

Service Times

In-person services will not be held this Shabbat.

See the latest Safe Services Update [HERE](#).

Though we will not be meeting at the Shul for prayer, it is preferable to partake in prayer services as a community, even apart. Therefore, times will remain listed.

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 29 (Shevat 16)

10:30 am - Zoom Tot Shabbat

[Youth Parsha Activity](#)

4:45 pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

5:25 pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv

5:31 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, January 30 (Shevat 17)

9:00 am - Shacharit

9:54 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

5:25 pm - Mincha

Weekly Parsha Shiur - Notes available at this [link](#).

6:30 pm - Maariv/Havdallah

6:45 pm - Havdallah & Schmooze

[Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Classes

• **Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon**
Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, [Phone Conference](#).

• **Torah Study with Rabbi Davies**
Sunday 8 pm, [Join on Zoom](#)

• **Ketuvim with Kenny**
Monday 8 pm, [Join on Zoom](#)

• **Lunchtime Talmud with Rabbi Davies**
Thursday 12 pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

• **Cholent & Learn with Kenny Abitbol**
Thursday 8 pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

Announcements

➤ **The office is closed Friday, January 29th.**

If your matter is urgent and cannot wait until Monday to be addressed, please contact Rabbi Davies at rabbi@dortikvah.org.

Dor Tikvah Events

✳ **Tu B'Shvat Family Hike** - Jan. 30th, 10:30 am

Hike and forage with Yaakov. Register via the [Google Form](#) by Jan. 29th! For families with children ages 5-14, Click [HERE](#) for details.

✳ **Jive with Judaism: Yitro** - Feb. 2nd, 7:30 pm

Join Yaakov on Zoom for a schmooze on all things Jewish, and discussion of Yitro- Thinking outside the box. Details at [Dortikvah.org](#).

✳ **Zoom Tot Shabbat: Ten Good Rules** - Feb. 5th, 10:30 am

Join Zahava for a musical Tot Shabbat with a different theme each week. [Dortikvah.org/youth-tots](#) for more information and future sessions.

✳ **Annual Congregational Meeting** - Feb. 21st, 5:30 pm

Save the date. Details to come. Updates at [Dortikvah.org](#).

Community Events

✳ **Virtual Mission to Washington** - Feb. 1st - 2nd

CJF invites all community members to join their first-ever virtual national mission to Washington. Get more info and register [HERE](#).

Refuah Sheleima

To add or remove a name, contact charlessteinert@gmail.com.

Blooma bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Blumah Leah bat Yitzhak Dov
(Rosalind Minster)
Rahel Tzvia bat Feigel Sara
Shlomo Yoel ben Miriam (Stanford Kirshtein)
Ephraim Yehuda Ben Shana Ite
(Fred Rosenblum)
Channah Penina bat Miriam Rochel
Yisroel Chaim ben Pasha

Simcha ben Etle
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Esther bat Alitza
Yonatan ben Chana
Aron David ben Yudah
Moshe ben Esther
Alan Shuster

Life Cycle

Birthdays

- Susan Sobel (1/29)
- Thea Pearson (2/3)
- Sammy Rosenberg (2/3)
- Rachel Rosenberg Atwood (2/5)

Contributions

In memory of Sandy Katz

- Linda & David Gilston
- Charles & Judy Kaiser
- Barbara & Lenny Zucker

Jill & Chuck Deich

- Mi Sheberach for Joe Rubin

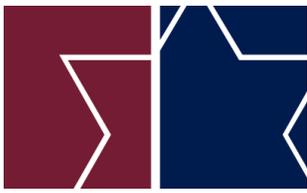
Linda & David Gilston

- In memory of Dr. Sanford Daniel, Brother of Susan Altman
- In memory of Samuel Altman, Brother of Charles Altman

Esther & David Beckmann

- In memory of Bluma Goldberg

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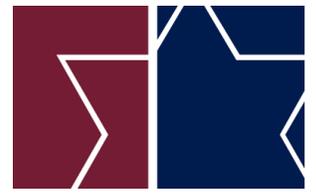


Beshalach

(Exodus 13:17–17:16)

The Plague of Darkness of Every Generation

By Rabbi Label Lam Torah.org



So G-d led the people around [by] way of the desert [to] the Red Sea, and the children of Israel were armed when they went up out of Egypt. (Shemos 13:18)

armed: ... Another interpretation: מִשְׁחֵה means “divided by five,” [meaning] that one out of five (הַשְּׁחֵה) [Israelites] went out, and four-fifths of the people died during the three days of darkness (Rashi). We find out some terrible news here just as the Children of Israel are on their way out of Egypt and beyond. Only 1/5 of the nation survived the plague of darkness. Based on the numbers accounted for later we know that there were 600,000 adult males between the ages of 20 and 50. Certainly, there were those on the other side of the gender gap, namely women and many more above and below the ages of 20 and 50. Perhaps there were 3 million people or more according to modest estimates. That means that 12 million were deemed unworthy lost forever by the 9th plague, the plague of darkness. Although it was one of the single most important events in all of human history and Jewish existence, we discover now that it was also one of the biggest holocausts and tragic losses of all time.

Rabbi Avigdor Miller ztl. said that not only did this happen at the time of the exodus from Egypt, that we lost 4/5ths of our people but that in every generation 80% are lost in the plague of darkness of every generation. This is not a statement to cause us to despair and yield to the brute force of statistics. It's a powerful reminder now to become and not to allow our children to become statistics of history but rather to be children of destiny.

What is the “plague of darkness” of each generation? I suppose we can point to the intoxicating zeal with which Jews abandoning Torah embraced various “isms” at the turn of the 20th century. There was an almost messianic fervor for communism that swept through Jewish communities and yes Yeshivas in search of some new economic hope the chance for social equality. With the benefit of tragic hindsight, we can see what a disaster it turned out to be as the revolutionaries became the new elite ruling class and Stalin sent 39 million people to the gulag and stamped out Jewish culture and any memory of G-d from the psyche of whole generations. Ironically Jhid- Jew was stamped on their documents as anti-Semitism thrived within the iron curtain they helped to knit. How compelling was the lure of that seductive siren that even Chaim Nachman Bialik wrote a poem about the existential forlornness of being alone (see in full article, link above).

It's worthwhile to seriously contemplate the added responsibility that comes with the territory we occupy as the children of survivors of the plague of darkness of every generation.