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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday:**

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

Shabbos Day כ"א טבת תשס"ט

Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00am
Shachris: 8:30am
Youth Minyan: 9:00am
Mincha: 4:35pm
Sunset: 5:10pm
Maariv: 6:10pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:21pm
Father / Son Learning: 7:30pm

MINCHA / MAARIV WILL BE AT THE SHUL AT 4:55PM ON SUNDAY AND THURSDAY. MONDAY - WEDNESDAY MINCHA/MAARIV WILL BE AT THE GROSSMANS HOUSE

Sunday:

Shacharis: 8:00am
Mincha / Maariv: 4:55pm

Monday- Friday:

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

Next Shabbos-Parshas Va'era:

Candle Lighting: 4:58pm
Friday Mincha: 5:00pm

TY Shiurim News:

Rabbi Goldberger's lunch time shiur is currently on break.

MAZAL TOV!!

To Fred and Rena Levi on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Avi Levi in Eretz Yisroel, son of Moshe and Cheryl Levi. יהי רצון שתזכרו ולגדלו. לתורה לחופה ולמעשים טובים

This Shabbos

This Shabbos, January 17, will be a shalosh seudos tseischem l'shalom for Richard Schabb. Please join us as we wish Richard well upon his upcoming aliyah. Sponsors are: Aharon & Toby Grayson, Sandra & Bruce Orman, Ken & Chana Birnbaum, Jay & Deborah Taffel, Avi & Susan Sonenthal, Dov & Karen Pear, Howard & Dvora Sora Reznick, Aaron & Shoshana Shamberg, Ari & Karen Blum, Hillel & Karen Zeitlin, Bob Rubinson, Lenny & Glenna Ross, Fred & Rena Levi, Rabbi & Rebbetzin Goldberger, Barry Stein & Caren Cutler, Mordechai Beleck .

Please Daven

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

Condolences

May Hashem grant comfort to Moshe Shaul Grossman on the loss of his dear wife, Sylvie. Moshe Shaul will be sitting shiva at his home, 3414 Devonshire (corner of Clover) until Thursday morning. Shacharis Sunday morning is 8 AM and Mon. thru Thurs. at 7 AM. Mincha Maariv Sun. thru Wed. night is at 4:55 PM. The shul's mincha maariv minyan on Mon., Tue. and Wed. will be at the Grossman house. If you would like to help with meals please contact Pam Kantor (443) 831-9133.

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 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 15:** 1-2:30 pm. Upsherin for Yissochar Shalom Blaxberg at the shul - sponsored by his parents Nisan and Meira Blaxberg
- > **March 22:** 23rd Anniversary Banquet honoring Efraim Katz , Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman

Keveer Yosef

This Tuesday night the shul will be premiering a film out of Israel on "The Rebuilding of Keveer Yoseph (Joseph's Tomb). The film will be at 8:00 PM in the shul and we will have with us Mr. Dovid Ha'ivri from Israel who is instrumental in this amazing undertaking. The Keveer was destroyed by the arabs several years ago in a display of horrible violence. Baruch Hashem, it is now in the process of being rebuilt. Recommended donation of \$5 per person will go toward the rebuilding project

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

> The Kehilla in appreciate of all the Rabbi and Rebbetzin do for the Shul.

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Rabbi Pinchas Avruch

Follow The Directions

"A man went from the house of Levi and he took the daughter of Levi. The woman conceived and gave birth to a son..." (Shemos/Exodus 2:1-2) Rashi explains that Amram, a grandson of Levi, had already been married to Yocheved, Levi's daughter, but they separated because of Pharaoh's decree to toss all male children into the Nile. Their daughter, Miriam, suggested to her father that his "decree" was more severe than Pharaoh's, for Pharaoh was only set on annihilating the males, while Amram's action "annihilated" the females as well. From this re-marriage came Moshe, the greatest prophet of all time and rescuer of the Jewish Nation. What was the epiphany experienced by Amram?

The Chofetz Chaim (1) compares this situation to that of King Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) who did not marry because he prophesied that he would have the evil Menashe (Manasseh) as a son. But the prophet Yeshaya (Isaiah) rebuked him that it was not his place to subvert the Divine plan. He had to fulfill his obligation to marry and bear children and leave the course of history to G-d. Indeed, his son Menashe was of the most evil kings of the Jewish people, but Chizkiyahu's later generations included the righteous king Yoshiyahu (Josiah) and the prophets Daniel, Chanania, Mishael and Azaria.

So too, explains the Chofetz Chaim, Amram realized that human perspective is limited. When G-d has detailed how we are to approach a situation, we cannot allow decisions of Divine service to be constricted and second-guessed by the questions borne by human logic or emotion. Mankind may be able to learn from the past, but lacking the breadth of knowledge that comes from knowing G-d's plan for the future, we cannot make authoritative

decisions. How do we, then, make decisions? We follow Amram's example: G-d gave us a Torah that contains the instructions for approaching all of life's situations. Our assignment is to cleave to Him and follow His instructions; He will make sure that everything works out in the end. This is the challenge of the Jew, the lifetime assignment with which we are charged: learning to negate our wants and concerns to the knowledge that G-d will always see us through.

Parsha Summarywww.torah.org

R' Aron Tendler

1st Aliya: The Jews had been in Mitzrayim since 2238. The Parsha begins as Pharaoh orchestrated the oppression of the Bnai Yisroel. Starting in 2362, with the birth of Miriam, the oppression began in earnest as newborn males were drowned in the Nile. The heroism of the two Midwives was rewarded.

2nd Aliya: Moshe's birth and "basket river cruise" is detailed. He was adopted by Basya, the daughter of Pharaoh, and raised by his own mother, Yocheved.

3rd Aliya: Moshe killed the Egyptian but was turned in by his own people. Forced to flee, he ended up in the house of Yisro. Moshe married Tziporah, Yisro's daughter, and Gershon, his first son, was born. The year was approximately 2428, and Moshe was 60.

4th & 5th Aliyot: Moshe received his mission at the Burning Bush. The Medresh says that the entire conversation lasted 7 days. At its conclusion, Moshe, armed with the power of Hashem's promise and the three "signs", was prepared to confront Pharaoh.

6th Aliya: Moshe asked Yisro for permission to go on his mission. Along the way, Hashem attempted to kill Moshe, but Tziporah saves him by giving their son a Bris Milah. Aharon went to greet Moshe, as per G-d's commandment. Moshe and Aharon met with the Elders and received their support.

7th Aliya: Moshe and Aharon unsuccessfully confronted Pharaoh. Pharaoh punished the Jews by refusing to supply straw for the making of bricks. The Jewish officers were held responsible and were beaten by the Egyptian overseers. The Jewish officers confronted Moshe and Moshe then confronted G-d. Hashem reassured Moshe that his mission would be successful.

TY Shiurim Schedule**Sunday:**

- Men's Gemara Brachos shiur given by the Rabbi. פירק 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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Donations**Father / Son Learning Sponsors – January**

- Lenny & Glenna Ross

YOUTH MINYAN

- Need Sponsors

Thank you for your contributions!

Camp Shabbos This 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. Future dates for Camp Shabbos: Feb. 7, Feb. 21

Crash Course in Jewish History

By Rabbi Ken Spiro

THE HASSIDIC MOVEMENT

Initially a movement largely of the poor and uneducated, Hassidism introduced Kabbalah and spirituality into everyday life.

The Hassidic movement -- the movement of the "pious ones" or *Chassidut*, in Hebrew -- was founded in the 18th century in Eastern Europe by Rabbi Israel ben Eliezer, who became known as the *Ba'al Shem Tov*, which means "Master of the Good Name."

He was born in 1698 in Okup, in Podolia province (of what is now Ukraine) near the Dniester River. The Ba'al Shem Tov (who was also known as the *Besht*) was a poor orphan child who worked in the Carpathian Mountains as a laborer. During this time he studied with a secret society of Jewish mystics, the *Nestorim*, and he eventually became a revered rabbi.

He traveled from community to community, developing a reputation wherever he went as a spiritual holy man and mystical healer, attracting a huge following.

His teachings revolutionized the demoralized, persecuted Jews of Eastern Europe.

After the pogroms and massacres, large parts of Eastern European Jewry had slipped into dire poverty. In addition to the tremendous physical destruction wrought by the Chmielnicki massacres, the tremendous disappointment caused by the false Messiah Shabbetai Tzvi left much of the Jewish population of Eastern Europe in a collective state of deep depression. One of the victims of this situation was Jewish scholarship, with only an elite few studying in yeshivas while the rest eked out a meager living. As a result of the decrease in scholarship, Jewish religious life suffered -- with the average Jew not connecting either intellectually or spiritually with God. And this is what the Ba'al Shem Tov sought to change.

His teachings (he left no writings) brought about a whole movement which emphasized the idea of bringing God into all aspects of one's life, particularly through intense prayer and joyous singing. He taught that even the deeds of the simplest Jew, if performed correctly and sincerely, were equal to those of the greatest scholars.

Hassidic thought stressed the importance of *devekut* or "clinging to God." This involves feeling the presence of God in all aspects of one's existence and not just through Torah study and observance of the commandments.

The following parable describes the way the early Hassidic masters diagnosed the situation:

An apprentice blacksmith, after he had learned his trade from the master, made a list for himself of how he must go about his craft. How he should pump the bellows, secure the anvil, and wield the hammer. He omitted nothing. When he went to work at the king's palace, however, he discovered to his dismay that he could not perform his duties, and was dismissed. He had forgotten to note one thing--perhaps because it was so obvious--that first he must ignite a spark to kindle the fire. He had to return to the master, who reminded him of the first principle which he had forgotten.

Trying to infuse one's life with spirituality in all aspects caught on very rapidly among the simple Jews in particular. Very rapidly, especially in Eastern Europe, thousands upon thousands of Jews were drawn to the Hassidic movement.

Yahrzeits: 21st Teves – 27th Teves

כ"א טבת – כ"ז טבת

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

- Nanette Winter a"h, 22 Teves, grandmother of Gail Feinstein
- Shandle Reznick, Shandle bas Yisroel Leib a"h, 23 Teves, grandmother of Howard Reznick
- William Beleck, Ze'ev ben Shimon HaKohena"h, 24 Teves, father of Mordechai Beleck
- Laurence Louis Rosenfelt, Eliezer Lazar ben Mordechai a"h, 25 Teves, father of Bob Rosenfelt
- Joseph Abraham Lipsitz, Avraham Zusyeh ben Hersh Velvel a"h, 26 Teves, father of Harold Lipsitz

CARD MAKING

There will be an additional card making gathering with the Rebbetzin this Sunday at the Goldberger home from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Please view the beautiful and moving film the Rebbetzin sent out to the shul showing the distribution of the cards to the soldiers in Israel and the distribution of food with the funds which we sent. Yasher Koach to one and all

Yashar Kochachem

Dear Rabbi, shalom,

The following is a link to what is done with the aid that Tiferet Yisroel people sent, helping our soldiers in their missions. Please relate this link and our thanks to the wonderful people who donated the funds and wrote the letters to the soldiers.

We go to the soldiers almost everyday. It is a tremendous Kidush HaShem to be there, and to give the help in the name of our friends from abroad. It gives the soldiers the feeling of true purpose, unity and a feeling that the entire Jewish people is with them.

The link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtsAerG20Nw>

May HaShem bless us with peace and continued Kidush HaShem,
Gabi Nachmani

Note from Livnot

Hi everyone! We're writing to you from the Livnot office in Tzfat. It's like a different world over here. We wanted to let you know that all the notes, candy, and winter clothes were delivered to Gabi Nachmani and to standing Together. The items will Im Yirtzeh Hashem be in the soldier's hands this week. We also wanted to let you know that it's been FREEZING here. There's been a strong, bone chilling wind that doesn't let up too much. We think of the chyalim as we huddle in our sweaters and jackets. Please continue to help by donating money for items. We can't wait to see you. Thanks for giving us this special zechus. All the Best, Bezalel and Rivka Malka

Donations & Cards To The Soldiers In Eretz Yisroel

Joan Kristall is leaving for Israel on Jan. 21 and would be happy to deliver money and cards to Gabi Nachmani of Livnot. Cash is preferred, but checks can be made out to Livnot U'Lehibanot, for tax purposes. Please bring your cards and donations to Joan on Sunday evening, January 18th after 6:30 pm. She lives at 6314 Pearce Avenue and her phone # is: 410-764-6155.

Letter From Israel

Susan Vick delivered our cards, candy, notes, and money to Gabi Nachmani of Livnot B'Libanot. Here is a note from Susan:

Hello from Tekoa,

I so totally love it here. I will tell you more when I return. If I have to be in chutz L'Aaretz for now, I know it is a bracha to be with our kehilla. I wanted you to know that the shul contributions of money, candy, and notes were handed over to Livnot today. Gabi told me that he would be taking the cards to distribute this very day. He explained to me how special it is to the soldiers to receive them, and how he and his volunteers take the time to translate the cards written in English *on the spot* to any of the troops who need that. Yasher koach to Rebbetzin Bracha and all of those in the kehilla who took the time to make the cards. Love to all, Susan

Around Town

- **February 1:** 8pm for men and women .Author of Artscroll's Chinuch in Turbulent Times, Rabbi Dov Brezak will be speaking at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion on the topic, "The Shabbos Table, Source of Bracha," No fee for admission.
- **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.

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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- Other Seforim may be dedicated as well.

Contact **Nisan Blaxberg, 410-358-3943**

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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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Good Shabbos!

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