

# Tefilla Notebook

14 Elul • Parshat Ki Tetze

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## SHABBAT SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:44pm CANDLELIGHTING  
6:30pm MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30am RABBI'S GEMARA SHIUR  
9:15am SHACHARIT  
6:05pm PRE MINCHA SHIUR  
6:40pm MINCHA  
7:00pm SEUDAH SHLISHIT  
7:45pm MA'ARIV  
7:46pm SHABBAT ENDS

## WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sun. September 15 8:00am & 6:45pm  
Mon. September 16 6:20am & 6:45pm  
Tues. September 17 6:30am & 6:45pm  
Wed. September 18 6:30am & 6:45pm  
Thu. September 19 6:20am & 6:45pm  
Fri. September 20 6:30am & 6:30pm

### YOUTH GROUP SHABBOS SCHEDULE

10:00 Free play, games & books.  
10:40 Snack time, Parsha story & questions  
11:10 Into shul to kiss the Torah  
Circle time - davening, singing, Shabbat songs & games. (Ping pong, foosball, basketball)  
11:30 Kids service ends

## WELCOME

Scholar in Residence  
**Rav David Stav**,  
who will speak  
before Musaf on the topic

*"The Jewish Future of the State of Israel"*

Rav Stav is the Chief Rabbi of Shoham and co-founder and chairman of Tzohar, an Israeli Organization that fosters vibrant and inspiring Jewish identity in order to guarantee a Jewish future for Israel.

## THANK YOU

To the Feder Family: **Helene, Donald, and Steven & Esther** for sponsoring the kiddush luncheon in memory of their parents **Margaret Feder a"h and Paul Feder z"l** and in honor of the guest Scholar, **Rav Stav**.

Thank you to **Sol and Giselle Dunst** for sponsoring this week's Tefilla Notebook in memory of Sol's father, **Joseph Dunst, Yosef Dovid ben Yaakov Shlomo z"l**, whose yahrtzeit is on the 14 Elul.

Dearest Members and Friends,

One of the great social challenges facing society is the problem of juvenile delinquency. Crimes committed by individuals who have not yet reached adulthood can often be as bad as those committed by adults. As is the case with all types of criminal behavior, scholars and experts debate the causes of juvenile delinquency, and differ on how best to address the issue.

In the United States, instances of juvenile offending spiked during the early 1990s, resulting in a landmark study published in 1993 by the US Department of Justice, titled "Family Life and Delinquency and Crime". Writing in the foreword, senior government official Jerry Regier explained that "the family is the fundamental building block of human society [and] there is much to be learned about the effects of family life on delinquency and crime." The study concentrated on bringing together in one paper the conclusions of dozens of previous studies which had examined every aspect of juvenile delinquency as it related to the family setting. Many of the ideas regarding the effects of family life, or the lack of it, on youngsters growing up into a life of crime were self-evident – rejection, abuse, discord in the home, criminal parents, single parent families – but here they were presented with the evidence of research studies, essentially to inform policymakers what areas they needed to focus on in order to address the crisis.

Thankfully, juvenile delinquency in the United States has gone down since then, although it remains a huge problem here and elsewhere in the western world. Nevertheless, some of the lessons learnt in the 1990s have since been incorporated into parenting guides and other resources created to help parents avoid the pitfalls that may result in their child's descent into criminal activity.

One part of the 1993 study was devoted to "normative development", which the authors described as "how children learn right from wrong." After introducing the section, the authors suddenly and quite surprisingly stepped out of the dry objective tone they had used until then, expressing their astonishment at the absence of a critical area of research with regard to normative development. "Because some evidence has linked normative development, and specifically involvement with religion, with reduced likelihood of delinquency, it is curious that so few studies of this element of positive parenting have been conducted. [One study suggests] that the lack of attention to religious influences is due to two possibilities: 1) a lack of interest in conforming behavior, as opposed to deviant behavior, *and 2) a general opposition to religious principles among academic social scientists.*"

If ever there was proof needed that research and data compilation can be biased, here you have it. Atheist academics looking at how to deal with juvenile delinquency eschew religious beliefs – so they avoid studying anything that might imply the benefits of a religious upbringing! Remarkably, the authors of the government study combed through the existing literature to find scattered references that underscored the importance of what has since become known as "role model parenting".

"The role of parents in moral development is critical and irreplaceable [as] the parents represent the child's first encounter with society's rules and regulations. Families, similar to societies, have rules against dishonesty, violence, theft, and a general prohibition against disorder. As children confront the moral issues of life, their parents have considerable influence in helping the child reach a positive resolution with these dilemmas."

There is only one reference in the Torah to juvenile delinquency, found in the portion of Ki Teitzei, and it would appear that the passage discussing "ben sorer umoreh", as the juvenile delinquent is called, wishes to make this exact point. In introducing what should be done with such a child, the Torah says (Deut. 21:18): **כִּי יְהִי לְאִישׁ בֶּן סוֹרֵר וּמוֹרֵד אֲיָנָו שָׁמַע בְּקוֹל אָבִיו וּבְקוֹל אִמּוֹ וְיָסָרוּ אוֹתוֹ וְלֹא יִשְׁמַע אֲלֵהֶם** - "If someone has a wayward and defiant son who does not hear the voice of his father or mother, and even after they discipline him does not listen to them."

Rabbi Zvi Hirsch Spira, the revered rabbi of Munkacz in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, comments on the seeming repetition in this introductory verse. He notes that if the wayward and defiant son is not hearing his parents' voices, he is certainly not going to take any notice of them when they discipline him. Why say the same thing twice? He therefore suggests that the first part of the verse is not actually a reference to any conversations between the parent and child, but rather it refers to the voice of the parent in the home. If a child never hears his parents praying, or discussing God, or morality, or ethics, or Torah values and ideals, then inevitably when they rebuke him for not living up to these ideals, he will not take any notice. Why should a child listen to anything his parents tell him to do if they do not do those things themselves?

Every parent is a role model to their children; every grandparent is a role model to their grandchildren; every influencer is a role model for their peers. If we want our families and our communities to honor and uphold the time-honed values of our faith and tradition, the baseline for that achievement is for us to behave the way we want them to behave. And no one knows us better than those who are closest to us, which means that they will always reflect our behavior in theirs. If we live the life we expect of others, it is far more likely that they will also lead that life.

All of us put our hopes and dreams into the next generation. But it is only through our own efforts to live the life we dream for them that our aspirations for them have any chance of coming to fruition.

Wishing you Shabbat Shalom and a great week ahead, Rabbi Pini Dunner



## Sisterhood Corner

The Sisterhood proudly presents the following upcoming events!

### September

The High Holidays are approaching...get your spiritual "fix" and join us for our annual

**Pre-Rosh Hashanah Shiur,**  
**Tuesday, September 24th**  
**7:30pm, given this year by**  
**Rabbi Pini Dunner.**

Have a wonderful Shabbat!

Cecile & Ruthie  
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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## ISRAEL HEADLINES

Each week, YINBH Beverly Hills Synagogue produces a weekly bulletin titled "Israel Headlines." You can find them on the tables in shul every Shabbat. The idea behind this is to make us aware of current events in Israel. Sponsorship for Israel Headlines is available for \$100 per issue. If you are interested in sponsoring a weekly bulletin please email

[israelheadlines@gmail.com](mailto:israelheadlines@gmail.com)

**Reminder**

The **High Holidays** are only 2 weeks away! If you have not sent in your membership renewal packets, please do so as soon as possible.

We have already started assigning High Holiday seats and we are almost at capacity. All dues must be paid in order to secure your seats. Please contact the office at 310-276-7650 if you have any questions about renewing or joining the shul.

## YAHRTZEITS

**Joseph Dunst**  
Yosef Dovid ben Yaakov  
Shlomo z"l  
Husband of  
**Georgette Dunst**  
Yahrtzeit— 14 Elul

**Sylvia Glatter**  
Zelda bat Leah a"n  
Mother of  
**Lillian Fuchs**  
Yahrtzeit— 14 Elul

**Clara Kest**  
Chaya bat Zvi Halevi a"n  
Mother of  
**Ezra Kest**  
Yahrtzeit— 18 Elul



**New Members**  
**Karen Fisher**  
**Josh Flaum**  
**Nat Roden**

## PAUL FEDER Z"l GEMARA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Dunner for his Gemara shiur on Shabbat morning 45 minutes before Shacharit.

לע"נ פנחס אליהו בן שמשון הלוי

## EXPLORING HALACHA

Join Nati Baram every Shabbat afternoon 35 minutes before mincha as he explores an interesting topic of Jewish law with the aid of ancient and contemporary texts.

## WEEKLY PARSHA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Dunner each Wednesday morning at 8:30am for the weekly ladies Parsha Shiur as he explores the weekly Torah portion through the eyes of the classic commentators. The class will meet next on **Wednesday, September 18th 2019 at 8:30am.**



Next week's Parsha shiur is sponsored by **Lillian and Aaron Fuchs** and **Jason Fuchs** in memory of Lillians's mother, **Sylvia Glatter, Zelda bat Leah a"n**, whose yahrtzeit is on 14 Elul

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*Yitzi Hertz*  
*Sandy Gordon*  
*Joshua Weisman*  
*Andrea Fischmann-Dadon*



**NEXT SHABBAT - SEPTEMBER 21ST**



## JONATHAN DAVIS

Jonathan Davis is Vice-President for External Relations at the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel's first private university. He heads the Raphael Recanati International School and is a Member of the Advisory Board of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. Mr. Davis also serves as a

Lieutenant Colonel (Res) in the IDF Spokesman's office.

Jonathan served in a paratrooper reconnaissance unit that was commanded by former Minister of Defense Shaul Mofaz. This unit executed many behind-the-lines missions, including a mission on the Syrian-Iraqi border during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He served as a reservist paratrooper during the first Lebanon war. He was an IDF Spokesperson during the intifada and the 2nd Lebanon war.

Mr. Davis was an active participant in the rescue of Ethiopian Jewry during "Operation Solomon". In 1978 he served as an emissary of the Prime Minister's office in the Former Soviet Union, visiting Stalingrad, Moscow and Uzbekistan, while meeting Jewish activists. Mr. Davis also served as emissary for the Jewish Agency for Israel in Cape Town, Boston, and Rome.

Born in England and raised in the United States, Mr. Davis was educated at Columbia University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University.

Mr. Davis is married with four children and 7 grandchildren. He lives in Kochav Yair, a community located in the Sharon region. His hobby is mountain biking, and he rides extensively with the IDC Executive Education CEO biking group.



**BEVERLY HILLS SYNAGOGUE**  
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Invites you to a:

## Selichot service

**Motzei Shabbat**  
**September 21st**  
**10:00P.M.**

Selichot speech by



**Rabbi**  
**Pini Dunner**  
"The Journey to Selichot"

followed by a  
Selichot service with



**Cantor**  
**Netanel Baram**

**Rinat Shlomo Choir**  
**Conducted by Prof Mark Kligman**

**9261 Alden Dr Beverly Hills CA 90210**

For further details: E-mail: [mkramer@yinh.org](mailto:mkramer@yinh.org) or call: 310-276-7650

**YINBH SISTERHOOD PRESENTS**

## Why Saying Sorry is the Key to Teshuva

*Featuring Rabbi Pini Dunner*

*Sponsored by*  
*Lee Samson*  
*in loving memory*  
*of our beloved*  
*Anne Samson a"h*

Tuesday, September 24th 7:30pm  
at YINBH Beverly Hills Synagogue  
9261 Alden Drive Beverly Hills



Rabbi Dunner began his rabbinic career in Russia, at the iconic Moscow Choral Synagogue. In the late 90s Rabbi Dunner presided over the launch of the trailblazing Saatchi Synagogue for young Jewish professionals in London's West End. Currently, Rabbi Dunner serves as the Senior Rabbi of YINBH Beverly Hills Synagogue in California. Rabbi Dunner is also on the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America (RCA), and on the board of the Israel Christian Nexus, an interfaith organization focusing on cross-communal advocacy and support for Israel.

Please RSVP: (310) 276-7650 or [rsvp@yinh.org](mailto:rsvp@yinh.org)



**CHABAD**  
**TREATMENT**  
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## THE ADDICTION PLAGUE WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Protecting our families and communities

Sunday, September 15th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm  
5675 W Olympic Bl  
Los Angeles CA 90036

**Guest Speaker author Harry Nelson**

"The United States of Opioids:  
A Prescription for Liberating a Nation in Pain"  
&

**Dr. Donna Miller, Executive Director**

Appetizers & Desserts

RSVP required  
[nina@chabadrehab.com](mailto:nina@chabadrehab.com)



**YULA GIRLS**  
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**Beth Jacob**  
**CONGREGATION**





## HIGH HOLIDAY DISCOVERY CONCERT - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019

Featuring Chazzan Nati Baram, Prof. Mark Kligman, Rabbi Jason Weiner, Chamber Orchestra, Rinat Shlomo Choir, and the Yavneh Boys Choir. Thank you to everyone who attended and all our sponsors for making this great event possible.



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## DAYS OF AWE OR DAYS OF BLAH?

EXPLORING THE EMOTIONS  
OF THE YAMIM NORAIM

DELIVERED BY  
**RABBI PINI DUNNER**

Rosh Hashana, Aseret Yemei Teshuva and Yom Kippur are known collectively in Hebrew as 'Yamim Noraim', translated into English as 'Days of Awe'. What are the origins of this strange name and what does it mean? At this year's Shabbat Shuva drasha, Rabbi Dunner will explore the role of emotions and feelings in the performance of mitzvot, and focus on how Yamim Noraim must include an emotional reconnection with the "awe" of mitzvot that is so often missing from Jewish observance.

Shabbat Shuva  
**October 5, 2019**

FOLLOWING KIDDUSH LUNCHEON  
(APPROXIMATELY 12:30PM)

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON IS SPONSORED BY  
RIVKA AND RAPHY NISSEL  
IN MEMORY OF RIVKA'S MOTHER,  
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