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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:41 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm**Shabbos Day**Mishna Chabura: 8:00 am
Shacharis: 8:30 am
Shiur: 6:05 pm
Mincha: 7:05 pm
Maariv: 9:00 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:11 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:50 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:50 pm**Next Shabbos – Parshas B'har-Bechukosai**Candle Lighting: 7:47 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm**Attention Shul Members**

We are at the time of year when we urgently need those members with outstanding financial obligations to fulfill their commitments to the shul. If everyone meets the commitments they made since last summer, the shul can meet our expenses for the year.

Invoices will be sent via email shortly. Please help keep our shul strong by paying your commitment promptly.

Mazel Tov to

- Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger and Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick on the birth of a granddaughter, Rus Malkah, to Yehuda Leib and Miriam Goldberger. May they be zoche l'gadla l'torah l'chuppah u'l'ma'asim tovim!

This Shabbos/Motzei Shabbos

- Camp Shabbos
- 6:05 Shiur with Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin
- 9:30 Lag B'Omer bonfire



Please Note: The Rabbi and Rebbetzin are in Toronto for Shabbos for the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, and will be returning Sunday night.

TY FAQ

Q: I want to sponsor a Shalosh Seudos. What do I do?

A: First check with Eileen Rosenbaum to make sure the date is ok. Then call Hinda Blum, and she'll walk you through the rest.

Do you have a question about the shul or the Lev? Email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org and we'll do our best to answer it.

Chumash Rashi Revealed

The Chumash Rashi Revealed shiur for women is given by Rabbi Elie Cohen on Monday evenings from 8 to 9 pm. This class is a continuation of the shiur that began before Pesach.

Welcome Wagon

We are creating a committee to welcome new members. If you're interested in being part of the committee or would like to share your ideas, please contact Scott Parsowith at 410-358-7789.

Shemen Lamaor Sponsors

- Ari and Caryn Blum
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg
- In memory of Pauline Rednor, Perel bas Shmuel Tzvi, grandmother of Eileen Rosenbaum

Donation

- In honor of the Rabbi and Rebbetzin, Howard and Dvora Sora Reznick and Yehuda Leib and Miriam Goldberger in honor of the birth of their granddaughter/daughter, by Ari and Caryn Blum

Lag B'Omer Bonfire

Our annual Lag B'Omer bonfire will be held this motzei Shabbos beginning at 9:30. Please come to participate and for the divrei torah.

Shabbos Afternoon Shiur

This week's Shabbos afternoon shiur will be given by Rabbi Shlomo Slatkin.

The shiur starts one hour before Mincha at 6:05.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Jerry and Eileen Rosenbaum in honor of the yahrzeit of Jerry's father, Melech ben Avraham, and in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter Tamar Rosenbaum.

Joan Kristall and Avrum Weiss, with loving and sweet memories of their beloved parents, Bernard (Binyomin ben Shmuel) and Gussie (Gussie bas Eliezar Binyomin) Kristall; and Emanuel (Menachem Mendel ben Yaakov) and Belle (Ghita Bayla bas Avraham Nissan) Weiss.

Mark Hart, in gratitude to Hashem for enabling him to reach his 50th birthday, Pesach Sheni, April 28, 2010.

Emor: Kohanim and the Illusion of Death

“God told Moses, ‘Speak to the kohanim, the descendants of Aaron. Let no [kohen] defile himself [by contact] with a dead soul among his people.’” (Lev. 21:1)

Why are kohanim not allowed to come in contact with a dead body? Why does the Torah refer to the dead person as a “dead soul”? After all, it is the body that dies, not the soul!

THE PARABLE OF TWIN BROTHERS

In his book on mourning practices, Geshar Hachaim, Rabbi Tukachinsky used the following parable to explain the Jewish view on life after death:

Twin brothers, fetuses in their mother’s womb, enjoyed a carefree life. Their world was dark and warm and protected. These twins were alike in all aspects but one. One brother was a “believer”: he believed in an afterlife, in a future reality much different from their current, miniature universe.

The second brother, however, was a skeptic. All he knew was the familiar world of the womb. Anything besides what he could feel and sense was only an illusion. The skeptic tried to talk some sense into his brother. He warned him to be realistic, but to no avail. His naive brother insisted on believing in an extraordinary world that exists after life in the womb, a world so immense and fantastic that it transcends their wildest dreams.

The months passed, and the fatal moment arrived. Labor began. The fetuses became aware of tremendous contractions and shifting in their little world. The freethinker recognized that “this is it.” His short but pleasant life was about to end. He felt the forces pressuring him to go down, but fought against them. He knew that outside the womb, a cruel death awaited, with no protective sack and no umbilical cord. Suddenly, he realized that his naive brother was giving in to the forces around them. His brother was sinking lower!

