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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:04-8:19 pm
Mincha: 6:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura: 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Rebbetzin's Class: 5:30 pm
Rabbi's Shiur: 6:30 pm
Mincha: 7:30 pm
Maariv: 9:35 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:49 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: 8:20 pm
Mishna B'rurah: after Maariv**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv: 8:20 pm
Mishna B'rurah (Mon.-Thurs.): after Maariv**Thursday – Fast of 17 Tammuz**Fast begins: 4:18 am
Shacharis: 6:15 am
Mincha: 8:00 pm
Maariv: 9:10 pm
Fast is over after: 9:26 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas Pinchas**Candle Lighting: 7:02-8:17 pm
Friday Mincha: 6:30 pm

There are two times for candle lighting. The earlier time is Plag HaMincha (one and a quarter seasonal hours [Shaos Zemanios] before sunset [a seasonal hour is equal to one-twelfth of the total time from sunrise to sunset]) and is the earliest time to light candles. The latter time is the regular candle lighting time and is 18 minutes before sunset. The latest time to light candles is sunset. If one wants to light candles when the shul accepts Shabbos, this is approximately 40 minutes after the start of Mincha.

This Shabbos

- Rebbetzin Goldberger's Tefillah class at 5:30 pm for women. Continuing with Ashrei.
- Rabbi Goldberger's weekly Shabbos shiur on the Ramchal's Derech Chachmah at 6:30 pm for men and women.

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

We are saddened to inform the Kehillah of the passing of Mr. Bob Goldfein, father of Esther Nechama Margolese. We wish comfort to Esther and her entire family.

May the family of Bob Goldfein be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Dues

It's that time of the year again. Time to pay our dues for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, beginning on July 1.

The dues structure is \$600 for families, \$400 for singles and \$300 for associates. You can mail a check to:

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel
6201 Park Heights Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Or you can pay online by visiting our Website, www.tiferesyisroel.org, and clicking donate.

Dues may be paid in full or monthly. For dues reduction please contact Ken Gelula or Lenny Ross.

Fourth of July Fireworks!

Have a great time out with the family this Motzei Shabbos while contributing to the shul's groundskeeping costs! Just \$5 a family

gets you admission to our shul's own mini-fireworks display. Bring your own lawn chairs.

Place: The Blaxberg backyard at 6309 Pearce Avenue.

Time and date: 10:30 pm, July 4, 2009

Cost: \$5 per family (suggested donation, drop more in the hat if you like).

We hope to see you there!!

Note: This display conforms with all State and Federal laws. These fireworks do not leave the ground and are purchased legally and without the need for a permit.

**Fundraiser**

The Shul will be having a new fundraiser in August. We will be taking professional portraits.

We are looking for sponsors to underwrite the advertising needed for this venture. Please call Dvora Sora Reznick at 410-764-9278 or Chana Birnbaum at 410-358-7736.

Graduates

You did it!!! We'd like to celebrate with you and wish you mazel tov. Let us know and we'll put your name in the Lev Echad.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Dvora Childress on the birth of a granddaughter, Eden Selma, to Sara and Eli Guscott. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah u'l'maa'sim tovim!

Chaim S. Margolese, L'ilui nishmas his grandfather, Ahron Meir ben Shabsi

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

by Efraim Levine
(from hadrash.com)

This is the statute of the Torah, which Hashem has commanded, saying, speak to the children of Israel and they shall take to you a perfectly red cow, which has no blemish and upon which a yoke has not come. (Bamidbar 19:2)

Regarding the parah adumah we may ask three questions. First, the posukim continue to relate that those who were involved with the preparation and application of the ashes of the parah adumah become tamai in the process whereas the contaminated person upon whom the water and ashes were applied becomes pure. We may ask, if the parah adumah has the capacity to purify the contaminated then at the very least it should not contaminate the pure? Second, why is the purification process of parah adumah limited only to corpse contamination? Why did the Torah not require the same process for all forms of contamination e.g., bodily emissions and contact with animal and insect corpses? Third, chazal relate that as a reward for Avraham declaring "I am but dust and ash" (Bereishis 18:27), his descendants were given the mitzvah of parah adumah. We may ask what is the connection between the ashes of parah adumah and Avraham's statement?

Chazal instruct us that we may not perform any mitzvah in the presence of the dead. For example, one must be careful that his tzitzis are not openly displayed in their presence. The reason is that it would appear as if we are mocking the dead. By performing a mitzvah in their presence we silently display our superiority in that we can still perform mitzvos whereas they cannot. We may derive from this law that contact with the dead involves at the very least the risk of subconscious thoughts of superiority and haughtiness.

Let us suggest that these subconscious thoughts of superiority are the root cause of corpse contamination. The remedy lies in being sprinkled with the ashes of parah adumah. As the ashes are applied, the contaminated person is forced to reflect on the humbling words of Avraham, "I am but dust and ash." This rude awakening is sure to counteract any prior feelings of superiority. We may now understand why this method is only performed for corpse tumah. With regard to other forms of contamination their source has no connection to feelings of superiority.

Above we noted that those who were involved with the preparation and application of the ashes of the parah adumah became contaminated in the process. Certainly, the trait of humility is noble, honorable and worthy of pursuing. However, this is only true

when one brings himself to such a state of humility. Surely, it is not the place of any person to humble another no matter how noble and grand his intentions are. We may learn this from the parah adumah. The application of the ashes served to humble the contaminated person by reminding him of Avraham's humbling statement, "I am but dust and ash." However, those who prepared and applied the ash water became contaminated in the process. This is because they were involved in overseeing the humiliation of another. This is comparable to coming into contact with the dead. Both cases breed subconscious thoughts of superiority.

The parsha of parah adumah begins with the words "this is the statute of the Torah." The commentators are perplexed as to why the word "Torah" is connected with the laws of parah adumah. Seemingly, the posuk should have been written, "This is the statute of the parah adumah." By linking the word "Torah" to the laws of parah adumah the posuk suggests that Torah in general has much in common with parah adumah. What is the connection? As noted above the theme of parah adumah is humility. So too as a prerequisite for accomplishment in Torah one needs the trait of humility. Indeed, the posuk elsewhere compares the Torah to water. Chazal teach us that just as water descends to the lowest levels, likewise Torah only attaches itself to those who are truly humble in spirit.

Midrash Mavin

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

According to our sages, Bilam's talking donkey was one of ten (or fifteen, depending on the source) things created during the twilight hour before the First Shabbat of Creation.

Other twilight creations include:

- The rainbow which Hashem showed Noah after the Mabul (flood);
- The mouth of the earth that swallowed Korach and his men;
- The opening of Miriam's well that accompanied the Bnei Yisroel in the desert;
- The Mann that the Bnei Yisroel ate in the Midbar (desert).
- The miracle performing staff of Moshe.
- The Shamir – a thread-like worm, which, when placed upon any rock would split it. This amazing worm was used to cut the stones for the building of Shlomo Hamelech's (King Solomon) Bait Hamikdash (holy temple), since it was forbidden to use any metal tools during the construction.
- The Luchot upon which Hashem would engrave the Aseret Hadibrot (ten commandments). They were two translucent blocks, six handbreadths long by six handbreadths wide by three handbreadths

thick. The lettering (Alef-Bet) and the words that were engraved in the Luchot were also created at this time. These letters, which appeared to float, could be read from all four sides.

There is also a tradition that Shaidim – demons – were created at twilight, as well as the burial place of Moshe, and the ram sacrificed by Avrohom instead of Yitzchok his son, during the Akaida.

A further tradition relates that the cave where Moshe, and later Eliyahu Hanavi (the prophet Elijah) hid, was also created at that time as well as the staff of Aharon, and the "garments" of Adam.

There is also an opinion to the effect that the Clouds of Glory that protected the Bnei Yisroel in the desert were created at the same time.

All these miraculous creations have one thing in common. They each had a very special place in this world. And yet, by nature, they are not of this world. You might say they are residents of "The Twilight Zone."

The miracle of the talking donkey was meant to impress upon Bilam that speech is a gift from Hashem. Just as He could invest a dumb beast with the power of speech, so He would prevent Bilam from making any unfavorable utterances against the Bnei Yisroel.

But Bilam did not get the message.

The talking donkey clearly demonstrates the extent of Bilam's wickedness and the intensity of his desire to harm the Bnei Yisroel.

His vindictive cruelty was so great and his nature so corrupt, and his lust for money so immense, that he remained oblivious to all these promptings, and persisted in his intent to curse the Bnei Yisroel.

Yet as soon as the donkey finished speaking, the Malach killed it, because Hashem is merciful even towards the wicked, and wanted to spare Bilam the disgrace of people saying of the donkey, "Here is the animal that silenced Bilam. Here is the animal that put Bilam to shame!" Hashem is concerned with human dignity, even Bilam's.

Another reason the Malach killed the donkey is so that the pagans would not make an idol out of such a wondrous creature. Since it had now fulfilled the specific task assigned to it since the days of creation – to speak on this occasion, it could no longer continue living in any case.

Joblink

Joblink provides job seekers, recruiters, and employers with valuable information regarding employment opportunities and career information.

If you are looking for a job or know of one at your office, please contact our shul liaison, Yocheved Gelula at 410-367-4926, jgelula@

msn.com or Elly Lason, executive director at Joblink, ellasson@joblinkemployment.com, 410-602-8700. Thank you, Yocheved!

17th of Tammuz

The 17th of Tammuz is the first of four fast days mentioned in the books of the prophets and starts the three week period ending with Tisha B'Av.

We mourn during this period for the destruction of the Temples. The 17th of Tammuz was also the day Moshe broke the tablets at Mount Sinai in response to the sin of the Golden Calf.

The fast takes place on Thursday, July 9, beginning at 4:18 am and ending at 9:26 pm.

Mazel Tov to

- Yehuda Leib and Mia Belsky Severin, on the engagement of Pauline Belsky (Mia's mother) to Dr. Mier Savitz of Philadelphia. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisroel.
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg on the marriage of Mashi to Rabbi Jon Gross. Mazel tov to Mashi and Rabbi Gross, may they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'yisroel.

End of Siddur Sale

Dedicating a siddur is a perfect way to honor the memory of a loved one or to show appreciation to someone in a special way. The price for a siddur dedication is now \$50.

To make a siddur dedication, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943.

Shemen Lamaor Sponsors

- Ari and Caryn Blum
- Elie and Esther Levi

Trash Collection Changes

Baltimore City will change its trash service beginning the week of July 13. Collection for residents west of Park Heights (between Park Heights and Greenspring; this includes the shul) will have trash collection on Wednesday and recycling on Friday. Residents east of Park Heights (between Park Heights and Liberty) will have trash collection on Thursday and recycling on Tuesday.

The City will initially focus its enforcement on failure to use trash cans with LIDS, and not on volume of trash. Residents will receive a postcard telling them of the changes.

Minhagim for the Three Weeks

The period of the three weeks begins with the fast of 17 Tammuz, and includes the first nine days of Av, including Tisha B'Av. The restrictions for the period prior to Rosh Chodesh Av are much more limited than those

for the following period of the nine days.

Women who are pregnant or nursing are exempt from the fast. If you are not feeling well please ask a shaila of the Rabbi regarding the fast.

THE THREE WEEKS

For the entire period of the three weeks, the following restrictions apply:

- You may not listen to live music. Recorded music may be played as background music, but it should not be listened to intentionally for enjoyment.
- Weddings are not performed.
- Public entertainment such as movies, shows, concerts, etc., are not permitted. Baseball games are not considered the same as other forms of entertainment, and it is permitted to attend them, but not during the nine days.
- Videos of comedies and / or musicals should be avoided during the three weeks, and are not permitted during the nine days. Videos on serious subjects are all right during the three weeks, but not during the nine days.
- Any beautification to your home may be performed during this period, but not during the nine days. This does not include necessary repairs, replacing broken appliances, etc., which may be done throughout the entire period. Planning of renovations is permitted.

Lev Echad Fundraiser

The editor of the Lev Echad is issuing a challenge to the readers of the Lev Echad. For every submission received in the month of July (2009), the editor will contribute \$10 to the shul.

Submissions may be:

- original artwork
 - questions for the Rabbi
 - a write-up on why you love Tiferes Yisroel
 - nominations for Honorable Mention
 - a write-up on what you do for the shul
 - a write-up about something in the shul
- C'mon, spend my money.

The Lev Echad is also looking for sponsors to match funds with the editor. This is a great opportunity if you want to look like a big spender, but want to shell out less than \$50.

Email submissions only. Void where prohibited by law. Limit of five submissions per person.

Recycle

Are you familiar with the changes in the trash collection beginning on July 13? Trash will be collected once a week and limited to 96 gallons. **Recycling** will be collected once a week and will be **UNLIMITED**.

Since the shul generates a lot of trash, we

will all need to work hard to make sure we recycle as much as possible.

Perhaps you have noticed that the shul now has its own recycling container, the same yellow can that we all use in our homes. So if you have an event in the shul, please recycle as much as you possibly can.

What items can be recycled?

- Paper
 - Cardboard
 - Glass containers
 - Bottles
 - Aluminum pans and aluminum foil
 - Milk and juice cartons
 - Plastic containers with a triangle 1 through 7 on the bottom
 - Wide-mouth plastic containers and lids
- These items **MUST** be CLEAN.

CLEAN means you may have to wash out the container so that no food remains, even on aluminum foil and foil pans. Does that mean more work? It does. But we must recycle to reduce our trash down to the maximum allowed. So please help us out by recycling whatever you can from your shul event.

Half Way to Sinai

If you will be walking to Sinai Hospital or Levindale on Shabbos day (from Shavuot through Succos), please stop for a drink and to rest your feet on the porch at these locations: 3000 Glen Avenue (at the corner of Key) or 5932 Cross Country Boulevard (at the corner of Simmonds). For further information, please call 410-466-3132.

Yahrzeits

- Shalom Legaiel, Shalom ben Reb Shlomo a"h, 12 Tammuz, uncle of Sylvie Grossman a"h
- Frances Wittenberg Lehrman, Faige bas Nesanel Nachum a"h, 13 Tammuz, grandmother of Ellen Schwarz
- Stefan Kahane a"h, 15 Tammuz, uncle of Suzanne Kayne
- Sylvia Wise, Raizel bas David a"h, 17 Tammuz, mother of Shoshana Aaronson
- Rabbi Nandor Marton, HaRav Zaide Noach ben Rav Shmuel Yehuda a"h, 17 Tammuz, father of Esther Macklin
- Dr. Edgar Harold Lehrman, Ezra Hirsch ben Yaakov a"h, 17 Tammuz, father of Ellen Schwarz
- Feige Leah bas Reb Zev a"h, 18 Tammuz, grandmother of Chana Leah Kuritsky
- Gussie Kristall, Gussie bas Eliezer Binyamin a"h, 19 Tammuz, mother of Joan Kristall

In the Community

- Wednesday evenings from 8-9:30 pm. Relationships workshop with **Rebbitzin Bracha Goldberger**. BJSZ. WIT members: No charge. Non-members: \$10 per class. For more information contact WIT at

withbaltimore@verizon.net or 410-358-2545.

- **July 1:** Mrs. Rebecca Skaist will be speaking on the topic of "Friendship 101 as Learned Through Torah Sources." 10-11 am. She will be followed by Rabbi Raphael Davidovich who will deliver a shiur entitled "Aseres Hadibros as the Foundation for all Relationships," from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm. For more info please contact WIT at withbaltimore@verizon.net or 410-358-2545. BJSZ. WIT Members: No Charge. Non-Members: \$10 per class.
- **July 12:** Shalom USA celebrates ten years of great Jewish radio with a gala dinner. The event will feature a keynote address from veteran IDF officer and military intelligence expert, General Yaakov Amidror, and will honor Mike Lowenstein for his work on behalf of the former residents of Gush Katif. 5:30 pm, at Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah. \$54. Sponsorships are available. Reserve your spot by calling 410-764-7443, or emailing shalom@shalomusa-radio.com.

Boys Night Out

Youth Motivation for Education is planning some exciting nights out for boys during the summer. Activities will be two nights a week (nights will vary depending on activity) and will be supervised by an adult at all times. Activities will include: bowling, batting cages, Orioles games, go-karting, putt-putt golf, swimming, hiking, plus more great things as we think of them. For dates and costs of individual events, please call Rebecca Lencz at 410-358-7507 or email Marla Lewis at marla.g.lewis@verizon.net.

No Peanuts

The shul is peanut-free. Please do not bring in any peanuts or any products made with peanuts. This includes personal snacks (for children or adults) as well as any food for functions held in the shul, for example, Kiddush or Shalosh Seudos.

No Fragrances!

Costs of Sponsorships

- Batya Sklar Camp Shabbos**
Full sponsorship \$72 Co-sponsorship \$36
- Shemen Lmaor** \$36
- Lev Echad** \$36
- Father / Son Learning** (seasonal)
Full sponsorship \$72 Co-sponsorship \$36

To arrange your sponsorship, e-mail levechad@tiferesyisroel.org, call 410-764-1971 option 4, or go to www.tiferesyisroel.org and click donate.

Please send your donation to:
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For the following, contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943

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

TY Shiurim Schedule

Sunday:

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Brachos** shiur given by the Rabbi. פֶּרֶק ה', Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10:30-11:15 am: **Tehillim** gathering for cholim for women (upstairs Beis Medrash).

Monday:

- **Rambam** shiur on the laws of Shofar, Sukkos and Lulav, given by Jay Taffel, approximately 1 hour before the scheduled Mincha time.

Tuesday:

- **Gemara Chulin** on ta'aruvos, the mixing of non-kosher and kosher foods, given by Jay Taffel, approximately 1 hour before 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's **Mishna Berura** shiur each night after ma'ariv on the topic of hilchos Pesach. For men.
- 9:15 pm (S-Th). **Amud Yomi Gemara** shiur for men with Rabbi Porter and Rabbi Lowenbraun.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Morning Chabura: Learning, discussion and inspiration by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. Text: **Shabbos Malkisa**.
- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. Text: **Makkos**.
- 5:30 pm: Rebbetzin's class on **Tefillah**, for women. Ezras Nashim. Continuing with Ashrei.
- 6:30 pm: Rabbi Goldberger's weekly Shabbos shiur for men and women on the Ramchal's work **Derech Chachmah**.

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Good Shabbos!

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