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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 5:38 pm
Friday Mincha: 5:40 pm

Shabbos Day

Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00 am
Shachris: 8:30 am
Youth Minyan: 9:00 am
Mincha: 5:15 pm
Maariv: 7:00 pm
Shabbos is over after: 7:09 pm
Father / Son Learning: 7:45 pm

Sunday

Shachris: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: 5:50 pm

Monday-Thursday

Shachris: 6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv (M-Th): 5:50 pm

Next Shabbos – Parshas Tetzaveh

Candle Lighting: 5:46 pm
Friday Mincha: 5:50 pm

Mazel Tov

To Jay and Deborah Taffel for the marriage of their daughter Tzipora to Rafael Bachrach, son of Steven Bachrach and Pearl Elias. May they be *zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisrael*.

To Ken & Yocheved Gelula on the birth of a grandson to Shoshi and Allen Stein. May they be *zoche l'hachniso*

*bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano
ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah u'lmassim
tovim.*

Condolences

We were saddened to hear of the passing away of Mr. Joe Komet a''h, in California, father of our dear friend, Max Komet a''h, and father-in-law of our dear Rachael Komet. Rachael has returned to Baltimore following the shiva. Joe was a long-time friend and supporter of our shul. May Hashem comfort the entire family.

This Shabbos

- Shalosh Seudos Sheva Brachos for Tzipora and Rafael Bachrach. Sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger and Fred and Rena Levi.
- Father / Son Learning 7:45 pm

Break the Fast at TY

Tiferes Yisroel's very own Girl Scout Troop 682 will be organizing the shul's Ta'anis Esther, break-the-fast meal on March 9th, after the first Megilla reading. The menu is bagels and spreads and other tasty treats. Last year was a sell-out, so reserve quickly.

Prices in advance: \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child under 12. To reserve your place, contact Shonny Katz at 410-358-0440 or shonny613@hotmail. Payment can be dropped off or mailed to the Katz home, 6001 Stuart Ave. 21209.

Be Prepared for Purim with Rabbi Goldberger

Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a shiur on the practical laws and Chassidic perspectives on Purim – Wednesday, March 4th, 8-9 pm.

On Shabbos March 7th, Shabbos Zachor, there will be a question-and-answer session after davening on Shabbos morning on the topic of "Amalek: Who Are They? What Are They? and How Do We Fulfill the Mitzvah to Destroy Them?"

Thank You

To Binny and Malky Margolese, Meir and Rivky Tusk, Devory Margolese, Rivkah Katz, Tehilla and Michal Werner, Ahuva Goldberger and Toby Passe for helping out with the Purim card event.

Melave Malka Volunteers

The shul will be having a melave malka featuring Avraham Rosenblum at the Eden Café in the Park Heights JCC Motzei Shabbos, March 7, at 8:30.

We need two volunteers to help Avraham with his equipment.

Suggested donation – \$5-\$10. To RSVP, please call Shlomo Goldberger at 443-857-9229.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored in honor of:

All the people who helped make the Purim card event a success

Play for Women –**“The Blessing of a Broken Heart”**

Our shul is bringing the play “The Blessing of a Broken Heart” to Baltimore.

The production started its life as a stirring book written by Sherri Mandell, in response to the murder of her son Koby by terrorists in Israel in 2001. “The Blessing of a Broken Heart” documents Sherri’s journey of her spirit through grief and growth in this powerful and highly personal account.

The showing is the opening night of the U.S. tour and is for women only. It will play Sunday, March 15, at 8:00 pm at the Gordon Center for Performing Arts. General admission is \$25, with sponsorships available. Tickets can be purchased at Hats to Hose and Perns, or by calling Ellie Kagan 410-653-1316, Gail Feinstein 410-764-2532 or Devory Margolese 443-642-6321.

A committee is in formation. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call Alisa Mandel Petersen at 410-963-2977.

Lakewood Hand Shmura Matzoh

Once again, the shul will be selling hand shmura matzohs from Lakewood Matzohs. Available in regular wheat, whole wheat and regular wheat matzoh meal. The price is \$17 per pound for any of these. Organic spelt matzohs are \$20.50 per pound. One-half boxes of oat matzoh are available. Call the Taffels for pricing at 410-358-9029.

Mail your orders to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 3913 Pinkney Rd., Baltimore, MD 21215.

Only Pre-Paid Orders Please. Order deadline is Wednesday, March 18.

