

Service Times

* Meeting at the Shul for prayer will be limited. Details at Dortikvah.org/services.html. When unable to attend, please still partake in prayer services at home.

Erev Shabbat

Friday, July 31 (Av 10)

5:45pm - Pre-Shabbat Ruach via [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 374-672-2612, Password: 085081

6:35pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv *

[Register to attend.](#)

6:53pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

8:00pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, August 1 (Av 11)

9:00am - Shacharit *

10:00am - Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema

6:40pm - Weekly Parsha Shiur [Click here for notes.](#)

7:25pm - Mincha *

8:59pm - Maariv/Havdallah *

9:30pm - Virtual Havdallah & Schmooze via [Zoom](#)

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Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv

Monday & Wednesday (Tu B'Av) 6:30pm

[Register to attend.](#)

Classes

- **Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon**

Sunday-Thursday 8:30pm, [Phone Conference](#).

Contact Rabbi Elisha Paul elisha.paul@addlestone.org for details.

- **“Ketuvim with Kenny”**

Join discussion and study of the final sections of the Jewish Bible.

Monday 7:45pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

- **“Lunchtime Talmud” with Rabbi Davies**

Uncover the depths of Jewish law.

Thursday 12pm, [Facebook Live & Zoom](#)

- **“Cholent and Learn” with Kenny Abitbol**

Torah discussion over hot cholent.

[WhatsApp group and Facebook for updates.](#)

Dor Tikvah Virtual Events

Rabbi Davies Interviews the Frieds: Video Series

Rabbi Michael Davies welcomes Yaakov and Zahava Fried to the Charleston Jewish community. Watch the interview on [YouTube](#) to meet the newest addition to Dor Tikvah's Youth Group program!

Refuah Shelema

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

Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham
Yisroel Mordechai ben Fradel
Bloom bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Yesuskah Levy ben Shosha Hannah
Rafael Aharon ben Devorah
Gershon Ben Sarah (Jerry Polinski)
Arlene Polinski
Michal bat Cayla Mynda (Michele Perrick)
Elijah Myer Augustben Malkah
Kalev ben Naftali
Yakov ben Peretz (Jay Rundbaken)

Simcha ben Ettl
Hodel bat Raozel
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Yehudit bat Sarah
Isabella Beaudoin
Esther bat Alitza
Yisrael ben Chaya
Chaiah Leah bat Shier
Uri Chaim ben Hodel

Life Cycle

Birthday

- > Nathan Maron (7/31)
- > Eleanor Schager (8/2)
- > Gloria Adelson (8/3)

Yahrzeit

- > Carl Goldberg, Father of Anita Zucker, Grandfather of Jonathan Zucker (8/1)
- > Sarah Kirshstein, Grandmother of Nathan Kirshstein (8/2)
- > Selma Yoland Glick Cohn, Grandmother of Greg Yarus

Announcements

- > [MAZEL TOV](#) to Rabbi Elisha & Alissa Paul, and the entire Paul family, on the birth of a grandson in Israel this week.

- > **COVID-19 UPDATE:** We have resumed in-person weekday Minyanim. See the [newest update letter](#) from the *Dor Tikvah Committee for Safe Congregational Services*.

Sign up to attend a service at

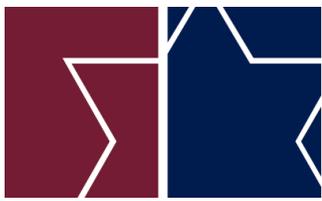
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Dortikvah.org/services.html for more information.

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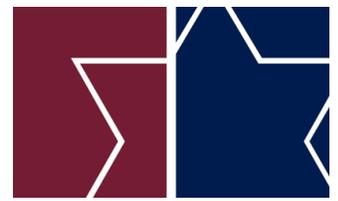
- > Nina & Virgil Mocle in memory of Ben Mocle, father of Virgil Mocle, Josephine Mocle, mother of Virgil Mocle, and Leon Hasid, father of Nina Mocle
- > Linda & David Gilston in memory of Sonia Altman

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Contributions of \$10 or more are acknowledged here.



Tu B'Av / Va'etchanan

(Deuteronomy 3:23–7:11)



Tu B'Av: What is the Significance of Tu B'av? By Rabbi Stewart Weiss yeshiva.co

G'mara Ta' anit says no holiday was as festive as Tu B'Av (& Yom Kippur!). Among the happy events occurring on this date:

- The generation of the desert, ordained to die out before entering Israel, would lay down in graves each year on Tisha B'Av, & 15,000 would not get up. But the last 15,000 were spared, realizing this only when they saw Av's full moon, clearly indicating that Tisha B'Av (9 Av) had come & gone;
- On this day, women were allowed to marry men from any Shevet, not just their own;
- After the terrible civil war in the incident of Pilegash B'Giv'ah (see Shoftim 20), the Tribes were forbidden to intermarry with Shevet Binyamin; this ban was also lifted on Tu B'Av;
- The Jews slain at Betar in the Bar Kochba rebellion against Rome were finally allowed burial on this day; their bodies miraculously had not decayed.

Tu B'Av is known as a day propitious for matchmaking & is associated in Israel with showing love for one's spouse - & that's always a good thing!

Va'etchanan: Cover Your Eyes By Menachem Feldman chabad.org

Two spouses don't seem to be able to relate to each other. Their values differ considerably; they don't see the world the same way. Is there anything they can do to strengthen the bond and enhance their closeness? In order for the relationship to survive, they must engage in a fundamental exercise before they can begin to compromise or negotiate. The most important step, the one that will allow all further growth to occur, is for each to accept that the other has a legitimate perspective.

This does not mean that anybody needs to abandon their own values or point of view. But each must practice "closing their eyes" to their own perspective, and, at least for a moment, learn how to see the other person's reality. Then they can once again "open their eyes," get in touch with their own mind and heart, and, over time, learn how the different, and occasionally opposing perspectives, can not only co-exist, but actually complement each other, leading to a far deeper and more interesting experience. This is precisely what we do when we recite the Shema each morning and evening. We are in a relationship with G-d; He is the groom and we are His bride. But make no mistake, the honeymoon is over. There are differences between us, and those differences run deep. From G-d's perspective, the only thing worth pursuing is a connection to G-dliness. He is the all-pervading reality. After all, the entire universe is dependent on His vitality for its very existence. Our perspective is different. As we see it, reality is the physical world from which we derive pleasure and joy.

In this week's portion, Moses reviews the history of that relationship. At first, we fell in love with G-d's perspective. At our wedding—Sinai—G-d showed us a glimpse and in that moment we knew there was nothing else significant in the universe other than Him. But the wedding ended and as the excitement faded we realized how vastly different G-d's perspective is to our own. We wondered, is this relationship viable? Moses has the answer. He tells us to cover our eyes twice a day and recite the Shema:

Hear, O Israel: The L-rd is our G-d; the L-rd is one.

We close our eyes because we need to put our own perspective aside and acknowledge that although we see not one Divine truth but a multiplicity of material needs and desires, there is another perspective. We acknowledge that we are able to close our eyes, remove ourselves—albeit momentarily—from our interpretation of reality, and appreciate that from the G-d perspective there is nothing but Divine unity, and that the entire universe is but an expression of that truth. And then we open our eyes, able to create a relationship that fuses the two. As Moses continues in the Shema:

And these words, which I command you this day, shall be upon your heart. And you shall teach them to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk on the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for ornaments between your eyes. And you shall inscribe them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

Despite our differences, or rather, specifically because of our differences, we can experience a deep and meaningful relationship. We are able to connect the words of the Torah, the unity and love of G-d, to our daily life. Our material pursuits are sanctified because we use them as a conduit for holiness. Our day-to-day tasks—when we walk on the road, lie down in the evening, rise in the morning, in the cities we create and the homes which we build—are imbued with spiritual meaning and Divine holiness.