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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday:**

Candle Lighting: 4:43pm
Friday Mincha: 4:45pm

Shabbos Day ז'י טבת תשס"ט

Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00am
Shachris: 8:30am
Youth Minyan: 9:00am
Mincha: 4:30pm
Sunset: 5:02pm
Maariv: 6:05pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:14pm
Father / Son Learning: 7:30pm

**THERE WILL BE A DAILY MINCHA /
MAARIV AT THE SHUL SUNDAY
THROUGH THURSDAY AT 4:50PM.
PLEASE CALL MORDECHAI BELECK
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OR A FEW TIMES A WEEK**

Sunday:

Shacharis: 8:00am
Mincha / Maariv: 4:50pm

Monday- Friday:

Shachris: 6:30am
Mincha / Maariv (M-Th): 4:50pm
Tuesday Beis Midrash: 9-10:00pm

Next Shabbos-Parshas Shemos:

Candle Lighting: 4:50pm
Friday Mincha: 4:50pm

MAZAL TOV!!

➤ To Bob & Karen Rosenfelt on the engagement of their son, Daniel (Dishy) to Amanda Friedman of New York. May they be בית נאמן בישראל to build a זוכה to

On the Horizon

➤ **January 17 – 24th:** Baruch Haba B'Shem Hashem- The Koidenover Rebbe will be visiting our community from Bnei Brak for Shabbos Parshas Shemos and Vaera. We would like to welcome the Rebbe Friday night Jan.23 (Parshas Vaera) as he join us at Tiferes Yisroel for Mincha/Kabbalas Shabbos as well as Sunday morning, Jan 25th for Shacharis. After Shacharis he will be available (9-10am) for private consultations and brachos

➤ **January 17:** Shalosh Seudos - Tzetzchem L'Shalom for Richard Schabb - sponsored by multiple members of TY. (Coordinator is Mordechai Beleck if you are interested in becoming a sponsor)

➤ **January 24:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Suzanne Kayne and her sisters for their father's yahrzeit.

➤ **January 31:** Shalosh Seudos - sponsored by Fred and Rena Levi on the occasion of the yahrzeit of Rena's father.

➤ **February 8:** 3:30 - 5 pm. Upsherin for Yissochar Shalom Blaxberg - sponsored by his parents Nisan and Meira Blaxberg

➤ **March 22:** 23rd Anniversary Banquet honoring Efraim Katz, Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman

TY Shiurim News

➤ The Sunday night Borer Shiur will be taking a break until further notice.

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Please keep Josh Eastman, Yehoshua Adam ben Sara Imeinu, in your tefilos. He is with the Golani Brigade fighting in Gaza.

Support our Soldiers in Gaza

Livnot U'Lehibanot is in need of funds to continue its mission to give aid and comfort to the soldiers who have been called into action. Gabi Nachmani, our 2007 Banquet Jewish Leadership Awardee, has asked the shul to help out with these funds. Susan Vick will be going to Israel this Sunday, January 11, and has graciously offered to carry our donations to Gabi. Susan can be reached at 410-358-6921, 2805 Bartol Avenue. She will be available motzei Shabbos, January 10, to take your contributions. Checks can be made out to: LIVNOT U'LEHIBANOT.

GAVRIELLA KOMET HELPS THE SOLDIERS

Gavriella Komet, daughter of Rachael Komet, is spending the year in Israel as part of a Young Judaea program of learning and volunteering. Gavriella spent the week helping the soldiers through her work at Sar-El, the National Project for Volunteers for Israel. We are proud of Gavriella for helping in this wonderful cause.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

➤ Bob & Karen Rosenfelt in honor of Dishy's engagement to Amanda Friedman and for Jeffrey's recent graduation from college

Condensed Version of Rabbi Goldberger's Drasha Last Week about Eretz Yisroel

As printed in the Hamodia

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger, Rav of Tiferes Yisroel of Baltimore addressed his congregation last Shabbos and spoke very strongly and clearly against the media allegations that Israel, in the current war, is being an aggressor, that they are killing civilians and using disproportionate force. Rabbi Goldberger asserted that it is critical for us to have real clarity of purpose about this war. Israel has every right to defend its citizens against the murderous Hamas. Israel takes great care in targeting military infrastructure. Hamas plants themselves in the midst of civilians hoping that Israel will kill Palestinians and they can parade the dead bodies in front of the hungry media. The media gobbles this up, displays it and broadcasts it to the world. They make themselves accomplices to the stated goals of Hamas. Rabbi Goldberger emphasized that, of course, Israel should use all the force at its disposal because that is how you defeat your enemy. That is not disproportionate, that is self defense. And that is how you win a war. Rabbi Goldberger spoke of his love for Josh Eastman, his former neighbor who is now stationed in Gaza . . Rabbi Goldberger spoke with him and told him that it is a mitzva to defend the Jewish people.

A few weeks ago, we learned how Yoseph Hatzadik saw the sun and the moon and the stars in his prophetic dream. The sun and the moon are often cited in Tanach as ever present bodies who can attest to all that occurs on earth. The sun represents clarity. We must be as clear as the sun on the purpose of this war and the means that must be employed to win it. The bright sun is the moral clarity that we all must

have at this time, to understand that the mission of Israel to destroy Hamas is just.

The moon represents hope. Rabbi Goldberger related the following story that he had heard from Rav Matisyahu Solomon, Mashgiach of Lakewood Yeshiva, Shlita. Rav Solomon told the following story of Rav Chaim Shmuelvitz, zt"l, Rosh Yeshiva of the Mir Yeshiva. In Israel , many years after the holocaust, a man who had been in the camps with Rav Chaim was visiting with Rav Chaim. Knowing of the particular horrors that this man had suffered from the nazi tormentors, Rav Chaim asked his friend how he made it through the experiences. The man told Rav Chaim that the nazis took away their talis, tefilin, everything. At night the nazis would march them out to do hard labor. There under the dark skies, the prisoners elected one who would keep track of the Jewish calender. On the right night, the signal was given that it was the time to say kidush levanah. There, under the watchful eye of their vicious tormentors, they were mekadesh the levanah. The man related that that was what kept him going. The nazis could take everything from them, but they couldn't take away the moon.

The moon waxes and wanes, even as she hides and becomes diminished we know she will return gradually to her full splendor. The Jewish people will rise once again, we will emerge out of the darkness of war shining with the elegant beauty of the moon, reflecting the presence of Hashem with His people. May Hashem grant us a complete, thorough and speedy victory over our enemies. Shalom al Yisroel.

TY Shiurim Schedule

Sunday:

- Men's Gemara Brachos shiur given by the Rabbi. פרק ה', 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

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- In memory of Batya Sklar

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Donations

Father / Son Learning Sponsors – January

- Lenny & Glenna Ross

YOUTH MINYAN

- Need Sponsors

Thank you for your contributions!

Camp Shabbos!

Camp Shabbos has an exciting new program for children ages three 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 upcoming Camp Shabbos on January 17. Future dates for Camp Shabbos: Feb. 7, Feb. 21

Crash Course in Jewish History

By Rabbi Ken Spiro

BACKLASH

As a result of what happened with Shabbetai Tzvi, there was a backlash that continued for many years after his death. The opponents of the Sabbatean movement (the followers of Shabbetai Tzvi during his lifetime and after his death), to whom no one had listened when Messianic fervor swept world Jewry -- particularly Rabbi Tzvi Ashkenazi of Amsterdam, who was known as the Chacham Tzvi and his son, Rabbi Yaakov Emden - came out blaming Jewish mysticism for the fiasco. This time people listened to them.

As a result of this backlash, some brilliant Kabbalists were unfairly condemned, hounded out of town and their books burned.

One of those was the Italian rabbi, Moshe Chaim Luzatto, known as the Ramchal (1707-1747). A great Kabbalist and a brilliant profound thinker, he wrote a book which is still intensely studied today, *Mesilat Yesharim*, "The Path of the Just." But because he his mystical inclinations aroused fears of more false messianism, he was hounded out of Italy, and he came to Israel where he died at age 40.

His contribution to Jewish studies was not appreciated until after his death. Rabbi Elijah ben Shlomo Zalman, the Vilna Gaon ("Genius of Vilna"), later said about the works of the Ramchal that his understanding of Judaism was perfect, and that if the Ramchal were alive in Vila Gaon's time, he would have walked from Vilna to Italy to sit at the Ramchal's feet and learn.

However, the Vilna Gaon, while praising the Ramchal, condemned another brilliant rabbi whose teachings were based on Kabbalah -- the famous founder of the Hassidic movement, the Ba'al Shem Tov. That story follows.

"Operation Tefillah, Torah & Troops" Gets Underway

As the members of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) battle Hamas terrorists and Palestinian militants in Gaza, leading international Torah scholars have launched a worldwide effort aimed at providing them with spiritual support. "Operation Tefillah, Torah & Troops," which was launched by Rabbi Simcha HaCohen Kook, the Chief Rabbi of Rehovot, Israel, and the Bostoner Rebbe (Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Horowitz) of Har Nof, Israel, partners people from around the world with soldiers in the IDF. Each person who takes part in "Operation Tefillah, Torah & Troops" is paired with an Israeli soldier, and is responsible to say tefillot (prayers), learn Torah, and do special acts of chesed (kindness) on behalf of that soldier. Rabbi Kook and the Bostoner Rebbe noted that this concept is one that has been a part of the Jewish people for thousands of years. When Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses) led the Jewish people to war with the nation of Midyon, for every person who went to battle, there was a designated person who was responsible for praying and learning for him. Throughout his reign, David HaMelech (King David) utilized this practice as well. During the war in Lebanon in the summer of 2006, more than 50,000 people worldwide participated in this initiative spearheaded by Rabbi Kook and the Bostoner Rebbe, and facilitated in North America by the National Council of Young Israel. To participate in "Operation Tefillah, Torah & Troops" and receive the name of an Israeli soldier who needs your prayers, send an e-mail to the office of Rabbi Kook at maortlmo@gmail.com. To request the name of a soldier by phone or fax, call the National Council of Young Israel at 212-929-1525 x100, or send a fax to 212-727-9526. Members of the IDF who wish to have a "partner" praying for them are urged to e-mail the office of Rabbi Kook as well.

