

Shabbat Nachamu Vaetchanan

August 17, 2019 (Av 16, 5779)



Service Times

Friday, August 16 (Av 15) Tu B'Av

6:20pm – Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv
6:41pm – Earliest Candle Lighting
7:46pm – Late Candle Lighting

Saturday, August 17 (Av 16)

9:00am – Shacharit
10:04am – Latest preferable time to say Shema
10:30am – Shabbat Morning Youth Groups
5:30pm – Mincha at Dor Tikvah
6:00pm – Tisch at the Davies'
8:42pm – Maariv/Havdalah at the Davies'

Kiddush Sponsor

Arlene and Peter Rosenthal
in honor of Josh's birthday

8/24 – Available

8/31 – Available

Please consider marking a special event in your life by sponsoring a Kiddush.
Contact Lenny Zucker at lenbarbz@alum.mit.edu. Regular Kiddush is \$150.
Shabbat Academy Kiddush/Lunch is \$275.

Weekday Services

Mincha/ Maariv
Monday & Wednesday 6:15 pm.

Regular Classes

All current classes available through Facebook Live.

- **"Ezra Nechemiah"** with Kenny Abitbol
Mon. following services at approx. 7:15 pm
- **Lunchtime Talmud** with Rabbi Davies
Thur. at the Dor Tikvah House 12:00 pm
- **Coming soon: High Holy Day Primer** with Kenny Abitbol
Stay tuned for details.

Life Cycle

Yahrzeit

- Rose Engel, Grandmother of Matthew Engel (8/22)
- Sarah Kapner Oberman, Grandmother of Marvin Katzen (8/22)
- Rachel Zucker, Grandmother of Lenny Zucker (8/23)

Birthdays

- Joshua Scheer (8/23)

Coming Up

Congregational Meeting – Aug., 18th, 5:00pm

Dinner at 5pm, meeting begins at 5:30pm. Babysitting available.

Summer Friday Night Dinner – Aug. 23rd, 7:15pm

Services at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 7:15 pm
Sign up at DorTikvah.org. For more info, contact lorigg@gmail.com.

Community Events

Shalom Baby & Shalom POP Clothing Swap – Aug. 18th, 10am

Shop the swap! Baby and toddler clothes for purchase.

Contact sharyn@jewishcharleston.org for details.

Riverdogs Jewish Heritage Night at The Joe – Aug. 25th, 4pm

Jewish-themed games, giveaways and so much more!

Go to Riverdogs.com/groups and enter code JHN19 for tickets!

For more info, contact sharynb@jewishcharleston.org.

Amiel BaKehila Delegations – Sept. 8th-10th

Events with Community Educator: Rabbi Pesach Wolicki &

Arts Ambassador: Avigayle Adler Katz *Detail to come.*

Refuah Shelema

Robert Levinson
Simcha ben Eittle
Hodel bat Raozel
Laella bat Simcha
Yehudit Elisheva
bat Miriam Leah Claret
(Kate Kalin Tobakos)
Miriam bat Mazal
Talia bat Shoshana
Bloom bat Chaya Sara
(Bertha Hoffman)
Yisrael ben Chaya
Yisrael Haynu
ben Shimon Avraham
Etta Tzivia bat Leila
Chayah Leah bat Shier
Bear Phillips
Yocheved Koplowitz
Sarah Leah bat Batia
(Sandy Katz)
Zev Wolf ben Miriam Chana

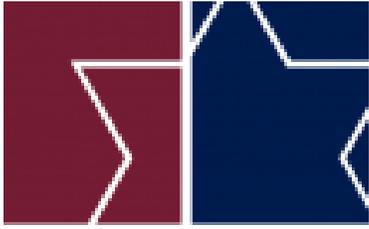
Baruch ben Yehudit Basha
Aryeh Chaim Simcha
ben Yael Bracha
(Teddy Mocle Levine)
Liba Doba Borer bat Yael Bracha
(Josephina Mocle Levine)
Sheva bat Hensa Freyda
(Lolita Hasid)
Elijah Myer ben Malkah
Eliezer ben Miriam
(Larry Goodman)
Esther bat Alitza
Bracha Chaya Tzipa Sara
bat Yocheved Chava
Miriam bat Yenta Gruna
Michal bat Kayla Minda
Valerie Armour
Yisroel Mordechai Ben Fradel
Shoshana bat Chaya
Burt Roslyn

Contributions

- Thank you to those continuing to contribute to the upcoming event with Rabbi Dr. Daniel Gordis, sponsored by the Ida Fisher Fund.

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
1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407



V'etchanan
(Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11)
Jewish Quest
by Rabbi Stephen Baars



In our Parsha, Moses is about to die. His parting speech warns of what will befall the Jewish people if they stray from their appointed path:

"G-d will scatter you among the nations, and you will be left small in number among the nations."
(Deuteronomy 4:27)

Historically, a scattered nation always assimilates into the surrounding nations. But the Jewish people are unique. Even when scattered, they still retain their national, religious and cultural identity.

Furthermore, nations do not remain small in number. Either they grow or they disappear. This, however, is not true of the Jewish people, who for long periods have survived - while remarkably remaining numerically small.

"Let us see what kind of peculiar creature the Jew is, which all the rulers and all the nations have together and separately abused and molested, oppressed and persecuted, trampled and butchered, burned and hanged, and in spite of all this is yet alive... Such a nation cannot be destroyed. The Jew is everlasting as is eternity itself." (Leo Tolstoy, "What is a Jew," 1891)

Moses continues to explain what such a future amongst the nations of the world will be like.

"And from there you will seek G-d your Lord, and if you will search for Him with all your heart and soul, you will eventually find Him." (Deuteronomy 4:29)

3,500 year ago Moses tells the Jewish people that they will search for G-d. They may not believe in G-d. But they will search for Him!

This search is not like Indiana Jones in "Raiders of the lost Ark". Rather it is part of the Jews' innate and unconscious drive and compulsion to find greater meaning and purpose in life.

We are not dealing with a passive, easy-to-please nation. We are dealing with a determined, striving nation. But most know not for what they strive. It's a nation with a thirst - but not the knowledge of how it will be quenched.

"Behold, days are coming...when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the words of G-d..." (Amos 8:11)

"Tell me, you who have investigated all sciences, ancient and new. Is there any joy like the joy of the heart? Is there any wealth like the richness of the soul?" (Rabbi Ibn Gevirol)

Beneath that ambitious Jewish man or woman, is a soul thirsting for a greater meaning in life.

Perhaps this is why the Torah's rules for raising Jewish children are especially elaborate. Boiling an egg in a pressure cooker is far more complex than boiling it in a pan. If you don't know what you're doing, there's liable to be an explosion. (Even when everything on the surface seems perfectly okay!)

In the good ole days, raising healthy children seemed far more predictable; today it seems fraught with difficulties. Once, life seemed stable and certain to produce harmony and fulfillment; today few seem to find such peace. This battle, this struggle, this Jewish quest, is something we have been wrestling with for 3,500 years. Before you attempt to solve this perplexing riddle of "life" on your own, it would be prudent to first look into some of the answers our deep, rich and time-tested tradition has already yielded.