Pick up your order at the shul on Tuesday, March 31, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Tiferes Yisroel Needs Your Help

The invitations to the banquet are out and you may have already gotten yours. PLEASE think of people to place ads in the banquet journal. Creative ideas are always welcome: think of businesses that you support, friends and neighbors who would want to support Rabbi Goldberger and TY, anyone who benefits from our programs or the Rabbi’s involvement in the community, etc. You get the idea! The cutoff for receiving ads (so the book can be printed

in time!) is Thursday, March 12, right after Purim. Beat the rush and get those ads in early.

If you have any questions or would like to brainstorm ideas for ads, contact Judy Schnidman at home at 410-358-0440 or judyschnidman@hotmail.com.

Coming Up

- **March 4:** Rabbi’s Purim Shiur
- **March 7:** Rabbi’s Q&A on Amalek
- **March 7:** Melave Malka at the Eden Café.
- **March 14:** Tzeischem L’Shalom Melave Malka for Leah Raheer. To sponsor, contact Mordechai Beleck, 410-764-3325.
- **March 15:** Women’s play, “The Blessing of a Broken Heart,” by Sherri Mandel. Gordon Center, 8:00 pm.
- **March 21:** Bar Mitzvah of Tivon Avishai Blaxberg, Kiddush to follow, sponsored by his parents, Dr. Nisan and Meira Blaxberg.
- **March 22:** 23rd Anniversary Banquet honoring Efraim Katz and Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman. Entertainment by Kol Ish.
- **March 28:** Kiddush sponsored by Efraim Katz and Judy Schnidman, and Elaine Witman

In the Community

- **Motzei Shabbos:** Melavah Malka for women, featuring the beautiful music of Shalomis Koffler Weinreb. All proceeds go toward making a Messengers of Light cd. 8:45 pm, \$10 at door. Limited space. 3103 Labyrinth Rd (in between Shelburne and Marnat), RSVP: 410-653-9069 or simchasandra@gmail.com.
- **March 2:** at 8:00 pm Etz Chaim Center will be hosting author and lecturer Gila Manolson from Jerusalem. She will be speaking on the topic of *Realistic Expectations in Love and Marriage*. Learn what love is, and what love isn’t. It is an opportunity for women to empower themselves to enhance their personal relationships. For women only. \$8.
- **March 2:** Sixth annual Simchas Esther Purim Shpiel – Bon Voyage. Bais Yaakov High School. Performance at 8 pm, pre-event auction and refreshments. Doors open at 7:15.
- **March 4:** N’shei will be having their annual Newcomers Night at Arugas Habosem (Rabbi Taub’s shul), 3509 Clarks Lane, at 8pm. They are inviting all of Baltimore’s newcomers and asking that the ‘old timers’ join them in welcoming

the newbees to the community.

- **March 12:** Join Councilwoman Rikki Spector as she presents the changes and improvements to solid waste services. 6:30-8:00 pm, JCC Park Heights.
- **March 13-14:** Scholar-in-residence Rabbi Dr. Shmuel Simenowitz, spiritual leader of Congregation Kneseth Israel of Ellington, CT and executive director of Project Ya’aleh V’Yavo at Suburban Orthodox. The weekend begins with an Oneg Shabbat starting at 8:45 pm. Rabbi Simenowitz will deliver the Shabbat morning Drasha at 11:15 am, and a Shiur before Mincha at 5:30 pm.

Yahrzeits

We apologize for any yahrzeits not listed in the Lev E Chad. Please let the Lev E Chad know if we missed one. If you have one coming up it can’t hurt to be proactive and let us know ahead of time.

- Licu Katz, Yitzchak ben Chaim HaKohen a”h, 6 Adar, grandfather of Chaya Diamond
 Rubin Sklar, Reuven a”h, 6 Adar, grandfather of Hinda Blum
 Fanny Havelock, Faga Baila bas Fivish a”h, 7 Adar, grandmother of Emily Lipsitz
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 Sarah Hanowitz, Chaya Sorah bas Eliezer Yoshua HaLevi a”h, 8 Adar, grandmother of Harold Lipsitz
 Fanny Ruth Macklin, Feige Rachel bas Mordechai a”h, 10 Adar, mother of Stuart Macklin

TY Shiurim Schedule**Sunday:**

- 9:30-10:15 am Men’s **Gemara Brachos** shiur given by the Rabbi. פרק ה', Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10:30-11:15 am: **Tehillim** gathering for cholim for women (upstairs Beis Medrash)
- 11:15-12 pm: Rebbetzin’s class on **Tefillah**, for women (upstairs Beis Medrash). **March 1** and **March 8** concentrating on *mizmor l’sodah*. The Tefillah class will then be on break until after Pesach.
- 8-8:45 pm **Hilchos Shabbos** shiur, given by R’Shlomo Goldberger, with the Sefer Shmiras Shabbos K’Hilchesa. All men are invited to attend.

Monday:

- **Rambam** shiur, given by Jay Taffel, after Maariv, approximately 45 minutes after the scheduled Mincha time.

Tuesday:

- **Gemara Chulin**, given by Jay Taffel, after Maariv, approximately 45 minutes after the scheduled Mincha time.

Daily Shiurim (M-F):

- Every morning following davening – a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom**. With *fresh hot coffee!*
- 6-6:25 am Chabura 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: 8-8:30 am by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. Text: **Shabbos Malkisa**

Midrash Mavin

(from <http://www.torahtots.com>)

Mishkan Shopping List

Since there were no Walmarts in the Midbar, you’ve got to wonder where Hashem expected the Bnei Yisroel to come up with the many materials needed to build the Mishkan. After all, the shopping list included; gold, silver, copper, wool dyed purple and wool dyed blue, linen, goats’ hair, seal skins, shittim wood, olive oil, spices, two shoham gems and twelve additional precious gems.

Since Hashem has a policy not to ask for the impossible, you’ve got to be wondering:

1. How far was this desert from the north pole?
2. Was Moshe running a major mining operation?
3. Was there actually a Walmart in the Midbar?

Actually, Hashem made sure that somewhere along the way each of the materials for the Mishkan could be picked up. Take the gold, silver and precious vessels, for example. The night that Bnei Yisroel left Mitzrayim, they were commanded to collect their neighbors’s valuables. In fact, the Egyptians forced the Bnei Yisroel to take their gold, silver and precious possessions. But that’s not all! The “gold rush” continued at the Red Sea. When the Egyptian army drowned, their ornaments, jewels and treasures washed up on shore and made them even richer!

In the Midbar, the morning dew brought more than the miracle of mann for the tzadikim. Every portion of mann was spackled with precious gems – precisely the ones needed for the Mishkan!

Now, how about them shittim? Certainly cedar-like trees don’t grow “like trees” in the Midbar. Right? Right!! Actually, Hashem – or more specifically Yaakov Avinu – “planted” the seed for shittim three hundred years before.

With his Ruach Hakodesh, he saw that his descendants would need shittim wood for the Mishkan, so he planted trees all over Mitzrayim. Before he died, Yaakov commanded his children to take the shittim wood with them when they would leave Mitzrayim in the future.

Imagine the sight – the greatest tzadikim of Moshe’s generation carrying shoulder full of shittim wood across the Yam Suf!!

Then there’s the 103-foot (72 amah) wooden beam. Ever heard of “A Tree Grows In Brooklyn?” Well, here’s “A Tree Grows In Be’er Sheva.” Actually, that tree had an important cameo in Jewish history that goes all the way back to Avrohom Avinu. He planted the original seed and, throughout his years, prayed and served his guests beneath the shade of its towering trunk. As the Bnei Yisroel crossed the Yam Suf, the Malachim chopped down the tree and dropped the giant trunk on the sea bed before them. The people understood that this huge relic was destined for greatness, so they took it along with them. Indeed, the giant tree trunk became the middle beam in the Mishkan.

Finally, there’s the tachash, a one-horned animal with a multi-colored coat. This animal never even made it onto the “endangered species” list. That’s because it was one-of-a-kind and ‘tailor created’ to appear in the Midbar just in time for the Mishkan-makers to make use of its beautiful coat of fur. No other tachash has been seen since...

Unless you prescribe to the opinion that a tachash is a common seal. In which case, there was at least one arctic animal that went way off course!

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Thank you for your contributions!

Siddur Sponsorships

- **Ari and Caryn Blum** in memory of Caryn’s mother, Rita Berger – Leah Bas Herschel.
- **Ari and Caryn Blum** in memory of Ari’s father, Alan Blum – Avraham Yitzchak Ben Abba.

Youth Minyan

- **Malki & Binny Margolese** in honor of the birth of their daughter, Dina.
- **Yehudah & Mia Severin** for a refuah for their son, Zach.
- **Fred & Rena Levi** in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Rena’s father.

Donation

- In memory of Marvin Green, by **Sandee and Marvin Sklar**

Father / Son Learning

- **Jeremy, Chaya, and Sunny Diamond** in honor of the yahrzeit of Abe

Diamond – Avrohom Tzvi ben Pesach Hillel

Shemen Lamaor

- **Ari & Caryn Blum**
- **Michael Gordet** in memory of his father, Menachem Levin ben Yakov.
- **Gregg & Rachel Levitan**
- **Rabbi & Rebbetzin Goldberger**

Sponsorships

- **Weekly Youth Minyan**
 - Sponsor \$75
 - Cholent sponsor \$25
- **Batya Sklar Camp Shabbos**
 - Full sponsorship \$72
 - Cosponsorship \$36
- **Shemen Lamaor** \$36
- **Lev Echad** \$36
- **Father/Son Learning** (seasonal)
 - Full sponsorship \$72
 - Cosponsorship \$36

To arrange your sponsorship, please contact us:

- at levechad@tiferesyisroel.org, or
- (410) 764-1971 Option 4, or
- go to www.tiferesyisroel.org and click [donate](#).

Please send your donation to: Congregation Tiferes Yisroel 6201 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215

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Contact Nisan Blaxberg, 410-358-3943

- **Siddur** \$50 \$25
- **Chumash** \$75
- **Yahrzeit Plaque** \$300
- Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

Such a Deal!

Artscroll made us an offer we couldn’t refuse! We turned in our old, broken siddurim, and were able to procure the same amount of new ones at half price. For \$25, you can sponsor one of our new siddurim in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one.

If you would like to make a siddur dedication, please contact Nisan Blaxberg, 410-358-3943.

Our thanks to Nisan and Meira Blaxberg for making the arrangements.

Terumah: “Take for Me an Offering”

In preparation for constructing the Tabernacle, God commanded Moses to collect the necessary materials from the people:

“Speak to the Israelites, and have them take for Me an offering. Take My offering from everyone whose heart impels him to give.”

Why did God command Moses to **take** the donations? The verse should read, ‘have them **give** Me an offering’!

One could theorize that the materials were taken forcibly from the people. Yet, this cannot be, for the Torah stresses that the offerings be donated freely – “from everyone whose heart impels him to give.”

Why, in fact, did this collection need to be voluntary? The Talmud teaches that the community may coerce members to support the needy [*Baba Batra* 8b]. Using our money to help others is a trait that needs to be trained and developed. Why did God command that these gifts, the first act of *tzedakah* (charity) on a national level, be donated solely out of sincere generosity?

Two Purposes to Tzedakah

There are two objectives to the *mitzvah* of *tzedakah*. The first concerns the one **receiving**. Through this *mitzvah*, we assist the poor and help provide what they are lacking. The second aim concerns the one **giving**. By donating our time and money, we express in the world of action our inner qualities of *chesed* and kindness. The act of *tzedakah* actualizes our feelings of generosity, and contributes towards our own spiritual growth.

We can distinguish between these two objectives within the act itself. The first goal stresses the aspect of **giving** to the needy. The important factor here is that the poor person receives the assistance needed. The second goal, on the other hand, stresses the aspect of **taking** from the benefactor. This is a special quality of *tzedakah*: by reducing our material possessions for the sake of others, we contribute to the elevation and fulfillment of our soul.

Which of these two goals is the principle objective of *tzedakah*?

The Chase of the Gimmel

The Sages noted that the letter *gimmel* has a ‘leg’ pointing towards the next letter, the *dalet*. Why is that? The *gimmel* is the benefactor (from the word *gommeil*, meaning one who gives or supports). Inherently, he runs after the impoverished *dalet* (“*da*,” meaning *poor*) to help him [*Shabbat* 104a].

Why is the benefactor running after the poor? Should it not be the other way around? The Sages wanted to teach us that the principle aim of *tzedakah* is based on the very foundations of the universe. The true goal of *tzedakah* is to elevate the soul of the giver. After all, if the purpose was to help the poor, God could have provided other means for their support, without having to rely on the generosity of people. The shape and order of the letters – letters by which God created the universe – hint at this fundamental rule of the world. The *gimmels*, the benefactors, need to run after the *dalets*, the poor, in order to achieve their spiritual completion.

Therefore, the first charitable act of the

Jewish people emphasized that the central aspect of *tzedakah* is not giving to the needy, but taking from the donor: “*have them take for Me an offering*.” God commanded that the contributions to the Tabernacle be given freely, “*everyone whose heart impels him*,” since the soul is only fully perfected when donating willingly.

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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. There's no fee to reserve the date. Contact Eileen at 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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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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Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

Invites you to our
23rd Anniversary Banquet
Honoring

Efraim Katz
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Sunday, March 22, 2009

Good Shabbos!
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