

Service Times

Masks are required for all Dor Tikvah services and activities.

Babysitting is available from 9am to noon on Shabbat.

* Sign up for services at Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan.

Please register by Fridays at 5 pm.

Erev Shabbat

Friday, October 15 (Cheshvan 9)

5:36 pm - Early Candle Lighting

6:20 pm - * Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv

6:28 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, October 16 (Cheshvan 10)

9:00 am - * Shacharit

10:14 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

5:50 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

7:23 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: The Poolman Family

*In honor of the Baby Naming of
Georgia (Gigi) Phillipa Poolman.*

Upcoming Sponsors

10/23 - Anita Zucker & David Popowski

and Janet & Ron Mendola

10/30 - Ezra & Ilisa Cappell

Please contact us at info@dortikvah.org to reserve a sponsorship.

Classes

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, [Zoom](https://zoom.us/j/5212585813) Meeting ID: 5212585813

Contact Dovid for details. dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

* **Bat Mitzvah of Gabi Zucker**

Oct. 23rd, 9 am

Join us for the celebration of Gabi's Bat Mitzvah.

Community Events & Programs

* **Conversation with James Clyburn - Oct. 27th, 6 pm**

Jewish community members from across SC join in a conversation with US House Majority Whip, James E. Clyburn on Zoom. bit.ly/jcrcjamesclyburn for details.

Refuah Shleima

To have a name added or removed, contact charlessteinert@gmail.com.

Talia bat Shoshana

Peretz ben Chaim

Elijah Meyer ben Chaya

Nachama Chana bat Tzipporah Rachel

Hank Legare

Simcha ben Ettie

Esther bat Alitza

Hodel bat Raozel

Life Cycle

Birthdays

> Nico Berlijn (10/17)

> Eve Maron (10/21)

Yahrzeits

> Jack Weinberger, Grandfather of Keath Blatt (10/16)

> John Lefkowitz, Father of Fran Grossman (10/17)

Contributions

> Adam & Shani Bensley

> Pam & Scott Kaplan

- For the Dor Tikvah Youth Program.

> Zahava Fertig

- In honor of the extraordinary community of Dor Tikvah and especially the Rosenbergs.

> Marian & Greg Yarus

- In memory of Marian Yarus's father, William Newell.

> Nancy & Irwin Shanes

- In memory of George Poolman's father, George Poolman.

> Linda Scheer

- In memory of Barry Warren's brother, Edward Warren.

> Phyllis & Marvin Katzen

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Lech Lecha

A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

The first verse in this week's Parsha states 'And G-d said to Avram, go for yourself from your land, from your birthplace, and from your father's house to the land that I will show you' (Genesis 12:1).

Our Torah portion includes many of Avraham's trials that G-d tested him, and it begins with this test; he was told to give up his entire past and relocate to a new land. However, on closer inspection, **this verse is in reverse** (pun intended!). When a person leaves his hometown, he first leaves his father's house, then his neighborhood (his relatives), and then his country. Why does the Passuk here list the order as his land, his town, and then his home, when in fact it is the polar opposite!?

R' Shalom Shwadron (Lev Shalom) brings that we learn a profound message from this. Of course, when a person makes a physical departure, he first leaves his father's house, then his area, and then his country. However, the verse is alluding to Avraham's departure in a spiritual sense. "Leaving your hometown" refers to changing your old ways and leaving behind your bad habits. Therefore, the order in the verse is reversed, starting with the easier things. The culture of a person's country is not too deeply ingrained, and so it can be uprooted relatively easily. More difficult to shed are bad habits a person acquired amongst his social circle and friends. Finally, shaking off bad traits acquired at home is the most challenging.

The Sfas Emes quotes the Zohar, which states that G-d metaphorically called out "Go for yourself" in every generation, but Avraham was the only one to respond to G-d's call. **In fact, G-d still calls out "Go for yourself" today, and we need to respond.** Our creator implores us to find our real self; the soul which yearns nothing more than to become closer to Him. We achieve this by keeping the commandments and distancing ourselves from our bad habits even though it, at times, requires inconvenience or hardship.

Have a great Shabbat!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran