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Celebrating our 23rd year

1986-2009

DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday	
Candle Lighting:	5:46 pm
Mincha:	5:50 pm
Shabbos Day	
Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin):	8:00 am
Shacharis:	8:30 am
Youth Minyan:	9:00 am
Mincha:	5:20 pm
Maariv:	7:05 pm
Shabbos is over after:	7:17 pm
Father / Son Learning:	7:45 pm
Sunday	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv:	6:55 pm
Purim Davening Times	
Monday	
Ta'anis Esther	
Shacharis:	6:25 am
Mincha:	6:30 pm
Purim Night – Monday	
Maariv:	7:45 pm
Megilla:	8:00 pm
Break the Fast and Purim Shpiel following Megilla.	
2nd Megilla Reading	10:30 pm
Purim Day – Tuesday	
Shacharis:	8:00 am
Megilla:	8:40 am
2nd Megilla Reading:	11:00 am
Mincha:	2:00 pm
Wednesday-Friday	
Shacharis:	6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv:	6:55 pm
Next Shabbos – Parshas Ki Tisa	
Candle Lighting:	6:53 pm
Friday Mincha:	6:55 pm

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

Invites you to our
23rd Anniversary Banquet
Honoring

**Efraim Katz
Judy Schnidman
Elaine Witman**

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Melave Malka with Avraham Rosenblum

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

Suggested donation – \$5-\$10. To RSVP, please call Shlomo Goldberger at 443-857-9229. If you haven't RSVP'd by Shabbos, come anyway.

Matanos l'Evyonim

Please give your matanos l'evyonim funds to Nisan Jaffee or Rabbi Goldberger so they may be distributed on Purim day. Checks can be made out to TY Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. It is a great mitzvah

to gladden the hearts of the needy on Purim day (and always).

This Shabbos

- Camp Shabbos – 9:30 am
- 2nd reading of Zachor after davening
- Q&A with the Rabbi – after davening
- Father / Son Learning – 7:45 pm
- Melave Malka with Avraham Rosenblum – 8:30 pm, Eden Cafe

☺ 🎵 **THANK YOU!** 🎵 ☺

The kehilla expresses great appreciation and thanks to Leah Raheer (Rosensweig) on her gift to the shul, the renovation of the Simcha Hall, in honor of her children, Ephraim and Tzippy.

It is a beautiful gift of hakoras hatov to the shul as Leah is about to make aliyah.

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

presents
the U.S. premiere of

“The Blessing of a Broken Heart”

Based on the book by Sherri Mandell, in response to the murder of her son Koby by terrorists in Israel in 2001.

For women only

Sunday, March 15 at 8 pm

Gordon Center for the Performing Arts

www.tiferesyisroel.org

Sponsorship of this week's Lev Echad:

Wishing Avrum Weiss a Very Happy Birthday . . . A Year Filled with Much Love and All Things That Are Good!!! From Your Loving Wife, Children and Grateful Friends

In honor of the yearzeit of Chaya Diamond's grandfather Licu Katz - Yitchak ben Chaim Hakohen z'l

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Siddur Sponsorships

- In honor of the 82nd birthday of Areyah Leib HaCohen by his wife, Golda Lauterbach, and his daughter and son-in-law, Elka and Jerry Rottman and family.
- For a refuah shelaima to Esther Leah Levin, by Elka Rottman.

Youth Minyan

(sponsors get to share the cholent)

Father / Son Learning

Shemen Lamaor

- Ari and Caryn Blum

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

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

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

Seforim Sponsorships

Contact Nisan Blaxberg at 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 at 410-358-3943.

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

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 per adult, \$4 per child under 12, \$10 at the door. 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. Or sign up and pay on the shul's Website.

Banquet

Our 23rd Anniversary Banquet, honoring Efraim and Judy Schnidman Katz and Elaine Witman will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at 5:00 pm, at Liberty Jewish Center.

Entertainment will be by Kol Ish A Capella. These five students from the University of Maryland will give us their unique rendition of classic and contemporary Jewish pieces.

Reservations may be made on the TY Website. Please respond by March 12.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed to request ads for the banquet journal and reservations for the dinner. Please call Lenny or Glenna Ross or Ken Gelula after Shabbos.

The cutoff for receiving ads (so the book can be printed in time!) is Sunday, March 8. Tomorrow! Ads may be sent to banquet@tiferesyisroel.org.

Banquet Ads

LAST CHANCE

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Get those ads in NOW!!! The deadline is **Sunday, March 8**. That's tomorrow! Even if you've already placed one ad go ahead and place another.

Prepare for Purim with Rabbi Goldberger

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?"

"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 spiritual journey 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 at 410-653-1316, Gail Feinstein at 410-764-2532 or Devory Margolese at 443-642-6321. Tickets may also be ordered from the shul Website.

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

Mazel Tov

To Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum on the birth and naming of their granddaughter Adina Chana, daughter of Rebekah and Joshua Wildman. May they be *zocheh l'gadla l'torah l'chupah u'l'ma'asim tovim*.

To Ken and Yocheved Gelula on the bris of their grandson, Dov Eliyahu, son of Allan and Shoshi Stein. May they be *zocheh l'gadlo l'torah l'chupah u'l'ma'asim tovim*.

To Shoshana Shtamf on the celebration of her 40th birthday on Monday.

What's Bothering Rashi Megillas Esther

by Dr. Avigdor Bonchek

The very last Rashi on the Megillah is quite puzzling.

Esther 10:3

“For Mordecai the Jew was viceroy to King Ahashverus; he was a great man among the Jews and found favor with most of his brothers, he sought the good of his people and spoke for the welfare of all his seed (offspring).”

