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DAVENING SCHEDULE

Friday

Candle Lighting: 6:37-7:47 pm
Mincha/Maariv: 7:00 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 7:00 pm
Maariv: 9:00 pm
Shabbos is over after: 9:18 pm

Sunday

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

Monday-Friday

Shacharis (Monday): 6:25 am
Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv: 7:55 pm

Next Shabbos- Kedoshim

Candle Lighting: 6:42-7:54 pm
Friday Mincha: 7:00 pm

This Shabbos

- Bar Mitzvah of Chananya Blaxberg. Kiddush and Shalosh Seudos sponsored by his parents, Dr. Nisan Blaxberg and Meira Blaxberg.

New Davening Time

Please note that Friday night Mincha will begin at 7:00 pm starting this erev Shabbos, and will continue throughout the summer.

Thank You

This week's special thank you goes out to Suzanne Kayne and everyone involved in the TY Seder exchange, for opening your hearts and your homes to those in need of a place for Seder- it was truly appreciated.

To all of our Yom Tov chazzanim: Rabbi Goldberger, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Goldberger, Nossi Gross, Menachem Tenenbaum, Jay

Taffel, Shuki Nissan, Bezalel Perlman, Rabbi Hillel Shepard and Binyamin Gerstenfeld.

And finally, a special thanks to Shulamis Heldoom for setting up for the Baal Shem Tov Seuda. Yasher koach to one and all.

Rabbi's New Shabbos Shiur

Beginning this week, Rabbi Goldberger will be giving a weekly Shabbos shiur in Sefer HaTanya, the second section called "Shaar HaYichud V'HaEmunah." The shiur will begin one hour before Mincha in the main shul, and is for men, women and teens. Photocopies will be made available. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Baruch Dayan HaEmes

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel was saddened to learn of last week's passing of Mrs. Hanna Taub, mother of Mrs. Shoshana Ungar Porter and wife of Rabbi Leib Taub. May Hashem grant strength and comfort to Mrs. Porter, Rabbi Shlomo Porter, and the entire Ungar and Taub families, along with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Naomi Gershan, sister of Josh Sholom Levin. May Hashem grant strength and comfort to Josh and the entire Levin and Gershan families, along with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

JCN Sefira Programs

In the zechus of a refuah shalaimah for Executive Committee member Chaya Drabkin, the JCN is sponsoring a Sefira program for boys and girls. Boys may participate in the "Middos-a-Thon," and girls in the "Chesed for Chaya" programs. Registration forms are here at the shul. For more information, please contact the Jewish Caring Network at 410-602-

6075. All boys and girls in the community are encouraged to participate.

Mazel Tov to

- Dr. Nisan Blaxberg and Meira Blaxberg on the bar mitzvah of their son Chananya. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'massim tovim.
- Rabbi Yossi and Dassi Lowenbraun on the vort of their son Shloime, and his upcoming wedding to Chaya'le Yudkowsky. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.
- Rabbi Shimon and Miriam Apisdorf on the bris of a new grandson, Aharon Nachman, born to Yitzzy and Shira Apisdorf. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Phil and Lisa Jacobs on the bris of a new grandson, Uriel Menachem Tzion, born to Rabbi Yaakov Komisar and DeDe Jacobs-Komisar. Mazel Tov to great-grandmother Shirley Cohen. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.
- Scott and Helayne FERENCE on the birth of a granddaughter, Ella Yehudis, born to Chanie and Mordy Lyss. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chuppah ul'maasim tovim.

Jewish Caring Network's 5K Walk/Run

Attention all women of the shul! Come and join Team Congregation Tiferes Yisroel for the Jewish Caring Network's 5K Run on Sunday, June 5, at the Maryland Zoo.

Support the JCN by either running with or sponsoring team TY with a donation.

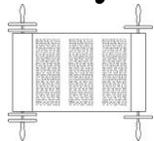
To participate, please go to the JCN website at www.jewishcaringnetwork.org and click onto Team Congregation Tiferes Yisroel.

For any questions, please contact this year's team captain, Rachel Rosenstock, at 410-926-9315 or lrosenstockphoto@yahoo.com.

This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:

Lenny Ross for, well, being Lenny; also for cleaning the shul and preparing the kitchen for Pesach. Yasher koach!

The Weekly Parsha



Parshas Acharei Mos

By Rabbi Ozer Alport

“Hashem spoke to Moshe after the death of Aharon’s two sons, when they approached before Hashem, and they died.” (16:1)

In commanding Aharon not to enter the Kodesh Kodashim without permission, the Torah invokes the death of Aharon’s sons who approached Hashem improperly. Rashi compares this to the case of a sick person who needed to be warned not to eat cold food or sleep in a damp place. One doctor simply gave him the instructions, while a second doctor added, “Unless you do so, you will die like so-and-so died.” Because the warning of the second doctor is much more effective, Hashem similarly told Moshe to convey the mitzvah to Aharon in this manner. The Darkei Mussar points out that it is astonishing to realize that we are discussing somebody as righteous as Aharon, who certainly would have followed Hashem’s instructions even without the implied threat of punishment. From the fact that even somebody on the level of Aharon, who was considered equal to Moshe in his spiritual accomplishments (Rashi Shemos 6:26), still needed additional warnings to reinforce his adherence to the mitzvos, we can appreciate how much we on our levels need to study mussar to strengthen our commitment to the Torah.

Unfortunately, intellectual knowledge of what a person is supposed to do is insufficient, as we see from Hashem’s interaction with Aharon. Until that cerebral awareness is able to be impressed upon the heart, it won’t be strong enough to guide and direct a person’s actions and decisions. The Alter of Kelm commented that just as Reuven’s knowledge has no impact on the actions of Shimon, so too the information that somebody possesses in his mind is unable to influence the choices of his heart, as the distance between the mind and the heart is effectively the same as the distance separating two different people. The only proven and effective means to transfer intellectual knowledge to the heart is through the passionate study of mussar, just as Hashem used to help Aharon internalize this mitzvah. For this reason, the Torah requires us to recite Shema twice daily, as our mental awareness of the mitzvah to love Hashem is insufficient unless we repeatedly transfer this knowledge to our hearts.

Rav Yisroel Salanter’s three most well-known students were the Alter of Kelm, Rav Itzele Blazer, and Rav Naftoli Amsterdam. The Alter of Kelm was renowned for his mussar study. Rav Itzele Blazer was famous for his brilliant Torah insights. Rav Naftoli Amsterdam was known for his diligent Torah study, to the point that he had a fixed subject to study whenever he was going to get a drink of water.

Once, on a long and cold Friday night in the winter, they sat and studied together until their candle went out. At that point, Rav Naftoli Amsterdam announced that he was tired and went to sleep. Rav Itzele Blazer continued his in-depth study of a complicated section of the Gemora in Bava Basra (26b). The Alter of Kelm rested himself on a lectern and proceeded to spend the entire night repeating to himself the verses (Tehillim 118:19-21) “Pischu li sha’arei tzedek avo vam odeh K-ah zeh ha’shaar l’Hashem tzaddikim yavo’u vo od’cha ki anisani, explaining that when a person asks Hashem to open for him the gates of righteousness so that he can ascend and come close to Hashem and thank Him, Hashem replies that the key to reaching these heights is the ability to thank Hashem for causing him to suffer in order to atone for his sins. The Alter understood that the key to internalizing lessons so that they guide our decisions is the repeated and intense study of mussar until they enter the heart, and he therefore remained awake in the dark for the entire night repeating and internalizing this lesson.

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A Tale of Two Goats

Parshas Acharei Mos describes the Yom Kippur service and the role of the Kohen Gadol who performed it. As part of the atonement process, Aharon was commanded to sacrifice two goats, as the pasukim state: “He shall take the two he-goats and stand them before Hashem, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. Aharon shall place lots upon the two he-goats; one lot ‘for Hashem’ and one lot ‘for Azazel.’ Aharon shall bring near the he-goat designated by lot for Hashem, and make it a sin-offering. And the he-goat designated by lot for Azazel shall be stood alive before Hashem, to provide atonement through it, to send it to Azazel to the wilderness” (Vayikra 16:7-10). After the two goats were designated, Aharon offered the *l’Hashem* goat immediately to atone for the sins of the people. Next he placed his two hands upon the head of the *l’Azazel* goat and confessed all the sins of the people, transferring “all the iniquities of the Bnei Yisroel” to the goat. The *l’Azazel* goat was then dispatched out into the wilderness, where a

“designated man” would throw it off a cliff to its death.

When I read this parsha for the first time, I found it quite disturbing. It seemed to be so cruel, almost barbaric, to throw an innocent and defenseless animal off a cliff to its death! The more I tried to make sense of this very cryptic Torah precept, the more troubled I became. Once I began to study it, however, I realized that this seemingly cruel process of Azazel was clearly a *chok* of the Torah, and it was not meant to be understood from a human perspective. Upon further investigation, I was able to learn a few things about the Azazel that helped to “shine some light” on the matter, and has helped me to a greater understanding.

According to the Gemara (Yoma 67), Azazel is a composite of Aza and Azael, two *malachim* who, before the time of the *Mabul*, entreated Hashem to be allowed to dwell among mankind in human guise, in order to prove that they would not sin like their human counterparts. Hashem acquiesced, and their depravity far exceeded that of the generation with whom they dwelled. The Midrash states that the he-goat was named Azazel to imply that it achieved atonement, among other sins, for deeds of immorality, such as those committed by Aza and Azael.

Although the commandment to send the Azazel goat into the wilderness is clearly a *chok*, and the idea of a goat carrying away all the sins of an entire nation of people seems preposterous, a few of the later commentators do offer some sort of an explanation. The Rambam suggests, “The ritual of the scapegoat inspires the Jews to repent, for it symbolizes to everyone that people can free themselves from the burden of past sins and remove them as far as possible.” R’ Hirsch adds, “Two identical he-goats are used for this process to demonstrate that every person must choose between good and evil, and that no one has the luxury of being neutral. Those who do not choose to move toward holiness are inevitably pushing themselves toward a wasteland of spiritual destruction” (Artscroll Chumash).

The Ohr HaChaim notes that the goat is referred to as “alive” before the confession in both verses 16:10 and 16:21. However, after Aharon professed the confession of the people’s sins upon it, the Azazel goat was so “spiritually contaminated” that it was already considered as “dead.” It was only rendered as alive before the confession, and by the time it was hurled off the cliff, it was nothing more than a lifeless “bag of bones.” Toras Kohanim states, “Azazel shall be stood alive before Hashem” implies that it is kept alive as long as it is “before Hashem.” Once it is sent off to Azazel, it is on its way to death (Mizrachi).

Interestingly, the Midrash states that the man who led the Azazel goat to the cliffs did not usually live out the year; therefore, the chachamim of the time, through *ruach*

hakodesh, chose someone who was destined to die within the year. Rashi adds that the “designated man” was appointed the day before Yom Kippur.

May we all heed the advice of the Rambam and take a lesson from the goat: to rid ourselves of all our sins and do teshuvah, to be zoche to Hashem’s forgiveness and gain atonement on Yom Kippur. A gutten Shabbos.

-Lev Avraham Rosenstock

Want to Be a “Minyanaire”?!

Want to impress your Creator? Looking for a way to increase your “spiritual equity”? Come join the TY minyan. Now that we are davening later Mincha/Maariv, we are looking for a few (10+) good men ages 13-120 to join our minyan. Shacharis is at 6:30 am during the week, 8:30 am on Shabbos, and 8:00 am on Sundays. Mincha/Maariv begins 10 minutes before shkia; please check the seasonal davening schedule or the Lev Echad for exact times. Extra credit if you are one of the first ten in shul to daven.

Hello Chametz My Old Friend

(Sung to the tune of “Sound of Silence”)

Hello chametz my old friend,

It’s nice to see you once again.

You had gone away without a trace,

You thought that you had fallen from grace.

But with Pesach, coming to an end, my old friend,

It’s time to celebrate, the taste of chametz.

We now count Sefira every day,

As we grow and change our ways.

Chesed, Gevura Tiferes,

Netzach, Hod, Yesod and Malchus.

The middos, that shape the way we act, everyday,

As we count, towards Shavous.

This Shabbos we do not dread,

Biting keys within our bread.

It’s a segula for parnussa,

That is hidden within your challah.

But be careful, that you don’t bite off too much, in a rush,

As you celebrate, the taste of chametz.

-Dov Pear

Yizkor Donations

- Andy Goldfinger
- Lenny and Glenna Ross
- Morty and Beth Tenenbaum

Yom Hashoa Talk

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel sincerely thanks Felicia Graber for her Yom Hashoa presentation last Tuesday night here at the shul. Felicia shared her experiences as a child of the Holocaust, and described Jewish life in Tarnow, Poland, based on her memories and her father’s narrative. Thank you to the sponsors of this event, Elie and Esther Weiner, and Mordechai Beleck. Yasher koach.

Community

- **May 12:** Ohr Chadash Academy invites the entire community to celebrate Israel’s 68th birthday on Yom Ha’atzmaut, and embark on an Israeli adventure. The event will begin at 5:30 pm at Congregation Shomrei Eemunah; there is no charge, food will be available for purchase. Sponsorship is available for \$68.

Contact ocapta@ohrchadashbaltimore.org for more information.

- **May 15:** Bikur Cholim of Baltimore’s Annual Women’s Brunch will be held at Bnai Jacob Shaarei Zion at 10:30 a.m. This year’s honorees include Mrs. Devorah Schor, Mrs. Erica Kelemer, and Mrs. Rikki Klein. Minimum donation is \$25. The Weiskind family will share their personal hakaras hatov story. To make reservations, register online at www.baltimorebikurcholim.org, or call 410-999-3700 x103.
- **May 15:** The Shores Barbecue Banquet will take place from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at the Shores campus in Adamstown, MD. Shiur from Rabbi Frand, and much more! To make reservations or to place an ad in the commemorative journal, please contact the Shores office at shores@shores.com or 410-358-8571.
- **May 29-31:** Rivka Malka’s Redemption Retreat with Tziporah Harris and Mommy Klatzko, at the Shores Campground, 2428 Pleasant View Road, Adamstown, MD. Cost for the event is \$499.
- **June 15:** Jewish Community Services (JCS) 8th Annual Meeting will be held at Beth Tfiloh Congregation. Come celebrate 100 years of Jewish Big Brother/Big Sister, honor Barbara Levy Gradet for her 12 years of leadership, and welcome Joan Grayson Cohen as incoming executive director. Refreshments at 4:30 pm, program from 5 to 6:30 pm. To RSVP, please call 410-843-7406.
- **July 17:** Bikur Cholim of Baltimore’s third annual Bikur Cholim bike-a-thon and family BBQ event. Last year’s bike-a-thon was a tremendous success, with over 195 riders and \$110,000 raised! Let’s make this year a brand new record-breaking event. Register now at www.bikercholim.org.

Coming Up

- **May 14:** Bar Mitzvah of Avraham Meir Feinstein. Kiddush sponsored by his parents Louis and Gail Feinstein.
- **May 22:** Zumba class for women with Marietta Jaffee here at the shul. Healthy refreshments to follow.
- **June 5:** Jewish Caring Network 5K Run for women at the Maryland Zoo.

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- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Risha Saperstein, Risha Yonah bas Masha Shusha
- Sima Cooperman Rosenfelt, Sima bas Sarah
- Eemunah Friedman, Eemunah L’Ori bas Nachas
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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.

Samuel Graber, Shmuel ben Moshe a"h, 1 Iyar, father of Howard Graber

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

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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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.

To purchase mitzvah cards please contact Glenna Ross at mitzvahcards@tiferesyisroel.org.



Ride G'mach. Call the Ride G'mach at 410-358-RIDE (7433). We need ride offers when anyone drives interstate, any direction. Not door-to-door, just city-to-city. Often, Chesed of Boro Park calls, needing a ride to/from New York for people with medical appointments in Baltimore hospitals.



Shul Rentals. To reserve the use of the shul's simcha hall or Nancy Taffel Annex, please contact Eileen Rosenbaum at 410-764-8443 or facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org. There is no fee to reserve the date. For availability, go to www.tiferesyisroel.org, and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.



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a week, the donation is \$90. Half-sponsorships are also available for \$45.

For the following, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 443-527-1726 or seforim@tiferesyisroel.org.

Siddur \$50

Chumash \$75

Yahrzeit Plaque \$300

Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

TY Shiurim Schedule

(Unless otherwise noted, all shiurim are for MEN.)

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).
- 9-9:45 pm: Weekly Avodah Chabura, given by Reb Shuki Nissan. Each week the chaburah will have a new topic of focus and discussion, jump-started by the writings of the Meor Einayim.
- Women's Navi Shiur on break till after Pesach.

Monday:

- 7:00-8:00 pm: The Rambam's Mishneh Torah, Hilchos Shabbos given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After Maariv: Chassidus, 20-minute shiur given by Rabbi Goldberger.

Tuesday:

- 9-9:45 pm: Sefer Hegyonai Halacha, given by Rabbi Goldberger - A clearly written rendition of a blend of Halacha and Hashkafa written in contemporary Hebrew. A beautiful synthesis of lomdus and machshava.

Wednesday:

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

Thursday Night:

- 9:15-9:45pm: Sefer Yaaros Dvash - given by Reb Shlomo Goldberger - An accessible and straightforward explanation of each bracha in Shemoneh Esrei, along with insights and instructions on the proper kavanos for each bracha.

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, 5 minutes of Hilchos Tefillah.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after Mincha/Maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men in Nesivos Shalom.

Shabbos:

- 8:00-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. Nezikin.
- One hour before Mincha, Rabbi Goldberger will be giving his Shabbos Shiur in Sefer HaTanya, the section called "Shaar HaYichud V'HaEmunah." The shiur is for men, women and teens in the main shul.

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