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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 6:41 pm
Mincha: 6:45 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Rabbi's Shiur: 5:15 pm
Mincha: 6:10 pm
Maariv: 7:55 pm
Shabbos is over after: 8:11 pm

Sunday- Erev Sukkos

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Candles for Yom Tov: 6:38 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 6:40 pm

Monday- Sukkos 1st Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 6:30 pm
Maariv: 7:55 pm
Candles for Yom Tov: 8:07 pm

Tuesday- Sukkos 2nd Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 6:30 pm
Maariv: 8:00 pm

Wednesday- Friday

Shacharis: 7:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 6:30 pm

Next Shabbos- Shabbos Chol HaMoed

Candle Lighting: 6:19 pm
Friday Mincha: 6:30 pm

This Shabbos

- 5:15 pm: Rabbi's shiur on "The Akeida."
- Shalosh Seudos/Tzeischem L'Shalom for Sheva Vanderhoof.

Baltimore Shabbat Project

The Baltimore Shabbat Project is just around the corner. Come join in for a weekend of commUNITY. One People. One Heart. One

Shabbat. Join us for "The Magic of Shabbat" for men/boys, "The Great Challah Bake" for women/girls, the "One People, One Heart Concert," featuring The Moshav Band for everyone, and of course - Shabbos! We need YOU for us to be ONE! Get involved at baltimoreshabbatproject.org. Please contact Nisa Felps at nisafelps@gmail.com for more information.

Shalosh Seudos Sponsors

Thank you to the following sponsors for the Shalosh Seudos/Tzeischem L'Shalom this Shabbos for Sheva Vanderhoof:

- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
- Suzanne Kayne
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- Ari and Caryn Blum and family
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Correction

The Lev Echad sponsorship from two weeks ago should have read: In honor of the graduation of Eliahu Moshe Beleck from Touro College, as a Doctor of Physical Therapy. With much gratitude to Hashem, from his loving family. We regret the error.

Minhagim for Sukkos

Here are a few of Rabbi Goldberger's minhagim for the shul on Sukkos.

- It is a mitzvah to eat and sleep in the Sukkah.
- Our minhag is to not wear tefillin during Chol Hamoed. It is also our minhag to dress in our Shabbos/Yom Tov clothes during Chol Hamoed.
- The lulav is waved according to nusach sefard, following the minhag of the Arizal: While facing east, the lulav is waved right,

left, forward, up, down and back. Wave in each direction three times, each time returning the lulav to your heart, standing facing forward. Turn completely around for the back waving, and never point the lulav down for the down waving; kneel down and wave the lulav instead.

- We wave the lulav four times total during Hallel: Once during the first "Hodu laHashem," twice during "Ana Hashem," and once during the last "Hodu laHashem."

Shul Simchas Torah Seuda

Crown your Simchas Torah with a Shul Seuda! Come join Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger and the Kehilla HaKedosha for a shul seuda after Hakafof downstairs in the Simcha Hall. The cost is \$18/person, with a family cap of \$72/family; children under 3 are free! All meals include perakes (stuffed cabbage). Sponsorships are available for \$125 (includes the family).

Mazel Tov to

- Shoshana Aaronson on the birth and naming of a granddaughter, Geulah, in Eretz Yisroel, to Avi and Tova Aaronson. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Baruch and Rus Jankowitz on the bris and naming of their son, Gavriel Moshe, last Shabbos. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Rabbi Yitzchok Lowenbraun on the birth of a new grandson to Nechemia and Shulamis Weinreb. Mazel tov to grandparents Rabbi Calman and Devorah Weinreb. There will be a Shalom Zachor tonight at the Weinreb home, 6609 Edenvale Road. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

Mordechai Beleck, in honor of the 18th yearzeit of his mother, Chana bas Meyer Eliahu (Anne Lubin Beleck).
May this Shabbos be an aliyah for her neshama.

