

Rabbi Menachem Goldberger

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Celebrating our 28th year

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DAVENING SCHEDULE**Friday**

Candle Lighting: 4:34 pm
Mincha: 4:35 pm

Shabbos Day

Shacharis: 8:30 am
Mincha: 4:15 pm
Maariv: 5:50 pm
Shabbos is over after: 6:04 pm

Sunday

Shacharis: 8:00 am
Mincha/Maariv: 4:30 pm

Monday-Friday

Shacharis: 6:30 am
Mincha/Maariv followed by Malchus
Shlomo with Rabbi Goldberger: 4:30 pm

Next Shabbos – Parshas Toldos

Candle Lighting: 4:29 pm
Friday Mincha: 4:30 pm

This Shabbos

- Aufruf of Ariel Rice, son of Mike and Caron Rice of Milwaukee.
- 7:30-8:30 pm. Father/Son Learning.

Looking for Gourmet Chefs

Have you seen our stunning new kitchen? Don't you want to cook in it? Here's your chance. You can be one of the gourmet chefs preparing the meal for Tiferes Yisroel's Shabbos Chanuka family seudah. Please email Rebbetzin Bracha at ggreporting@verizon.net to work out the details.

Vote

The shul election will take place on Sunday, December 14, at 11 am in the shul

Simcha Hall. Please make your presence known at this important event. Tiferes Yisroel prides itself on inclusion, participation and fellowship. Your vote, your voice and your input are vital to the ongoing vitality of our unique kehilla. May Hashem see fit to bless our new officers with siyatta di'shmaya in all their endeavors.

Mazel Tov to

- Mike and Caron Rice on the aufruf and upcoming wedding of their son Ariel to Shifra Swerdlow. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisrael.
- Nisan and Marietta Jaffee and Avi and Ruth Eastman on the birth of a granddaughter, Raquel Nitzan, in Yerushalayim, born to Tova and Dovid Eastman. May they be zoche l'gadla l'Torah l'chupah ul'maasim tovim.
- Rabbi Shlomo and Rivka Slatkin on the bris of their son, Ben Zion. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chupah ul'maasim tovim.
- Rabbi Fred and Connie Friedman on the marriage of their son, Ari, to Ariella Alper. May they be zoche to build a bayis ne'eman b'Yisrael.
- Rabbi Fred and Connie Friedman on the birth and bris of a grandson, Ovadiah Simcha, born to Judy and Michael Van Gelder, in Zurich, Switzerland. May they be zoche l'gadlo l'Torah l'chupah ul'maasim tovim.

Tiferes Yisroel Shabbos Chanuka Family Seuda

Please join us on December 20, Shabbos Chanuka, for a family seuda, catered by our own Tiferes Yisroel Gourmet Chefs. The cost is \$20 per person with a family cap of \$100. There is no charge for children under three.

To reserve your seat(s), please email Reb Shlomo Goldberger at shlomhuva@aol.com or call 410-358-4456. Paid reservations are due by December 8.

Ages 12 and older are invited to a special presentation at 2:30 in the Bais Medrash, "Convert or Die," featuring Rabbi Shlomo Horwitz. All are welcome for dessert, divrei Torah and singing at 1:45 pm. Sponsorships are welcome.

Chanuka Carnival

Our annual Chanuka Carnival will be on Sunday, December 21, from 1 to 3 pm in the shul Simcha Hall.

Join us for crafts, balloon art, face painting, games, prizes and Chanuka treats!

If you would like to help with planning, volunteer for on-site help, or be one of our sponsors, please contact Adriana Steinberg at 202-641-6677 or abpeljovich@yahoo.com.

Men's Bais Medrash

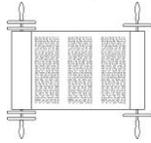
Our new Bais Medrash Program for men is on Monday and Wednesday nights from 8 to 9, followed by maariv. There are several different learning opportunities of varying lengths to make it possible for everyone to participate. As an added incentive, there will be freshly brewed coffee and refreshments.

- Monday
 - 8-8:35, Reb Shlomo Goldberger, Mishnah Brura
 - 8-9, Jay Taffel, Rambam Hilchos Tzitzis
 - 8:45-9, Shuki Nissan, Chovos Hatalmidim
- Wednesday
 - 8-8:35, Reb Shlomo Goldberger, the Weekly Parsha
 - 8:45-9, Shuki Nissan, Chovos Hatalmidim

This week's Lev Echad is sponsored by:

The Jaffee and Eastman families in Israel in honor of Tova and Dovid Eastman on the birth of Raquel Nitzan Eastman. May they have much Yiddishe nachas from her for long, healthy, happy years!

The Weekly Parsha



Dating Advice From G-d #1: Love Conquers All

by Tal Segal

(from shortvort.com)

This is it. The classic love story. Avraham sends his right-hand man Eliezer to find a wife for his son, Yitzchak (Isaac), and he goes to the watering hole of the town where Avraham's relatives live, and the first person he meets is Rivka (Rebecca). The Torah tells us she was exceedingly beautiful, and almost immediately Eliezer knew this was the woman for Yitzchak, and after meeting the family, of course, he whisks her away to her waiting husband-to-be. As she arrives, Yitzchak is praying in the field outside his house, and Rivka is so taken aback at the impressive sight of him she falls off her horse! I can't believe no one's made this into a Hollywood blockbuster! And everything worked out really well for Yitzchak and Rivka. Great family, didn't get divorced, parents of an entire nation. We can see here that love conquers all. When two people have such a romantic relationship, madly and passionately in love with one another, nothing can go wrong. Love conquers all!

Right??

Not quite. In fact, I can prove to you in about 30 seconds that love doesn't conquer all. Let me ask you: If I did a survey, and went up to every couple in the world just seconds before they were about to get married, and asked them if they loved each other, what percentage of them do you think would answer "Yes. Definitely"? 99%? 100%?? Of course they are in love! Otherwise they wouldn't be getting married!

But what's the divorce rate? 50% within 5 years. So what happened to "love conquers all"??!

It's simply not true. Love does not conquer all. Our media — movies, TV, magazines, music — they all pump into us over and over again this idea that love conquers all and that an incredibly passionate relationship is a surefire sign of a love that will last forever, and you can't blame them because it is such a beautiful idea and hey, it sells. But it's not true! And how much pain does it cause so many millions of people who are wandering around in relationships that end up in breakups and divorces because they are being guided by lies that "sound good" and "sell," but in actuality there is no truth to them whatsoever. Love does not conquer all.

But, interestingly, our Sages in Pirkei Avot

(Ethics of our Fathers) tell us there is a type of love that can overcome all obstacles and will last indefinitely. Our Sages term this love *ahavah she'einah teluyah bedavar* (love that does not hinge upon the material or the sensual):

All love that is based on a transient cause [material or sensual] vanishes with the passing of that cause. Love that is not based on a transient cause [but hinges on some spiritual quality] will never cease. (Pirkei Avot 5:19)

When love is based on sensual attraction, it reflects only self-gratification. After that gratification is achieved, or as it slowly wears off as people get older and their physical and sensual attractions disappear, such love vanishes. A girl who loves a boy because he is tall, handsome, athletically built, popular and enthralling — may one day wake up in shock. At the moment of truth, she will realize she is married to nothing more than an empty hulk and smooth tongue. Then the "love" that existed disappears. Rav Eliyahu Lopian used to say that the problem with the love today is that it is primarily selfish. It is about me. For example: People say they "love" fish. What do they do with the fish they love? First, they kill it. Then they cut it up, bake it, broil it, fry it, chew it, and swallow it. Do they really love fish? Not at all! They love themselves and seek self-gratification. They don't love fish, they love the feeling that fish give them. But it's all about them. That's selfish love. This type of love will inevitably end sooner or later.

The situation is completely different when love is based on a partner's fine character traits and nobility of spirit. When you love someone because they are a good person, and are kind and gentle and generous and spiritual and positive and sensitive to others, the love and appreciation one feels is not linked to self-gratification, but to the inherent goodness of one's partner. This person's goodness is eternal and permanent, and therefore so is the love you have for them.

This kind of love only grows stronger with time as both members of this relationship grow and work to become better people and *menschen*.

The success of Yitzchak and Rivka's marriage wasn't because it was a passionate love affair. And the truth is my words were purposely misleading; their love wasn't based in the least on Rivka's beauty and Yitzchak's impressive appearance. Quite the opposite. It would take too long to analyse the words in the Torah exactly (read the story yourself it starts in Genesis chapter 24!), but take a look at the test that Eliezer put together to see if Rivka was the right girl. Our commentators point out that it was full of every little test possible to see what spiritual and noble qualities she had. If she was generous, if she was a leader, if she was polite, if she was

modest. When she came to see Yitzchak, the Torah says "And Yitzchak brought her into the tent of Sarah, his mother. He took Rivkah, and she became his wife, and he loved her." Targum Onkelos (Caesar's nephew who converted to Judaism and translated the Torah into Greek) translates this as "And Yitzchak brought her into the tent, and behold, he saw her deeds were as righteous as those of Sarah, his mother, and he loved her."

Yitzchak and Rivka chose each other and loved each other not because of a physical attraction or romance. It was much deeper. They saw goodness and righteousness in each other, and so loved their partner not for the feeling that they gave them, but just for who they were. It wasn't a selfish love. It was a love which is not "teluyah b'davar," not dependent on anything. It is an intrinsic love of someone for being great and good. That kind of love conquers all. This is, by the way, one of the main ideas behind a *shomer negiyah* relationship. As soon as a relationship becomes physical there will automatically be other types of love created. A sexual relationship is the most powerful connection two people can create. This is very important and good, but only after you're 100% positive that there is here the type of love that is not based on externals, because that is the one you will ultimately be left with and that your relationship will ultimately depend on. I'm not recommending anyone even try this unless you're at a pretty advanced level, but you can appreciate its wisdom.

Yitzchak and Rivka loved each other because they saw greatness in one another. They admired one another for their righteousness, kindness, good character traits and piety. It wasn't a selfish love at all. It was an intrinsic love of a person for being good. If we choose our partners based on the same checklist that our forefathers and foremothers used, rather than the checklist the media all around us bombards us with day and night, we will save ourselves so much pain, and be able to build a strong, real, lasting, loving relationship. Because love does conquer all, as long as it's the right type.

Shabbat Shalom!

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Women's Shiur with Rabbi Goldberger

Beginning Sunday night, December 14, there will be a new women's shiur with Rabbi Goldberger. We will be learning Navi, "Shmuel," about Dovid HaMelech both prior to his becoming king and during his reign. Please bring a Sefer Shmuel with Rashi. The shiur will be held in the Nancy Taffel Annex, time to be announced.

Focus on Chesed

Keep a Daily Notebook, Make a Daily Entry

As we move into the last phase of this year's Focus on Chesed, you can focus on chesed by setting aside a notebook and entering one act of chesed you did each day. This can be a chesed for someone inside or outside your family.

Yaakov Goldman has designed and produced a pocket chesed notebook (free of charge) for us to make a chesed entry each day. He is also working on the "Ten Greatest Chesed Stories" with Rabbi Pesach Krohn, to be available soon. The first two journals to the family are free; after that they are \$1 each. They are also free via email.

Join the Chessed Challenge Volunteer Team or bring it to your organization. Contact: builtonchessed@gmail.com, (410) 903-4653.

Women's Tehillim Group

The Women's Tehillim Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the Nancy Taffel Annex. Please join us when you can.

Coming Up

- November 22: Shabbos mevorchim kiddush.
- December 14: Shul election.
- December 20: Family seuda.
- December 21: Chanuka Carnival.

Used Book Sale

Come check out our used book sale located upstairs outside the Bais Medrash. Everything is \$5 or less. If you would like to donate any gently used Sefarim or Jewish books, please contact Steve Schwarz at 410-446-8330 or simchamelech@aol.com. All proceeds go to the shul.

Father/Son Learning

Join us for Father/Son Learning this Motzei Shabbos, from 7:30 to 8:30. It's a wonderful way to hold onto the Kedusha from Shabbos as you and your son(s)/grandsons share this special time together.

Pizza and refreshments will be available at the end of learning, from 8 to 8:30, along with stories of our holy Tzaddikim. We will meet upstairs in our beautiful Bais Medrash.

We're also looking for sponsors for this year's learning cycle. Thank you to this week's sponsor, Fred and Rena Levi.

Shul Kiddush

As part of the initiative mentioned by Ari Blum last week in his Shabbos announcements, we are having a shul kiddush on November 22 for Shabbos mevorchim. Thank you to all our sponsors. We are fully subscribed for this kiddush.

If you would like to help sponsor our next Shabbos mevorchim kiddush, please contact 13blum@gmail.com

Found

A large green Frisbee was found at the shul picnic. Please contact Toby Passe at 410-585-0182 to claim it.

Refuah Shalaimah to

- Raizy Cohen, Raiselle bas Sarah
- Shaya Cohen, Yeshaya Lev ben Shelly Gabriella
- Hillel Zeitlin, Hillel Mordechai ben Miriam
- Risha Saperstein

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.

Latest contributors:
Jonathan and Talia Raun
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Community

- **November:** World Sponge Month.
- **November 15:** Women's shiur in memory of Chaya Malka Barkai and Esther Nechama Margolese. Sefer HaChinnuch, led by Dr. Dovid Clay. Home of Joyce Dreyfuss, 3820 Menlo Drive, each Shabbos at 3:30 pm. All women and high school girls are invited.
- **November 15:** Jewish history lecture series with Rabbi Dovid Katz. The Ben Gurion Era at High Noon. 8 pm, Shomrei.
- **November 15:** The women of the community are invited to attend the 12th Annual Worldwide Event for the Yahrzeit of Rachel Imeinu and Fundraiser for Aniyei Eretz Yisrael. Introduction by HaRav Shmuel Kamenetsky, Shlita. Shiurim by Rebbetzin Tehila Jaeger and Rebbetzin Tzipora Heller. Special message by Rav Yitzchok Dovid Grossman. \$10 women/\$7students. For more information and to sponsor, call 410-358-2573. 8:30 pm, BJSZ.
- **November 18:** Rabbi Chaim Morgenstern of Arachim, Israel, "Can you reason with your child? — Understanding your child's emotions from toddlers to teens." Men and women are welcome. Free admission. 8 pm, Kehillas Kol Torah Social Hall.
- **November 23:** Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland. "Finding a Family's Town: A Case Study," and "Beyond Ancestry.com: It Isn't All Online!" Free for paid members and \$5 for nonmembers (applied to membership fee when a visitor joins JGSMD). Refreshments will be available. Please check our website at www.jgsmd.org for late updates and for the time, location, and program of future meetings. 1:30-3:30 pm, Pikesville Library meeting room.

Yahrzeit Donations

- In memory of Glenna's mother, Sylvia Frank, on her second yahrzeit, 19 Cheshvan, by Lenny and Glenna Ross
- In fond memory of Mrs. Florence Weissman, Faiga bas Miriam, on her yahrzeit, 25 Cheshvan, by the Goldmans, Klugmans and Rottmans

Yizkor Donations

- Morty and Beth Tenenbaum
- Lenny and Glenna Ross
- Andy Goldfinger
- Rabbi Elie and Esther Weiner
- Dov and Tayna Goldstein
- Rabbi and Rebbetzin Goldberger
- Jonathan and Talia Raun

Yahrzeit

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.

Ada Gottlieb a"rh, 22 Cheshvan, grandmother of Suzanne Kayne



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, or Elly Lasson, executive director, at Joblink, 410-602-8700, elasson@joblinkemployment.com.



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 eileen@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.



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



Candle Gemach. Need yahrzeit or Shabbos candles? The Schwartzes have a candle gemach at their house at 3413 Olympia Avenue.



Sponsorships. To arrange your sponsorship, email levechad@tiferesyisroel.org or go to www.tiferesyisroel.org and click donate. 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, Camp Shabbos or Father/Son Learning for a week, the donation is \$36.

For the following, please contact Nisan Blaxberg at 410-358-3943 or inn8doc@aol.com.

Siddur \$50

Chumash \$75

Yahrzeit Plaque \$300

Other seforim may be dedicated as well.

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:

- One hour before mincha: **Rambam Mishnah Torah.** Given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.
- After mincha/maariv: **Ahavas Chesed** for men with Rabbi Goldberger for a half hour.

Tuesday:

- One hour before mincha: **Gemara Chulin.** The 8th perek dealing with the meat and bones and blood of kashrus, given by Jay Taffel. Upstairs Beis Midrash.

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 Mesillas Yesharim by the Ramchal.
- Sunday through Thursday evening after mincha/maariv for 15 minutes — Rabbi Goldberger shiur for men. **Malchus Shlomo.**
- 8-9 pm: Men's bais medrash. Monday and Wednesday.

Shabbos:

- 8-8:30 am: Mishnayos Chabura. **Nezikin.**
- One hour before mincha: Rabbi's shiur.

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