

March 21, 2020 (Adar 26, 5780)



# Shabbat Mevarchim

## Parshat Hachodesh

### Vayakhel-Pekudei

\* Though we will not be meeting at the Shul for prayer, it is preferable to partake in prayer services as a community, even apart. Therefore, times will remain listed.

### Service Times

#### Friday, March 20 (Adar 25)

5:30pm – Pre-Shabbat programming @ [zoom.us/j/3746722612](https://zoom.us/j/3746722612)  
6:16pm – Earliest Candle Lighting  
7:00pm – Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv \*  
7:13pm – Late Candle Lighting

#### Saturday, March 21 (Adar 26)

9:00am – Shacharit \*  
10:24am – Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema

5:45pm – Weekly Parsha Shiur  
Notes to be sent out before Shabbat.

6:30pm – Mincha \*  
8:10pm – Maariv/Havdalah \*  
8:30pm – Post-Shabbat programming @ [zoom.us/j/3746722612](https://zoom.us/j/3746722612)

### Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv, Monday & Wednesday 7:10pm \*

In lieu of Minyan at the synagogue, Rabbi Davies will be sending learning material through the Minyan What's App Group for a dose of Torah (and a reminder to pray). [bit.ly/DTMinyan](https://bit.ly/DTMinyan)

### Classes

- **Daf Yomi class** with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon  
Sun. 9pm, Mon. 7:45pm, Tues. 8pm, Wed. 7:45pm, Thurs. 9pm  
*Over phone conference.*

Contact Rabbi Paul at [elisha.paul@addestone.org](mailto:elisha.paul@addestone.org) for more information.

- **Torah Study: "The Avraham Stories"** with Rabbi Davies  
Sunday 7:30pm. Available through Zoom. [bit.ly/Torah-Study](https://bit.ly/Torah-Study)

- **"Ketuvim with Kenny"** with Kenny Abitbol  
Monday 7:45pm  
*Only through Facebook Live!*
- **"Lunchtime Talmud"** with Rabbi Davies  
Thursday 12pm  
*Only through Facebook Live!*
- **"Cholent and Learn"** with Kenny Abitbol  
Thursday 8pm  
*Only through Facebook Live!*

### Contributions

- Leah Chase in memory of Pearl & Warren Hyman
- In memory of Rose Goldberg

- Kayte Steinert-Threlkeld • Mary Thornley • Elizabeth & Claus Busch
- Kelly and Arthur Willis Jr. • Leah Chase • Sarah Popowski
- Gail and Jack Krapf • Ann Mandel • Anita Rosenberg
- Howard D Edwards, Jr. • Marty & Jeri Perlmutter

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

### Coming Up

**Women's Bookclub** – Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

Discussing *The Gifts of Imperfection* by Brené Brown. Details and online link to come at [Dortikvah.org/event/Mar-Rosh-Chodesh](https://Dortikvah.org/event/Mar-Rosh-Chodesh).

**Passover** – Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Details and guidelines to come. If you would like a copy of the OU Passover Guide brought to your home, please contact [info@dortikvah.org](mailto:info@dortikvah.org).

### Community Events

**OTS Amiel Bakehila**

**"Parenting Resilience in Times of Crisis"** – Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30am  
An Online Conversation with Israel psychologist and resilience expert, Miriam Shapira. Join at [zoom.us/j/6133652480](https://zoom.us/j/6133652480).

### Refuah Shelema

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

Esther bat Alitza  
Baruch Leib ben Chaya Freidel (Burt Roslyn)  
Yisrael ben Chaya  
Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham  
Chayah 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 Eittle  
Hodel bat Raozel  
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  
David ben Malkah  
Noach Yoseph ben Shira Shaina

### Life Cycle

#### Anniversary

- Charles & Robyne Steinert (3/21)
- Michael & Ashley Kirshtein (3/22)

#### Birthday

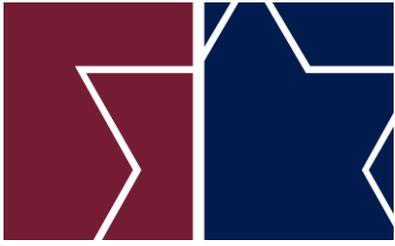
- Jonathan Gleaton (3/21)
- Uri Kirshstein (3/22)
- Bama Saltzman (3/25)
- Alyson Glaubach (3/25)
- Jason Glaubach (3/25)
- Rebecca Glaubach (3/25)
- Abigail Leibowitz (3/27)

#### Yahrzeit

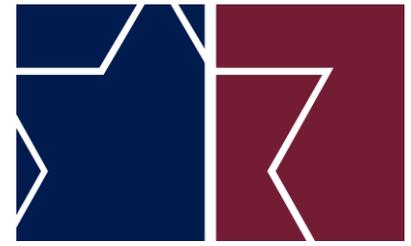
- Rose Stricker,  
Grandmother of Michael Stricker (3/21)
- Bud Lisker,  
Brother of Barbie Zucker (3/24)
- Steve Steinert,  
Brother of Charles Steinert (3/27)
- Philip Harold Chase,  
Husband of Leah Chase (3/23)

### Announcements

- Go to [Dortikvah.org/covid19](https://Dortikvah.org/covid19) for details and updates on how we are handling concerns over the **Coronavirus** pandemic.
- Our facilities are currently closed. You can contact the Administrative Assistant at [info@dortikvah.org](mailto:info@dortikvah.org), Mon.-Fri. 10am-3pm.
- **Siddurim & chumashim** will be available for loan at the Shul during Dining In challach pickup hours: Thurs. 1pm-6pm, Fri. 10am-4pm.
- Sell your **Chametz** before Pesach! Fill out the form at [bit.ly/chametz-form](https://bit.ly/chametz-form) and get to Rabbi Davies by Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A warm welcome to our new members, *Michael & Ellen Mintz!*



# Parshat Hachodesh & Vayakhel (Exodus 12:1-20) (Exodus 35:1-38:20)



## Parshat Hachodesh

### L'chaim to Chutzpah!

By Shimon Posner      Chabad.org

Taking the Jews out of Egypt was the easy part for G-d; He's in the miracle business. Taking Egypt out of the Jews, now that's hard. And Egypt was very into the Jews. The pharaohs had enticing culture and entertainment (abomination in both sleazy and non-sleazy flavors); the Jews desperately wanted to shed immigrant status and blend in. They pretty much did. Taking the Jews out of Egypt was the easy part for G-d; He's in the miracle business.

One of the most adored of the Egyptians' adorations was . . . the sheep. (No, I don't know why.) It was the precursor of—oh, I don't know, the television? Now imagine coming home one day, taking the beloved idiot box and throwing it out the window! Now picture doing that when you work for the networks, and your boss came over to watch the news with you. We call it chutzpah. That's why the Jews had to slaughter the sheep for Passover. Hours later, they were ready to leave Egypt behind, a deflated, emasculated shell of a has-been. The chutzpah they kept. The gall to define reality and live by what is right: not comfortable, logical, nor even possible, but what is right. The Jews who survived Europe seventy years ago and started having families at an unprecedented rate demonstrated an awesome, enviable, breathtaking chutzpah. The Jews in America who were bombarded with "The Disappearing Jew" series that every magazine was mouthing, but nevertheless opened day schools and Chabad centers, were totally ignoring reality and doing their own thing. Their own thing. The gall to define reality and live by what is right: not comfortable, logical, nor even possible, but what is right. The Jews (0.0005 percent of the population) are not defined by their surroundings and challenges (the Hebrew word for that is meitzarim—the same letters as the Hebrew word for Egypt). The Jews are defined by whatever G-d wants them to define themselves. (Mitzvahs are often called "signs" or definitions.)

So yes, the next time you read some cutting-edge report about the demise of Israel, or see a documentary or news feature you think is slanted negatively, don't get annoyed. Think chutzpah (it's also good for the blood pressure). It's not our reality. Turn it off. Feel free to throw it out. Then wonder how you could have possibly lived with that thing for so long. And know how it feels to leave Egypt behind.

## Vayakhel

### Mirrors in the Temple

by Rabbi Ron Jawary      Aish.com

*We can't enter G-d's presence without first taking a fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*

As we conclude the Book of Exodus, we are given a list of all the gifts the Jewish nation gave to build the Temple: "gold, silver . . . precious gems." The Midrash points out that of all the donations made to the Temple, the mirrors that were used for the sink were the most precious to the Almighty. Why was such a valued gift used for a sink?! It seems strangely out of place.

One of the purposes of the mirrors was to remind us that we can't enter G-d's presence without first taking a "fearless moral inventory of ourselves," while at the same time acknowledging all the blessings we have been given gratis. We might be able to blame everyone around us for our mistakes, but before we face G-d, we need to look in the mirror, acknowledge our shortcomings, and "humbly ask him to remove them." We then have to wash away all our excuses and rationalizations, all our pettiness, and take the opportunity to use our blessings to do the right thing throughout life.

That's one of the reasons the mirrors were so precious; they forced people not to be satisfied with the status quo, but to grow and be big. It's no coincidence that the first mitzvah a Jew performs every morning is washing his hands before he starts his day. Before we enter G-d's world (the Temple), we need to look at ourselves, wash away the nonsense and pettiness that hold us back, and make the most of the opportunities the Almighty places in front of us.