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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:47 pm
Mincha: 7:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura: 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Class for women: 4:55 pm
Shiur for men and women: 5:55 pm
Mincha: 6:55 pm
Maariv: 9:05 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:15 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: 7:40 pm
Mishna B'rurah: after Maariv**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv: 7:40 pm
Mishna B'rurah: after Maariv**Next Shabbos – Parshas Shoftim**Candle Lighting: 7:37 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:30 pm**Please Daven**

Please include in your prayers a Refua Sheleima for Chaya Diamond (Chaya Bruria bat Meira Neomi), who is recovering from brain surgery with G-d's help.

Townhall Meeting

On Sunday night, August 30, from 8:30 to 9:45 pm, everyone is invited to an open shul meeting to share ideas about what you'd like to see going on in the shul for the coming year. These ideas can be educational, social, spiritual, etc. Give some thought to something exciting or interesting you'd like to see happen at the shul and share it with the kehilla.

This Shabbos

- 4:55 pm. Class for women, with Judy Schnidman. In-depth look at the prayer for candle lighting.
- 5:55 pm. Shiur for men and women.

**Mitzvah Opportunity –
Bikkur Cholim**

A few weeks ago, Klara Margaretten broke her ankle. She needs to be off her foot for about 6 weeks, or until the doctor says otherwise. B"H, she is doing OK, but could use some phone calls (410-764-3671) and some company, maybe even some driving help.

Amud Yomi

Don't forget about our Amud Yomi Gemara shiur for men, Sunday through Thursday at 9:15 pm. We study one side of a page of Gemara per night with selected Rashi and Tosfos. Switching off as teachers are Rabbi Porter and Rabbi Lowenbraun.

Even if you can't commit to joining us every night, come when you can. If you can't make it in person, or just want to catch up, there is an audio of the shiur on our Website, tiferesyisroel.org.

Yom Tov Sparkle – Date Change

The fourth annual TY Museum-Quality Silver Polishing Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 23.

Drop your silver off at the shul simcha hall between 10 and 11 am and come back the same day between 7 and 8 pm to pick it up. If you can't make it on Sunday, please contact Susan Vick for other arrangements.

Calling all silver kiddush cups, candle-

sticks, spice boxes and other precious objects for polishing in preparation for Yom Tov.

Polishing will be directed and supervised by Susan Vick, museum curator.

The cost will be determined by the condition of the object, and all proceeds go to the shul. In addition, a donation to the shul will be made by the Vick family for every object brought in to be cleaned.

This event is being held in honor of the first yahrzeit of Sarah Plovsky z"l, mother of Susan Vick.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Susan at susanj.vick@gmail.com or 410-358-6921.

**Shabbos Afternoon
Class for Women**

While the women's Tefillah class is on break, Judy Schnidman will be leading a three-session course on Understanding Prayer through Biblical Text. We will be learning inside the Chumash the sources for the words we recite when lighting Shabbos candles.

Find answers to questions like: Why do we pronounce HaShem's name differently than we spell it? How do we become holy by observing commandments? How does Shabbos become holy by our lighting candles?

This week's class will focus on the middle words of the blessing and explore the concepts of sanctification and commandment.

Mazel Tov to

- Pinny and Illana Goldfinger on the bris of their son, Alter Chanoch Henach. Mazel tov to the grandparents, Andy and Shana Goldfinger and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rice. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chupah ul' maasim tovim.
- Yaakov Goldberger for putting on Tefillin for the first time.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

The Jaffee family in honor of the Orman's aliyah.

Parsha Potpourri

by Oizer Alport

Lo sa'asun kein L'Hashem Elokeichem (12:4)

After instructing the Jewish people to break and smash the idolatrous temples and pillars which they will find in the land of Israel, the Torah warns against doing the same to Hashem. Rashi questions why a Jew would consider destroying the Temple. He explains that the Torah means to prohibit copying the immoral actions of the non-Jews which will cause the Beis HaMikdash to be destroyed.

Rashi also quotes the Gemora in Shabbos (120b), which derives from our verse that although it is forbidden to erase Hashem's name, it is Biblically permissible to cause it to be erased in an indirect manner. How can our verse, which the Gemora understands as prohibiting only direct action and permitting indirect causality, also be interpreted as forbidding actions which will only indirectly bring about the Temple's destruction?

Rav Aharon Kotler answers that the Medrash (Shir HaShirim Rabbah 3:6) refers to the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash as the grinding of already ground flour. In other words, although our enemies carried out the actual destruction of the Temple's physical edifice, in reality its spiritual beauty and splendor had already been removed due to the sinful paths the Jews followed. Had this not been the case, the non-Jewish army would have had no power over the place where Hashem's presence dwelled.

When Rashi interprets the verse as an admonition against following non-Jewish practices and causing the destruction of the Beis HaMikdash, he isn't referring to indirect causality, which is permitted according to the Gemora in Shabbos. Rather, just as the Gemora forbids directly erasing Hashem's name, Rashi is teaching us that our sins and immoral choices directly destroy Hashem's Temple!

Ki y'sis'cha ... leimor neil'cha v'naavda elohim acheirim ... lo so'veh lo v'lo sish'ma eilav v'lo ta'chos ein'cha alav v'lo sach'mol v'lo t'chaseh alav ... ki harog tahar'genu ... u'skalto ba'avanim va'meis ki bikeish l'hadich'cha me'al Hashem Elokecha (13:7-11)

The Torah is stricter regarding the treatment of the inciter than it is with the transgression of any other sin. The Torah specifically instructs us not to have any mercy on him and not to attempt to prove his innocence, concepts which aren't found by other suspected sinners.

The Alter of Kelm points out that this stringency is even greater when one considers that in reality, the inciter didn't accomplish anything. Although he attempted to convince another Jew to worship idolatry, he was unsuccessful. The other person turned him in and refused to listen to him. Even so, the

desire to sway another person from the Torah's path is so severe that it receives this stringent penalty.

Rashi writes (Shemos 20:5) that Hashem's reward for those who listen to His commandments is 500 times greater than the punishment meted out to sinners. Many times, a person who is engaged in kiruv rechokim – attempting to educate our not-yet-religious brethren – invests valuable time and energy trying to reach out to another person, only to find that his efforts are completely unsuccessful.

As frustrating as this experience must surely be, the Alter of Kelm offers inspiring words of comfort and consolation based on the aforementioned principles. If Hashem reserves His most severe and stringent punishments for one who merely tries to persuade another Jew to leave the Torah path, how much more must be the immense reward lying in store for a person who tries, even unsuccessfully, his utmost to draw our wayward brethren back to their Creator!

Aseir ta'aseir es kol t'vuas zar'echa (14:22)

The Torah commands us to tithe our crops. The Gemora in Taanis (9a) interprets our verse by playing on the similarity between the letters "shin" and "sin." It renders the words "aseir ta'aseir" in our verse as "aseir bishvil she'tisasher" – tithe and you will become rich. What source is there for the Gemora's teaching that tithing will make a person wealthy?

The Vilna Gaon notes that the Gemora (Bava Metzia 31a) understands doubled verbs as requiring a person to repeatedly do the action referred to as many as 100 times. In other words, he is not absolved from his obligation by performing it once. He must do the mitzvah as many times as is necessary.

In this light, our verse, with its doubled command to tithe, should be understood as requiring a person to tithe his money as many as 100 times. However, the Gemora in Kesuvos (50a) records that the Sages decreed that a person shouldn't give more than one-fifth of his money to charity. If so, the Gemora in Taanis questioned how a person could be permitted to tithe by giving one-tenth of his money even three times, as this would require him to give more than one-fifth of his assets to charity. To resolve this concern, the Gemora answered that the Torah guarantees that a person who does so will become rich and will have enough money to continue tithing – even 100 times – without ever falling below the threshold of having given one-fifth of his original possessions to charity!

Ki yih'yeh b'cha evyon me'echad achecha ... lo s'ameitz es l'vav'cha v'lo sikpotz es yad'cha me'achicha haevyon ki pasoach tiftach es yad'cha lo (15:7-8)

The Torah exhorts us to have compassion upon our poor brethren. The Gemora (Bava

Basra 10a) records that a wicked Roman nobleman named Turnus Rufus asked Rebbi Akiva, "If your G-d cares for poor people so much, why doesn't He provide for them?" Rebbi Akiva answered that Hashem allows them to remain poor to provide us the merit of giving them charity, which protects us from punishment.

The Alter of Kelm questions Rebbi Akiva's explanation. Although the mitzvah of giving tzedakah is certainly a great one, aren't there enough other commandments that we can do to save us from punishment? What is so unique and special about giving charity, and why must the poor suffer to enable us to specifically perform this mitzvah?

The Alter explains that the mitzvah of tzedakah serves an irreplaceable function. Although one fulfills the technical letter of the law by distributing charity to those in need, in order to perform this mitzvah at its highest level a person must do more than this. It isn't sufficient to give charity simply because Hashem commanded us to do so and we want to perform His will. A person dispersing tzedakah should feel the pain and plight of the poor beggar as if it were his very own. Just as a person who feels his own hunger naturally responds by feeding himself, so too should we strive to identify with the pauper's anguish to the point that we would be moved to assist him even if we weren't obligated to do so.

Rav Eliyahu Chaim Meisels, the Rav of Lodz in Poland, was renowned for his concern for the poor and downtrodden. On one fierce winter day, he knocked on the door of a wealthy, but stingy, man in his town to solicit a donation. After exchanging greetings, the man gestured that Rav Meisels should enter, but he remained outside and began his appeal. The rich man was puzzled by the Rav's behavior, but he attempted to listen out of respect. After a few minutes he grew so cold that he was unable to continue. He interrupted the Rav and begged him to come inside.

The sagacious Rav explained, "I am here to collect money for a family which can't even afford to build a fire on a day like today. If we enter your warm home, you won't be able to relate to their suffering. Only by discussing their plight here at your door are you able to understand the magnitude of their pain." Appreciating both the Rav's wisdom as well as the extent of the family's anguish, the miser gave a generous donation.

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Yom Tov Seating

The membership renewal, Yom Tov seating and Yom Tov childcare forms have been sent out. Please make every effort to pay for dues and seats and pay off outstanding balances to the shul before the new year so you can start it off right.

The dues structure is \$600 for families, \$400 for singles and \$300 for associates. High holiday seats are \$100 for members and \$175 for non-members. Children are \$60 and there is a family maximum of \$380.

You can mail a check to the shul at Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

Or you can pay online by visiting our Website and clicking donate.

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Nowhere else have I experienced the level of concentration on davening, the total immersion in prayer, the joy of attaching oneself to Hashem, by an entire kehilla together.

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Shabbos Focus at TY

In light of the important gathering and attention on Shabbos this past spring, we will have a "Focus on Shabbos" year at TY.

Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a shiur in hilchos Shabbos from the Shabbos book which we did about 15 years ago. (The book with the pictures.)

There will be hashkafa shiurim on Shabbos from sifrei chassidus and other sources during the year, and small chaburos (groups) to study and discuss Shabbos in halacha and machshava, will be encouraged.

At a time of heightened community awareness about Shabbos, it behooves us to do our share to enhance and improve our Shabbos.

We're also planning some more community Shabbos meals at shul. The one a few months ago generated a lot of spirit, interest, and involvement. We hope to have another Shabbos lunch together while the day is still long and then to plan a Friday night dinner at the shul in the fall. You'll be hearing from Reb Shlomo Goldberger soon with the plans.

Tehillim

The Tzemach Tzedek once said, "If you only knew the power that Tehillim has on High, you would never stop reading them."

Tehillim are traditionally recited for the healing of the sick and may also be said for singles or difficulty becoming pregnant or basically anything.

Each Sunday morning at 10:30, the Tiferes Yisroel Tehillim Group meets for 45 minutes in the upstairs Beis Midrash to recite Psalms.

There are prayers to say before and after the reading, and the reading is done silently in Hebrew or English, proceeding at your own pace.

There is a long list of sick people that we pray for. If you can't make it to the group and want to add a name to the cholim list, please contact Rebbetzin Bracha.

The Tehillim group will still be meeting while the Rebbetzin is away.

Coming Up

- **August 22:** Camp Shabbos
- **August 23:** Silver polishing 10 am-8 pm
- **August 30:** Unveiling in memory of our dear member, Harold W. Lipsitz, husband of Emily Lipsitz, 11:30 am, Beth Jacob Cemetery, Finksburg.
- **August 30:** Unveiling in memory of our dear member, Sylvie Grossman, wife of Moshe Grossman, 3 pm, Beth Tfiloh Cemetery, Windsor Mill Road.
- **August 30:** Town Hall Meeting with the Rabbi, 8:30 pm
- **September 26:** Bar mitzvah of Yaakov Goldberger.

TY Tydbits

by Anonymous

The "sun" room is that small seating area that extends out from the eastern wall of the shul in the men's section. Before the renovation, the entranceway to this room was mostly a solid, weight-bearing wall, with a doorway on the left, and one on the right. On the far wall was a fireplace. If I recall correctly, the room was a library or a den.

The men who sit there regularly can confirm that there are no air ducts in this room. It

relies on the air in the main shul to float its way in. Why are there no air ducts? Well, remember, there used to be a weight-bearing wall there. In order to support the upper floor, an enormous steel I-beam was inserted above where the wall and entrances used to be. This I-beam, and the fact that the ceiling is immediately under a flat roof, prevented air ducts from being installed.

You may ask, why wasn't the entire eastern wall of the shul extended so we could have one long, flush eastern wall? In a nutshell, the shul's request for a zoning variance to do so was denied. You see, structures have to be a certain distance from Pinkney Road. The old den was grandfathered in because it already existed at the time. But to extend the shul to be flush with it requires a variance.

Why was the variance denied? That answer is tangentially associated with the two cedar trees that used to be on either side of the front walkway. More on that some other time.

Have a Good Time, Wish You Were Here

The Rabbi and Rebbetzin are away for their summer breather and hope to be back around August 25, b'ezras Hashem.

Illana Goldfinger, Person of the Month

Illana Goldfinger just gave birth to a baby boy. Illana Goldfinger used to do the Lev Echad. Excellent reasons to be Person of the Month. But the real reason is she wanted the kehilla to know about the bris, and even though it was of the utmost importance, because it was past the Lev Echad deadline, she didn't even try to send it in.

It is that consideration for the editor of the Lev Echad (and that she can read) that makes her Person of the Month.

Mishnayos

Mishna and Neshama have the same letters and so are connected with each other. For this reason we study Mishnah in memory of the departed, as a source of merit for their souls.

The new Mishnayos List is up on the ledge next to the Ezras Nashim. Please sign up early and often in order that we continue our tradition of having a siyum in the memory of Max and Zachariah Komet and all of our brothers and sisters killed by terrorists in Eretz Yisroel.

The mishnayos will also be said for B. Stanley Resnick, Marla Joy Lerner, Eva Sak, Zohara "Jacqui" Zrihan, Yaakov Chaim Feinstein, Batya Sklar, Abraham Bailis, Gilbert Goodman, Rabbi Daniel Goldberger, Uncle Shimon Weinstock, and Hal Lipsitz.

See Moshe Cohen for more details.

Half Way to Sinai

If you will be walking to Sinai Hospital or Levindale on Shabbos day (from Shavuos 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.

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 Lasson, executive director at Joblink, elasson@joblinkemployment.com, 410-602-8700.

Healing Groups

If you have endured traumatic experiences growing up in a home with chronic discord, physical or mental illness, abuse or neglect – you are not alone.

Shofar Coalition is sponsoring weekly healing groups facilitated by experienced therapists in a private Pikesville location.

There are separate healing groups for Orthodox women and men.

To discuss participation and group fees, please call Joan Kristall, LCSW-C, 410-843-7576. All calls are completely confidential.

Cookbooks For Sale

Cookbooks put out by Sharfman's Seminary in Yerushalayim (Sharfman's Palette: 30 Years of Recipes from the Faculty) are now being sold to help raise money for Shana Bet. The cookbooks are \$54 each and will arrive in the United States between Rosh Hashana and Sukkos.

For more information or to order, please call Shira Beleck at 443-805-7876.

Shul Rentals

If you are planning on having an event that would require the use of the shul's simcha hall, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or eileen@tiferesysroel.org to reserve the use of the hall. There is no fee to reserve the date.

For availability, you can go to our Website www.tiferesysroel.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.

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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. **פרק 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**.
- On break: Rebbetzin's class on **Tefillah**, for women. Ezras Nashim. Ashrei.
- On break: Rabbi Goldberger's weekly Shabbos shiur for men and women on the Ramchal.

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