“Don’t give up!” he cried, but his twin took no heed. “Where are you, my dear brother?” He shuddered as he heard the screams from outside the womb. His poor brother had met his cruel fate. How naive he had been, with his foolish belief in a bigger, better world!

Then the skeptic felt the uterine muscles pushing him out, against his will, into the abyss. He screamed out ...

“Mazal Tov!” called out the doctor. “Two healthy baby boys!”

THE ILLUSION OF DEATH

Rav Kook wrote:

“Death is a false illusion; its defilement is due to its deceptive nature. What people call ‘death’ is in fact the intensification of life. Because man wallows in pettiness, he pictures

this increase of life in a pained, black fashion, which he calls ‘death.’”

The kohanim in their holiness are able to rise above this falsehood. Yet, falsehood and deception rule over the world. In order to overcome the illusion of death, the kohanim must limit their exposure to death. They need to protect themselves from those images that impress the soul with deceiving messages.

The word “soul” in the verse does not refer to the soul of the dead person. It refers to the soul of the kohen. This is how the verse should be understood: “For the sake of the soul, the kohen shall not defile himself among his people” – for the sake of the kohen’s soul, he must distance and protect himself from death and its illusions.

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Rabbi Chanan Morrison, of Mitzpeh Yericho, runs <http://ravkookTorah.org>, a website dedicated to presenting the Torah commentary of Rabbi Avraham Yitzchak HaCohen Kook, first Chief Rabbi of Eretz Yisrael, to the English-speaking community. He is also the author of *Gold from the Land of Israel* (Urim Publications, 2006 <http://ravkooktorah.org/book-gold.htm>).

Focus on Shabbos

Between the Fish and the Soup

by Jacob Solomon

Vayakhel-Pekudei

The opening main theme is the private donations of materials for the Tabernacle, and its construction. It opens with an appeal to the Israelites to supply resources from their valuables. But Moses does not immediately launch into the “business of the day.”

Instead: Moses assembled the Congregation of Israel and said “This is what G-d has commanded. Six days shall you work. On the seventh day, it shall be a Sabbath to G-d.” (35:1-2)

Following that, Moses appended:

You may not light a fire on the Sabbath Day. (35:3)

Only after that, does Moses involve the Israelites in the details of the main theme of the Parasha:

Let every generous person bring a donation – gold, silver, and copper. (35:4)

At a special assembly (vayakhel), Moses opens the request for supplies with something that would not be expected at a fund-raising session – a directive on the subject of Shabbat. Nothing to do with donations. Moses then adds the prohibition of only one specific activity on Shabbat – namely kindling a fire. Only after that does he go into the details of supplying materials for the construction of the Tabernacle.

What is the reason for this order? Where does the prohibition of lighting a fire on Shabbat fit in? (Apart from the Halachic derivations outside the scope of this D’var Torah).

One key to understanding the connection is that contributions in the main were entirely

voluntary. That means that they were given with goodwill.

People on the whole do business with those they like. They prefer to buy a sandwich at a distant, more expensive retailer who makes them feel welcome, than from the glum “regulated” salesperson “around the corner” who “makes change” on “automatic pilot.” They also prefer to do business with those they feel go out of their way to serve the needs of the customer, and for that matter, those with whom they can identify with.

This was Moses’ approach. “Moses assembled” – on his own initiative, without G-d’s specific instructions. He opened – on his own initiative – with the Sabbath. For the Sabbath is a way of life that unifies the Israelites as one Chosen nation – implying (in a different context) “For all congregation is holy, and G-d is amongst them.” Indeed, the Almighty sets the Sabbath at the very foundation of the Creation, which He shares with His People: “It is a sign between Me and the Israelites – that G-d created the Heavens and Earth in six days, and He rested on the seventh.”

The Sabbath is thus the emphasized common ground. Moses observed the Sabbath. The people observed the Sabbath. And the building of the Tabernacle also “observed the Sabbath” as construction was to cease on that day. So Moses reinforced the Sabbath in communicating that the people were at one with him, and at one with G-d. They were “at one” with observing Shabbat, as extra work was to be done on the day before Shabbat to make the Shabbat possible; because of the prohibition of fire-making and thus the need to prepare food beforehand. No one was excluded – neither Moses, neither the Israelites, neither the act of constructing the Tabernacle. Therefore the enthusiasm in contributing to the Tabernacle was a product, and logical extension of the common ground illustrated and reinforced by Sabbath observance. It would activate the notion that “I shall live amongst the Israelites and be to them as a G-d.”

