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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:00 pm
Mincha: 7:00 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura (Sanhedrin): 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Youth Minyan: 9:00 am
Talk by Rabbi Mandell: 5:35 pm
Mincha: 6:35 pm
Maariv: 8:25 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:31 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: please daven at the banquet**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:10 pm**Thursday – Rosh Chodesh Nisan**Shacharis: 6:20 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:10 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas Vayikra**Candle Lighting: 7:07 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:10 pm**Banquet**

Our 23rd Anniversary Banquet, honoring Efraim Katz and Judy Schnidman 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.

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel

Invites you to our
23rd Anniversary Banquet
Honoring

Efraim Katz
Judy Schnidman
Elaine Witman

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Maos Chittim

We are collecting money for Maos Chittim for local Baltimore families and for the Chemo family in Yerushalayim. The communal obligation for Maos Chittim is to contribute to local needs first and following that, to out-of-town needs in Israel.

We met the Chemo family on our first shul trip to Israel. Menasheh Chemo has had the misfortune of being the victim of three separate terror incidents during the intifadas, and has never fully recovered. Last year he had to have a leg amputated. Regina Chemo suffers from recurring bouts with cancer. They have three children, one of whom is married.

Please give checks made out to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to Nisan Jaffee

or Rabbi Goldberger. If you want the funds to go specifically toward the Chemo family, please indicate that on the memo line of the check. You may also contribute online at www.tiferesyisroel.org.

This Shabbos

- Bar Mitzvah of Tivon Avishai Blaxberg followed by a Kiddush, sponsored by his parents, Dr. Nisan and Meira Blaxberg.
- Rabbi Seth Mandell will be giving a talk at 5:35 pm, one hour before mincha.

Get Ready for Pesach!

Rabbi Goldberger will be available this Tuesday from 8:30 until 10 pm at his home for the early bird special mechiras chometz. Times for the following week will be posted in next week's Lev Echad. You do not need to be finished cleaning for Pesach to do mechiras chometz!

Wednesday, March 25 at 8 pm Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a Pesach shiur at shul for men on the writings of the Sfas Emes.

Rabbi Goldberger's annual getting-ready-for-Pesach shiur will be Monday, March 30 from 8 to 9:15 pm in the main shul. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Dr. Nisan and Meira Blaxberg in honor of Tivon Avishai's bar mitzvah. Mazel Tov Tivon! We're very proud of you!
Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger, in honor of Rabbi Seth and Sherri Mandell and the Koby Mandell Foundation, for the life-saving work they do for Klal Yisroel.

The Rottman family for a Refuah Shalayma for Aryeh Leib ben Malka. Everybody, please daven for him!

Hadrash Ve-Haiyun Dor Revi'i Torah Insights on the Weekly Parsha

by Efraim Levine
(from hadrash.com)

And he made the laver of copper from the mirrors of the legions who massed at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. (Shemos 37:8)

In this week's *parsha* we read about the laver. The *posuk* tells us that it was made from "the mirrors of the legions who massed at the entrance of the tent of meeting." Rashi here provides some background. During the difficult times of the Egyptian bondage the Jewish men separated from their wives. They believed it was improper to bring children into a world of suffering. Their wives disagreed. They faithfully believed that Hashem would soon bring an end to their suffering. It was best in their opinion to have children and preserve the continuity of the Jewish people. They used these mirrors to beautify themselves before their husbands in an attempt to persuade them to have children. Their arguments and actions prevailed and they succeeded in raising a new generation. Despite the lofty intent of the women, Moshe initially did not want to use them for the *mishkan*. They were repulsive in his eyes due to their mundane use. Hashem disagreed. Hashem explained to Moshe how dear these mirrors were to Him. They were instruments of faith and it was thus fitting they be included in the *mishkan*.

The commentators ask, after Hashem instructed Moshe that they be used for the construction of the *mishkan*, why did Moshe specifically designate them for the laver? What is the symbolic connection between that laver and the mirrors?

One answer given by the commentators is that the laver is related to the *parsha* of *sotah*. If a woman's loyalty to her husband is in question she is brought to the *mishkan* and tested by drinking a potion of water in which the name of Hashem was erased. If the woman is guilty she would miraculously die. If she is innocent she would be blessed with children. The water used for this test was taken from the laver. It was precisely because these mirrors were used in the past to strengthen the relationship between husband and wife that Moshe saw fit that they continue to

serve this purpose. They were therefore used for the laver from where water would be taken to test the relationship between husband and wife.

Let us suggest another answer. It is noteworthy that the function of the laver was different than all the other utensils of the *mishkan*. All other utensils were used to serve Hashem. There are many types of services in the *mishkan*. One may offer a sacrifice, an incense offering, light the menorah, eat sacrificial meat or some other type of service. Each utensil in the *mishkan* was used for a specific type of service. The laver was different. Washing from the laver is *not* a service. Washing from the laver is *preparation* for service. Before one may serve Hashem one must cleanse oneself from all physical and spiritual contamination. The laver is symbolic of preparation.

As mentioned above, the mirrors were tools of beautification. When Moshe specifically designated the mirrors for the laver, Moshe taught the Jewish people that the true beautification in service of Hashem comes from preparation. The more one prepares the more beautiful his service will be.

The Gemara (Shabbos 133b) derives the source that we beautify the *mitzvos* from the *posuk* "this is my Hashem and I will glorify him" (Shemos 15:2). The Gemara explains that this *posuk* may also be interpreted as "I will beautify Him." The Gemara goes on to give a number of examples of beautification of *mitzvos*; a beautiful *succah*, a beautiful *lulav*, a beautiful *shofer*, beautiful *tzitzis* and a beautiful *sefer torah*. The obvious question is, why did the Gemara choose to illustrate the concept of beautification of *mitzvos* specifically with these examples?

We may suggest that the common denominator of these *mitzvos* is that they all require preparation. There is a *mitzvah* to live in a *sukkah* on the holiday of *Sukkos*, however one is not permitted to build a *sukkah* on *yom tov*. One must prepare for this *mitzvah* by building his *sukkah* before the holiday. There is a *mitzvah* to take a *lulav* on the first day of *Sukkos*. This *mitzvah* requires that one tie the myrtle and willow to the *lulav*. However it is forbidden to tie on *yom tov*. One must prepare his *lulav* before *yom tov* in order to fulfill the *mitzvah* on *yom tov*. The same is true for the remaining three examples. One must undergo elaborate preparations to attain a kosher *shofer* and *tzitzis* before the fulfillment of the *mitzvah*. The writing of a complete *sefer torah*

certainly requires much time. With regard to all *mitzvos* the best way to prepare is to study the laws and customs that apply to that *mitzvah*. Preparation does not only sanctify the *mitzvah* it is its beautification.

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- Contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943
- **Siddur** \$50 \$25
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Lev Echad

Please send all submissions to the Lev Echad at levechad@tiferesyisroel.org.

The new deadline for submissions to the Lev Echad is 11:59 am on Thursdays for phone submissions and 3:02 pm for e-mail.

Keys Found

A set of keys on a purple cabiner were found on the corner of Pearce and Strathmore. If these are your keys, please notify the Lev Echad.

Question for the Rabbi

Q: What is the proper manner in which to say Birkas HaChama, the blessing over the sun, which is said once every 28 years? This year it is on Erev Pesach.

A: The bracha we say which is known as Birkas HaChama, is Baruch Atto Hashem Elokeinu Melech Haolam Oseh Maaseh B'reishis. Blessed are you Hashem our G-d, King of the Universe, who performs acts of creation. This bracha is said standing up. If for some reason one cannot stand, they may recite the bracha sitting down. In addition to the bracha, selected tefillos regarding the heavens are said such as Psalm 148, right before the bracha, and "Kel Adon" from Shabbos morning davening, right after the bracha. They are printed in the many booklets on Birkas HaChama which are readily available now.

This bracha is said every 28 years, which is how much time it takes for the sun to return to its original place where Hashem placed it in the heavens at the time of creation. The sun was placed in the heavens on the fourth day of creation and the bracha is therefore said on Yom Revi'i (Wednesday) in the morning when the sun comes up. The bracha may be said until chatzos (midday). If the sun is covered by heavy clouds the bracha may not be said as the sun needs to be visible in the sky when saying the bracha. We will be saying the bracha at shul following Shacharis (after the Siyum). It is good to say the bracha in a group and if you would like to join us at shul to say the bracha with the kehilla, that should be at about 7:30 am.

The source for the Bracha is in Gemara Brachos 59B, and in Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 229. Remember, this year Birkas HaChama comes out on Erev Pesach, a busy day, so make sure to write it in your calendar so as to be able to make this once in every 28 years special Bracha.

Blessing of a Broken Heart

Thank you and Yasher Koach to Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger and the committee for all the hard work they did for the play "The Blessing of a Broken Heart," which showed this past Sunday night. It was a moving and powerful experience.

Welcome to Rabbi Seth Mandell who is with us this Shabbos and will be giving a talk on Shabbos afternoon at 5:35 pm, one hour before mincha.

Donation

- In memory of the brother of Rochelle Feinstein, by Susan Freeman

New Siddurim

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.

Mazel Tov to

- Josh and Cheryl Levin on the marriage of their daughter, Shani, to Azriel Deutsch, son of Dr. and Mrs. Shimon Deutsch. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisrael.
- Nisan and Meira Blaxberg on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Tivon Avishai, this Shabbos. May they be zocheh l'gadlo l'torah, l'chupah, ul'maasim tovim.
- Yissachar Schneiderman and Heather Braverman on their upcoming wedding this week. May they be zocheh to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisrael.
- Fred and Rena Levi on the birth of a new granddaughter, Orah Aleeza, born to Yaakov and Matelle Levi of Monsey. May they be zocheh l'gadla l'torah, l'chupah, ul'maasim tovim.
- Dani Taylor on his engagement to Tova Levy. Mazel Tov to his parents Pinchas and Penina Taylor. May they be zocheh to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisrael.

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at 3913 Pinkney Rd., Baltimore, MD 21215. You may also order online at www.tiferesyisroel.org.

Pre-paid orders only. Pick up your order at the shul on Tuesday, March 31 from 8 to 10 pm.

Coming Up

- **March 22:** 23rd Anniversary Banquet honoring Efraim Katz and Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman. Entertainment by Kol Ish.
- **March 25:** Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a Pesach shiur for men on the writings of the Sfas Emes. 8 pm.
- **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, Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman in honor of the Kehillah.
- **March 28:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger on the occasion of the Rebbetzin's mother's yahrzeit.
- **March 30:** Rabbi Goldberger's annual getting-ready-for-Pesach shiur. 8 to 9:15 pm in the main shul. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.
- **March 31:** Pick up your Lakewood Matzoh at the shul from 8 to 10 pm.
- **April 4:** Camp Shabbos.
- **April 8:** Birkas HaChama. 7:30 am.
- **April 11:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Sheva and Tzadik Vanderhoof. This is a Seudas Ho'daah for Sheva's recovery from her car accident last year.

Community

- **March 22:** The Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation invites you to the Schottenstein Family Annual Global Torah Event: The Inner Meaning of Birkas Hachamah. A new audiovisual presentation by Rabbi Avrohom Chaim Feuer and Rabbi Paysach Krohn. Maximize the power of this once-in-28-years Brochah. 8:15 p.m. Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion, 6602 Park Heights Avenue. Suggested donation \$10. Men and women are invited.
- **March 23:** The Vaad HaRabbonim, Rabbinical Council of Greater Baltimore, invites the community to an important gathering: "Responding to the Economic Crisis" – An Evening of Tefillah, Chizuk and Practical Initiatives. The Program will include presentations of programs and community initiatives. Special address by Rabbi Yissocher Frand. 8:15 pm, Shomrei Emunah, 6221 Greenspring Avenue.

- **March 25:** N'shei invites the women of the community to attend Rabbi Heine-mann's annual Pesach shiur. 8:30 pm at the Agudah of Park Heights. No charge.

Pesach Reminder

When cleaning for Pesach, and getting rid of chametz, don't forget to get rid of the cookies on your computer.

Yahrzeits

We apologize for any yahrzeits not listed in the Lev Echad. We are in the process of updating the lists. Please let the Lev Echad 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.

Chana Leah bas Reb Gershon a"h, 26 Adar, grandmother of Chana Leah Kuritsky

Ida Marton, Chaya bas Reb Yom Tov Lipman a"h, 26 Adar, mother of Esther Macklin

Abraham M. Feinstein, Avraham Meir ben Leib a"h, 28 Adar, grandfather of Louis Feinstein

Patricia Andron Friedman, Tzipporah bas Nachum Dovid, 29 Adar, mother of Vicki Friedman

Mary Goldberg, Mara Laia a"h, 1 Nisan, grandmother of Hinda Blum

Malkah Schatzman, Devorah Malka bas Shmuel a"h, 3 Nisan, mother of Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger

Daniel Shepard, Daniel ben Nisan a"h, 3 Nisan, father of Dena Frenkel

Frank Hanowitz, Ephraim ben Cunah Leib HaLevi a"h, 3 Nisan, uncle of Harold Lipsitz, a"h

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://jvcbbaltimore.org/volunteer-opportunities/fallstaff-playground-registration-form/>

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). 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.

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

Please refrain from using fragrances (such as perfume, cologne or aftershave) in shul. Many people are sensitive to these fragrances, and some even experience severe allergic reactions. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

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Good Shabbos!

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