

## SERVICE TIMES

Masks are now required for all indoor services and activities.  
See our full Safe Services protocol at [Dortikvah.org/services.html](http://Dortikvah.org/services.html).

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).

### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, December 17 (Tevet 13)**

4:14 pm - Early Candle Lighting

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

4:58 pm - Late Candle Lighting

### Shabbat

**Saturday, December 18 (Tevet 14)**

9:00 am - \* Shacharit

9:46 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:30 pm - \* Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

5:55 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Linda & Ari Lieberman

In honor of their daughter Sophia Anderson's 9th Birthday.

### Upcoming Sponsors

12/25 - Available 1/1 - Available

### Sunday Minyan

**Sunday, December 19 (Tevet 15)**

8:30 am - Shacharit

Please join us Sunday to ensure a minyan. Coffee and doughnuts will be available. If you plan to attend, simply send a message to the Services Group Chat on WhatsApp: [bit.ly/DTMinyan](https://bit.ly/DTMinyan). You can also contact Greg at 843-709-9513 or [giyarus@gmail.com](mailto:giyarus@gmail.com).

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

## DOR TIKVAH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

\* **Tu B'Shvat Seder** - Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm

Updates at [Dortikvah.org/event/Seder-2022](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Seder-2022). For more information, contact Avi at [youth@dortikvah.org](mailto:youth@dortikvah.org).

\* **Middle School Shabbaton** - Jan. 21 - 22

Updates at [Dortikvah.org/event/Shabbaton-22](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Shabbaton-22). For more information, contact Avi at [youth@dortikvah.org](mailto:youth@dortikvah.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

\* **First Responders Project** - Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

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

## LIFE CYCLE

### Birthdays

➤ Barry Warren (12/17)

### Yahrzeits

➤ Arthur Shorago, Father of Susan Chase (12/21)

➤ Cecile Lazarus, Grandmother of Nathan Kirshstein (12/21)

➤ Dana Rothschild, Sister of Gregory C Rothschild (12/21)

➤ Sylvia Lazarus, Great Aunt of Nathan Kirshstein (12/23)

## REFUAH SHLEIMA

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

Ari Simcha ben Ettie Shira  
Elijah Meyer ben Chaya  
Nachama Chana  
bat Tzipporah Rachel  
Talia bat Shoshana

Chaim ben Asenath  
Dovid Moshe  
ben Sarah Ruth  
Simcha ben Ettie  
Hodel bat Raozel

Luther Reynolds  
Hank Legare  
Esther bat Alitza  
Peretz ben Chaim  
Moshe ben Esther

## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Contributions of \$10 or more will be acknowledged here.

➤ Eliseva Monderer

- For aliyah



# Ephraim & Menashe's Greatness

## A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

Every Friday night, thousands of Jewish parents put their hands on their sons' heads, and bless them, as is tradition: "May Hashem make you like Ephraim and Menashe" (Bereishit, 48:20). Why like Ephraim and Menashe? We bless our daughters to be like the matriarchs Sara, Rivkah, Rachel, and Leah. Why not bless our sons to be like the patriarchs?

Indeed, in this week's Parsha, on Jacob's deathbed, apart from giving them these special blessings, he gives these two grandsons equal status to his sons. When the land of Israel was divided among Joseph's brothers, his sons Ephraim and Menashe received their own portion of land and flags as tribes of Israel. Why?

Two explanations are generally brought forth to explain this. First, simply put, Ephraim and Menashe are the first famed set of brothers in the Torah who get along. Up to now, we have seen Cayin and Abel, Yitzchak and Yishmael, Yaakov and Esav, and Yosef and his brothers. Ephraim and Menashe were the first brothers in our ancestral history who did not fight.

A second explanation, attributed to Rav Ovadya Hadia, points out that Ephraim and Menashe were raised in Egypt and not in their ancestral home. Their home was regularly frequented by officers and advisers of Egypt such that their childhood and education were almost entirely Egyptian. Nonetheless, they held fast to their religious identity. They resisted outside influences and stayed true to their father's teachings. Ephraim and Menashe were strong, confident, and secure in who they were and in their mission in life.

To be a great person among great people is a challenge, but to maintain the strength of character to resist outside influences when surrounded by the environmental challenges of peers and society is another thing entirely. Ephraim and Menashe had a clear understanding of who they were and where they came from which guided them throughout the challenges in their lives.

The Midrash explains that Ephraim and Menashe represent the two qualities of Joseph. Menashe, according to Rashi, was worldly, a talented linguist, and worked for the viceroy of Egypt. Ephraim was a Torah scholar, devoted to the ways of his ancestors. Each complemented each other and served G-d in their own way. Indeed, despite being a generation lower, they both achieved the same status as the 10 tribes.

Wishing you all well over the winter break and looking forward to seeing you all soon.  
Have a great Shabbat!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran