community for a half century. Anyone who would like to participate should sign up as soon as possible. A sheet is on the shul bulletin board at Khal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemach Tzedek. Alternatively, call Reb Yehuda Prero at 410-358-5467 or email him at prero@torah.org (wait for confirmation email to confirm the mesechta you have chosen).

There will be a siyum and divrei hisorarus with the participation of various local Rabbanim that will be held on the evening of the Shloshim - Sunday, 16 Teves/January 11 at 8:30 pm (preceded by Maariv at 8:15 pm and followed by light refreshments) at Khal Ahavas Yisroel Tzemach Tzedek, 6811 Park Heights Ave. The entire community is invited.

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.

SUPPORT OUR SHUL

To be a sponsor in honor of your Simcha, Yahrzeit or whatever, please contact the Lev Echad to reserve your Sponsorship.

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 - Father/Son Learning (seasonal)
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 - Yahrzeit Plaque: \$250
 - Other Seforim may be dedicated as well.
- Contact Nisan Blaxberg, 410-358-3943

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We're sorry, but the shul does not publish advertisements for personal, profit-based businesses in the Lev Echad.

Peanut-Free

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.

FRAGRANCES

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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Deadline: 12:00pm on Thursday

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Good Shabbos!
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