So the Sabbath was a subtle means of bringing the best out of people’s goodwill – the quality needed not only to elicit donations, but to make people feel good about giving.

In contrast, Solomon did not involve the people through their goodwill, but used professional artisans and taxes. He only “assembled” the Israelites when the Temple was completed (Kings I 8:1-2) – at their expense, but without their direct involvement. It proved itself dispensable a generation later when the Northern Kingdom preferred to make their own spiritual arrangements at Beth El and Dan ...

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Parsha Potpourri – Selections

by Oizer Alport

Lag B'Omer

One of the reasons given for the happiness associated with Lag B'Omer is that on this day, the students of Rabbi Akiva, who had died en masse every day since Pesach, stopped dying. As there are no coincidences in Judaism, why did they specifically stop dying at this time?

The seven weeks between Pesach and Shavuos represents a period in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai on Shavuos. The leaders of the Mussar movement point out that the Mishnah in Avos (6:6) teaches that there are 48 traits by which the Torah is acquired. Since there are 49 days during which we prepare to reaccept the Torah, they maintained that it would be appropriate to use this time to develop within ourselves the qualities and attributes which are necessary to accept and acquire the Torah on Shavuos. Therefore, on each day of this period, they worked on understanding and instilling within themselves one of these qualities. Since there were only 48 traits, they used the last day for a general overview of all of them.

The Lekach Tov suggests that if the founders of the Mussar movement engaged in this commendable practice, certainly the lofty Sages of the Gemora did so as well. The 32nd trait by which the Torah is acquired is "ohev es ha'briyos" – love of one's fellow man. The Gemora teaches (Yevamos 62b) that the reason for the death of Rabbi Akiva's disciples was that they didn't feel and display appropriate respect toward one another. Once they had worked on the trait of loving one another on the 32nd day, they rectified the cause of this tragedy, and indeed on the following day the students stopped dying!

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Tur Bais Yoseph

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Yahrzeits

Giving tzedakah in the name of the departed has the power to elevate their soul. When you give charity on behalf of your loved one, consider giving to Tiferes Yisroel.

And may the soul of your loved one be bound in the bond of life, together with the souls of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in the Garden of Eden.

Esther Sklar, Chaya Esther bas Shlomo Eliahu a"h, 19 Iyar, grandmother of Hinda Blum

Albert Cohen a"h, 20 Iyar, uncle of Karen Beleck

David Weiner, Dovid ben Baruch a"h, 24 Iyar, cousin of Elka Rottman

Coming Up

- **May 8:** Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a drasha on Yerushalayim, Irh HaKodesh. Elie Wiesel recently took out a full page ad in several newspapers to express the meaning of Yerushalayim and its centrality to the Jewish people. Rabbi Goldberger will be commenting on and quoting from this beautiful essay as well.
- **May 8:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Emunah Friedman in honor of the yearzeit of her sister.
- **May 15:** Camp Shabbos
- **May 29:** Camp Shabbos
- **May 29:** Shalosh Seudos sponsored by Elie Weiner and his new kallah on the occasion of their marriage.

Calendar

- **May 1:** Music and the Message of Brotherhood. A first-ever "achdus" event to benefit JobKatif. Musicians and community Rabbis in an evening of song and story-telling, directed by "Diaspora's" Avraham Rosenblum. Shomrei Emunah, 9:45 pm. Adults – \$18, Children – \$10. All proceeds matched by Israeli Government. For information contact jobkatifconcert@gmail.com or call 410-358-0671, option 2.
- **May 3:** Kalever Rebbe Shlita. GW Hillel 9:30 am-1:30 pm; Silver Spring Jewish Center 5-10 pm.
- **May 4:** Kalever Rebbe Shlita. MD Hillel 11 am-6:30 pm; Woodside Synagogue 7-10 pm.
- **May 8:** No Socks Day.
- **May 8:** Singles (ages 20-35) luncheon with Rabbi Silber and his family following Musaf. RSVPs for lunch can be made at:

www.facebook.com, Young Professionals at SOTC or to caryn.andrews@verizon.net. Suburban Orthodox. \$10.

- **May 9:** N'shei Agudath Israel and Sinai Hospital present the Annual Women's Health Symposium, "The Healthy Body Initiative," Sinai Hosp. Zamoiski Aud. \$18 before May 1. Contact Miriam Sperling 410-578-8889 mrisper@aol.com. 9 am-2:30 pm.
- **May 10:** CHAI is sponsoring its 12th annual "Buying into Baltimore Open House Tour." Participants will receive a voucher for \$3,000 settlement assistance from Baltimore City – which can be used if they purchase a home in the western region of Baltimore City within 90 days of the event. Additional restrictions apply. Call CHAI to pre-register and for additional information: 410-466-1990 ext. 0. Walk-ins are welcome. 5-8 pm at the Park Heights JCC.
- **May 10:** Parenting workshop based on the book "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk," a 6-week series starting Monday, May 10 at 8 pm at the Weingot home, 6205 Pearce Ave. For additional details call Sara at 410-585-0341.
- **May 16:** ECORIDE bike ride. Pearlstone Conference and Retreat Center fundraiser. ECOFAIR following ECORIDE. \$8 per adult to cover food. Vendors, farm tours, music and dancing, activities for kids (moon bounce, bike ride, etc.) and a celebration for the returning riders. www.ecobikeride.org.

Derech Hashem Shiur

Rabbi Goldberger gives a Ramchal shiur on Derech Hashem for high school girls every Sunday night in the main shul from 6:45 until 7:30 pm.

The Ramchal sets forth the fundamental principles of Judaism and Torah. This shiur is interactive and promotes questions and comments from the students.

Please note: There will be no class this week.

Step Into a Pre-Copernican World

The Monday night Rambam shiur has started Hilchos Kiddush HaChodesh. These laws deal with how we establish our calendar and sync the solar and lunar cycles.

The Jewish calendar is recognized as "wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the nations." It is a marvel of the Jewish people.

Rambam goes through all the calculations and considerations of our calendar, with the Earth at the center of creation, instead of being a small rock around a medium-small star at the edge of a galaxy in an inconceivably large universe of creation. A very different mindset from what we are used to.

Join us on Monday nights one hour before Mincha in the upstairs Beis Midrash.

Shabbos Chefs

The Lev Echad has started to focus its **Focus on Shabbos** section on one of the most important and pleasurable aspects of Shabbos – food. To continue this focus, we need your help.

Do you have a signature dish? Something your family looks forward to all week? Something your guests always compliment you on?

Something that's gone 3 minutes after you place the plate down?

Share it with the Lev and its many readers. Email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Chaya Diamond, Chaya Bruria bas Meira Naomi
- Mark Korn, Menachem Eliyad ben Tziporrah

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, Yehuda Bennett, at 443-827-8420 or Elly Lasson, executive director at Joblink, elasson@joblinkemployment.com, 410-602-8700.

Check out the Columbia Workforce Center's schedule of events which include workshops on the Federal job search process, resume writing and interview techniques. For additional information, visit www.dllr.state.md.us/poac.



Mitzvah Cards. For \$18 you get four cards that you can mail out yourself. For \$10, we will send the card out for you, and your donation will be announced in the Lev Echad.

Contact Glenna Ross at 410-358-1687 or e-mail glenna@tiferesyisroel.org.



Shul Rentals. To reserve the use of the shul's simcha hall, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or eileen@tiferesyisroel.org. 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.



No Peanuts! The shul is peanut-free. In consideration of our members with peanut allergies, please refrain from bringing peanut products into the shul.



Sponsorships. 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 Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

To sponsor Shemen Lamaor, the Lev Echad or Father/Son Learning, or to co-sponsor Batya Sklar Camp Shabbos, the donation is \$36. A full sponsorship for Camp Shabbos is \$72.

For the following, please 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.
- 10-10:45 am: **Tehillim** gathering for cholim for women (Ezras Nashim).
- 6:45-7:30 pm: **Derech Hashem** shiur for high school girls given by Rabbi Goldberger. Main shul. No class this week.

Monday:

- One hour before Mincha: **Hilchos Kiddush HaChodesh** on the calendar and solar and lunar cycles, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- 8 to 9 pm: **Chumash Rashi Revealed** shiur for women given by Rabbi Elie Cohen.

Tuesday:

- One hour before Mincha. **Gemara Chulin**, chapters 7 and 8, the basis for the many laws of kashrus, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- One hour before Mincha. Rabbi Goldberger. **Hilchos Shabbos**. For men, women and teens. Will resume in a few more weeks when the time for Mincha/Maariv is a little later in the day.

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.
- Every morning following davening – a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom**. With *fresh hot coffee!*
- Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights from 9:30 to 10. Rabbi Porter. Mishnayos shiur for men beginning with **Bava Metzia**.
- Immediately after Maariv, M-Th. Tur Bais Yoseph **Hilchos Sefiras HaOmer**. Rabbi Goldberger. Advanced. For men.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Morning Chabura: Learning, discussion and inspiration by Rabbi Apisdorf. **Shabbos Malkisa**.
- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin**.
- One hour before Mincha: **Nesivos Shalom**, topics on Shabbos from Chelek Bais. Rabbi Goldberger.

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