



Service Times

Friday, January 3 (Tevet 6)

4:24pm – Earliest Candle Lighting
 5:05pm – Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv
 5:08pm – Late Candle Lighting

Saturday, January 4 (Tevet 7)

9:00am – Shacharit
 9:53am – Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema
 10:30am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
 10:30am – **TOTally Tot Shabbat**

4:30pm – Mincha
 6:08pm – Maariv/Havdalah

Kiddush Sponsorship:

Available

1/11 – *Stuart Feldman*
 Seudat Hodaah lunch in celebration of his first year of recovery from leukemia.
 1/18 – *Ruth and Barry Warren*
 In honor of their new grandson, Elan Asher.

Please consider honoring a special event or person in your life by sponsoring a Kiddush.
 Contact Lenny Zucker at lenbarbz@alum.mit.edu. Regular Kiddush is \$150.

Weekday Services

Maariv (only)
 Monday & Wednesday 7pm

Regular Classes

- **Torah Study: “The Avraham Stories”** with Rabbi Davies
Sunday 7:30pm, Congregation Dor Tikvah
Off and will resume Jan. 12th.
- **Daf Yomi class** with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon
Sunday 8pm, Dor Tikvah House
First class.
- **“Ketuvim with Kenny”** with Kenny Abitbol
Monday 7:30pm, Gilston Chapel
Available through Facebook Live!
- **“Lunchtime Talmud”** with Rabbi Davies
Thursday 12pm, Gilston Chapel
Off and will resume Jan. 16th.
- **“Cholent and Learn”** with Kenny Abitbol
Thursday 8pm, Dor Tikvah House
Available through Facebook Live!

Contributions

- Yael Manis in memory of Yael's sister, Marlana
- Barbara and Lenny Zucker in honor of Rose Goldberg's birthday
- Linda Scheer in honor of Katie Bielsky, The Board of Directors, Rose Goldberg's birthday, and in memory of Philip Chase

We appreciate all contributions – those of \$10 or more will be acknowledged here.
 Contributions can be made at DorTikvah.org or by check to Congregation Dor Tikvah,
 1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407.

Coming Up

Asara B'Tevet (10th of Tevet) Fast – Jan. 7th

To commemorate the siege of the Babylonians on Jerusalem.
 Fast begins – 6:05am, Fast ends – 6:10pm

Winter Friday Night Dinner II – Jan. 10th, 6:15pm

Another chance to come in from the cold for a warm and cozy Shabbat dinner, featuring scholar-in-residence Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersch Weinreb. Register by Jan. 7th at Dortikvah.org/event/WinterDinner2.

Middle School Parent-Child Learning – Jan. 12th, 9:15am

Breakfast and learning session at Lowcountry Food Bank. Details and registration at Dortikvah.org/event/Jan-Parent-Child.

Tikkun Olam at Lowcountry Food Bank – Jan. 12th, 10:15am

Give back as we volunteer together. RSVP by Jan. 7th and see the list of most needed donations at Dortikvah.org/event/TikkunOlam.

Middle School Shabbaton – January 24th-25th

COST PER CHILD: \$75 for whole weekend, \$30 for Saturday night only. Register at Dortikvah.org/event/Shabbaton20 by Jan. 19th.

Dr. Stewart Weinberg Breakfast Minyan – Jan. 26th, 8:30am

First Breakfast Minyan speaker of 2020, speaking on Climate Crisis. RSVP to CharlesSteinert@gmail.com by Jan. 23rd. Details at Dortikvah.org/event/Breakfast-with-Weinberg.

Community Events

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of

the Liberation of Auschwitz – Jan. 28th, 10:30am

A statewide Holocaust Remembrance ceremony at USC Alumni Center 900 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201. Speaker Elisha Wiesel.

Refuah Shelema

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

Robert Levinson	Esther bat Alitza
Simcha ben Eittle	Baruch Leib ben Chaya Freidel
Hodel bat Raozel	(Burt Roslyn)
Miriam bat Mazal	Yisrael ben Chaya
Talia bat Shoshana	Yisrael Haynu
Blooma bat Chaya Sara	ben Shimon Avraham
(Bertha Hoffman)	Chaiah Leah bat Shier
Rafael Aharon ben Devorah	Louis Waring
Reena Firetag	Elijah Myer ben Malkah
Yocheved bat Sarah	Jenifer Litwin Bochner
Isabella Beauoin	Rivka Bat Batya (Robyn Dudley)
Yoseph Ben Sara	Jack Spitz
Aharon Ben Yitta	Yisroel Mordechai Ben Fradel

Life Cycle

Yahrzeit

- Shaye Stricker, grandfather of Michael Stricker (1/3)
- Edward Engel, grandfather of Matthew Engel (1/7)
- Bertha Briebart, great aunt of Nathan Kirshstein (1/7)

Birthday

- Sam Kirshtein (1/4)

ATTENTION:

Join our Minyan WhatsApp chat! Contact Yoni Alon at (843) 356-3074.



Vayigash

(Genesis 44:18-47:27)

All For One
By Rabbi Jared Vidars

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This year's calendar presents a noteworthy nexus whereby Shabbos Vayigash is book-ended by the exhilaration of Chanukah (last Sunday) on the one end and the somberness of 10 Teves on the other (next Tuesday). What follows is an attempt to identify a common theme running through the three events in an effort to capitalize upon the momentum from Chanukah and thereby to infuse next Tuesday's fast day with a greater degree of personal meaningfulness.

CHANUKAH

Perhaps the most markedly Jewish "symbol" in existence is the Menorah (one could argue that honor belongs to the "Star of David" although that is a much more recent historical construct). More so than the Shofar. More so than Hamentashen. More so than Bagels and Lox, the Menorah is probably our Nation's most time-honored hallmark. It appears on Jewish currency. It stands outside the Knesset. It is, well, undoubtedly Jewish.

Interestingly, when Moshe was called upon to construct the Mishkan and its vessels, the *Medrash Tanchuma* records that one vessel in particular - the Menorah - remained beyond Moshe's grasp. When Moshe despaired of actually being able to construct it properly, Hashem miraculously fashioned the Menorah out of fire.

What was so uniquely complex about the Menorah? The answer is that the Menorah could not be fashioned out of composite parts grafted together, but rather must be "a Menorah of pure gold...all of it a single hammered piece of pure gold." (Ex. 25:31, 36)

Unified. One. An organic whole. Not just a composite of sub-parts.

PARSHAS VAYIGASH

The Torah describes Ya'akov's auspicious descent to Egypt as follows: "All the people (*Kol Nefesh*) of Ya'akov's household who came to Egypt - seventy." Rashi points out that Esau's family is referred to as "six *nefashos*" (using the plural) in stark (and deliberate) contrast to the "seventy *nefesh*" (singular) that comprised the Am Yisrael.

True the Am Yisrael consisted of 12 Tribes - each possessing their own particular strengths, weaknesses, character traits and approaches to Avodas Hashem. Nevertheless, at our core, the Am Yisrael is one nation, united by our mission to serve as a light unto the world and its inhabitants. We are not merely a loosely affiliated amalgamation of separate and distinct parts. Perhaps that is why the singular, monolithic Menorah is such an apt reflection and symbol of our Nation's essence.

THE TENTH OF TEVES

And perhaps this dual lesson of the Menorah and the Parshah can provide food for thought as we approach the fast of the Tenth of Teves, one of the darker days on our calendar and one which beckons for thoughtfulness and introspection. The mystery of our Nation's seemingly interminable exile is not a mystery at all. The root cause of our Exile was - and remains - a disunity whereby the true essence of national unity and *achdus* among *Yidden* - both en masse and in particular - leaves much to be desired.

As the one-ness of the Menorah testifies, we Jews are united at our core. Seventy *nefesh* (souls) who emerged from the exile of Egypt with a national destiny that continues until this very day. May we once again merit to achieve the unity of our forefathers, the unity that millions of us pray for every day, "all of us as one in the light of Your presence" (*kulano k'echad b'ohr panecha*) and close the door, once and for all, on exile and disconnectedness.