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Ha'azinu

By Rabbi Avraham Kahn

Summary

The time of our gladness does not seem to correspond to a special event taking place on a specific date. On the Festival of Succos we have two mitzvos: one we fulfill by taking together the four species; the other is to dwell in the succah for seven days. The Talmud brings two interpretations of what the succah that G-d provided us in the desert refers to. When we leave our homes to dwell in a succah in a colder season, it is clear that we are doing so to fulfill the mitzvah. The Vilna Gaon explains that the Clouds of Glory returned to the Jewish nation on the fifteenth of Tishrei. We learn from Koheles that real joy can only be accomplished with mitzvos and good deeds. Real joy and gladness is not to be found in material wealth and comfort. Affluence and wealth often cause spiritual decline as well as shortcomings in interpersonal relationships.

Time of our Gladness

Each of our three festivals is a special time. As we say in our prayers (Shemona Esrei for Festivals): "Passover is the time of our freedom. Shavuot is the time of the giving of our Torah. And Succos is the time of our gladness." We begin to celebrate Passover on the date that we were redeemed from slavery in Egypt. Similarly, we celebrate Shavuot on the date when the Torah was given. On the other hand, Succos does not seem to correspond to a special event taking place on a specific date. It is called "the time of our gladness" because the Jews, as they entered Eretz Yisrael, were living in an agricultural society and this is the time of the year when the harvest was brought home. As it says, (Vayikra 23:39-40) "But on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you gather the crop of the land, you shall celebrate G-d's Festival for seven days ... and you shall rejoice before HASHEM your G-d for seven days." The Torah teaches us that at the time we rejoice with the crop that will sustain us for the coming year, we shall remember to rejoice in front of G-d. He is the one who blessed our crop and provides us with all our needs.

Two Mitzvos

On the Festival of Succos we have two mitzvos: one to take the four species; the other to dwell in the succah. To rejoice with the four fine-smelling species throughout our festival corresponds to the time of the harvest. But the succah does not seem to have anything to do with a celebration about bringing home the

crop. As a matter of fact, the Torah gives us a totally different reason for this mitzvah. As it says, "So that your generations shall know that I provided Succahs for the Bnei Yisrael when I took them out of the land of Mitzraim."

Two Interpretations

The Talmud (Succah 11b) brings two interpretations of what the succah that G-d provided us in the desert refers to. On a simple level, the Talmud explains that our ancestors actually lived in some kind of booths during their sojourn for forty years in the wilderness. On a deeper level the Talmud explains that this refers to the Clouds of Glory that enveloped the Jewish people throughout that period, protected them from their enemies, wild animals, and other dangers, besides providing shade from the hot sun and other harsh elements.

Winter Dwelling

The Tur Shulchan Aruch (Orach Chaim 625) asks an obvious question. If the succah is to commemorate what happened at the time of the exodus from Mitzraim, would it not have been more natural to sit in the succah during the Festival of Pesach when we celebrate that exodus? Says the Tur, "We were not commanded to make a succah in the month of Nissan because that is the beginning of the summer when it is customary to make booths to sit in the shade, and it would not be noticeable that we made our succah to fulfill the commandment of G-d. We were commanded to make our succah in the seventh month, at the beginning of the winter, when everyone leaves their booths to dwell in their homes. Then we leave our homes to dwell in a succah to show everyone that we are doing so to fulfill the mitzvah."

Clouds of Glory

The Vilna Gaon explains that according to the deeper interpretation that the succah in the desert refers to the Clouds of Glory, it is very understandable as to why we leave our homes to dwell in succahs on the fifteenth of Tishrei. He brings that the Clouds of Glory left the Jewish nation after the sin of the golden calf and only came back to protect them when they started to erect the Mishkan. Our sages explain that the sin of the golden calf took place on the 17th of Tammuz. This brought about that Moshe destroyed the first tablets and was the first cause to establish that day as a fast day. The next day Moshe ascended Har Sinai for the second time, to pray to G-d and beg Him to save the Jewish people. He returned forty days later, at the end of the month of Av, only to ascend for a third period of forty days to receive the second tablets. He returned on Yom Kippur, the 10th of Tishrei, with the second tablets. On the following day, Moshe gathered the Jewish people to instruct them about erecting the Mishkan. For the following two

days, the Jews brought the materials needed to build the Mishkan. A day after that the materials were given to the craftsmen, each according to their particular job. The next day, the 15th of Tishrei the actual work started. Concludes the Vilna Gaon, this is the day the Clouds of Glory returned to the Jewish nation and this is the day that we begin to celebrate Succos.

Koheles

It is interesting to notice that on the Festival that is the time of our gladness, we leave the comfort of our homes to dwell in a primitive hut. We eat there, and when possible we sleep there, and do as many of our activities as we can in the succah. On this Festival we also read Koheles, which describes the futility of life. The Talmud (Shabbos 30b) asks that Shlomo HaMelech seems to contradict himself. On one hand he writes (Koheles 8:15) "And I praised happiness," but he also writes (Koheles 2:2) "And regarding happiness (I have said), what does it achieve?" The Talmud answers that there are two kinds of happiness; one that comes from performing a mitzvah, and one that has nothing to do with a mitzvah. The happiness that directly results from mitzvah performance is the one that Shlomo HaMelech praises. The other form of happiness, which is not connected to a mitzvah, is the one that Shlomo HaMelech questions, "what does it achieve?" Materialistic happiness, at best, is a fleeting experience. As our sages say, "what makes you laugh today may make you cry tomorrow." Real joy can only be found through the accomplishment of mitzvos and good deeds.

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Special Thank You

A very special "thank you" and yasher koach goes out to our extraordinary Gabbai Rishon, Jay Taffel, for all of his hard work and "behind the scenes" preparations to make the shul look beautiful, and to organize all of the many honors during davening over the Yomim Nora'im, and for the rest of the year as well.

Unity of the Four Species

It is brought down in the Overview of the Artsroll Machzor for Sukkos that the Four Species correspond to four different types of Jews. The *esrog* has a pleasant taste and aroma, and it symbolizes the righteous Jew who is learned in Torah and performs many good deeds. The *lulav*, the branch of a date palm, has no smell, but the tree from which it comes produces sweet tasting dates; it symbolizes the Torah scholar who is lacking in good deeds. The *hadassim*, or myrtle leaves, are fragrant,

but have no taste, symbolizing the unlearned Jew who does many good deeds. And finally, the *aravos*, or willow branch, has neither an odor nor a taste; this symbolizes the unlearned Jew who lacks in good deeds.

Before we recite the bracha of *Netilas Lulav*, we make a "declaration of intent." This declaration describes how the unification of the Four Species actually unifies the Four-Letter Name of Hashem. I believe that the message here is that Hashem is truly unified when we, the Jewish people, are unified. It was *achdus*, that gave Klal Yisrael the merit to receive the Torah, and it will be when we are once again "*ish echad, b'lev echad*," that we will merit to see the coming of Moshiach. May it be "soon in our days."

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

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Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah

Well, here we are, the morning after Yom Kippur. Hopefully, as we went through the process of doing teshuvah (a'si'as teshuvah), we actually did teshuva (shav mi'cheto). Did we really mean all the things we said on Yom Kippur? Can we really change things in one day? What are we supposed to be thinking and doing now? What does G-d think about all of this?

The Rambam might be alluding to this issue in Chapter 7. In the latter part of the chapter, he writes: "How great is teshuvah! Yesterday, this person was hated by the Omnipresent. He was disgusting, distanced and reviled. But today he

is beloved, desired, close and precious. Yesterday he was separate from Hashem. He cries out and is not heard. He does mitzvos and they are torn up in his face. But today he is attached to the Shechina. He cries out and is answered immediately. He does mitzvos and they are graciously accepted with joy"

Teshuvah absolutely changes everything! And immediately, in the blink of an eye, the baal teshuvah's relationship with Hashem is instantly repaired. Are they perfect? No. Will they never commit another sin in the future? We hope that they don't, but there are no guarantees. The important thing is that the baal teshuvah's relationship with G-d is now repaired, and that makes all the difference in the world - literally! We have now successfully begun the virtuous cycle of replacing our "fantasy world" with Hashem's Torah and His mitzvos. As the Rambam states, "Today is a new relationship. Today you are beloved! Today your mitzvos are accepted! Today your prayers are heard!" Let's all go forward in joy and gladness, and do our very best to maintain our newly cleansed state of being.

-Jay Taffel

Want to Be a "Minyanaire"?!

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; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times.

Remember, here at TY we are a family, and "a family that prays together, stays together!"

Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

Community

- **September:** A twelve-step group for frum women meets Shabbos afternoons. Please call Gail at 410-456-4306 for more information.
- **October 1:** TA is sponsoring a "Family Outing at Players Family Amusement Center" on the 2nd day of Chol Hamoed Sukkos, from 1-5 pm. For more info, please contact Mrs. Levenbrown at 410-484-6600 x314.
- **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, please log on to www.bikercholim.org or email bike4bikur@gmail.com for additional information.
- **October 11:** Baltimore Survivors and Descendants meeting from 2-4 pm at the Park Heights JCC. The program will be "The Second Generation -- Ripples from the Holocaust," a documentary exploring the challenges of growing up as children of Holocaust Survivors, with special guest speaker, one of the interviewees, Toby Kansagor. The event is free of charge, and kosher dietary laws are observed. Please RSVP by Thursday, October 8, with Felicia Graber at hgrab@earthlink.net or call 443-759-5556, or with Jeanette Parmigiani at jparmigiani@baltjc.org or 410-542-4850.
- **October 21:** Baltimore Shabbat Project Event: "The Magic of Shabbat"- live magic show by Arnie Kolodner, Shabbat crafts and more. Event for men and boys at the JCC Owings Mills from 6:30-9 pm.
- **October 22:** Baltimore Shabbat Project Event: "The Great Challah Bake"- workshop includes challah baking, braiding techniques and more. Event is for women and girls at The Maryland State Fairgrounds from 6:30-9 pm.
- **October 23-24:** Baltimore Shabbat Project Event: Dinners will be held following Friday night services at participating congregations and organizations, and private homes around the community. Shabbat morning services will vary across participating congregations and will be followed by congregational Kiddush. In selected venues around the community, there will be opportunities for Torah study and learning, guest lectures and organized Shabbat events throughout the afternoon.
- **October 24:** Baltimore Shabbat Project Event: "One People One Heart Concert"- The Moshav Band will be performing live at the JCC Owings Mills from 8-11 pm. For

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

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- October 6: Shul Simchas Torah Seuda after Hakafos downstairs in the Simcha Hall. Reservations only.
- October 24: Kiddush sponsored by Hillel and Karen Zeitlin in honor of the bar mitzvah of Shlomo Zeitlin.
- November 7: Kiddush sponsored by Keely and Jillian Goldberger in honor of their daughter, Ariella Rena.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
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- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
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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 Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov; Sarah, Rivka, Rachel and Leah; and together with the other righteous men and women in Gan Eden.

Natan Schwarz, Nosson ben Mordechai Yosef a"h, 15 Tishrei, father of Steve Schwarz

Herman Ward, Chaim ben Avraham a"h, 17 Tishrei, grandfather of Batsheva Goldman

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Fragrances. In consideration of our members and guests who are allergic to fragrances, or who are sensitive enough that they are unable to daven, we ask that you wear your fragrances and hairspray as lightly as possible so that other people are not aware of it.

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Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

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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:

- One hour before Mincha: **Rambam's Hilchos Teshuvah**, given by Jay Taffel until Yom Kippur in the upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Wednesday:

- One hour before Mincha: **Gemara Horayos**, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: **Chassidus**, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

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- 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**.
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