RASHI

Of all his seed: Rashi: This refers back to “his people”; the seed of the people.

This is indeed a strange interpretation of these words. Rashi interprets the pronoun “his seed” (Hebrew “zaro”) to refer to the people’s (its) seed and not the more likely interpretation: “his (Mordecai’s) seed.” This is strange because Mordecai is the subject of the whole verse. He found favor with most of his brothers; he sought the good of his people. So when it says “his seed” one would assume it means Mordecai’s seed. Why then does Rashi say, the people’s seed?

What's Bothering Rashi?

There are two explanations for Rashi’s unusual interpretation.

One is that the verse as a whole has a certain structure. When it delineates how Mordecai was a great man among the Jews it says 1) He found favor with most of his brothers, (not all, as Rashi himself points out), 2) he sought the good of his people as a whole and 3) he spoke for the welfare of all his seed.

The verse has a structure of going from less to more. First most of his brothers, then his people (a larger group) then all of his seed (even future generations). Now if this last phrase refers only to Mordecai’s own seed (children) then it would be referring to a smaller group of Jews and would be anticlimactic. But if it refers to the people’s seed (future generations of all Jews) then it follows the structure of the verse for it refers to an even larger group than that in phrase #2 which refers only to the Jews now living.

But there is an even more profound lesson from this Rashi-comment. Another question can be asked of the Megillah itself. What purpose do these last three verses serve (the whole of Chapter 10)? Why is it necessary to tell us that the king taxed all the people? Who cares?

The answer may be as follows.

If we overview the Megillah as a whole,

we find that there are two clear groups: good guys (Mordecai and Esther) and bad guys (Haman, Vashti [and perhaps the fickle Achashverus]).

There is one characteristic which epitomizes the good guys and its opposite epitomizes the bad guys. It is the trait of self-sacrifice for others (good guys) versus self-centered ambition (bad guys).

Esther’s epic phrase (Esther 4:16) “and if I perish, I perish” says it all. She was willing to give her life for her people. Mordecai showed his concern for others by taking the bold stand of revealing to the king the plot to assassinate him (Esther 2:21) and by doing so indirectly through Esther, which meant he might not even get credit for it.

Haman on the other hand thought only of himself and his glory, which eventually resulted in his shame and downfall.

In this light we can understand the last, short chapter and its purpose. It clearly contrasts boldly these two types. The King Achashverus who thought only of himself, taxed the people to his own benefit. Mordecai, on the other hand, thought of others for their benefit (“sought the good of his people”) not his.

This insight answers another question. Why, of all the Jewish holidays, does Purim have the unique mitzvah of “mishloach manot” sending gifts each man to his fellow man? The answer is that this concern for others is the main message of the events of Purim. Because it was due to a Jew’s unselfish concern for another, even at his own expense, that we were saved from Haman’s murderous decree. This is the lesson of Purim. It is also Rashi’s message when he tells us that Mordecai was concerned about his people’s children more than about his own.

A Happy Purim!

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Condolences

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel was saddened to hear of the passing of Flora Singer (Fromet bas Dovid), the mother of our dear friend, Mark Singer.

The funeral took place Sunday, March 1, at Beth El Synagogue in Bethesda.

We wish nechama to Mark, and may he be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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.

Make your check out to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, and send to the Taffels at 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.

Lev Echad

Thank you to Glenna Ross, Rena Levi, Ilana Goldfinger and Lenny Ross for helping me get out my first issue of the Lev Echad. And also to all those who pointed out errors after it was printed. And a special thank you to my sister Ilene, who loaned me her computer.

The new deadline for submissions to the Lev Echad is 12:53 pm on Thursdays, unless it’s crucial that the information appear in the Lev Echad that week. In that case the deadline will be extended to 12:57.

Editor

Coming Up

- **March 14:** Aufruf and Kiddush sponsored by the choson, Yissochar Schneiderman.
- **March 14:** Tzeischem L’Shalom Melave Malka for Leah Raheer. To sponsor, contact Mordechai Beleck at 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 21:** Camp Shabbos. Bring your children, ages 2½-6, for a fun morning with toys, games, stories and of course, kiddush.
- **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
- **April 4:** Camp Shabbos.

In the Community

- **March 8:** Electronics recycling (all items with a plug). There is a \$10 charge for televisions, but no charge for other electronics. Temple Oheb Shalom. 10 am to 2 pm.
- **March 8:** Shomrei Emunah's Annual Purim Carnival for the entire community from 4-7 pm in the Shomrei Social Hall. The carnival will include hot dogs, sno-cones, cotton candy, moonbounce, games, purim costume contest, great prizes, and more! Cost is \$5 admission (\$20 immediate family max) which includes 10 free game tickets. Extra game tickets are 25 cents each.
- **March 12:** Join Councilwoman Rikki Spector and the Baltimore City Public Works Department senior leadership team as they present the changes and improvements to solid waste services, trash and recycling. Q&A session follows. 6:30-8:00 pm, JCC Park Heights.

Yahrzeits

We apologize for any yahrzeits not listed in the Lev Echad. Please let the Lev Echad 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.

- Dorothy Goldman, Devorah bas Avraham a"h, 12 Adar, mother of Yaakov Goldman
 Stanley Blum, Shmuel ben Shlaima Davod a"h, 13 Adar, uncle of Hinda Blum
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 Leah bas Hans a"h, 17 Adar, grandmother of Gail Feinstein
 Jules Gesang, Yehuda ben Yosef a"h, 17 Adar, father of Beth Tenenbaum

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). The Tefillah class will 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:

- 8-8:30 am: Morning Chabura: Learning, discussion and inspiration by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. Text: **Shabbos Malkisa**

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.

Advertisements

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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Good Shabbos!
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