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Celebrating our 23rd year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:37 pm
Mincha: 7:30 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura: 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Class for women: 4:45 pm
Shiur for men and women: 5:45 pm
Mincha: 6:45 pm
Maariv: 8:55 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:06 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv: 7:30 pm
Mishna B'rurah: after Maariv**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv: 7:30 pm
Mishna B'rurah: after Maariv**Next Shabbos – Parshas Ki Setze**Candle Lighting: 7:27 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:30 pm**This Shabbos**

- Camp Shabbos
- 4:45 pm. Class for women, with Judy Schnidman. In-depth look at the prayer for candle lighting.
- 5:45 pm. Shiur for men and women given by Rabbi Yitzchok Lowenbraun.

Townhall Meeting

On Sunday, 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.

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.

This week's class will focus on the final words of the blessing. We will learn and compare Shemos 20:8-11, "Remember the Sabbath day" and Devarim 5:12-15, "Guard the Sabbath." We will also look at the use of the word "sanctify" in relationship to Shabbos.

This is the last class, so don't miss it. The Tefillah class will resume next week.

Yom Tov Sparkle – Sunday

The fourth annual Tiferes Yisroel 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, candlesticks, 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.

It's not too late to volunteer. Contact Susan at susanj.vick@gmail.com or 410-358-6921.

Yom Tov Seats

- High holiday seats are \$100 for members and \$175 for non-members. Children are \$60 and there is a family maximum of \$380.
- If you do nothing (except pay for seats) you'll keep the same seats you had last year.
- For a new seat, different seat or more seats, fill out the form and attach a note saying where you want to sit, or attend the seat exchange on August 30.
- Whether you keep your seats from last year or get new ones, everyone needs to fill out the form that was sent, and pay for their seats. Forms are available on the Website.
- Don't forget to send in your forms for Camp Yom Tov.

Tshuvah, Tefilla and Tzedaka

Please remember that the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund needs your support, especially with the Yomim Tovim approaching.

Rabbi Goldberger distributes money to people in Baltimore and elsewhere who are in need of help, especially at this time of year.

If you would like your donation to be used to assist the Chemo family in Yerushalayim, please indicate that on your check or online donation. Tshuvah, tefilla and tzedaka can change a hard judgement to a sweet one.

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.

This week's and last week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

The Jaffee family in honor of the Ormans' aliyah.

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

by Efraim Levine
(from hadrash.com)

Then the officers shall speak to the people saying, "Who is the man who has built a new house and has not inaugurated it? Let him go and return to his house lest he die in the war and another man will inaugurate it? And who is the man who has planted a vineyard and not rendered it profane? Let him go and return to his house lest he die in the war and another man will render it profane. And who is the man who has betrothed a woman and not married her? Let him go and return to his house lest he die in the war and another man will marry her" (Devarim 20:5-7).

In the Sefer Shai LaTorah, Rav Shimon Yosef Miller writes in the name of his father Rav Elimelech Miller the following observation: The Gemara (Sotah 2a) says that forty days before a child is formed a heavenly voice declares that the daughter of a specific person is destined to marry this person, a specific home is destined to become the property of this person and a specific field is destined to become the property of this person. It is noteworthy that these three items, wife, home and field are the same as those mentioned here with regard to the exemptions of war. Parenthetically, we must note that we are assuming that the "field" mentioned in the Gemara is a generic term that may refer to the "vineyard" mentioned in the posuk. What is the connection between the two?

Rav Miller explains that these three things define the essence of life. A person is not complete unless he has a wife, home and livelihood. It is for this reason they are mentioned both before the beginning of life and at critical danger periods of life.

It is noteworthy that the aforementioned Gemara is one of the sources for the concept of bashert. This term represents a religious belief that certain things are predestined in life as part of one's mazal. The concept of bashert dictates that a person will attain in the proper time that which is destined for him with little or no extra effort. This is especially true with regard to those three things mentioned in the Gemara, A wife, home and livelihood. The Gemara further teaches that a person may even receive more than what was meant for him through prayer. However, it is not clear if one's actions can cause one to be deprived of his bashert.

From our posuk we may derive that if one is not careful he may indeed lose that which is destined for him. As the army is about to depart to the battlefield the kohen announces that any man who has begun the process of marriage or who has begun the process of

building a house or has begun the process of planting a vineyard shall return home, for perhaps he will die in battle. Why must he be afraid? These three things are precisely those that were predestined and announced forty days before he was formed. The fact that it is bashert for him to attain these goals will guarantee that he return home safely from war. Nevertheless, the posuk does command that he return home immediately, if not, he may perish in battle and that which was bashert for him will go to someone else.

We thus derive that bashert represents a belief only that opportunities will arise in life for one to attain that which is destined for him. If a person follows his instincts and properly exercises his free will, he will succeed in attaining that which is destined for him. However, if one is not careful, acts with negligence and abuses his power of free will, then his opportunities may slip by and his bashert will go to someone else.

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Parsha Potpourri

by Oizer Alport

If a murdered body is found, the Torah requires the elders of the nearest city to perform a ritual known as eglah arufah (the axed heifer) in which they slaughter a heifer in a valley with an axe to atone for the innocent blood which was shed. Although we perform this mitzvah because the Torah commands us to do so, how does it help rectify the fact that an innocent Jew was murdered?

The Targum Yonason ben Uziel writes that after the elders properly perform this procedure, a large swarm of insects miraculously emerges from the belly button of the dead heifer and flies straight to the house of the murderer of the unidentified corpse, at which point the Sanhedrin is able to judge him for committing this atrocity. Rav Menachem Recanati suggests an interesting hint to this concept by noting that the last letters of the words in our verse spell the word rimah – insect.

Additionally, the Seichel Tov notes that ha'eglah (the cow) has the same numerical value as ha'toleiah ba – the bug will come. Nevertheless, it is difficult to understand how the Sanhedrin is permitted to punish someone based on the miraculous actions of the insects in the absence of the two required witnesses to the murder. However, this would be resolved according to the version of the Paneiach Raza, who writes that the bugs themselves attack the murderer and put him to death!

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Yahrzeits

Yaakov Puchtick, Yaakov ben Chaim Moshe a"h, 3 Elul, grandfather of Rabbi Shlomo Porter
William Roven, Velvel ben Eliezer a"h, 5 Elul, father of Dorothy Yaffe, grandfather of Alexander Yaffe
Samuel Rosenfeld, Shmuel ben Eliezer a"h, 6 Elul, grandfather of Meira Blaxberg
Frieda Rosenstock a"h, 7 Elul, grandmother of Louis Rosenstock

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.

Shemen Lamaor Sponsors

- Ari and Caryn Blum
- Elie and Esther Levi
- Edward Auerhan
- Jon and Ila Bierer in memory of Fred Bierer

Mazel Tov to

- Eliyahu Rottman and his parents and grandparents on his graduation from Yeshivas Ner Yisroel with a bachelor's degree in Talmudical Law. Tzeischem L'Shalom to Eliyahu on his year at the Mir in Yerushalayim.
- Betzalel and Esther Huff on the birth of a son. May they be zoche l'hachniso b'vrivo shel Avraham Avinu b'zeman u'l'gadlo l'torah l'chuppah u'l'ma'asim tovim.

Dues

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. 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, www.tiferesyisroel.org, and clicking donate.

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

Shabbos Focus at Tiferes Yisroel

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.

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Candyman

Why do you love Tiferes Yisroel? Let us know. Email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org.

Sponsor the Lev Echad

Do you look forward to Friday so you can read the new edition of the Lev Echad? When you come to shul do you pick up a copy before you start davening?

It's informative. It's convenient. It makes a good liner for a birdcage, or wrapping paper for a present.

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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.

Have a Good Time, Wish You Were Here

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

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.

Coming Up

- **August 23:** Silver polishing, 10 am-8 pm.
- **August 30:** Seat exchange, 9-10 am.
- **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 12:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Suzanne Kayne and sisters in honor of their mother's yahrzeit.
- **September 26:** Bar mitzvah of Yaakov Goldberger.

Mitzvah Cards

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 Lord."

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.

Tzedaka Boxes

What do you do when you want to give charity and your checkbook isn't handy? What do you do when you want to give charity and no one's around to give it to? Use the Tiferes Yisroel Tzedaka box. You can find them on the ledge by the Ezras Nashim. Take one.

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.

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.

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@tiferesyisroel.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.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.

No Fragrances!

Costs of Sponsorships

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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. 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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Good Shabbos!