

## 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](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan).  
Please register by Fridays at 5 pm.

## **Erev Shabbat**

**Friday, October 8 (Cheshvan 2)**

5:43 pm - Early Candle Lighting

6:30 pm - \* Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv

6:37 pm - Late Candle Lighting

## **Shabbat**

**Saturday, October 9 (Cheshvan 3)**

9:00 am - \* Shacharit

10:13 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

6:00 pm - \* Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

7:32 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

**Kiddush Sponsor: Rifka Monderer**

In memory of her late husband, Avi's father, David Monderer.

## Upcoming Sponsors

10/16 - The Poolman Family    10/30 - Ezra & Ilisa Cappell

Please contact us at [info@dortikvah.org](mailto:info@dortikvah.org) to reserve a sponsorship.

## Contributions

➤ Anita Zucker & David Popowski

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

We appreciate all donations!

Contributions of \$10 or more are acknowledged here.

Donations to CDT can be made at [DorTikvah.org](http://DorTikvah.org) or by mail.

## Announcements

➤ **Condolences to Marian (Greg) Yarus** on the passing of Marian's father, William Newell, on Oct. 7th. Marian will be accepting visitors at the Yarus home Sunday, Oct. 10th, 3-5 pm & Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 7-9 pm.

## 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](mailto:dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com)

## Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

\* Bat Mitzvah of Gabi Zucker - Oct. 23rd, 9:00 am

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

## Community Events & Programs

\* **Charleston Jewish Filmfest: "Ma'abarot"**

Oct. 14th, 7:00 pm

Watch the powerful documentary "Ma'abarot" to unravel the history of Israeli transit camps. Free admission with in-person and online attendance options. Contact [sbrettfilm@gmail.com](mailto:sbrettfilm@gmail.com) for details.

\* **Conversation with Whip James E. Clyburn**

Oct. 27th, 6:00 pm

Please join Jewish community members from across South Carolina in a conversation with US House Majority Whip, James E. Clyburn on Zoom. Go to [bit.ly/jcrcjamesclyburn](http://bit.ly/jcrcjamesclyburn) for details.

## Refuah Shleima

To have a name added or removed, contact [charlessteinert@gmail.com](mailto: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 Raazel

## Life Cycle

### Birthdays

➤ Ashley Kirshtein (9/11)

➤ Joshua Mintz (9/11)



# Noach

## A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

On Thursday we began the Hebrew month of Cheshvan. This month is also known as 'MarCheshvan'; Mar meaning bitter, because after the month of Tishrei which is full of holy days and festivities, this month has none. During the past month, we had so many Jewish holidays that we reached the point where some of our non-Jewish colleagues might have thought we were making them up (!), but in fact, between Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah it was indeed our most celebrated month.

There is an incredible book called the Sefer Yetzirah, known as the earliest Kabbalah Sefer, whose author is much disputed (some say our patriarch Abraham, some say Rabbi Akiva of the Tannaitic era and yet others argue that it was Rav Saadia Gaon who passed away in 942 CE). In this mystical publication, the author also brings a lot of the deeper meanings behind the months of the year. He says that the month of Cheshvan corresponds to our sense of smell. Now, even from 4,150 miles away I can hear y'all wondering 'what on earth could a calendar month have to do with our noses'. Let me explain...

The sense of smell is one that most of us take for granted. However, it is the only one of the five senses which has both no physical essence and that our soul can get gratification from. All the other senses are external and bodily pleasures, but the sense of smell is the only way to give physical pleasure to the soul. To explain this, we have to look no further than last week's Torah portion, Parashat Bereshit. The B'nei Yissas'char observes that in the sin committed by Adam and Eve when they ate from the forbidden fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, virtually all of the senses were involved. They heard the incitement of the serpent, saw the beauty of the fruit and then touched and tasted it. As a result of the sin, all of these senses became affected with materialism. Only the sense of smell was not involved in this sin, and it therefore remains pristine enough to still be enjoyed by the pure soul.

Also in last week's Parshah, we saw that the life force within man came when G-d "blew into his nostrils the soul of life and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). This is why the nose, used for breathing and smell, is the organ through which the neshama (soul) enters and leaves" (Rabbeinu Bachya, ibid). This is also why the Hebrew word for spirit or wind (רוח) is very similar to the word for smell (ריח).

So, to answer our question, what is the connection between smell and this current month, and what does it mean for us? Smell, by definition, means discerning non-visible particles by breathing in order to ascertain a scent. During this month, as we all go back to our daily routines with zero Jewish holidays in sight, this is exactly the message; we work to be able to perceive past the ordinary every day and find our creator in our lives.

Each week during the Havdalah after Shabbat ends, we bid farewell to our 'extra Shabbat soul' (the נשמה יתרה) by smelling spices. Why? Because that is the only way we can share physical pleasure with the soul. As we begin this month, feeling the anti-climax of our festival-filled month ending, we should utilize the message of the aroma by taking a deep breath and bringing joy to our neshamos by discovering G-d in the seemingly ordinary.

*Have a great Shabbat!*

Rabbi Sholom Mimran