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**FREILICH'ING SCHEDULE**

**Ma'ariv:** well, could be by 7:47 but you won't see this until you're already here for Mincha, so why list it? Man, oh man!!

**Megillah:** Right after Ma'ariv. Duuhhh. Then break-the-fast, then the Shpiel. Where have you been all your life?

**Shacharis:** Well, we'll try 8:00 if the Shpiel ends on time; Megilla after that (double duh). Megilla again at 11:00 if you sleep in (oy!).

**Mincha:** We're at 2:00, and the earliest zman is 1:47, so you'd might as well come here. Besides, you wouldn't daven across the street in your Rastafarian costume. (Right?)

**Ma'ariv:** never used to have it here, but now that we're a low-l' chain shul we may have enough sober guys. Stay tuned.

**THIS PURIM**

⇒ R' Glen Fiddichsohn: Will give a pre-Purim shiur on drinking *l'chumra*, including suggestions for avoiding the naps, wine, and other so-called customs that distract us from the *ikkar* of making fools of ourselves.

⇒ Lenny Ross will speak on *Change You Can Believe Echad In*, or When to Turn in Your TY Pushkas.

⇒ Beer Tefila Shiur will take place after Ma'ariv. Bring sefer, & beer.

⇒ R' Shimon Apisdorf's class on *Purim for the Clueless* will take place: no time & place announced.

⇒ Rabbi Goldberger has moved his seudah to his son Shlomo's house. No need to RSVP: just show up and come hungry. Free gold coins for everyone.

**Note: Change in Schedule**

The BZD sit-in at the Iranian Embassy is extended to 3 days: buses & sackcloth available. Call Morty Tzadik for prices & times, or [bzdisrael.org/hodu\\_kush](http://bzdisrael.org/hodu_kush).

**Nuts Now Welcomed!**

We tried to make the shul completely nut-free, but failed. Too many nuts in the shul. (No comment. – Ed.) Hence, we are now restricting only peanuts. [A-O and Q-Z are still OK....] Let your nut-sensitive friends know this is the wrong shul for them.

**PLAQUES**

The shul needs money. Normally, we'd try to push some big-ticket plaques like the Ner Tamid or Rabbi's study. Sadly, those are already sold. Not much left to sell. Still, we gotta do *something*.

So, the Board is selling plaques for smaller areas of the shul. This will allow everyone to sponsor something. Please consider:

- Combination lock: \$75
- Doorknobs: \$44.95
- Faucets: \$50; Broken Faucets half-price
- Mechitza curtains: \$100, \$250 if open
- Coat rack: \$50, railing coat rack \$500
- Women's Lounge cleaning items: N/A

***A Gift Your Husband Will REALLY Notice***

by R' Morty Feid, Yeshivas Shame F'Ever

In the 30 days before Pesach, your husband may be shopping for Pre-Yomtov jewelry to give you. (Economic times might mean shopping in a Cracker Jack box.) You'll surely be thinking, what can you give HIM?

One gift he'll really appreciate is to have his tefillin checked. This doesn't need to cost a lot – you can do it yourself! It takes under an hour and shows him how much you care that he davens so shtark (puts phone on vibrate).

Here's how. Start with the arm tefillin. The box must be glatt (smooth) in all directions. If you find any sharp corners, sand them down thoroughly. Also, some men never removed the extra white string that came out from the box: remove it with a knife.

The arm strap must be entirely black. If the underside has faded, repaint it. If it faded entirely, call a Kohain right away since you may need to remove all your furniture and burn your house down.

For the head tefillin, shave down any sharp corners. Straps that extend below the belt are pritzus (too 'out there') and forbidden: cut them on an angle. The underside of the straps need not be black: pick a nice color Sharpie (maybe purple) to make the tefillin mehudar.

Finally, the covers on both boxes can become loose over time. With super glue, re-seal the covers over the boxes. There, you're done!

Imagine your husband's reaction when you show him how much you care.

*This year's Believe Echad is dedicated to everyone "osek b'tzarchei tzibur b'emunah" – those who lovingly fund the shul, volunteer for the shul & come to the Banquet. Especially the Banquet....*

*Also in solidarity with our brothers & sisters in Sderot/Negev, in the IDF, and anywhere else in danger.*

**From the Desk of the Rebbetzin**

Dear Rebbetzin:

I need your help. You see, my son is trying to pick a yeshiva and my daughter has started dating. Also, my mother-in-law is coming for Shabbos and doesn't keep kosher. We got Kleenex from Israel but the paper's recycled and I'm afraid it has shaimos. The plumber fixed the kitchen sink and treifed up the Corian sink that can't be koshered. So, anyhow, what I need to ask is, should I paint my dining room blue or aqua?

- Painted Mom

Dear Painted,

I'm happy to tell you, picking paint colors is mostly not a matter of halacha. You're free to pick any colors you like. Since you seem to find the decision so troubling, though, let me offer a suggestion: ask the Rabbi to decide for you. **That's what he's here for!**

Dear Rebbetzin:

I don't know what to do. I think my father's left town, and I'm worried. I check his room about 6 am and he's not here. Before school, my mom says he's "learning." After school, he's supposedly making shiva visits and returning calls and "learning" again. At night, mom says I'd find him at shul but I know that's just a ploy to get me to daven b'tzibbur. At bedtime, she says he's at a chasuna or teaching or "learning." I'm starting to think he's not even around: maybe he's made aliyah. How can I see if my dad is really in town?

-- Worried

Dear Worried,

You think your father has left for Israel, since you constantly hear new excuses for why he's not around. From what you describe, I think you're probably right.

You can easily test this. If he's made aliyah, his cell phone probably won't be in service anymore. So, call his cell and see if it works. If he doesn't call back, he's flown the coop. If he does, there's only one answer: your father is The Rabbi and you'd better stop playing these Purim pranks on me while I'm writing my column!!!

**Girl Scout SALE:**  
**1 week only**

In response to the Girl Scouts' successful brownie sale, the Brownies will be holding a GIRL SCOUT Sale. That's right: next week, Brownie Troop 999 will sell Girl Scouts of all sizes and prices. Buy 3 Girl Scouts, get a free Brownie. Order by Tues. for a free geshmookie. Complies w/ 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

**New Navi-Guide Directory**

With so many shul members now working in chinuch, we've begun a Yellow Pages guide of all members in Torah-related professions. This "Navi-Guide" will help you "keep it in the TY family" when looking for a tutor, Bar Mitzvah Rebbe, or home school teacher.

We need volunteers to develop new marketing and distribution plans for the "Navi-Guide," though, because ... **the Lev Echad does not accept ads for Prophet-oriented businesses.**

**T.I. Picks 'Liberty Jewish' for HS**

The Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Campus of Yeshivas Kochav Yitzchok Torah Institute of Baltimore Shaares Ha'Plaita (T.I.) has announced plans to start a yeshiva high school. They've entered into a strategic partnership to share facilities with the Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Liberty Jewish Center Synagogue Center.

Unfortunately, the resulting school will have a name too long for even one of O'Fishe's ads (HJWCYKYTIBSHMMAELJCSCHS).

To raise funds, the organizing committee will let people buy letters in a new Sefer Torah for \$18, or letters in the new school's name for \$25. All proceeds benefit the school.

**WHAT'S WRONG WITH SILLY BULLETINS?**

**Remember This:** Every Funny, Random Announcement can Improve Moods – with the Kehillah Acting Totally Zany! Purim Happy!

**SIMCHA ISN'T DRUNK!**

The Rabbi has declared his house an alcohol-free zone this Purim. Repeat: The Rabbi will not be serving alcohol at his house this Purim. Again: The Rabbi requests that people not bring alcohol to his house this Purim. **Note:** The Rabbi will be holding his Seudah **at his son's house.**

All errors are strictly intentional (except the mistakes). Any resemblance to persons living or dead is, wait a minute, don't they even know if they're living or dead??! They've got worse problems than worrying what we say about them in the Purim issue!

**NEW WEB PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

At the direction of our Gadolim, the website will no longer use PAY-pal, lest Jews come to confuse that online payment system with *Papal* Edicts coming from Rome, Ch'V. Happily, the Committee for Halacha Education And Policy (CHEAP) is already putting finishing touches on its new invention **PAZ-pal** [pure gold], which will help Yidden give ma'aser (tithes) without worry. We'll begin accepting PAZ-pal as soon as we find a Tzadik to reprogram the site.

**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Last week, our shul challenged Beth Tfiloh in an amazing two-shul, pre-Purim basketball fundraiser. It was our first ever rabbi-to-rabbi, one-on-one game, pitting Rabbi Goldberger against Rabbi Wohlberg.

To level the playing field (and capture the Purim spirit), both rabbis played wearing Haman costumes. Rabbi Goldberger even had a special three-cornered streimel made.

When asked about the success of the fundraising effort, Eve Steinberg, Exec. Dir. of BT said, "We made \$6,932,795 in sponsorships. It was less than expected, but our congregants had a good time." Lenny Ross of TY reported, "We made \$58.29 in brownie sales. It was more than we expected, so we're quite pleased. Besides, the Rabbi creamed Rabbi Wohlberg, 72-23."

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

*Did you ever wonder why announcements take longer than Musaf?*

**OFFICERS:**

Rabbi, Balt. Ctr.: Menachem Goldberger  
 Rabbi, Israel Ctr: pending (we can hope, eh?)  
 President for Life: Glenny Ross (thanks!)  
 VP for Israeli Liaison: Mene Even-Israel  
 VP for US programs: Mo Margolese  
 VP for Outreach: Yaakov (Jack) Gur  
 Executive Committee: Manny, Mo & Jack  
 VP, 'Young' Couple's Programs: Shlomo G.  
 VP, Setting Cutoff on 'Young': [vacant]  
 VP, Enforcing Cutoff on 'Young': [vacant]  
 VP, Economic Stimulus: Job (Iyov) Biden