

Service Times

Masks are no longer required for indoor services or activities.
See our full Safe Services protocol at Dortikvah.org/services.html.

Babysitting is available from 9am to noon on Shabbat.

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

Erev Shabbat

Friday, November 19 (Kislev 15)

4:12 pm - Early Candle Lighting

4:50 pm - * Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv

4:58 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, November 20 (Kislev 16)

9:00 am - * Shacharit

9:30 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:25 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

5:56 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: *Susan Sobel*
in honor of her Father, Gerald Katz's birthday.

Upcoming Sponsors

11/27 - *Available* 12/4 (Chanukah) - *Available*

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

Refuah Shleima

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

Ari Simcha ben Ettie Shira
Moshe ben Esther
Luther Reynolds
Talia bat Shoshana
Elijah Meyer ben Chaya
Nachama Chana bat Tzipporah Rachel

Hank Legare
Simcha ben Ettie
Esther bat Alitza
Hodel bat Raozel
Peretz ben Chaim

Announcements

- > Welcome our new members, George & Jo Poolman!
- > Our office will be closed on Nov. 25th for Thanksgiving.

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

- * **Annual Turkey Bowl** - Nov. 25th, 11:00 am

Join us for a friendly game of two-hand touch at the Addlestone playground. Everyone's invited! Details at Dortikvah.org/event/TurkeyBowl-2021.

- * **Light Up The Night** - Dec. 1st, 5:30 pm

Light up the Chanukah with us at our glow in the dark, all ages event! Dinner will be served, followed by Chanukah activities. Details and registration at Dortikvah.org/event/Light-the-Night.

Community Events & Programs

- * **Chanukah in the Square** - Nov. 28th, 4:00 pm

Celebrate Chanukah with the whole community! Contact info@dortikvah.org to volunteer for pretzel-making at our booth. Details at Dortikvah.org/event/Chanukah-Square-21.

- * **Shine a Light on Antisemitism** - Dec. 2nd, 6:00 pm

SC virtual Hanukkah gathering and lantern walk. Register at bit.ly/shinealightsc. For your lantern-making kit, contact info@dortikvah.org.

- * **Night of Giving** - Dec. 5th, 6:00 pm

Join Dor Tikvah and Emanu-El for Tikkun Olam and candle lighting at your local supermarket. Details at Dortikvah.org/event/Giving.

Contributions

Donations to Dor Tikvah can be made at DorTikvah.org or by mail.

> Charles Lipman

- In honor of Jonathan Zucker.

> Fred Schaffer

- In memory of Abie Cohen, and Eleanor & Emery Schaffer.

Life Cycle

Birthdays

> Hirsh Pearson (11/20)

> Benjamin Barger (11/23)

> Gerald Katz (11/21)

> Mara Warren (11/24)

Anniversaries

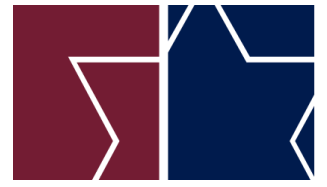
> Phyllis & Marvin Katzen (11/22)



Vayishlach

Jacob's All Night Fight!

A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

Contrary to what some believe, our Sages of the Talmud, with rare exception, were great believers in laboring to earn one's livelihood. From the rabbinic viewpoint, honest struggle is preferable than any form of naive escapism or feeding from the silver spoon. If this is the case regarding personal struggle, the same is true concerning national challenges. As the Talmud (Brachot 5a) teaches, the Land of Israel itself is acquired by the Jewish people, not with ease, but through difficulty and struggle.

The life of Jacob presents itself as a case study in support of this thesis. The common denominator of Jacob's response to the original challenges presented by Esav and Lavan, is to look for the exits. However, in this week's reading, Yaakov, all alone, stands and confronts the mysterious angel, wrestling him through the night. Only through this struggle, and not despite it, does Jacob receive the blessing of a new identity **ישראל** - Israel, one which reflects **the willingness to struggle, and thereby to develop, in one's relationship both with G-d and man.**

Interestingly, during Yaakov's struggle with the angel, he sustains an injury, and loses, albeit temporarily, his capacity to run. Whereas Jacob might have opted for that path of decidedly lesser resistance, Israel had no need to do so. He was perfectly capable of standing his ground, and meeting life's challenges with his signature blend of faith and resilience. Indeed, whilst Jacob was born grabbing the leg of the brother who was to leave the womb first; Israel, whom the angel cannot defeat, has his own leg grabbed, merits extra closeness to G-d and is then saved from the potential wrath of his brother Esav.

On that fateful night, Yaakov blazed a path for each of us - his descendants, who consecrate that night of struggle with an eternal ban on consumption of the gid hanasheh (an animal's sciatic nerve), where he was wounded by the angel. As the Prophet Yirmiyahu (Jeremiah 31:1) calls us **'עם שרידי חרב'** – 'a nation survivors of the sword', we are like our illustrious ancestor, our nation has struggled many a painful day and many a long night. Battle-tested and clear-eyed we should see all our present challenges as another round in a multi-generational bout. As the Bnei Yisrael, quite literally, the sons of Israel, we should be unshaken and fearless as we follow our Patriarch Yaakov's path in confronting and overcoming adversity.

Rabbi Sholom Mimran