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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:07 pm  
Mincha: 7:10 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura Siyum  
(Siyum of Sanhedrin): 8:00 am  
Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Youth Minyan: 9:00 am  
Rabbi's Shiur on Pesach: 5:45 pm  
Mincha: 6:40 pm  
Maariv: 8:30 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 8:38 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha / Maariv: 7:15 pm**Monday-Thursday**Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:15 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas Tzav**Candle Lighting: 7:14 pm  
Friday Mincha: 7:17 pm**Share a Seder**

You're already having 12 people for the seder. What's one more? Or two?

Maybe it's just the family. You had meant to invite guests but now you think it's too late.

Or ...

You thought you had a place to go for seder and it fell through. Now what?

If we can match people up on Shabbos, why not Pesach?

Need a seder? Have room at your table? E-mail the Lev. We'll make the match.

**This Shabbos**

- Camp Shabbos. Bring your children, ages 2½-6, for a fun morning with toys, games, stories and, of course, kiddush.
- Kiddush sponsored by Efraim Katz, Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman in honor of the Kehillah.
- The Rabbi will be giving a shiur on Pesach from the Nesivos Shalom at 5:45 pm. All are invited to attend.
- Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger on the occasion of the Rebbetzin's mother's yahrzeit.

**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](http://www.tiferesyisroel.org).

**Mechiras Chometz with the Rabbi**

Rabbi Goldberger will be available for selling chometz this week at his home on Sunday from 4 to 6 pm, Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm and Thursday from 8 to 10 pm. You do not need to be done cleaning for Pesach to sell your chometz!

**Rabbi Goldberger's Pesach Preparation Shiur**

The rabbi will give his Pesach Preparation Shiur this Monday night, March 30, from 8 to 9:15 pm in the main shul. The shiur is mostly attended by women but men are invited to come.

**Mazel Tov to**

Efraim Katz and Judy Schnidman and Elaine Witman on their honors at the banquet this past week. It was a beautiful night.

Yissachar and Heather Schneiderman on their wedding this past week. May they be zocheh to build a bayis neeman b'yisroel.

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

Bert and Bina Kahn in honor of Bert's mother's, Eta bas Natan/Leah, yahrzeit

The Birnbaums in honor of our son Joshua Birnbaum  
obtaining an internship in medicine at New York Methodist Hospital

**Banquet****Gratitude and Yasher Koach to the TY Kehilla**

*from Elaine Witman and Efraim and Judy Schnidman Katz*

This year's Banquet honorees, Elaine Witman and Efraim and Judy Schnidman Katz wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger, to Glenna and Lenny Ross, to the Banquet Committee and to the entire Tiferes Yisroel kehilla.

They were overwhelmed by the beauty of the event and by the amount of love and caring that was extended by all.

They also want to thank the Rabbi and the kehilla for making their guests who had never before attended such an event feel so welcomed and comfortable. So many of their family and friends expressed their amazement at how our Rabbi is so loving, warm and humorous. They noticed that Rabbi Goldberger let it be known by his words, his manner and his spirit that the people of Tiferes Yisroel "take care of each other."

With deep pride in her TY family, Elaine would like to share with the kehilla some of the comments from her non-Jewish colleagues who came Sunday night to support her. One gentleman who is on the faculty at Johns Hopkins said: "I can't tell you how wonderful it was to experience such a rich cultural event. I only wish that I had brought my son with me so he could have lived it as well. Everyone there was so genuinely accepting and loving. I really felt honored to have the opportunity. You all had me singing and clapping and feeling like an honorary member of your congregation." Another of Elaine's non-Jewish friends said that even though she (the guest) does not know one word of Hebrew, the Rabbi and the Kol Ish a capella group transported her into a place of worship by their singing.

So once again, Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger and the entire TY kehilla did what it does so well ... walked into the hearts of others with warmth, caring, spirit and the light of Hashem.

Yasher Koach!

*from the Kehilla*

A big thank you to Glenna and Lenny Ross on their hard work and for making such an outstanding banquet.

*from the President*

I've been hearing so many compliments about the banquet all week, by phone, by e-mail, and by post office. Here's a typical response, "Your congregation is so warm and welcoming, with Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger leading the way – truly an extraordinary community. ... I was thrilled to share in the love of Jewish music, and to experience the very special warmth that the Rabbi and everyone extended to the guests."

A big yasher kochochem to our honorees, Efraim and Judy and Elaine, and to all the people who helped with the banquet: Emunah Friedman, Yaakov Gur, Eileen Rosenbaum, Rena Levi, Fred Levi, Phil Jacobs, Bryna Lazarus, Deborah Taffel, Dvora Sora Reznick, Suzanne Kayne, Shonny, Rivka, Eli and Shlomo Katz, Tzadik Vanderhoof, Simmy Vanderhoof, and Meira Shnidman.

Each one of these people helped in a way that could not be duplicated by anyone else.

And a big thank you to all who attended and extended such a warm welcome to all our guests.

**Volunteers needed**

to help unload the truck with our Pesach matzoh this Sunday evening after Maariv (approximately 8 pm)

**SAY IT WITH A MITZVAH CARD**

Do you have someone you wish to honor for a special occasion, perhaps a special birthday or a simcha? Or what about those times that you want someone to know you're thinking of them when they are ill or have had a loss in their family. Our mitzvah cards are perfect for any occasion you have.

The card is a beautiful copy of an original papercut by Dan Howarth, featuring a view of the Old City of Jerusalem with the phrase from Isaiah 57:19, "Peace, peace to those far and near, and I will bring a healing says the L-rd."

For \$10, we will send the card out for you, and your donation will be announced in the Lev Echad. For \$18, you can have four cards to mail out yourself – a great deal. And every card that you purchase helps the shul. So please keep us in mind whenever you want to say something in a meaningful way.

Contact Glenna Ross at 410-358-1687, or e-mail [glenna@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:glenna@tiferesyisroel.org).

**Midrash Maven****Salt of the Earth (and Heaven's Too)**

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

As if our adventures in the *Midbar* aren't spicy enough with the *Eirev rav* and all ... *Hashem* commands the *Bnei Yisroel* to build a *Mishkan* as a sign of healing and just as Moshe's about to offer the first sacrifice, *Hashem* adds salt to the mixture.

Salt. This *Midrash* is all about salt. Apparently *Hashem's* had a soft spot for salt since day two of creation. Here's what happened: Once the chaos of creation cleared, day two brought on a new challenge. The waters just ran rampant – up in the heavens, down on earth, mixing and sloshing with no clear divide. *Hashem* commanded the waters to divide into "heavenly waters" above the earth, and lower waters that cover the earth. Well, that was fine for the "heavenly" water. They got to be closer to *Shamayim*. But what about the water that got stuck on earth. They too yearned to be close to *Hashem*. That's where the salt comes in. To comfort the lower waters, *Hashem* made a pact with the sea that its salt would be placed on any *Korban* that would be put on the *Mizbayach*. Additionally, fresh water would be poured on the *Mizbayach* every *Sukkot* in a special service called *Nisuch Ha'mayim* (water libation).

So here's a good question: Why wait until *Sukkot*? Why not splash the *Mizbayach* with fresh water every time? (Don't worry, the heavenly fire can cut through a little dampness if necessary!) One answer is that all water eventually makes it up to the sky by evaporation. It is only the salt of the sea that is condemned to earth permanently.

Salt is a sign of the covenant between *Hashem* and the Jewish people. Just as no person can live without salt, the world cannot survive without the study of *Torah*. That's why we place salt on the table at meal time to remind us to speak words of *Torah* at the table where people are eating.

As long as there were *Mishkan* and *Bait Hamikdash korbanot*, salt was an important part of the *Avodah*. When the *Bait Hamikdash* was destroyed, salt found its way to the table of every Jewish home. Our Rabbis teach that the table in a Jewish home is like a *Mizbayach*. Whenever we eat bread, we should sprinkle some salt on it to remind us that we are in the presence of *Hashem*.

**Vayikra: Black Fire on White Fire**

[adapted from *Shemuot HaRe'iyah* IV]

by Rabbi Chanan Morrison  
<http://ravkookTorah.org>

With the construction of the Tabernacle complete, the holy structure began to fulfill its primary purpose: a conduit for communication between God and Moses. "I will commune with you there, and I will speak to you from above the ark-cover" [Ex. 25:22]. Before each actual communication, God would first summon Moses to the tent with a voice that only Moses could hear.

"God called to Moses, and God spoke to him from the Communion Tent." [Lev. 1:1] What was the nature of this Divine call?

**The Miniature Aleph and the Four-Pronged Shin**

The word *Vayikra* ('God called') is written in an unusual fashion. The final letter, the *aleph*, is miniature. Did God command Moses to write it that way? Or was this an expression of Moses' extraordinary humility – an attempt to 'hide' the *aleph*, so that it would appear that God only *happened* ("vayikar") to speak with Moses, in a way similar to the chance prophetic experiences of the evil prophet Balaam?

Another unusual letter may be found in the *tefillin* (phylacteries) worn on the head. Usually the letter *shin* is written with three upward strokes, but the *shin* embossed on the left side of the *tefillin* has four. Some commentaries connect this peculiar *shin* to the Midrashic description of the Torah's transmission to Israel as black fire engraved on white fire. What does this mean? What are these black and white fires?

**Black Ink on White Parchment**

When we think about a Torah scroll, we usually only consider the letters themselves, written in black ink. Yet, the Talmud [Menachot 29a] rules that every letter in a Torah scroll must be completely surrounded by parchment. This requirement is called "*mukaf gevil*." This means that the white parchment around the letters is an integral part of the Torah. In fact, the white space is a higher form of Torah. It is analogous to the white fire of Sinai – a sublime, hidden Torah that cannot be read in the usual manner.

There is a delicate balance between black and white in the Torah. The *shirots*, the poetic portions in the Torah, are written in a special fashion, like a wall constructed

from layers of black and white bricks. These poetic sections are the loftiest parts of the Torah. Consequently, they have more white space – they contain a greater measure of the esoteric white fire. If a scribe were to write other sections of the Torah in this special layout, the Torah scroll would be rendered invalid. After the Torah was revealed and restricted to our limited world, it must be written with the appropriate ratio of black to white.

What about the four-pronged *shin* on *tefillin*? The *mitzvah* of *tefillin* is closely connected to the manifestation of Torah after its revelation into the finite world. "All of the peoples of the land shall see that the name of God is called upon you, and they shall be in awe of you" [Deut. 28:10, Menachot 35b]. Thus, *tefillin* correspond to the lower realm of black fire, and are marked with a *shin* bearing an extra measure of black.

We can deepen our understanding of the white and black fires by considering another example of white space in the Torah. Extra space is left blank to separate sections of the Torah. The Sages explained that these separations allowed Moses to reflect upon and absorb the previous lesson. In other words, the white fire corresponds to the loftier realm of thought and contemplation. The black fire of the revelation of intellect into the more concrete level of speech – a contraction and limitation of abstract thought.

**The Divine Call Before Revelation**

The distinction between white and black fire also sheds light on God's call to Moses before speaking with him. The voice summoning Moses to enter the tent was in fact the Divine call from Sinai, "*an infinite call that never ceased*" [Deut. 5:19]. The summons would reach Moses as he stood outside the tent, before being constrained within the four walls of the Tabernacle. This voice was not a revelation of Torah, but an overture to its revelation. It belonged to the esoteric white fire of Torah, before its constriction and revelation into the physical world.

This is the reason that Moses made the *aleph* of the Divine call smaller. Since it belonged to the realm of white fire, the summons required an extra measure of white space over black ink. On the surface, Moses' miniature *aleph* humbly implies a diminished state of the

revealed Torah of black fire; but on a deeper level, it reflects an increase in knowledge of the hidden Torah of white fire.

**Help Wanted**

The Lev Echad is hiring. We are looking for a staff reporter and a Microsoft Word expert.

Word expert: Must know how to do the not so obvious.

Staff reporter: Should be a people person and enjoy talking and listening. Inquisitive. Pushy. Ability to write a plus. Must supply your own staff. Or rod. They comfort me.

Please send salary requirements and c.v. to [levechad@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:levechad@tiferesyisroel.org).

Note: If you have salary requirements, this is not the job for you.

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For the following, contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943

**Siddur** \$50 \$25

**Chumash** \$75

**Yahrzeit Plaque** \$300

Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

**Coming Up**

- **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. Bring your children, ages 2½-6, for a fun morning with toys, games, stories and, of course, kiddush.
- **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.
- **April 25:** Camp Shabbos

**Community**

- **March 30:** Cash for your gold and a chance to buy new gold at wholesale prices. 6-10 pm, 2403 Shelleydale Dr. Private appointments available, call 443-831-6648. Proceeds to benefit Yeshivat Rambam's 11th grade trip to Israel.
- **April 5:** Pre-Pesach carnival and car wash 12-4 at Yeshivat Rambam. Proceeds to benefit Yeshivat Rambam's 11th grade trip to Israel.
- **April 11-14:** Film about the days of the Great Depression – "House on Riverside." Shomrei Emunah, Motzei Shabbos 9:45 pm; Sunday and Monday 8 pm; Tuesday 12:30 pm. Cost: \$16. Tuesday showing \$15 for adults, \$12 for children under 12. For women and girls only. This film has been reviewed by heimishe mechanchos. Partial proceeds to tzedaka. For further info, call Margie at 410-358-2890.

**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.

**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.*

Arnold Kotz, Aaron ben Dovid Shlomo HaKohen a"h, 8 Nisan, father of Ellen Singer

Samuel J. Auerhan, Meshulam Yehoshua ben Yitzchak a"h, 8 Nisan, father of Yitzchak Auerhan

Walter Goldmann, Zev ben Yonah a"h, 8 Nisan, father of Peter Goldman  
William Arvai, Eliezer a"h, killed in spring 1945, father of Klara Margaretten

**Lev Echad**

Please send all submissions to the Lev Echad at [levechad@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:levechad@tiferesyisroel.org). The deadline is 11:38 am on Thursday.

**Matzoh Pickup  
Tuesday, 8-10 pm  
Ezras Nashim**

**Shul Rentals**

If you are planning on having an 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](mailto:eileen@tiferesyisroel.org).

For availability, you can go to our Website [www.tiferesyisroel.org](http://www.tiferesyisroel.org) and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up to date continuously.

**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.
- Rabbi Goldberger is giving a **Mishna**

**Berura** shiur each night after ma'ariv on the topic of hilchos Pesach. The shiur is for men.

**Shabbos:**

- 8-8:30 am: Morning Chabura: Learning, discussion and inspiration by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. Text: **Shabbos Malkisa**.
- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. This week's presenter: Ken Gelula. Text: **Sanhedrin, chapter 11, mishna 6**. This is the last mishna of Sanhedrin. Next week the Chabura will begin **Mishnayos Makos**.

**No Peanuts!**

**No Fragrances!**

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