

## 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 3 (Kislev 29)**

**Chanukah V**

4:11 pm - Early Candle Lighting

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

4:55 pm - Late Candle Lighting

### **Shabbat**

**Saturday, December 4 (Kislev 30)**

**Rosh Chodesh Tevet**

**Chanukah VI**

9:00 am - \* Shacharit

9:38 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:25 pm - \* Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

5:54 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: **Available**

**Thank you to Michael & Denise Berry for sponsoring last week's kiddush in honor of their granddaughter, Kaylee DuPont and her upcoming Bat Mitzvah.**

**Upcoming Sponsors**

12/18 - **Available**

12/25 - **Available**

## 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)

## Contributions

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

➤ **Nina & Virgil Mocle**

- In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gabi Zucker.

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

## Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

\* **Bat Mitzvah of Kaylee DuPont** - Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

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

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

Save the date! Details to come.

## Community Events & Programs

\* **Addlestone Chanukah Festival** - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

Addlestone Hebrew Academy welcomes you to their free, community-wide Chanukah event. Enjoy activities, latkes, and a peek inside the school!

Register at [promotions.lpage.co/campaigns/2894220](http://promotions.lpage.co/campaigns/2894220).

\* **Night of Giving** - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Giving).

## Life Cycle

### Birthdays

➤ Michael Stricker (12/6)

### Yahrzeits

➤ Martin H. Korenthal, Father of Linda Gilston (12/4)

➤ Alice Cohn Yarus, Mother of Gregory Yarus (12/9)

➤ Shaye Stricker, Grandfather of Michael Stricker (12/10)

## Refuah Shleima

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

Ari Simcha ben Ettie Shira

Moshe ben Esther

Talia bat Shoshana

Elijah Meyer ben Chaya

Nachama Chana

bat Tzipporah Rachel

Hank Legare

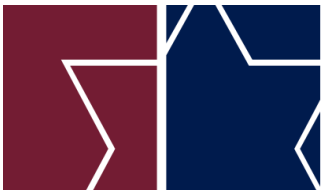
Simcha ben Ettie

Esther bat Alitza

Hodel bat Raozel

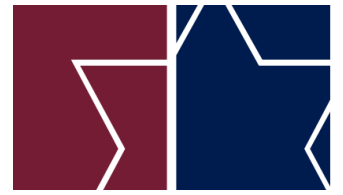
Peretz ben Chaim

Luther Reynolds



# Battle Triumph vs. Oil

## A Letter From Rabbi Mimran



Dear Congregation,

On Chanukah, we celebrate two prominent miracles. One was the great military victory of a small band of Jewish fighters against the more numerous, more experienced, better trained, and better equipped Seleucid (Syrian-Greek) army. The other was the extended burning of the menorah lights for eight days.

Yet, our observance of Hanukkah focuses exclusively on the lighting of candles, which commemorates the second miracle alone. Only in our prayers do we acknowledge the miraculous military successes. One explanation for this is that whereas these military victories strongly suggest Divine Intervention, the undeniable miracle of one cruse of oil burning uninterruptedly for eight consecutive days points directly to it by defying the laws of nature.

Another reason is rooted in the great ideological divide that existed between Judaism and Greek culture. To the Jews, human beings were created in the image of God. Greek deities were fashioned in the image of human beings. In the Jews' mind, the physical world was something to be refined and elevated. The Greeks viewed the physical world as faultless, needing no further perfection. Where the rest of the world saw Greek social, political, cultural and scholarly achievements as illuminating, our sages saw only spiritual and intellectual darkness.

This festival does not ultimately recount a physical scuffle. The Jews had previously shouldered the burden of foreign dominion without incident, and would continue to do so peacefully for much of the balance of the Second Commonwealth. Their struggle with the Greeks was primarily a spiritual one, to rid the land of Hellenistic ideology and culture. Once the initial objective of restoring spiritual freedom was realized, the rabbis proclaimed a day for celebration. Had Hanukkah been solely about the military triumph, it would have soon faded far into our distant past, together with many other military successes throughout Jewish history. What has secured its timeless and eternal place amongst our people has been its emphasis on the Jews' spiritual conquest.

May we merit to see the end of the pandemic soon and the coming of mashiach speedily, bringing light to the whole world. Have a great Hanukkah!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran