

Service Times

Masks are now required for all indoor services and 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 26 (Kislev 22)

4:11 pm - Early Candle Lighting

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

4:56 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, November 27 (Kislev 23)

9:00 am - * Shacharit

9:34 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:25 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

5:54 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: **Available**

Upcoming Sponsors

12/4 (Chanukah) - **Available** 12/18 - **Available**

Classes

- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursdays 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
Talía bat Shoshana
Elijah Meyer ben Chaya
Nachama Chana bat Tziporah Rachel

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

Contributions

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

➤ **Ruth & Barry Warren**

- In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Aaron & Danya Manaker.

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

- * **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.

- * **Bat Mitzvah of Kaylee DuPont** - Dec. 11th, 9:00 am

Everyone is invited to the celebration of Kaylee DuPont's Bat Mitzvah!

Community Events & Programs

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

Celebrate Chanukah with the whole community and remember to stop by the Dor Tikvah pretzel 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.

Life Cycle

Birthdays

- Lisa Manis (11/28)
- Alec Fox (11/29)
- Brice Grossman (11/30)
- Laura Zucker (11/30)
- Joanne Poolman (12/2)

Yahrzeits

- Samuel Steinert, Grandfather of Charles Steinert (11/28)
- Edna Banov, Friend of Gerald Katz (11/30)

Announcements

➤ **Covid-19 UPDATE:** Given the continued uncertainties surrounding the spread of Covid, we are now requiring that **face masks be worn while inside the Dor Tikvah facility**. Allowances will be made for those leading services, speaking, and while eating at kiddush/seudah shlishit.



Vayeshev

Hanukkah & Thanksgiving



A Letter From Rabbi Mimran

Dear Congregation,

Relative to other holidays, there are very few liturgical texts relating to the festival of Chanukah. For starters, the Book of Maccabees was never formalized and accepted. Furthermore, there is no tractate devoted exclusively to Chanukah. Even our daily prayers during the festival, in which we add a Torah reading and the Hallel service, have only one paragraph, the Al HaNissim, which makes specific reference to the events surrounding the Chanukah festival.

In a similar vein, upon first inspection, Chanukah's theme song, the Ma'oz Tzur seems to have surprisingly little to do with the festival of lights itself. Structurally, this medieval poem has six stanzas; an introductory paragraph containing praise for the Almighty as well as a prayer for the restoration of the Temple, a concluding paragraph with a plea for the final and complete redemption, and four body stanzas which relate to four distinct periods of Jewish history, only one of which is devoted to Chanukah.

However, upon further consideration, one might argue that Ma'oz Tzur, given its contextualization of the Chanukah story in the broader framework of Jewish history, is in fact the perfect vehicle for expressing the message of the Chanukah festival. In this reading of Chanukah, the central message of the festival is that the experiences endured by our people in each generation are not a string of isolated events, but part of one integrated fabric, the unfolding tapestry of Jewish history.

As our most recently established holiday, Chanukah is the festival meant to make precisely this point for each successive generation. It is the parting gift given to us by our Sages, whose flames serve to warm the long and cold exile, reminding us that the challenges we face in each generation are but the latest chapters in an epic of crisis and redemption. We take great comfort knowing that G-d, the Rock of our Salvation, is every bit the fortress today that he was in centuries and millennia past, **בימים ההם בזמן הזה**.

As we mark Thanksgiving, the miracle of our survival is probably the most basic thing that we should all be grateful for. As Mark Twain (1899) famously wrote 'All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?'

Indeed, the Menorah's glow should remind us that whilst the Chanukah story happened 2161 years ago, we celebrate our existence in every generation.

Rabbi Sholom Mimran