Rabbi Pesach Lerner, the Executive Vice President of the National Council of Young Israel, noted that every tefillah that is said on behalf of a soldier will make a difference, regardless of where a person may be in religious observance.

"Each soldier that is putting his or her life on the line to defend the land of Israel and safeguard the Jewish nation deserves to have someone praying for their well being and safe return," said Rabbi Lerner, "During my conversations with Rabbi Kook, he emphasized that every Jew is encouraged to participate in this critical endeavor and to pray for a soldier in a manner in which they feel comfortable, irrespective of their religious background."

Yahrzeits: 14th Teves – 20th Teves

י"ד טבת – כ" טבת

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

- Benjamin Sklar, Baruch ben Reuven a''h, 14Teves, grandfather of Hinda Blum
- Naomi Feinstein, Nechama bas Yoel a''h, 15 Teves, grandmother of Louis Feinstein

Parsha Summary

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R' Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: In the year 2255, Yakov was 147 years old and Yoseph was 56. Yakov had been living in Mitzrayim for 17 years. (Note that Yoseph was 17 years old when he was sold into slavery and that the numerical value of the word "Vayichi" is 34.) Yakov summoned Yoseph to his bed-side. Yoseph came with his 2 sons. Yakov greeted them and appointed Menashe and Ephrayim to the status of "Tribe". Yakov then insisted that Yoseph "swear" that he would bury him in Canaan, and not in the land of Mitzrayim.

2nd Aliya: The parsha relates the famous scene of Yakov crossing his arms in order to place his right hand on the head of Ephrayim (who was standing to Yakov's left) and his left hand on the head of Menashe. Yakov blessed his grandchildren with the renown blessing of Hamalach Hagoel. (48:16)

3rd Aliya: Yoseph attempted to straighten Yakov's hands. Yakov resisted and told Yoseph that, although Menashe was destined for greatness, Ephrayim would be even greater. The classic blessing of a father to his son is stated. (48:20)

4th & 5th Aliyot: Yakov summoned his twelve sons and blessed each one.

6th Aliya: Yakov instructed all of his sons to bury him in Canaan, next to his wife Leah, and then passed away. Mitzrayim mourned Yakov for 70 days. Yoseph arranged with Pharaoh to bury Yakov in Canaan. After sitting Shiva (50:10) and the burial, the 12 sons returned to Egypt. Following Yakov's death, the brothers expressed their concern to Yoseph that he would now take revenge against them for having sold him into slavery. Yoseph cried as he heard their concerns and assured them that he bore no grudges against them.

7th Aliya: Yoseph ruled over Egypt for another 54 years. He made his brothers promise that at the time of their exodus from Egypt his bones would be transported for re-burial in Canaan. Yoseph died in the year 2309 at the age of 110.

Around Town

- **January 11:** 6:30am Israel Solidarity Rally – Buses will be leaving from Baltimore Zionist District and traveling to New York for the Rally at 11am. Reservations were required by Thursday, Jan. 08 at 5 p.m. \$10 BZD members/\$20 non-members/\$7 students Contact the BZD office at 410-356-1140
- **January 14:** 8:30pm at Agudah Park Heights Neshei of Baltimore is sponsoring a shiur by Rebbetzin Nechama Karlinsky (some women know her as Rebbetzin Miller) who hails from Eretz Yisroel where she teaches in many of the seminaries will be speaking on "Bringing Greater Simcha to our lives".
- **February 11:** from 6:00-9:00 pm. free one-on-one legal advice at a Foreclosure Solutions Workshop at the Jewish Community Center, 5700 Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore. This public service is sponsored by CHAI and Jewish Legal Services, a program of Jewish Community Services. Pre-registration is required by February 5 call CHAI at 410-466-1990, extension 0.

Coat Exchange

Our son came home with a coat that looks just like the one he owns. It's a Rothchild, black coat size 14. His coat had his name in it and this one doesn't. We thought perhaps he accidentally switched coats with another boy. If we have your coat please contact us. Have a good Shabbos, Micah Males 410-358-0684

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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 - Father/Son Learning (seasonal)
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Good Shabbos!
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