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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**Candle Lighting: 4:41 pm  
Mincha: 4:45 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura: 8:00 am  
Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 4:15 pm  
Maariv: 6:00 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 6:12 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha / Maariv: 4:35 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Maariv (Mon.-Thurs.): 9:00 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas Chaye Sarah**Candle Lighting: 4:41 pm  
Friday Mincha: 4:35 pm**This Shabbos**

- Friday night Shabbos dinner with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin
- Saturday, 7:30 pm: Father / Son Learning

**Baruch Dayan HaEmes**

We are saddened to inform the Kehillah of the passing of Allan S. Novograd. We wish comfort to his wife Shirley and son Yaakov and his entire family.

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



The Kehilla wishes to express its condolences to the Weiss, Frenkel and Schabb families on the passing of Rabbi Chaim Weiss. Chaim was a frequent visitor to the shul, a close friend, confidant and counselor

to many; a learned man, a family man. May his neshama be bound up in bond of life.

**Camp Shabbos – Future Dates**November 14, 28  
December 5, 19  
January 2, 16, 30**Shabbos Afternoon Classes**

Starting this week, we will be focusing on the napping aspect of Shabbos. This means there will not be an afternoon class.

The Rabbi's Shabbos afternoon class is on hiatus, to be brought back when the days get longer.

If you would rather take a class on Shabbos afternoon than nap, please contact the Rabbi. If enough people are interested, he'll try to get someone to teach a class.

**Focus on Shabbos**

The shul's "Focus on Shabbos" program for this year begins Friday night, November 6, with the Shabbos Dinner with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin.

Rabbi Goldberger will be beginning the Hilchos Shabbos Shiur on Tuesday night, November 10, from 8 to 9 pm in the main shul. Men and women and teenagers are invited. We will be studying from "The Shabbos Book," by Rav Yechiel Michel Stern of Yerushalayim. To register, please contact Moshe Margolese at mo@tiferesyisroel.org or 443-621-1020. Let Moshe know if you want to order a book. The shul is subsidizing them, and they will be \$16.50 per book.

The Rabbi will also be giving a once-a-month, Wednesday night, hashkafa class on Shabbos, dates to be announced. The shiur is for men, women and teens.

**Online Shiurim**

All of Rabbi Goldberger's online shiurim (going back to 2003!), which were previously available only in RealAudio format, are now on our Website in MP3 format.

Now you have a choice of listening on your computer or downloading to your iPod, phone or MP3 player to listen wherever you go.

Special thanks to Rabbi Sanford Shudnow who took the initiative of converting all the audio files.

**Mazel Tov to**

- Betzalel and Nomi (Kaner) Sandman on the birth of a son early Thursday morning, and Mazel Tov to Saba Yosef and Safta Yael Kaner.

**Maariv Minyan**

For the winter months, our daily evening minyan is now maariv-only. Davening is at 9 pm, Monday through Thursday nights.

We will maintain the mincha / maariv minyan on Sunday only.

**Sold Out!!****Dine with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin**

Our Friday night, November 6 dinner with the Rabbi and Rebbetzin has been sold out! Thank you to everyone who registered.

For those who were unable to attend this dinner we look forward to future meals together with you.

Our shul meals, reasonably priced at \$18 per person with a family max of \$50.

**Sold Out!!**

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**Parsha Potpourri – Selections**

by Oizer Alport

Rashi writes that the section recounting Sorah's conception of Yitzchok is juxtaposed to Avrohom's prayers that Avimelech's wife and maids be able to conceive (20:17-18) to teach that if one prays on behalf of another person when he himself needs that same thing, he will be answered first. A man once approached Rav Yitzchok Zilberstein with a fascinating question.

It is traditionally understood that this procedure works as a reward for the selflessness demonstrated by somebody who desperately needs something himself, yet he is able to magnanimously overlook his own personal needs in order to pray for another person in need of that very same thing. The man questioned whether a person who needs something and knows of another person who needs the same thing and prays for that person only out of a hope that doing so will cause him to be answered, will this technique still be effective, or must the prayers for the other be genuine and heartfelt in order for this method to work?

Rav Zilberstein replied by quoting the Maharal's explanation of this concept. The Maharal writes that Hashem is the source of all blessings which come to the world. However, in order for His blessings to descend upon a person, there must be a conduit which connects that person to the Heavenly source of goodness and thereby facilitates the transfer. One such possible channel is prayer. When we pray to Hashem, we connect ourself to Him and allow Him to bestow His bounty upon us. When one prays on behalf of another and his prayers are answered, he becomes the channel which links his friend to the Divine source of blessing.

When a person uses a hose to water his lawn, the hose – which serves as the conduit for the transfer of water – becomes wet even before the grass does. Similarly, one who merits to serve as the medium by which Hashem bestows His kindness upon another, becomes “wet” with the goodness even before it reaches its ultimate target. Therefore, although it may be contrary to conventional wisdom, the power of prayer is so great that one who prays for his friend – even for ulterior motives – will still merit to be answered first!

