

March 14th, 2020 (Adar 18, 5780)



Parshat Parah Ki Tisa

Service Times

Friday, March 13 (Adar 17)

6:00pm – Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv
6:13pm – Earliest Candle Lighting
7:00pm – **Spring Friday Night Dinner**
7:08pm – Late Candle Lighting

Saturday, March 14 (Adar 18)

9:00am – Shacharit
10:30am – Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema
10:30am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
10:45am – **Learner's Service**
5:50pm – Weekly Parsha Shiur
6:35pm – Mincha
8:05pm – Maariv/Havdalah

Kiddush Sponsorship: Ilisa & Ezra Cappell
in honor of Francine Cappell & Robert Goodman's anniversary,
and Aviva's birthday.

3/21 – Leah Chase
in memory of her dear mother Norma Feinberg & beloved Philip at yahrzeit time.

3/28 – 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

Mincha/Maariv, Monday & Wednesday 7:05pm

Classes

- **Daf Yomi class** with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon
Sun. 9pm, Mon. 7:45pm, Tues. 8pm, Wed. 7:45pm, Thurs. 9pm
Dor Tikvah House
- **Torah Study: "The Avraham Stories"** with Rabbi Davies
Sunday 7:30pm, Congregation Dor Tikvah
- **"Ketuvim with Kenny"** with Kenny Abitbol
Monday 7:45pm, 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

- Sandy and Gerald Katz in appreciation of Dor Tikvah Youth.
 - In memory of Rose Goldberg
 - Alicia Reed
 - Jeff & Karen Winkler
 - Tom & Connie Glaser

We appreciate all contributions – those of \$10 or more will be acknowledged here.
Contributions can be made at DorTikvah.org or by check to Congregation Dor Tikvah,
1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407.

Coming Up

Breakfast Minyan with Jack Grossman – Mar. 22nd, 9:00am
Author of *Child of the Forest*, details at Dortikvah.org/event/Minyan-with-Grossman. RSVP to CharlesSteinert@gmail.com by 3/18.

Women's Bookclub – Mar. 25th, 7:30pm
Discussing *How to Raise Perfectly Imperfect Kids* by Lisa Sugarman.
More info to come at Dortikvah.org/event/Mar-Rosh-Chodesh.

Frankie's Fun Park – Mar. 29th
Details to come.

Spring Picnic & a Playdate – Apr. 4th, following services
Lunch, socializing, and playtime at the Addlestone Hebrew Academy
playground. Get updates at Dortikvah.org/event/Spring-PicnicPlaydate.

Community Events

Addlestone March Mania Spring Gala – Mar. 15th, 5pm
Postponed.

Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance – Apr. 19th, 2:30pm
Charleston Jewish Federation has postponed all in-person events and gatherings until after May 1st.

Refuah Shelema

To add or remove a name, contact charlessteinert@gmail.com.

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
Shannon Plyler
Yocheved Chava bat Leah Rivka (Janet Fox)
Yehudit bat Sarah
Tova bat Sarah (Katie Bielsky)
Eliezer Yitzchak ben Shifra
Yesuskah Levy Ben Shosha Hannah

Robert Levinson
Simcha ben Etlle
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Bloom bat Chaya Sara
(Bertha Hoffman)
Refael Aharon ben Devorah
Reena Firetag
Yocheved bat Sarah
Isabella Beaudoin
Yoseph Ben Sara
Aharon Ben Yitta
Zachary Yarus
David ben Malkah

Life Cycle

Birthday

➤ Jennifer Maron (3/18)

Yahrzeit

➤ Cheryl Dakss, Sister of Sandra Katz (3/17)

Announcements

- Amid current health concerns, we are proceeding with planned worship services while taking certain measures to provide extra protection. If you are under the weather or in a high-risk group, we encourage you to observe Shabbat at home.
See **Coronavirus Precautions** at bit.ly/DorTikvahCOVID19, noting the "None to Minimal" section.
- Call on SC's lawmakers to pass a **hate crimes law!**
Go to bit.do/hatefreesc to find your SC legislators, and bit.ly/StopHateSC to sign the petition.
- We are working to discontinue use of our P.O. Box. Please, send all future mail to **1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407**.



