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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 6:53 pm
Mincha: 6:55 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Youth Minyan: 9:00 am
Mincha: 6:30 pm
Maariv: 8:15 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:24 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: 7:00 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas Vayakel-Pekudei,
Parshas HaChodesh Mevorchim Nisan**Candle Lighting: 7:00 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm**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 Performing Arts
www.tiferesyisroel.org**Congregation
Tiferes Yisroel**Invites you to our
23rd Anniversary Banquet
Honoring**Elaine Witman
Judy Schnidman
Efraim Katz**

Sunday, March 22, 2009

“The Blessing of a Broken Heart”

Our shul is bringing the play “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. Tickets can be purchased at Hats to Hose and Perna, 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, www.tiferesyisroel.org.**This Shabbos**

- Aufruf and Kiddush sponsored by the choson, Yissochar Schneiderman.
- Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbitzin Goldberger, Fred and Rena Levi and the Margolese family. Rabbi Seth Mandell will be speaking.
- Tzeischem L'Shalom Melave Malka for Leah Raheer. Leah's responsible for the look of the new simcha hall. Show your appreciation and help make this a really memorable Melave Malka.

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.**This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:**

Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger and Kehilas Tiferes Yisroel, in memory of Koby Mandell and all the kedoshim b'yisroel. May their merit be a protection for our people and may Hashem avenge their innocent blood and comfort their families.

Midrash Mavin To Coin a Calf

(from <http://www.torah tots.com>)

What do you do when a nation that's just witnessed *Hashem* face to face decides to make an *Eigel Hazahav* (golden calf) and destroy their everlasting covenant with *Hashem*, who just recently miraculously took them out of bondage? You make a census, of course! Strange but true, *Hashem* commanded Moshe "*S'u et rosh Bnei Yisroel*" – "Count the heads of *Bnei Yisroel*."

But this count would be no ordinary head count. According to *Hashem's* rules, each male member of *Bnei Yisroel*, over the age of twenty, and up to 60 years, would contribute "one coin" to the treasury of the *Mishkan*. With this coin, they would ransom their lives which had been forfeited during the *chait ha'eigel* (sin of the calf). In this way the people would "raise their heads," the literal meaning of *Hashem's* statement "*S'u et Rosh*."

Now, Moshe should have been totally relieved to find that his "clients" sentence was down-graded from annihilation to a coin-toss, but, you know Moshe, he's all nerves when it comes to *Bnei Yisroel*. You can't pull surprises on his people. And so, Moshe wonders what the value of this coin will be. You see, in those days, people minted their own coins with different weights. So how much weight does it take to redeem a life?

Is it a kikar of silver, worth 3,000 silver coins? But would that kind of cash be excessive and turn the people away from *Hashem*? Then maybe it's like the hundred silver coins that is the punishment for a man who defames his wife. After all, the *eigel* episode did defame *Hashem's* name. Or maybe it's like the punishment for the owner of a goring ox, thirty *shekalim*, after all, the *Bnei Yisroel* did give up the Greatness of *Hashem* for a statue of a calf.

Imagine Moshe's surprise when *Hashem* revealed to Moshe a coin worth HALF A SHEKEL!

Now that we know the value of the coin, here's the "other half" of the story:

All the *Bnei Yisroel* had to do was to wait another half a day for Moshe to come down the mountain, but instead, they got "itchy" so they made the *eigel* to replace Moshe. The "half" *shekel*

represents the "half" day that they just couldn't wait.

Along the same line of reasoning, a half *shekel* is equal to a popular coin of that day worth six *gramsin*. Since the *eigel* was built during the sixth hour of the day, *Hashem* chose this value.

A half *shekel* is also worth ten *gerot*, reminding *Bnei Yisroel* that they broke all ten commandments when they worshipped the *eigel hazahav*.

Now, here's an interesting twist: Some say that the half *shekel* was to atone for the sale of Yosef by his ten brothers. Yosef was sold for ten silver *dinarim*. Ten *dinarim* is worth five *shekels*. Therefore, each brother got half a *shekel* out of the sale booty.

There's more to the story than just a coin calculation. Some sources say that the whole *eigel* episode is the fault of Yosef's brothers! You see, the sale of Yosef caused Yaakov and his family to settle in *Mitzrayim*. Yosef made his brothers swear that when *Bnei Yisroel* would leave *Mitzrayim*, they would take his body with them. When the *Egyptians* got wind of this, they buried Yosef deep in the Nile. How did Moshe retrieve the casket? He wrote a little note to Yosef on a golden tablet. Yosef is known in the Torah by the nickname "ox." The note simply said "rise o' ox." Moshe tossed it into the water and the casket popped on out! Somehow, that tablet ended up in the hands of the *Eirev rav*. While Aharon was mixing the gold for the *eigel*, somebody slipped the tablet into the mix. That's how the form of a calf arose. So, you see, it all goes back to the sale of Yosef.

Finally, the half *shekel* reminded the *Bnei Yisroel* that "*kol Yisroel areivim zeh lazeh*" – All of *Bnei Yisroel* are responsible for one another." No one person is a whole. Each of us is like half a body which is completed when we take responsibility for the actions of one another.

Banquet

Our 23rd Anniversary Banquet, honoring Efraim and Judy Schnidman Katz and Elaine Witman will take place on Sunday, March 22, 2009, at 5 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, www.tiferesyisroel.org. Please respond by March 16.

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

**Lost keys on purple key ring
Purim night. If found, please
e-mail the Lev Echad at
levechad@tiferesyisroel.org**

Hadrash Ve-Haiyun Dor Revi'i

Torah Insights on the Weekly Parsha
by Efraim Levine
(from hadrash.com)

Hashem spoke to Moshe “go ascend from here, you and the people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov saying “I shall give it to your offspring” **and I will send before you an angel**, and I shall drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Jebusite to a land flowing with milk and honey for **I will not ascend in your midst** for you are a stiff-necked people, lest I annihilate you on the way. The people **heard this bad tidings** and they grieved and each man did not put on his crown (Shemos 33:1-4).

The *posuk* here relates that after the sin of the golden calf the Jewish people were informed that Hashem would not personally accompany them into Eretz Yisroel but only through an intermediary angel. A deeper interpretation of this *posuk* is as follows: Although everything that occurs in this world certainly happens only through the will of Hashem, however, at times Hashem chooses to conceal his actions to the degree that it *appears* that He is not directly involved. It is only when we are truly *deserving* that Hashem chooses to display His Presence openly. After the sin of the golden calf we were no longer worthy that Hashem should openly display his Glory in our midst. Hashem chose to guide us in concealment to the degree that it would appear to us as if it were through an intermediary. The *posuk* concludes by noting the distress we experienced upon hearing that Hashem chose to withdraw his presence from us.

It is noteworthy that above in *Parshas Mishpatim* before the sin of the golden calf the *posuk* uses the very same expression. The *posuk* there states “Behold **I shall send an angel before you** to protect you on the way, and to bring you to the place that I have prepared” (Shemos 23:20). Rashi there points out that this *posuk* refers to the aftermath of the sin of the golden calf. Specifically, the *posuk* lets us know that the sin of the golden calf would condemn us to enter Eretz Yisroel through an angel and not directly by Hashem. We must note that this interpretation is only in hindsight. However, at that moment before the sin, certainly these words were not interpreted as a bad omen. Indeed, we do not find a sad reaction as we do here.

Likewise in *Parshas Chayei Sarah* when Avraham instructed Eliezer to seek out a wife for his son Yitzchak, Avraham used the very same words. The *posuk* states “Hashem the God of the heavens Who took me from the house of my father and from the land of my birth and Who spoke for me and who swore to me saying to your offspring will I give this land. **He will send his angel before you** and you will take a wife for my son from there” (Bereishis 24:7). Certainly Avraham would only choose words of blessing that have no taint of misfortune when

instructing Eliezer to seek a wife for his son Yitzchak. All the more so when the destiny of the Jewish people depended on the success of the mission. Why then was there a sad reaction here in our *parsha* when the same words were used?

Let us suggest that the words “before you” may have two interpretations, a figurative one and a literal one. One possible interpretation is that the words “before you” are used as a synonym for guidance. Using this figurative translation the *posuk* would convey a positive message, that Hashem would send an angel to guide us to our destination. On the other hand, we may suggest that the words “before you” are translated literally as in front of you or ahead of you, which connotes without your recognition and perception. In our case this would convey a negative message that Hashem would send an angel that would go only in front of us where we would not merit to witness His guidance.

If we look closely at the two *posukim* we may note that there is a difference in the order of the words. Here in *Ki Sisa* the words “before you” appear first and then “angel.” In *Mishpatim* and *Chayei Sarah* the order is in reverse. First the word angel appears and then the words “before you.” We may suggest that the two aforementioned interpretations of the words “before you” depend on where they appear in the *posuk*. If the words “before you” appear first, then there is greater emphasis on these words, which leads us to translate them more literally. In our case this would have the negative connotation that we would not merit to witness Hashem’s guidance. Indeed this is the way it appears here in *Ki Sisa* and that is why the Jewish people had a sad reaction. However in *Mishpatim* and *Chayei Sarah* these words appear last, leading us to translate them figuratively, which conveys the positive message that Hashem will guide us.

In conclusion, there is no contradiction between the *posukim*. The difference lies only in the order of the words. Likewise, when seeking a *shidduch* one should be careful to follow in the example of Avraham and figuratively formulate his or her request in the correct order. First “angel” and second “before you.” The prayer would then convey that not only do we request that Hashem should send the emissary before us but that we should also merit to witness in a palpable way Hashem’s involvement and presence in our personal lives.

Lev Echad

With your participation the staff of the Lev Echad would like to enact some new features.

- Questions for the Rabbi
- News from our members now living in Israel

- Spotlight on the work the volunteers do
- Spotlight on things the shul offers that you might not be familiar with
- Artwork from our kids on the parsha
- Fundraising ideas
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Please send all submissions to the Lev Echad at LevEchad@tiferesyisroel.org

The new deadline for submissions to the Lev Echad is 11:19 am on Thursdays. The editor reserves the right to edit all entries.

Purim

Thank you to everyone who made Purim at TY a success!

The Purim Shpielers: Yaakov Goldman, Bezalel Perlman, Saul Passe, Dov Pear, Osher Werner, Rabbi Goldberger and Mo Margolese.

The Purim break-the-fasters (see below). The Purim make the noisers. The Purim show up in costumers. Esther. Mordecai ... and all those other people I missed.

Thank You for a Great Break-the-fast

The leaders of GS Troop 682 thank all the girls who baked the brownies, cut up the fruit and vegetables and designed the beautiful platters, collected reservations, served the meal and especially the crew that stayed late to clean up afterwards!!!

Special thanks to Shonny Katz, Tehilla and Michal Werner, Chana Bickford, the whole Urzuy family, Rebecca Logue, Rivka Katz, Eliana Michelson, Sara Bracha Rappaport, and all the other girls who pitched in to help.

A very special thanks to Tzadik Vanderhoof for setting up Paypal for reservations and to Emunah Friedman and Lenny Ross for coordinating all the details.

Yasher Koach. May we go from strength to strength!

Coming Up

- **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:** Camp Shabbos. Bring your

children, ages 2½-6, for a fun morning with toys, games, stories and of course, kiddush.

- **March 28:** Kiddush sponsored by Efraim Katz and Judy Schmidman, and Elaine Witman.
- **March 28:** Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger on the occasion of the Rebbetzin's mother's yahrzeit.
- **April 4:** Camp Shabbos.
- **April 11:** Seudah Shlishit sponsored by Sheva and Tzadik Vanderhoof. This is a seudas ho'daah for Sheva's recovery from her car accident last year.

Classes at Etz Chaim

- **March 16:** The Jewish View of Slavery with Rabbi Nitzan Bergman
- **March 17:** The Clock Strikes Twelve: What Happened at Midnight with Rabbi Yaakov Lipsky
- **March 18:** What it Means To Be Free – Chassidic Insights into Passover with **Rabbi Menachem Goldberger**

In the Community – Volunteers Needed

Fallstaff Elementary School Playground Project, a joint project between the Fallstaff Neighborhood Association, CHAI and Fallstaff Elementary School. is looking for volunteers. This project is being managed by Stanley Fishkind, in cooperation with CHAI. For more information go to <http://jvcbaltimore.org/volunteer-opportunities/fallstaff-playground-registration-form/>

Yahrzeits

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

Edith Kahn, Eta bas Nussin a"h, 20 Adar, mother of Bert Kahn
 Irving Porter, Yisroel ben Yaakov a"h, 20 Adar, father of Rabbi Shlomo Porter
 Emily Sattell, Mechli bas Zev Wolf, 21 Adar, mother of Abby Sattell Berman
 Ellen Salomon, Esther bas Shlomo a"h, 22 Adar, mother of Hillorie Morrison
 Max Havelock, Mendel ben Yitzchak a"h, 23 Adar, uncle of Emily Lipsitz
 Gerschon Frank, Gerschon ben Yitzchak a"h, 24 Adar, grandfather of Glenna Ross
 Annie Appelstein, Chana bas Leib HaLevi a"h, 25 Adar, grandmother of Harold Lipsitz
 Stephen Bien, Zalman Yosef David ben Aaron Shimshon a"h, 25 Adar, brother of Shoshana Shamberg

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@tiferesvisroel.org.

If you just want to check whether the date you want is available, you can go to our Website www.tiferesvisroel.org and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up to date continuously.

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Good Shabbos!

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