



Shabbat Times

Friday, February 9

5:40 pm –Candle Lighting
5:45 pm – Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

Saturday, February 10

9:00 am – Shacharit
(9:51 am – Latest preferable time to say the shema)
10:30 am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
5:15 pm – Mincha
6:39 pm - Havdalah
8:00 pm – Motzai Shabbat Pickup Basketball

Kiddush Sponsor:

Gerry and Sandy Katz in appreciation of Charles Steinert for creation of Dor Tikvah Senior Social Group; and successful completion of Dor Tikvah Cemetery

- **Feb 17:** Adrian Reuben in honor of the hospitality of Dor Tikvahans
- **Feb 24:** Shabbat Academy Kiddush/Luncheon: **Available**
- **Mar 3:** Leah Chase in memory of her beloved husband, Philip Harold Chase/Fivel Aron ben Moshe
- **Mar 10:** **Available**

Weekday Services

Maariv services every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Regular Classes

(Classes held at the Dor Tikvah House. Park in the Shul parking lot.)
Sunday night Torah 7:30 pm – The Avraham Stories **is off this week and resumes February 18th**

Lunchtime Talmud @ noon on Thursdays with FaceBook Live access. Contact Rabbi@DorTikvah.org with questions.

Dor Tikvah Youth Programs

For programming updates visit www.dortikvah.org/youth

Fabulous Food, Friends and Fun!

2nd Annual Dor Tikvah Fundraiser: **Not Your Bubbie's Shakshuka** - Cooking Competition -Sun., Feb. 11th 5:30 pm
Shwarma or Shnitzel? Gefilte fish or Moroccan fish? Sephardic or Ashkenazi? You do not need to be a member of Dor Tikvah to participate. To compete, email Laura Zucker at lfzucker@gmail.com. See the Dor Tikvah website for more information. **In addition, sponsors of the event at any level will be invited to attend a private dinner with a spectacular chef coming all the way from Israel.**

Upcoming Dor Tikvah Events

Feb 16-17: Scout Shabbat – Scout activities begin at 10:30 am followed by lunch for Scouts and their families at the Davies’.

Feb 17: Shabbat Shebang

Feb 18: Cemetery Consecration - 10:00am at Mount Pleasant Memorial Gardens - for more information contact rabi@dortikvah.org

Feb 25: Breakfast Minyan and Annual Meeting

Purim

Sunday February 25	Wednesday February 28	Thursday March 1
Kids ages 3 – 4 th grade, are invited for a special Mishloach Manot making program at the home of Dr. Arlene Rosenthal. Youth Mega Event for kids ages 10-15 at Frankie’s Fun Park from 12-5 pm. Contact Shlomi for more info. \$40/kid.	Fast of Esther – begins 5:36 am ends following Megillah reading or at 6:54 pm Mincha– 5:45pm Machatzit HaShekel Masquerade– 6:15pm Maariv & Megillah– 6:30pm Purim Panini Party \$5/person following Maariv	Purim Day Shacharit & Megillah @BSBI– 6:45am Second Daytime Reading– 10:30am @ the Dor Tikvah House Rabbi Davies will collect Gifts for the Needy. Please get cash/check to him by 10:30am Thursday.

Refuah Shelema

Yechil Yeshiahu ben Fradel Robert Levinson Hodel bat Raozel (Linda Kirshstein) Yehudit Elisheva bat Miriam Leah Claret (Kate Kalin Tobakos) Laella bat Simcha Fradyl Shoshanna bat Leah Gittel (Freda Chase) Gershom ben Naomi Sima bat Sura Miriam (Sylvia Yellin)	Moshe Ben Chava Talia Bat Shoshana Bloom bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman) Miriam bat Mazal Tovah Chaya Bas Gittel Hannah Mordechai Yehuda Zelig Ben Ettel (Marvin Katzen) Sarah Leah Bat Batia (Sandy Katz) Bear Phillips Tzvi Hirsch ben Pasha (Howard Hoffman)
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Life Cycle

Birthdays

- Jacob Gleaton (2/14)
- Gideon Rosenthal (2/15)
- Ealay Makharian (2/16)

Supporters of Congregation Dor Tikvah

We acknowledge contributions given:

- Janine and Michael Kaiser
- Shirley Stark and Mark Hus
- Ellen and Harold Davies

In Memory of

- Ruth Silverman, by Phyllis & Marvin Katzen

In Memory of Dr. Seymour Stricker to the Ida Fisher Fund for Israel Education and Action

- Phyllis & Marvin Katzen
- Nina & Stan Hoffman

We appreciate all contributions - those of \$10 or more will be acknowledged here. Contributions in support of CDT, can be made at, DorTikvah.org or by check to Congregation Dor Tikvah | PO Box 80301 | Charleston, SC 29416

Shabbat Shalom Weekly

by Rabbi Kalman Packouz | Aish.com

Did you ever hear the old joke, "Do you know the difference between a Jewish pessimist and a Jewish optimist? The Jewish pessimist says, 'It can't get worse!' The Jewish optimist says, 'It can!' " Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you view it. Our attitude is really the only thing that we can have hope to control in our life.

Our attitude affects not only our own happiness, but it affects others. We often look at people who have a happy, positive attitude as pie-eyed optimists who aren't living in reality. We often find them irritating and exasperating. But ... who is better off in the end -- the one who looks at things positively and has energy to persist and accomplish or the one who is the "realist" looking at life with a negative attitude that it probably will get worse? Here's an apocryphal story that hopefully you'll find not only amusing, but will have an impact on how you choose to look at life.

A king in Africa was out hunting. His companion and gun bearer was a person whose attitude towards life is "It couldn't be better. This is for the good." The gun bearer erred in loading the king's rifle causing a misfire which blew off the king's thumb. When the gun bearer exclaimed, "This is for the good," the king replied, "No, it's not!" and had the gun bearer put in jail.

Close to a year later the king was once again hunting; this time he was captured by cannibals. They were ready to prepare the king for dinner when they noticed the missing thumb; being superstitious, the cannibals would not eat someone who was less than whole, so they let the king go!

Immediately, the king went to the jail to free his gun bearer. "You were right," said the king, "this was for the good! I am so terribly sorry that I sent you to jail." "No," replied the gun bearer, "being in jail was for the good, too."

"What do you mean? Look how you have suffered," said the king. "Yes," responded the gun bearer, "but if I wasn't in jail ... I would have been with you!"

It is so very important to train oneself to look positively upon life's situations. From a Torah point of view, all that happens in life is ultimately for the good. The Almighty loves us and wants only the best for us. He gives us opportunities for spiritual and character growth every day.

So many times what appear as "bad" or "negative" ends up being a blessing. In the meanwhile, we have invested so much time and energy into worrying or regretting -- all for nothing and all to our detriment. It is wise to remember that worry is defined as interest paid in advance on a debt that oftentimes never comes due.

Q & A: IS THERE A PRAYER THAT I CAN SAY THAT "SAYS IT ALL"?

The Shabbat preceding the new Jewish month, we recite a special prayer, *Birchat HaChodesh*, Blessing of the New Month. The beauty and the comprehensiveness of this prayer makes it special. Perhaps it is a prayer that articulates your needs and that you may wish to recite from time to time:

"May it be Your will, Lord our G-d and G-d of our forefathers, to make this new month one for goodness and for blessing. Give us long life, a peaceful life, a good life, a life of blessing, a life of sustenance, a healthy life, a life in which there is fear of Heaven and fear of sin; a life in which there is no embarrassment or humiliation, a life of wealth and honor; a life in which there is love of Torah and fear of Heaven, a life in which the requests of our hearts will be fulfilled for the good."

By the way, if you are wondering why "fear of Heaven" is mentioned twice: once one has a life of wealth and honor, it is harder to keep one's fear of Heaven. Therefore, the prayer includes a second request for "fear of Heaven" ... after one has wealth and honor. Prayer is talking with G-d and an excellent way of helping to see the positive in life!

Torah Portion of the Week

Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

One of the most mitzvah-filled Torah portions, containing 23 positive commandments and 30 negative commandments. Included are laws regarding: the Hebrew manservant and maidservant, manslaughter, murder, injuring a parent, kidnapping, cursing a parent, personal injury, penalty for killing a slave, personal damages, injury to slaves, categories of damages and compensatory restitution, culpability for personal property damage, seduction, occult practices, idolatry, oppression of widows, children and orphans.

The portion continues with the laws of: lending money, not cursing judges or leaders, tithes, first-born sons, justice, returning strayed animals, assisting the unloading of an animal fallen under its load, Sabbatical year, Shabbat, the Three Festivals (Pesach, Shavuot & Succot).

Mishpatim concludes with the promise from the Almighty to lead us into the land of Israel, safeguard our journey, ensure the demise of our enemies and guarantee our safety in the land -- if we uphold the Torah and do the mitzvot. Moses makes preparations for himself and for the people and then ascends Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments.