

Shabbat, July 24 (Av 15, 5781) Va'etchanan - Shabbat Nachamu

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Service Times

Masks are no longer required indoors for those fully vaccinated, and we are providing seating choices for different comfort levels. Please see the NEW <u>Safe Services Update</u> for details.

* Sign up for Shabbat services at <u>Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan</u>. Please register by Fridays at 5 pm.

Erev Shabbat Friday, July 23 (Av 14)

6:40 pm - * Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 6:58 pm - Earliest Candle Lighting 8:06 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat Saturday, July 24 (Av 15) Tu B'Av

9:00 am - * Shacharit 9:57 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

> 7:35 pm - * Mincha Seudah Shlishit 9:06 pm - Maariv/Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Linda Scheer In honor of Slade Gleaton for everything he does for the Shul.

> Upcoming Sponsors 7/31 - The Barger Family 8/7 - Available

<u>Classes</u>

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, Phone Conference.

Announcements

 ➤ Joining us in August will be our new Youth Directors, Avi & Netanel Monderer! If you'd like to donate household items to help welcome them to their new home, please arrange with Rebecca. info@dortikvah.org or 843-410-5970.

Contributions

We appreciate all donations! *Contributions of \$10 or more are acknowledged here.* Donations to CDT can be made at <u>DorTikvah.org</u> or mailed to 1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407.

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

* Rabbinic Candidate Visit: Rabbi Mimran August 5th – 8th

Mark your calendar for in-person opportunities to meet one of our Rabbi candidate finalists, Rabbi Sholom Mimran, and his family. Please join us for this important Shabbat! Get details and schedule at Dortikvah.org/event/Meet-Mimrans.

Community Events & Programs

* Emanu-El Blood Drive - July 28th, 9:30 am

Help save a life! Give blood. To make an appointment <u>click</u> <u>here</u> or visit Redcrossblood.org.

Refuah Shleima

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

Yisroel Chaim ben Pesha Aron David ben Yudah Yael Bracha bat Pnina Channah Penina bat Miriam Rochel Avraham Moshe Ben Tzora Nechama Chana bat Tziporah Rachel Blumah Leah bat Yitzhak Dov (Rosalind Minster) Shlomo Yoel ben Miriam (Stanford Kirshtein) Rahel Tzvia bat Feigel Sara

Nechemiah ben Chanah Esther bat Alitza Elijah Myer ben Chaya Moshe ben Esther Simcha ben Ettie Hodel bat Raozel Talia bat Shoshana Reuven ben Chaya Rina Bat Gisya Gana bat Gisya Hank Legare

Life Cycle

<u>Birthdays</u>

≻ Kenneth Fox (7/29)> Nathan Feldman (7/31)

<u>Anniversaries</u>

≻ Wade & Diana Manaker (7/29)

<u>Yahrzeits</u>

Selma Yoland Glick Cohn, Grandmother of Gregory Yarus (7/23)
Stephen Nathaniel Abrams, Father of Elisia Abrams (7/30)

> Rachel Zucker, Grandmother of Lenny Zucker (7/31)





Va'etchanan

(Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11) No Pain, No Gain by Rabbi Eli Scheller

Aish.com

You shall not recognize the gods of others in my presence. (Deut. 5:7)

In the olden days idol worship was an issue. Every human being had an urge that he desperately needed to bow down to an idol. Today that is not the case. To the contrary, we view bowing down to sticks and stones as foolish. How are the Torah's numerous warnings against idol worship relevant today? Idol worship began with Enosh, the grandson of Adam. Enosh believed in G-d; after all his grandfather was created by G-d Himself! However, the people of his generation were awestruck by the stars and galaxies and felt that they should honor the heavenly bodies as G-d's emissaries to the world, just as it is proper to honor the ministers of a king. They did so with the wholehearted intention of fulfilling G-d's will. However, they also sought to manipulate the heavenly bodies to serve themselves - and they knew the secrets that enabled them to do so. While it is true that idols were unable to function independently of G-d - for they received their power from Him - they were able to accomplish things that people wanted them to accomplish. If G-d made a drought the idol-worshippers were able to manipulate nature and cause it to rain. What is evil about idol worship is that the purpose of creation is to get closer to G-d through self-perfection. Manipulating systems that involve no growth is defeating the purpose of creation. G-d makes a drought since he wants you to improve yourself and make a connection with Him.

When G-d gives us a challenge, sending an obstacle our way, we might search for a quick fix. However, what G-d wants is that we improve ourselves. Use that pain, that challenge, as a vehicle to advance in your spirituality. Seeking the easy way out is a form of idolatry. It's defeating the purpose of creation. When an obstacle comes your way you need to ask: "Do I look at challenges as an annoying inconvenience or as an opportunity for growth?"

Tu B'Av

The 15th of Av: Love and Rebirth July 24, 2021 Chabad.org

The 15th of Av is a most mysterious day. A search of the Shulchan Aruch (Code of Jewish Law) reveals no observances or customs for this date, except for the instruction that the tachanun (confession of sins) and similar portions should be omitted from the daily prayers (as is the case with all festive dates), and that one should increase one's study of Torah, since the nights are beginning to grow longer, and "the night was created for study." The Talmud tells us that many years ago the "daughters of Jerusalem would go dance in the vineyards" on the 15th of Av, and "whoever did not have a wife would go there" to find himself a bride. And the Talmud considers this the greatest festival of the year, with Yom Kippur a close second! As the "full moon" of the month of Av, it is the festival of the future Redemption, marking the end of the tragedy that marred the first part of the month. Until this day, we held siyumim and gave charity each day to mitigate our sadness and hasten the Redemption. But on the 15th of Av, this is no longer. Forty-five days before Rosh Hashanah, this is also the first day on which we begin to wish each other a ketivah vachatimah tovah, to be signed and sealed for a good year.