

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, December 10 (Tevet 6)

4:12 pm - Early Candle Lighting

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

4:55 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, December 11 (Tevet 7)

9:00 am - * Shacharit

Bat Mitzvah of Kaylee DuPont

9:42 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:25 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

5:55 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Michael & Denise Berry in honor of the
Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Kaylee DuPont.

Thank you to Barry & Ruth Warren for sponsoring last
week's kiddush in honor of their granddaughter,
Moriyah Golan's Bat Mitzvah in Israel.

Upcoming Sponsors

12/18 - Available 12/25 - Available

Fast of Asara B'Tevet

Tuesday, December 14 (Tevet 10)

5:55 am - Fast Begins

5:56 pm - Fast Ends

Classes

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 5212585813

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

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

* **Tu B'Shvat Seder** - Jan. 16th, 5:00 pm

Save the date! Details to come.

Community Events & Programs

* **JFSGC First Annual Meeting** - Dec. 14th, 12:00 pm

Jewish Family Services invites you to its Annual Meeting.
Register at bit.ly/3oAJedz.

* **First Responders Project** - Dec. 25th

Help celebrate our local heroes working on Christmas Day by bringing food to their stations. To participate, email Sara Tick at sara@charlestonjfs.org. Sign up by December 20th. *Distribution this year falls on Shabbat. Please email Sara with your availability.*

Life Cycle

Birthdays

- > Arlene Rosenthal (12/13) > Barry Warren (12/17)
- > Slade Gleaton (12/16)

Yahrzeits

- > Shaye Stricker, Grandfather of Michael Stricker (12/10)
- > Bertha Briebart, Great Aunt of Nathan Kirshstein (12/14)

Refuah Shleima

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

Ari Simcha ben Ettie Shira	Chaim ben Asenath	Luther Reynolds
Elijah Meyer ben Chaya	Dovid Moshe	Hank Legare
Nachama Chana	ben Sarah Ruth	Esther bat Alitza
bat Tziporah Rachel	Simcha ben Ettie	Peretz ben Chaim
Talia bat Shoshana	Hodel bat Raozel	Moshe ben Esther

Contributions

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

> Wade & Diana Manaker

- In honor of Laura and Jonathan Zucker.

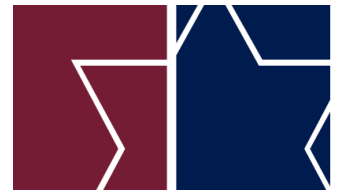
> Linda & David Gilston

- In memory of Martin H. Korenthal, Father of Linda Gilston.



Yehuda's Leadership

A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

Yehuda, from whom we all derive our national identity as 'Yehudim', is cast in a split-screen narrative with Yosef starting in Chapter 37. The text of the Torah toggles back and forth between Yosef's travails in Egypt and Yehuda's own life, all leading to the finale at the beginning of our Parsha, when Yehuda confronts Yosef, and demands mercy for Binyamin. Let us very briefly analyze Yehuda's life's trajectory.

As his three older brothers were ineligible for the leadership role (for various reasons), Yehuda became the family's de facto leader. Yet, one of his first acts as leader was to commandeer the sale of Yosef, which on his level was a grave sin. True leadership is the polar opposite; to take responsibility not only for one's own actions but also others'!

Twenty-two years later, the episode with Binyamin provides Yehuda with an opportunity to show leadership. When beseeching to Egypt's vice premier (Yosef), Yehuda uses the singular language of 'Arvut', demonstrating his halakhic and moral responsibility for his youngest brother Binyamin. After failing to protect Rachel's eldest (Yosef) when he had the chance, he made sure to correct that mistake now. As noted by our Sages, Yehuda is prepared to stake his entire spiritual future on his ability to successfully protect Binyamin. Yehuda pleads with Yosef, and then confronts him, offering himself as a slave to save his brother.

Yosef, so deeply moved by Yehuda's personal transformation, redemption of character, from the orchestrator of his sale two decades before to the heroic protector of Binyamin, finally breaks down, and reveals himself to his brothers.

Rarely does life afford us the opportunity to directly correct a moral failing of the magnitude of the abandonment of one's brother. In this sense, Yehuda was fortunate indeed. Yet, the fact that Yehuda had prepared himself for that moment, had undertaken the painful personal steps to live up to his name, literally meaning to admit or confess the truth, is entirely to his credit. When Binyamin's life was on the line, Yehuda was ready to act with great moral courage, to lead by taking responsibility for his brother. It was his finest hour.

Let us live up to our namesake's noble legacy and show true leadership by taking responsibility and helping those around us and by recognizing and learning from our misjudgments.

Big Mazel Tov wishes to families Berry and DuPont! We are delighted to welcome you to Dor Tikvah on the joyous occasion of Kaylee's Bat Mitzvah!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran