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**DAVENING SCHEDULE****Friday**Candle Lighting: 7:13 pm  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:15 pm**Shabbos Day**Shacharis: 8:30 am  
Mincha: 6:35 pm  
Maariv: 8:30 pm  
Shabbos is over after: 8:44 pm**Sunday**Shacharis: 8:00 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:20 pm**Monday-Friday**Shacharis: 6:30 am  
Mincha/Maariv: 7:20 pm**Next Shabbos- Tazria/Rosh Chodesh/  
Parshas HaChodesh**Candle Lighting: 7:20 pm  
Friday Mincha: 7:20 pm**This Shabbos**

- 10 - 11:30 am: Camp Shabbos.

**Thank You**

This week's special thank you goes out to Jay and Devorah Taffel, for once again organizing this year's pre-Pesach matzoh sale. We appreciate all of your time and effort to ensure that the kehilla has quality, delicious matzoh for the sedarim. Yasher koach!

**Shidduch Center Event for Men**

The Shidduch Center of Baltimore presents "Navigating the Shidduch Parsha - Not Your Standard Parsha Shiur," presented by Rabbi Shraga Neuberger. The event will take place this Thursday, April 14, at the Knish Shop Party Room. Divrei chizuk and eitzah for bachurim ages 21-26, and an all-you-can-eat BBQ buffet dinner. Dinner and presentation at

7:30 pm, Maariv at 8:45. Please RSVP at 443-955-9887 or events@shidduchcenter.org.

**Men's Beis Medrash Changes**

Due to a later Mincha/Maariv, the Men's Beis Medrash schedule has changed. Please note the time changes for each shiur:

- Sunday night Reb Shuki Nissan's Meor Einayim shiur will be from 8:30 to 9:15 pm.
- Tuesday night Rabbi Goldberger's Sefer Hegyonai Halacha shiur will be from 9 to 9:45 pm, now learning Inyanei Pesach.
- Thursday night Reb Shlomo Goldberger's Sefer Yaaros Dvash shiur will be from 8:30 to 9:15 pm.

**TY Seder Exchange**

Thinking about the Seder? Considering which guests to invite this year? Wondering who you can hit up for an invite? Want some new peeps? Try the TY Seder Exchange. If you have room at your table and you'd like more guests, let us know. Don't have a place? Let us know. We'll do what we can to make the best match possible. Please contact Suzanne Kayne at inappropiate@comcast.net (yes, it has 3 p's).

**Pesach Matzoh Pickup**

Only three weeks until Pesach! Matzoh pickup will be April 12 in the Nancy Taffel Annex here at the shul from 7 to 9:30 pm. All orders must be pre-paid or paid by check payable to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel at pickup.

**Camp Shabbos**

It's once again time for Camp Shabbos! All children up to age 7 are invited to participate in learning, davening, story time, dramatics, snacks, and much more. Children ages 4 to 7, will meet with Morah Henia in the Annex from 10:00 am to 11:30 am; for children age 3 and

under, Camp Shabbos will take place downstairs with Miss Tiffany in the Simcha Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 am. All children of the shul are invited and encouraged to attend.

**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.

There are two ways that you may support the JCN, an amazing organization that helps families who are dealing with the serious illness of a loved one. You may sign up to run with Team CTY, or sponsor our team with a generous donation.

To participate, please go to the JCN website at [www.jewishcaringnetwork.org](http://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 [rosenstockphoto@yahoo.com](mailto:rosenstockphoto@yahoo.com).

**New Members**

Congregation Tiferes Yisroel welcomes our newest members, Leyzer and Tikvah Pickett and family, and Moshe and Liat Miller and family to the kehilla. Welcome to the TY family.

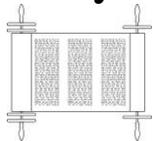
**Mazel Tov to**

- Leyzer and Tikvah Pickett on the birth of a son. May they be zoche l'hachniso bivriso shel Avraham Avinu bizmano ul'gadlo l'Torah l'chuppah ul'masim tovim. There will be Shalom Zachor tonight at the Pickett home, 3618 Glen Avenue.
- Aaron and Shoshana Shamberg on the marriage of their daughter, Shlayma, to Eli Altschuler. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisroel.

**This week's Lev Echad is in honor of:**

The TY "Morning Minyanaires." Yasher koach to all of the men who come each morning to daven. Your commitment to the shul and the minyan is greatly appreciated. We could not do it without you!

## The Weekly Parsha



### Parshas Shemini

By Rabbi Ben Zion Sobel

#### “...I will be sanctified through those who are nearest Me...” (Vayikra 10:3)

Non-religious Jews in Israel are so amenable to teshuvah that often it is not even necessary to suggest to them to return to their roots. When they are impressed by a religious person's actions, in accordance with the way the Torah stipulates, they frequently decide on their own that they want to be a part of such a prominent community.

In his new book, “Borechi Nafshi” on Vayikra, Rabbi Zilberstein shlita relates a story about Rabbi Yosef Leizerzon zt”l who lived in Bnei Brak and took bus number 318 every morning to Rechovot, where he headed the kollel. The bus driver was accustomed to seeing this modest passenger wait for him at the bus stop every morning for years.

One morning, for some reason, Rabbi Leizerzon was a bit late and as he approached the road, he saw the bus already loading passengers. The bus driver saw the Rabbi across the street and signaled to him not to rush; he would wait for him. However, the elderly Rabbi did his best to get to the bus stop as fast as he could. When he ascended the stairs, a bit out of breath, the bus driver asked him why he had exerted himself in spite of the fact that he had indicated that he would be waiting for him until he arrived.

To the driver's shock, the Rabbi responded with his typical smile, “It was very nice of you to agree to wait for me. However, the bus is full of people who are in a hurry to reach their destinations. What right do I have to hold them up because I was late?”

The driver was amazed at the consideration of the Rabbi and began to interest himself in religion. First he began putting on tefillin; then he began to pray every morning before work, until he became a full-fledged baal teshuvah.

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### Aharon's Silence

Last week in the Megilla, we saw a tremendous “reversal of fortune” with the rise and fall of the wicked Haman. One moment he was on top of the world, dining intimately with the King and Queen, and reveling in his dream

of hanging Mordechai from the gallows. The next moment he was living out his nightmare, escorting Mordechi, who was adorned in the clothes and crown of the King, through Shushan like a simple peasant. It is hard to imagine the range of emotions Haman must have experienced as he rapidly descended from one extreme to the next. The Torah is replete with episodes of this nature, and tragically enough, one appears at the beginning of this week's parsha.

Shemini begins with the eighth day of the inauguration of the Mishkan. And after all of the korbanos were offered, Aharon and Moshe blessed the people, and then “the glory of Hashem appeared to the entire people! A fire went forth from before Hashem and consumed upon the Mizbe'ach the olah-offering and the fats; the people saw and they praised and fell upon their faces” (Vayikra 9:23-24). Moshe and Aharon, and the entire Klal Yisroel, were on top of the world; they rejoiced and reveled in the Presence of the Shechina. And then out of nowhere, tragedy struck and the celebration turned into mourning.

Chapter 10 begins with, “The sons of Aharon, Nadav and Avihu, each took his firepan, they put fire in them and placed incense upon it... A fire came forth from before Hashem and consumed them, and they died before Hashem” (ibid. 10:1-2). Seeing his brother's distress, Moshe said to Aharon, “Of this did Hashem speak, saying: ‘I will be sanctified through those who are close to Me, and I will be honored before the entire people’; and Aharon fell silent” (ibid. 10:3). Rashi comments on Moshe's words to Aharon: “Aharon, my brother, I knew that the Mishkan would become sanctified through those intimate with the Omnipresent. I was under the impression that it would be sanctified either through me or through you. Now I see that they are greater than you and I.” According to this Rashi, Aharon fell silent when he heard Moshe acknowledge the saintliness of his sons (Gur Aryeh, Sifsei Chachamim). Rashi then adds that Aharon was rewarded for his silence. What was his reward? Answers Rashi, “That the speech of G-d was directed to him alone, that to him alone was said the section of the Torah that deals with those intoxicated of wine” (ibid. verses 8-11).

There are many opinions as to why Nadav and Avihu died. Some say that it was simply as the pasuk states, that they brought an unauthorized offering. Some say that it was that they brought their own incense into the Holy of Holies. The Ramban disagrees with this opinion and suggests that they offered the regular daily incense upon the Inner Altar without authorization. The Tanna R' Eliezer says that they died because they rendered a halachic decision in front of their Rebbe, Moshe. The Tanna R' Yishmael says the reason was that they were intoxicated with wine when

they entered the Sanctuary; and for this reason, the Torah teaches that G-d warned Aharon (and the remaining Kohanim) that they should not enter the Sanctuary intoxicated by wine, “that you not die” (ibid. 10:9). By maintaining his composure at a moment of utter dismay and remaining silent, Aharon was zoche to revelation, and was addressed intimately by HaKodesh Barchu regarding the laws of intoxication by wine.

The Baal HaTurim points out that the word *vayidom*, used here for “silent,” only appears in one other place spelled this way in all of Tanach, in sefer Yehoshua. “And the sun stood still (*vayidom*), and the moon stayed” (Yehoshua 10:13). The Talmud compares Moshe to the sun, as it is written (Bava Basra 75a), “The countenance of Moshe was like that of the sun; the countenance of Yehoshua was like that of the moon.” The use of the word *vayidom* in these two pasukim may be a veiled reference to Aharon, who in his moment of silence, achieved a spiritual level comparable to Moshe's, and was thereby worthy of his own revelation.

I believe that both Rashi and the Baal HaTurim are teaching us that Aharon's silence elevated him to a higher spiritual level, one equal to his brother Moshe, which enabled him to hear the Divine voice, and somehow find comfort in the loss of his two sons. Silence truly is a virtue. A gutten Shabbos.

*-Lev Avraham Rosenstock*

### Nesivos Shalom

Previously in the Nesivos Shalom, the Slonimer Rebbe discussed the various types of emunah. We are now learning the many different ways to acquire faith in Hashem and strengthen our emunah. According to the Nesivos Shalom, acquiring, strengthening, and maintaining one's emunah takes considerable effort, and one must be diligent in his efforts. In this chapter, he now discusses some practical techniques by which we may successfully strengthen our emunah.

The first example can be found in Sefer Tehillim. It says in Psalms 119:86: “...all your mitzvos (commandments) are faith(ful)...” What exactly does this mean? The psalmist is teaching us that the mere performance of the mitzvos strengthens a person's faith. Inherent in the performance of any mitzvah is a basic acknowledgement that Hashem exists, and that He gave us a Torah, which contains the very mitzvos that help strengthen our emunah. Mitzvah performance is part of our daily service of Hashem, and intrinsically strengthens our emunah. We need not have a specific awareness of this, or intention, in order to improve our emunah; this benefit comes naturally with our mitzvah observance, and serves as a reward for our efforts.

Another one of the chief techniques that is brought down by the Slonimer Rebbe is to constantly review the Rambam's Thirteen Principles of Faith, which can be found at the end of Shacharis in most siddurim. Each of these thirteen principles begins with the words "I believe, with complete faith..." For example: "I believe with complete faith that the words of the prophets are true." We find an allusion to this principle in Tanach in Sefer Yirmiyahu: "...faith is lost, it is cut off from their mouths..." Faith was lost because the Jewish people failed to express it verbally. Verbally expressing one's emunah is the key to strengthening and maintaining it. Many sources expound upon the great benefit of reciting the Thirteen Principles of Faith and saying them out loud. The Nesivos Shalom quotes the "Saba Kadisha" of Lukovitz, by emphasizing that we are required to believe in Hashem with our entire body; when we verbally recite the Thirteen Principles of Faith, our mouths are included in our belief in Hashem. The Slonimer Rebbe reiterates that speaking out these articles of faith causes the "light of emunah" to penetrate one's soul. He says that the practice of verbally reciting the Rambam's Thirteen Principles of Faith benefits one immensely, by increasing his awareness and faith in Hashem and belief in His Torah.

Rabbi Goldberger gave a practical example, an idea derived from the "Tzetil Katan" by the Rebbe Reb Elimelech of Lizensk ztz"l. We all have moments when we are stuck somewhere, with nothing to do. We may be in line at the bank, or waiting for a bus, etc. During these idle moments, he suggests we take a few seconds to review one or more of the Thirteen Principles of Faith; he suggests that we can actually use that time to strengthen our emunah

by taking a few seconds to review one or more of the Thirteen Principles of Faith. Strengthening and maintaining our emunah is a lifelong practice, something that we need to do from our youth to old age. We never reach a point where we don't need to work on improving our emunah, and according to the Nesivos Shalom, reviewing these articles of faith is a great and proven way to do it.

-Avraham Sonenthal

### 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.

### Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us when you can.

### Primary Elections

In just three weeks, on April 26, there will be critical primary elections for Baltimore City and Maryland representatives in the US Senate. The deadline for registering to vote in the primary election is this Tuesday, April 5. This is an important opportunity for members of the Baltimore Jewish community to ensure that our

elected officials represent our values, interests and concerns on issues ranging from taxes to Iran. Only registered voters can cast a ballot in the primary, and every single vote will make a difference. If you are not a registered voter, or you want to switch your party affiliation, please go to [www.VoteInBaltimore.com](http://www.VoteInBaltimore.com), or call 410-396-1444 to request a form by mail. Please note that the election is during chol hamoed Pesach. If you will be away, consider obtaining an absentee ballot or voting early.

### Used Book Sale

Used book sale is still in full swing! Latest arrivals include: "Duties of the Heart," "Praying with Fire," "Muktzah: A Practical Guide," "Tales of the Soul," and "Touched by a Story." Most titles are still \$5.00 or less, upstairs by the Beis Medrash.

### Community

- **March:** A twelve-step group for frum women meets Shabbos afternoons. Please call Gail at 410-456-4306 for more information.
- **May 15:** The Shoresh Barbecue Banquet will take place from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at the Shoresh 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 Shoresh office at [shoresh@shoresh.com](mailto:shoresh@shoresh.com) or 410-358-8571.
- **May 29-31:** Rivka Malka's Redemption Retreat with Tziporah Harris and Mommy Klitzko, at the Shoresh Campground, 2428 Pleasant View Road, Adamstown, MD. Cost for the event: Buddy Discount - \$375 available until April 6 -sign up with a friend (on the same day) and both come for \$375; Regular Cost - \$499.

### Coming Up

- April 4: Bris for the son of Leyzer and Tikvah Pickett after Shacharis. Seudah following the bris.
- April 12: Matzoh pickup in the Nancy Taffel Annex from 7 to 9:30 pm.
- May 3: Yom HaShoah remembrance by Felicia Graber, 7:30 in the shul. For men, women, and teens.
- May 7: Bar Mitzvah of Chananya Blaxberg. Kiddush and shalosh seudos sponsored by his parents Dr. Nisan Blaxberg and Meira Blaxberg.
- May 14: Bar Mitzvah of Avraham Meir Feinstein. Kiddush sponsored by his parents Louis and Gail Feinstein.
- June 5: Jewish Caring Network 5K Run for women at the Maryland Zoo.

### Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah

### PUSHKA CAMPAIGN

Sign up by emailing [shlomhuva@aol.com](mailto: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

#### Latest contributors:

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger  
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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.



**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.



**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, David Sawilowsky at [davidsaw@comcast.net](mailto:davidsaw@comcast.net), or Marthe Vidaver at Joblink, 410-602-8700, [marthe@joblinkemployment.com](mailto:marthe@joblinkemployment.com).



**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](mailto: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](mailto:facilityrental@tiferesyisroel.org). There is no fee to reserve the date. For availability, go to [www.tiferesyisroel.org](http://www.tiferesyisroel.org), and click on the "Calendar" button on the left. This online calendar is kept up-to-date continuously.



**Sponsorships.** To arrange your sponsorship, email [levechad@tiferesyisroel.org](mailto:levechad@tiferesyisroel.org). Please send your donation to Congregation Tiferes Yisroel, 6201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215.

To sponsor Shemen Lamaor for a month or the Lev Echad or Camp Shabbos for a week, the

donation is \$36. To sponsor Father/Son Learning for 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](mailto: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).
- 8:30-9:15 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:

- 8:30-9:15pm: Sefer Yaaros Dvash -given by Reb Shlomo Goldberger - An accessible and straightforward explanation of each bracha in shmoneh esrei, along with insights and instructions on the kavanah of 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. Nesivos Shalom Chelek Aleph.
- 8:00-9:00 pm: Men's bais medrash. Monday and Wednesday.

#### Shabbos:

- 8:00-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. Nezikin. Motzei Shabbos:

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