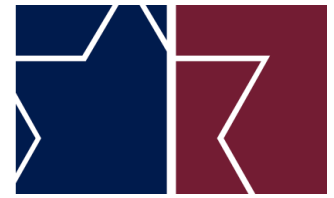
Ki Tisa

(Exodus 30:11-34:35)

Unity Not Uniformity

By Yehuda HaKohen

mizrachi.org



“HaShem spoke to Moshe, saying: ‘When you elevate the heads (take a census) of the Children of Israel according to their numbers, every man shall give HaShem an atonement for his soul when counting them, so that there will not be a plague among them when counting them. This shall they give – everyone who passes through the census – a half *shekel* of the sacred *shekel*, the *shekel* is twenty *gera*, half a *shekel* as a portion to HaShem. Everyone who passes through the census, from twenty years of age and up, shall give the portion to HaShem.’” (SHEMOT 30:11-14)

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Men of Israel, regardless of their socioeconomic status, were called upon to each contribute a half *shekel* towards the upkeep of the *Mishkan*. The identical participation from the entire Hebrew Nation teaches that we are all equally responsible for advancing Israel’s mission of bringing humankind to perfection through the awareness of HaShem as the timeless ultimate Reality without end that creates all, sustains all, empowers all and loves all.

The half *shekel* was collected precisely from those who fought in Israel’s army, teaching that one who subdues his private interests for the sake of the collective receives the infinite blessing of playing an active role in the Divine plan. And while even today the Israeli military serves as a unifying force in the life of the Jewish people, it is often said that a major challenge confronting the advancement of the Hebrew mission is a lack of cohesion within our nation. In fact, fierce political and ideological disagreements actually seem very much part of Israel’s national culture. But when one recognizes the objective unity Israel eternally possesses despite the many surface quarrels, it becomes easier to appreciate that even those disagreements are expressing something holy and necessary to achieving our historic mission.

Rabbi Avraham Yitzhak HaKohen Kook teaches that the highest level of *Ahavat Yisrael* (love for Israel) a person can achieve results from obtaining the belief, knowledge and deep understanding of Israel’s true inner essence. It involves more than merely loving individual Jews for their positive personal traits. These traits may not always be discernable and are certainly not what makes Israel unique. The *Segula* of Israel is the collective national essence that precedes the individuals. It is the inner Divine light planted within the Hebrew soul and revealed in human history through the Jewish people. Rather than attempt to love each and every individual Jew, one can learn to recognize and love the source of Israel’s essence, which then allows this love to flow out to every distinct piece of that national collective.

The Hebrew Nation is not the sum total of every Jew but rather one colossal spirit – *Knesset Yisrael* – that manifests itself in space and time through millions of bodies. While human beings each possess a personal soul, Israel shares one massive national soul – like a giant tree of which each Jew is an individual branch.

A man who loves his son does not simply love the sum total of each limb. He loves his child as a whole person and therefore loves every individual piece of that person. He can see each finger, leg and ear as an expression of that one soul he knows to be his son. *Knesset Yisrael* is similarly one giant spiritual organism revealed through individual Jews scattered in space and time. Through a heightened awareness of our true inner essence, we can see past what appears to be division within Israel and appreciate the intrinsic unity beneath and beyond our internal disputes.

True unity does not require sameness or uniformity but actually celebrates our differences and recognizes the unique contribution each individual brings to the collective. When Jews from opposing ideological camps engage one another, we should appreciate that regardless of our divisions on various details, we do not represent opposite sides of a conflict but rather different opinions within one camp and equally vital components of a much larger truth. Once this mindset of national unity is achieved, Israel will be able to function as the conduit that channels Divine blessing to all of Creation. Through true inner harmony, we will ascend to a higher plane of existence as all of the individual virtues and talents of seemingly dissimilar factions combine to form a nation that expresses *kedusha* in every sphere of reality.