**VILNA GAON CHIDDISH ON SHABBOS WORK**

In the list of people who are prohibited from working on Shabbos, the Vilna Gaon notes that every one begins with a connecting “vov” – “and” – except for the servant. He therefore suggests a brilliant and original way of re-reading the verses based on a Gemora in Berachos (35b). The Gemora states that when

a Jew is doing Hashem's will, then he will merit that his work will be done for him by others, but when he is transgressing Hashem's will, then he will have to do his own work.

We can therefore interpret as follows: somebody who only remembers Shabbos in his mind (zachor es yom haShabbos l'kadsho) but doesn't keep it in action will therefore have to work hard, as it says sheishes yamim ta'avod v'asisa kol melachtecha – six days he will have to work and do all of his labor. On the other hand, if he doesn't merely think about Shabbos but actually keeps it and makes it Holy in accordance with its laws (v'yom hashevi'I Shabbos l'Hashem Elokecha), then he and his family members won't have to work even during the week – lo sa'aseh kol melacha atah u'vincha u'vitecha. If so, one may ask, how will he possibly live and who will take care of him if he and his family never do any work?

To that the Torah answers that there will be others, such as servants and foreigners, to do his work for him, with the connecting “vov” left out to indicate that this is indeed a new list and a separate category – avd'cha v'amascha uv'hemt'cha v'ger'cha asher bish'arecha! “Zachor es yom haShabbos l'kadsho sheishes yamim ta'avod v'asisa kol melachtecha v'yom hashevi'I Shabbos l'Hashem Elokecha lo sa'aseh kol melacha atah u'vincha u'vitecha avd'cha v'amascha uv'hemt'cha v'ger'cha asher bish'arecha (20:8-10)”

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**Midei Shabbos Beshabbato – Selections**

by HaRav Eliezer Chrysler  
(formerly Rav of Mercaz Ahavat Torah,  
Johannesburg)

**ALL ABOUT THE AKEIDAH**

(Adapted from the Oznayim la'Torah)

**WHAT WAS YISHMAEL DOING THERE**

*“And he took his two servants with him” (22:3).*

His two servants were none other than Yishmael and Eliezer, says Rashi.

Yishmael?, asks the Oznayim la'Torah. But Yishmael was in the desert, where he resided since being expelled from his parental home earlier in the Parshah. Nor can we switch the order of the two Parshiyos, based on the principle that the Torah does not always follow the chronological order. Why not? Because Sarah, who was instrumental in Yishmael's expulsion, died immediately after the Akeidah.

Perhaps, the Oznayim la'Torah suggests, Avraham brought Yishmael back, to take him as one of the two servants that every

important person takes with him on a long journey.

This answer however, appears strange. Was there nobody else who could accompany Avraham other than Eliezer and Yishmael? What was wrong, for example, with his good friends Oner, Eshkol and Mamrei?

I seem to recall however, that, based on the Medrash that we once cited, where following a visit from Avraham, Yishmael took his father's advice and divorced his inhospitable wife and married a kind-hearted woman who treated guests in a way that met with Avraham's approval, the commentaries explain that Avraham recalled Yishmael – before the Akeidah took place.

**ON THE WAY BACK**

The Oznayim la'Torah also comments that the second servant was only necessary for the return journey, seeing as, on the way to the Akeidah, Avraham had Eliezer and Yitzchak, and it was only after Yitzchak had been Shechted at the Akeidah, that a second servant would be needed.

Yitzchak, points out the Oznayim la'Torah, was not Shechted, yet Avraham's efforts to obtain a second servant were not in vain, for the Pasuk concludes that Avraham returned to Be'er Sheva with his two servants – Yitzchak is not mentioned. As the Medrash informs us, angels whisked him away to learn Torah in the Yeshivah of Shem and Eiver.

**THE THREE ANGELS**

The three angels, say Chazal, were Micha'el, Refa'el and Gavriel. Micha'el came to give Sarah the news that she was destined to give birth to a baby, Refa'el came to heal Avraham from the sores of the B'ris Milah that he had just undergone, whereas Gavriel came to overturn S'dom. According to Rashi, the three angels represented Chesed, Rachamim, and Din respectively, and Refael went from there to save Lot (another act of Rachamim).

Rabeinu Bachye however, maintains that Refael's exclusive task was to heal, and it was therefore Micha'el who went on to save Lot. As for one angel not performing two missions simultaneously, he explains, that is only if the two missions are diametrically opposed (e.g., if one is Din and the other, Rachamim), but there is no problem if the two missions comprise Chesed and Rachamim, which are complementary.

R. Bachye also points out that the three angels represent three of the four camps that surround G-d's Throne. The fourth angel (Uriel) he explains, had already appeared to him at the B'ris bein ha'Besarim.

**RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

*“Perhaps there are fifty Tzadikim in the midst of the city” (18:24).*

There are two kinds of goodness, says the Meshech Chochmah, one intrinsic, the other relative. When Avraham suggested that perhaps there were fifty Tzadikim in the midst of the city, he meant that perhaps, compared to the other residents, they were Tzadikim, but not for one moment did he think that there were fifty real Tzadikim in S'dom (much in the same way as one opinion explains the Tzidkus of No'ach "in his generations").

#### TZADIKIM OF A KIND

*"Come, let us satiate our father with wine" (19:32).*

The Torah deliberately tells us this immediately after the downfall of S'dom, says the Chasam Sofer, to give us an idea of the depraved character of the people of S'dom, if, by comparison, Lot and his daughters were considered Tzadikim.

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## Focus on Shabbos

### Shabbos Candles

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Zacharnu es ha'daga asher no'chal  
b'mitzrayim chinam (11:5)

On our verse, which relates that the complainers lamented their recollection of the fish they used to eat in Egypt, the Medrash Pliah cryptically remarks mi'kan she'madlikin neiros b'Shabbos – from our verse we may derive that one is obligated to light candles on Shabbos, a mitzvah which has no apparent connection to our verse whatsoever.

The Chida explains the Medrash Pliah by noting that we must first understand what they were complaining about, as we are told that one was able to make the Mon taste like anything he so desired simply through his thoughts. If so, why were they complaining about the fish they used to eat in Egypt when they were perfectly capable of causing the Mon to take on that taste with no effort whatsoever?

Rather, the Gemora in Yoma (74b) states that although one was able to make the Mon taste like anything he desired, it nevertheless retained the standard appearance of the Mon. Even though they were able to make the Mon taste like fish, they lacked the enjoyment and satiety which comes from seeing the food which they wished to taste. The Gemora there even notes that a blind person won't enjoy or become as full from a meal as a person with normal vision who consumes the same food.

Based on this complaint, the Medrash Pliah questioned how a person will be able to avoid the same dilemma on Shabbos, as he won't be able to enjoy and appreciate the Shabbos delicacies if he is forced to eat them in

darkness, and it therefore concluded that from our verse we may derive that one is obligated to light candles on Shabbos!

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If you are interested or know of someone who is, and would like to help a frum child, please contact Yisroel Bluman at (443) 310-5445.

### Calendar

- **November 7:** Winter lecture series on modern Jewish history by Rabbi Dovid Katz. Motzei Shabbos, 8:30 pm. Hertzberg's. For more information go to [www.hertzbergs.org](http://www.hertzbergs.org).
- **November 7:** International Tongue Twister Day. Six streimels sitting on six shtenders.
- **November 7:** Weekly gathering studying the Garden of Emunah. Perlman home, 3501 Pinkney Rd. Motzei Shabbos. 8 pm for women and girls, 9 pm for men. Copies

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- **November 8:** YCC-TA APA presents Uncle Moishy. Goucher Kraushaar Auditorium. 2:30 pm. General admission \$18 per ticket. Sponsorship for \$136 includes four tickets. Patron donor is available for \$220 for six tickets. Please contact Mrs. Chaya Miriam Muller for tickets at 410-653-9580. Tickets are selling fast, so make your reservations today!
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It actually takes a lot of time to put the Lev Echad together. The closer it gets to deadline, the easier it is to make errors. The editor HATES errors.

So if you want something in the Lev, please notify the Lev.

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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, ellasson@joblinkemployment.com, 410-602-8700.

**Jewish Community Services Launches iflknew.org**

Are you seeing mysterious signs and little cards with the message iflknew.org around town? Jewish Community Services' Prevention Education has launched "If I Knew Then What I Know Now," a new outreach and public awareness campaign. In four short, powerful videos, local families and friends speak candidly about how alcohol, other drugs and risky behaviors have impacted their lives and the lives of those they love – often with tragic consequences. The videos can be viewed at www.iflknew.org. For more information, please call 410-466-9200.

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**Sunday:**

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Brachos** shiur given by the Rabbi. פּרָק ה', Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10-10:45 am: **Tehillim** gathering for cholim for women (Ezras Nashim).

**Monday:**

- 6:30-7:30 pm: **Rambam** Mishnah Torah laws about shekalim and annual donation for the Beis HaMikdash operations, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.

**Tuesday:**

- 6:10-7:10 pm: **Gemara Chulin**, chapters 7 and 8, the basis for the many laws of kashrus, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- 8 to 9 pm. Rabbi Goldberger. **Hilchos Shabbos.**

**Daily Shiurim (M-F):**

- 6-6:25 am: Chabura learning **Rashi** on the weekly parsha given by Nisan Blaxberg. All men and (older) boys are invited to attend.
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- 9:15-9:35 pm. Rabbi Goldberger. Tur with selected Bais Yoseph on **Hilchos Chanukah**. Advanced. For men.

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**Shabbos:**

- 8-8:30 am: Morning Chabura: Learning, discussion and inspiration by Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf. **Shabbos Malkisa.**
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