



### Service Times

#### **Friday, January 31 (Shevat 5)**

4:46pm – Earliest Candle Lighting  
5:30pm – Mincha/ Kabalat Shabbat/ Maariv  
5:33pm – Late Candle Lighting

#### **Saturday, February 1 (Shevat 6)**

9:00am – Shacharit  
9:54am – Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema  
10:30am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups  
10:30am – **TOTally Tot Shabbat**

5:00pm – Mincha  
6:31pm – Maariv/Havdalah

#### **Kiddush Sponsorship:**

*David and Marcie Rosenberg*

In honor of the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Ben Atwood and welcoming the Atwood family to Charleston.

2/8 – *Abby Leibowitz*

In honor of Thea Pearson's 5th Birthday.

2/15 – *Available*

Please consider honoring a special event or person in your life by sponsoring a Kiddush. Contact Lenny Zucker at lenbarbz@alum.mit.edu. Regular Kiddush is \$150.

### Weekday Services

Maariv (only)  
Monday & Wednesday 7pm

### Regular Classes

- **Daf Yomi class** with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon  
*Sun. 7pm, Mon. 7:20pm, Tues. 8pm, Wed. 7:20pm, Thurs. 7pm*  
Dor Tikvah House
- **Torah Study: "The Avraham Stories"** with Rabbi Davies  
*Sunday, Congregation Dor Tikvah*  
*Special Facebook Live edition during Super Bowl Halftime!*
- **"Ketuvim with Kenny"** with Kenny Abitbol  
*Monday 7:30pm, Gilston Chapel*  
*Available through Facebook Live!*
- **"Lunchtime Talmud"** with Rabbi Davies  
*Thursday 12pm, Gilston Chapel*  
*Available through Facebook Live!*
- **"Cholent and Learn"** with Kenny Abitbol  
*Thursday 8pm, Dor Tikvah House*  
*Available through Facebook Live!*

### Contributions

- Leah Chase in memory of her beloved father Morris Feinberg
- Tzvi and Michal Geffner in honor of Rabbi and Ora Davies and family
- Rabbi Michael and Ora Davies
  - In honor of the birth of Gavriel Yosef Rhodes and the bar mitzvah of Rafael Goldkin
  - In memory of Dana Rothschild-Levy and Colonel Henry Freudenberg

Contributions can be made at DorTikvah.org or by check to Congregation Dor Tikvah.

### Coming Up

**Teen Stars and Strikes** – Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:45pm  
\$15 per person. Register at [Dortikvah.org/event/Stars-and-Strikes20](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Stars-and-Strikes20).  
Contact Sammy Rosenberg at (843) 323-6084 for details.

**Congregational Meeting** – Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm  
Dinner at 5pm. Meeting at 5:30pm. Babysitting in the youth rooms.

**Not Your Bubbie's Shakshuka!** – Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30pm  
Our annual fundraiser, an upscale cooking competition, Ashkenazi vs. Sephardi foods. Details and registration at [Dortikvah.org/event/Not-Bubbies-Shakshuka20](http://Dortikvah.org/event/Not-Bubbies-Shakshuka20)  
**Early Bird Registration ends Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Youth Mishloach Manot** – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Packing baskets for special persons in our community, together with children from Synagogue Emanu-El.

### Community Events

**Three Rabbi Panel** – Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm  
At Simons Center Recital Hall, Rabbis Michael Davies, Adam Rosenbaum, & Greg Kanter sit to discuss "The Meaning and Challenges of Israel for American Judaism." [Bit.ly/3RP2-26-2020](http://Bit.ly/3RP2-26-2020)

### Refuah Shelema

To add or remove a name, contact [charlessteinert@gmail.com](mailto:charlessteinert@gmail.com).

Robert Levinson  
Simcha ben Eittle  
Hodel bat Raazel  
Miriam bat Mazal  
Talia bat Shoshana  
Bloom bat Chaya Sara  
(Bertha Hoffman)  
Rafael Aharon ben Devorah  
Reena Firetag  
Yocheved bat Sarah  
Isabella Beaudoin  
Yoseph Ben Sara  
Aharon Ben Yitta  
Zachary Yarus

Esther bat Alitza  
Baruch Leib ben Chaya Freidel  
(Burt Roslyn)  
Yisrael ben Chaya  
Yisrael Haynu  
ben Shimon Avraham  
Chaiah Leah bat Shier  
Louis Waring  
Elijah Myer ben Malkah  
Rivka Bat Batya (Robyn Dudley)  
Jack Spitz  
Yisroel Mordechai Ben Fradel  
Shoshana bat Chaya

### Life Cycle

#### Birthday

- Sammy Rosenberg (2/3)
- Thea Pearson (2/3)
- Rachel Rosenberg (2/5)
- Gregory Yarus (2/7)

#### Yahrzeit

- Avram (ben Yosef) Rubin, father of Joseph Rubin (2/2)
- David Funk, father of Laura Zucker (2/2)

### Announcements

- **TODA RABA!!** to Marvin and Phyllis Katzen for their generous donation of a new movie screen to the shul.
- See [Rabbi Davies](#) participate in the *Liberation of Auschwitz 75th Commemoration* at [bit.ly/75thAuschwitz-Commemoration](http://bit.ly/75thAuschwitz-Commemoration).
- Take part in a **brief survey** on the political views of American Orthodox Jews at [bit.ly/ortho-political-2020b](http://bit.ly/ortho-political-2020b). Available until Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>!
- Want to join the **Minyan WhatsApp Chat**? Contact Yoni Alon at 843-356-3074 with your name and number.



# Bo

## (Exodus 10:1-13:16)

### There Are Some Things Even G-d Cannot Do!



By Rabbi Stephen Baars [Aish.com](http://Aish.com)

Anyone with a basic grasp of Jewish theology understands that G-d doesn't say please.

It's not that G-d doesn't have manners, or that He's like one of those Wall Street Banks - too big to fail and not get His way. It's simply because please really means something. It means that what I am asking, is for me. "Please do this, because it benefits me." G-d doesn't say please because there is nothing in anything He asks, that is for Him. He doesn't need you to pray, He isn't lonely. He doesn't need you to keep kosher, He doesn't have it in for chickens and cows, however pigs and lobsters are His friends. No, everything G-d asks us to do, is because it's good for us. He doesn't say please because of all the commandments placed upon mankind, all are for our good. When you give good things to people, you don't need to say please to get them to take it.

Therefore it's a bit of a shocker when we read: "Please speak discreetly to the Jewish people, that each should ask their neighbor for their silver and gold." (Exodus 11:2) This is G-d speaking, so why please? The answer is what we technically call in the theological world, a space/time pickle. Back in Genesis 15:14, G-d promises Abraham that his descendants will leave Egypt with great wealth, so now that the Jewish people are finally leaving Egypt, G-d has this one item left on His to-do list (See Exodus 11:2 Rashi). "Simple" you say. We are talking about the Creator of everything including day time television. "Should be no problem" you say. Even without a Las Vegas lottery, how difficult can it be to make everyone rich?

Very difficult. So difficult G-d has to ask nicely, "Please." Why? Because the Jews might say "no." The Jews didn't want to ask, they felt it was reparations for all the misery the Egyptians had inflicted and they wanted none of the Egyptian "blood money." And if the Jews refused, then G-d (so to speak) is up a universal creek without an eternal paddle. How embarrassing. So surely G-d has to have a plan B? Couldn't He change a few of those laws of nature and make it rain gold coins for a couple of days? Isn't that what He did with the Manna from heaven in the desert, except the Manna was food?

To be honest with you, it wouldn't bother me much, especially if it rained that way in my back yard, just this once - I won't tell, promise. However, from the fact that G-d said please, it must mean, He didn't have any other options. Why? Because there are some things, even G-d cannot do. Like what? Make you rich.

When I was growing up in England they had a saying about being rich. There are two ways, earn it, or the old fashioned way, inherit it. The reality is, there is only one way. Earn it. True, you can have money, but that is not rich. Rich is not a factor of any bank account, it's a factor of how you got that bank account. Wealth, as opposed to Money, doesn't pass through the placenta. If you have ever met people who inherited or won a lot of money, and if you have met people who have the same amount of money, but earned it - then you will realize, they are not the same people.

"Who is rich? The one who is satisfied with his lot" Ben Zoma, Perkey Avos (4:1) That means you have to be satisfied, if you aren't, you aren't rich - even if you have all the money. People who don't "earn" their money are not satisfied. For parents, this is a bigger problem than you might imagine. My father grew up in a home that did not have an indoor toilet. Do you think I appreciate indoor plumbing? I will answer that one, "No." Unfortunately, I take it for granted. I grew up in a home that did not have central heat, do you think my children wake up thanking G-d Almighty for the thermostat? If you are a parent, you are almost certainly raising your children in a standard of living you did not have growing up - and therefore they (your children) will never enjoy. If you think you are making life easier for your children by making life easier, you are immanently mistaken. You are not better than G-d, you cannot make your children rich. G-d cannot make the Jews of Egypt rich, they have to do something to earn it.

If you are working hard to give your children a better life, you are most certainly failing. But, if you are working to give yourself a better life, you will. That's the most you can do for yourself, and if your children imitate you, then by that means, you will have succeeded in giving them a better life too.

#### BRAINSTORMING QUESTIONS TO PONDER

**Question 1:** Of all your things, both physical and spiritual, what do you most want your children to inherit?

**Question 2:** Of all the things you got from your parents, what are the most valuable, and how did you get them?

**Question 3:** What things that are in neither of these lists would you like your children to have?