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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 6:48-8:02 pm
Mincha: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Rabbi's Shiur: 6:15 pm
Mincha: 7:15 pm
Maariv: 9:15 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:32 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:55 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Sfas Emes with
Rabbi Goldberger: 7:55 pm

Next Shabbos- Ekev/Mevorchim Elul

Candle Lighting: 6:41-7:54 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

This Shabbos

- 5:00 pm: Father/Son Learning.
- 6:15 pm: Rabbi's shiur in Sefer Yonah.

Shul Picnic

The moment we have all been waiting for has finally arrived. Come join us this Sunday for EdFest 2015! Picnic, fireworks and much, much more at Ed and Mesa Leventhal's farm. There is no cost, but we do encourage donations to help defray the expenses. Everyone is welcome to attend. Schedule of activities for the day:
2-3 pm: Farm Animals with Mesa Leventhal
3-4 pm: Kids Challenge Games
Bread Baking with Mesa Leventhal
4-5 pm: Adult Challenge Games & Boat Races
Kids Musical Instrument Petting Zoo
5-7 pm: Grillin' & Chillin' & ATV Rides

6-6:30 pm: Improv Workshop for Boys & Men with Ilan Roth
7-7:30 pm: Chassidic Stories with Rabbi Goldberger
8-9 pm: Grinbergs Violin and Cello Concert.
9-10 pm: Ed Leventhal's Fantastic Fireworks Extravaganza
Hope to see you there!

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel is saddened to learn of the passing of Lee Gryll, sister of Josh Notowitz and mother of Andy Gryll. To offer your condolences, Josh can be reached at 443-929-3602. May Hashem comfort the Notowitz and Gryll families among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Summer Father/Son Learning

Please join us for a summer Father/Son Learning program in the upstairs Beis Medrash on Shabbos afternoons from 5 to 6 pm.

Bring your son. Bring your son's son. Bring your nephew. Bring the boy next door. Everyone is welcome to come and learn. Summer snacks and cool refreshments will be provided. To sponsor this event, please sign up through the shul website on the Donations and Payments page.

For more info, please contact Saul Passe at vp-programming@tiferesyisroel.org.

Help the Gush Katif Evacuees

Tisha B'Av last week marked the 10th anniversary of the expulsion from Gush Katif. While we cannot solve the injustice that was committed to these people, nor right the wrongs of the past, we can unite together and do what we can to help support our fellow Jews.

Our shul, along with many others, is trying to take responsibility for just one Gush Katif evacuee. By doing so, we can help repair one

of the most painful chapters in modern Jewish history. Let us pray that the dignity we pledge to accord them will be a zechus for us all in these perilous times. We would greatly appreciate whatever you can do to help.

Please send your donation with "JobKatif" in the memo line to: Shomrei Emunah Israel Fund, 6221 Greenspring Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209, or donate online on the Shomrei Emunah website. Mention that the donation came from Congregation Tiferes Yisroel.

Mazel Tov to

- Ken and Yocheved Gelula on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Tuvia Zonenberg. Mazel tov to his mother Devorah Zonenberg. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Morty and Beth Tenenbaum on the birth of a granddaughter, Moriah Chana, born to Yaki and Ariella Tenenbaum of Jerusalem on Shabbos, Tisha B'Av morning, May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Rabbi Zvi and Felicia Graber on the birth of a great-grandson, the son of Sara and Moshe Graber of Lakewood, NJ. Mazel tov to grandparents Steven and Joy Graber of Baltimore and great-grandparents Sam and Leni Broder of Baltimore. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

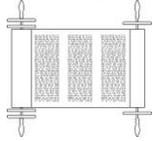
New Membership Year Effective July 1

Membership renewal invoices have been updated and mailed out. Please help ensure our financial security by keeping current with your shul dues and outstanding balances. If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Blum at bookkeeper@tiferesyisroel.org.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger, in honor of Moshe Passe, our newest 6:30 am Minyanaire! And with appreciation for your help around the shul.

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Va'eschanan

By Rabbi A. Leib Scheinbaum

"I implored Hashem." (3:23)

The Midrash focuses on the word Va'eschanan, "And I implored." They cite a pasuk in Daniel 2:21, "V'hu mehashnei idanaya v'zamnaya," "and He (Hashem) alters times and seasons." This is an analogy to a king who had a close confidante to whom he gave extraordinary powers for delegating positions in the government. One day, this confidante was noticed standing by the gate to the palace begging the gatekeeper to allow him to enter. People wondered at this sight, "Yesterday, he was appointing ministers. Today, he is begging by the gate. What happened?" They were told, "Yesterday, his window of opportunity was open. He was in power. Today, his reign is over."

Likewise with Moshe Rabbeinu. Earlier in the Chumash, we find him addressing Hashem authoritatively, using such phrases as "Arise, Hashem," "Return Hashem," and other terms that lend the impression that Moshe's power was permanent. Now, he was desperately supplicating Hashem to enter Eretz Yisrael. What happened? His window of opportunity had closed. It does not remain open forever.

This Midrash teaches us a powerful lesson. One must seize the moment. When opportunity knocks, open the door and respond. Later might be too late. Life is filled with lost opportunities, marked by such phrases as, "I should have, would have, and could have," but ultimately, "I did not respond" is the usual answer. By then, it's almost always too late. Hashem sends us messages. Do we listen to them, or do we realize that they are messages after the fact? There are so many instances in each individual's life that even the slightest positive gesture would have made a world of difference. The individual, however, allowed the window of opportunity to close, and it did not reopen. The following story related by Horav Shimon Schwab, zl, was publicized over the years. For those who have not yet heard it, it is a classic story that is worth repeating.

Rav Schwab once spent Shabbos with the saintly Chafetz Chaim, zl, in Radin. It was early one Friday morning, and in the middle of a deep discussion between these two tzaddikim concerning the functions of the Kohanim, the Chafetz Chaim turned to Rav Schwab and asked, "Are you a Kohen?"

"No," replied Rav Schwab. "Perhaps you have heard that I am a Kohen," the Chafetz

Chaim said. "Yes, I have heard," Rav Schwab quietly responded.

"Perhaps you are a Levi?" the Chafetz Chaim asked.

"No, I am not," was Rav Schwab's reply.

"What a shame! Moshiach is coming, and the Bais Hamikdash will be rebuilt. If you are not a Kohen, you will not be able to perform the avodah, service, in the Sanctuary. Do you know why? Because three-thousand years ago, at the incident of the Golden Calf, dein Zayda, your grandfather, is nisht gelafen, did not run forward, when Moshe Rabbeinu called out, "Mi l'Hashem eilai!" "Whoever is with Hashem should come to me!" Now take heart and listen. When you hear the call, "Mi l'Hashem eilai!" come running!

This was the Chafetz Chaim's message. When the call from Hashem comes, we must respond immediately, because that window of opportunity will not stay open forever. The Leviim responded three-thousand years ago, and it transformed their lineage forever.

"And He declared unto you His covenant... And He wrote them upon two tablets of stone." (4:13)

The Aseres Hadibros, the Ten Commandments, are supreme among the Torah's precepts. This is the result of two factors. Primary is their fundamental and overwhelming importance. Second is the awe-inspiring, majestic manner in which Hashem revealed them to the entire nation of Klal Yisrael. The Revelation was undeniably the most incredible event in the history of the world. It gave birth to Klal Yisrael as a nation, a Torah nation, whose license to nationhood consists of its acceptance of, and adherence to, the Torah. The Torah is a Divine synopsis of our duties toward Hashem and our fellowman. The two work cooperatively. One cannot be a good Jew without maintaining his Torah-dictated relationship with Hashem and his fellowman. The Ten Commandments are all-encompassing. They are unequalled in their simplicity, comprehensiveness and solemnity. They were Divinely engraved on two tablets of stone, which seems anti-climactic. One would think that such an unparalleled charge to Klal Yisrael be transmitted on a more impressive medium.

Horav Moshe Swift, zl, cites a beautiful Midrash that reveals the origin of these stones. They were stones of special origin, not chosen arbitrarily for their task. One tablet was the stone upon which Yaakov Avinu lay down his head. Yaakov gathered stones upon which to lay his head. When they vied with each other to serve as his pillow, Hashem miraculously melded them all into one. It was on that unified stone that Yaakov lay his head, and it was upon that stone, representing harmony, that half of the Ten Commandments was written. The other stone was the one upon which Moshe

Rabbeinu sat with his hands held high as Klal Yisrael defended itself against its archenemy, Amalek. This stone, too, represents unity, a harmony of all Klal Yisrael focusing their hearts and minds towards their Father in Heaven. By doing this, they were able to triumph over their enemy.

These two stones symbolize the two types of conflicts which we confront: as individuals and as a nation. The first stone, the stone of Yaakov, originally consisted of twelve stones, reflecting the diversity in Klal Yisrael. Twelve tribes, twelve unique approaches to the Divine, but all focused towards one goal, to serve the Almighty. Only such stones, such conflict, such diversity, can be transformed into one stone, can serve as the parchment upon which the commandments can be inscribed. Unity in diversity, not unity in adversity. They must share a common goal, a common mission, and a common objective.

The other stone represents our external conflict, our never-ending challenge from the nations of the world, who have one intention, to do away with us. While some have openly declared their animus, seeking to destroy us, to forever be rid of the Jew, others are more subtle; they only desire to thwart the growth of our religion, to put an end to the Jew's message to the world. In any event, these challenges demand a response. We must not yield; we must go forward and fight our battles, but the Torah must be inscribed upon the stone. Hashem's word must guide and inspire our every move. Both stones, both conflicts, the one from within and the one from without, must have at their beginning the words and profound message, "Anochi Hashem Elokecha", "I am Hashem your G-d."

"And this is the law which Moshe set/placed before the Bnei Yisrael." (4:44)

Chazal suggest that the word, "sam," which means "placed," with the Hebrew letter "sin" alludes to another Hebrew word with a similar sound, whose meaning is completely different. The terms "sam ha'maves" and "sam ha'chaim," represent a potion whose effects are either therapeutic or deadly in nature. The same can be said about Torah. To the one who is worthy, it is a potion that can engender life that can have far-reaching benefits. For the one who is not worthy, an encounter with Torah can be fatal. Moreover, Chazal say that it is the actual Torah which is "naasis lo," becomes for him a deadly potion. Imagine, the Torah itself is transformed into a pollutant that will destroy his system.

Horav Refael Hakohen, zl, m'Hamburg explains that there are three levels of Torah study: The zenith of study is manifest by the individual who studies Torah lishma, for its sake. His love of Torah permeates every moment of his devotion to it. The other

extreme is displayed by the one who studies l'kanter, to dispute, disdain and find areas that he can question and ridicule. The middle level is demonstrated by the one who studies Torah as a medium for achieving honor and fame. His goals are personal, his intentions are self-gratifying. He realizes that one receives true esteem for Torah scholarship; distinction is what one achieves for Torah erudition. He is willing to work for that kavod, honor. That is what is referred to as shelo lishmah.

Thus, we see that one who studies for personal gain stands at a dangerous crossroads. He cannot vacillate back and forth. He must decide to go either to the right and work on his Torah study, so that it becomes lishmah, or go to the left where he will have the opportunity to scorn and disdain. Regarding him, Chazal say, "If he merits and decides to ascend to the level of lishmah, then Torah is therapeutic. If he does not merit, and instead chooses to go left to disparage Torah, then that actual Torah which he has studied until now becomes a sam ha'maves, deadly potion. We see that the Torah that he has studied until now, the Torah that was seemingly studied simply shelo lishmah, with intent only for personal gain, was actually motivated by the wrong reason. The end result reveals the true motive behind his Torah study. Better had he not studied, for he might not have fallen to such a nadir.

Horav Boruch Ber Leibowitz, zl, suggested Chazal's statement as an explanation for Acher, the famous scholar turned apostate, following that path. After all, why didn't the Torah that he had studied protect him? Chazal explain that when he would get up, sifrei minim, books expounding heresy, would fall down from his lap. In other words, he was studying Torah while simultaneously reading heresy. Yet, we may wonder why the Torah

that he studied did not protect him. He was a scholar, so obviously he must have studied quite a bit. Where was the Torah to which he so diligently applied himself? The answer, claims Rav Boruch Ber, is that Torah study that goes hand and hand with heresy is not limud haTorah. On the contrary, he is in a worse situation because he had studied, for now he is manipulating that which he learned to support his distortion of Torah. The Torah has become his fatal potion in more ways than one.

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Our used book sale is located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. All proceeds go to the shul. Most titles are still \$5 or less. For more information or to donate gently used Jewish books, please contact Steve Schwarz at simchamelech@aol.com or call 410-446-8330. Thank you for supporting your shul.

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- In honor of Suzanne Kayne on her birthday, by Andrew Colletta.
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- In honor of the marriage of Sima Cooperman and Bob Rosenfelt, by Richard and Marsha Manekin.

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Get up. Get into it. Get involved.

The entire kehilla is encouraged to express their opposition to Congress regarding the Iran

nuclear deal. To voice your opinion, simply give our local senators and representatives a call, and together, b'ezras Hashem, we can make a difference:

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Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your "spiritual equity"?

Come join the TY minyan. We are looking for a few (10+) good men ages 13-120 to join our daily minyan. Shacharis is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8 am on Sundays. Mincha/Maariv begins 10 minutes before shkia; check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

Kollel Rabbis

Yasher koach to our kollel rabbis, Reb Dovid Safier and Reb Tzvi Naftalowitz, who are part of a three-week learning program at the shul. There is only one week left, so don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn with one of these talmidei chachamim. To schedule a time to learn, please contact:

Reb Dovid Safier at 901-299-6794
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Yasher koach to this year's sponsors for the shul picnic.

- Mordechai Beleck
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Chesed Committee

Did you know Tiferes Yisroel has a chesed committee that helps you with meals when you need them? Contact Chana Birnbaum at 410-358-7736 for shiva; Raizy Cohen at 410-764-8852 for cholim; and Tova Jussim at 862-220-6531 for births. Thank you Tova, Chana and Raizy.

Community

- **July:** A twelve-step group for frum women with food issues meets Shabbos afternoons. Please call Gail at 410-456-4306 for more information.

PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing shlomhuva@aol.com. The pushka challenge is to put whatever amount of money one is able into a pushka every day or as often as possible. The recommended amount is only 36 cents a day.

When your pushka is full, please empty it into a ziplock bag marked with your name, and drop it into our locked mailbox at 3310 W. Strathmore Avenue. If it is difficult for you to drop it off, please contact Shlomo and Ahuva Goldberger at 410-358-4456 to arrange a pickup. If you need a shul pushka, you may take one from the shul window sill, and they will be replenished as needed.

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- **October 11:** Bikur Cholim of Baltimore will be hosting "Biker Cholim," a men's bike-athon with the start/finish line at Beth Tfiloh. There will be a family BBQ lunch following the ride. To register and/or join a team, log on to www.bikercholim.org or email bike4bikur@gmail.com for additional information. Free biker jersey included if registered by August 4!

Coming Up

- August 2: Tomorrow- EdFest 2015! Picnic, fireworks and much, much more at Ed and Mesa Leventhal's farm.
- August 8: Bar Mitzvah of Dovid Blum. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Ari and Caryn Blum.
- August 15: Shalosh Suedos in honor of Reb Tzvi Naftalowitz and Reb Dovid Safier, our two kollel rabbis with whom shul members have been learning these past three weeks. Sponsorships are welcome- please sign up on the shul website under Events.
- August 29: Aufruf of Mordechai Goldberger. Kiddush following davening sponsored by his parents, Rabbi Menachem and Rebbetzin Bracha Goldberger.

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- Hillel Zeitlin, Hillel Mordechai ben Miriam
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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 Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

Harry B. Leventhal, Hershel ben Mayer HaLevi a"h, 16 Av, father of Dr. Edward Leventhal
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Contact Glenna Ross at 410-358-1687 or e-mail mitzvahcards@tiferesyisroel.org.

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TY Shiurim Schedule

Sunday:

- 9:30-10:15 am: Men's **Gemara Megilla** shiur given by the Rabbi. Rashi, selected Tosfos and Maharsha following Shacharis.
- 10-10:45 am: **Women's Tehillim** gathering for cholim (Nancy Taffel Annex).

Monday:

- 7 pm: **Rambam Mishnah Torah**, Hilchos Brachos, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Wednesday:

- 7 pm: **Gemara Horayos**, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Daily (Monday-Friday):

- Every morning following davening — a chabura for strengthening Hebrew reading with **Nesivos Shalom**. With *fresh hot coffee!*
- Monday through Thursday between mincha and maariv: Rabbi Goldberger, 7 minutes of **Mesillas Yesharim** by the Ramchal.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Malchus Shlomo**.
- 30 minutes before Mincha: Men's Beis Medrash. Monday and Wednesday.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin**.
- One hour before Mincha: Rabbi Goldberger's shiur for men and women.

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