

Service Times

We have reimplemented mask requirements for all services and activities. Please see the [NEW Safe Services Update](#).

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

Erev Shabbat

Friday, August 6 (Av 28)

6:30 pm - * Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv
with Rabbi Sholom Mimran
6:49 pm - Earliest Candle Lighting
7:55 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, August 7 (Av 29)

9:00 am - * Shacharit
Drasha by Rabbi Sholom Mimran
10:01 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema
12:00 pm - * Shabbat Academy Luncheon
with Rabbi Sholom Mimran and Family
7:10 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit
D'var Torah by Rabbi Sholom Mimran
8:54 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Ari & Linda Lieberman and Family
In honor of Rabbi Mimran and family's visit to Dor Tikvah.

Upcoming Sponsors

8/21 - *Available* 8/28 - *Available*

Dor Tikvah Events & Programs

* Meet & Greet with the Mimrans

Aug. 8th, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Continue getting to know our Rabbinic Candidate, Rabbi Sholom Mimran, and Zahava. Join us at the shul to schmooze and enjoy some nosh and refreshments.

Community Events & Programs

* PJ in the Park - Aug. 15, 9:30 am

Meet at Mt. Pleasant Waterfront Park for outdoor fun, a story, and a snack!

* Jewish Heritage Night at the Joe - Aug. 22, 5:05 pm

Join us as we root on the Charleston RiverDogs! Reserve your free tickets at tinyurl.com/JHN2021 by August 19th.

Classes

- Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon
Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, **On Zoom**.

Contributions

- > Jill & Chuck Deich
- Mazel Tov on Edie & Joe's 60th Anniversary!
May you celebrate many more in perfect health.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our new Youth Directors' home!

- > Anita Zucker
- > Linda Scheer
- > Linda & David Gilston
- > Robin & Eli Poliakoff
- > Ari & Linda Lieberman
- > Marcie & David Rosenberg
- > Ilisa Cappell

Contributions of \$10 or more are acknowledged here. Donations to CDT can be mailed or made at DorTikvah.org.

Refuah Shleima

Yisroel Chaim ben Pasha
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
Aaron ben Miriam Shonah
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
Shoshona bat Chana
Areilla bat Shoshona

Life Cycle

Birthdays

- > Lori Gleaton (8/10)
- > Eran Maron (8/14)
- > Michael Mintz (8/14)

Anniversaries

- > Joe & Edie Rubin (8/13)

Yahrzeits

- > Ethel Steinert, Grandmother of Charles Steinert (8/8)
- > Isabel Shawinsky, Mother of Arlene Rosenthal (8/8)

Announcements

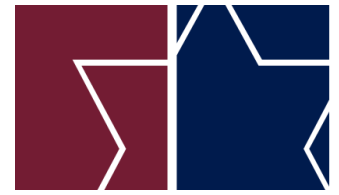
- > **COVID-19 Update:** Face masks for congregants (both vaccinated and non-vaccinated) will be required for services or activities at Dor Tikvah. Exceptions include speakers and those leading services that are adequately distanced from others.

- > We are excited to welcome our new **Youth Directors, Avi & Netanel Monderer** and their family to Charleston. We look forward to them being a part of our Dor Tikvah family!!



Rosh Chodesh Elul

Second Chances: The Powerful Month Before the High Holidays



by Rabbi Mark Wildes

Aish.com

Jul 27, 2021 *What makes the Hebrew month of Elul so special?*

“The Merchant of Death is Dead!”

This was reportedly the headline in the obituary section of a French newspaper in 1888 that erroneously eulogized Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite. In reality, though, it was Alfred’s brother, Ludwig, who had died. Thanks to some poor reporting, the newspaper mistakenly thought Alfred had died, and the reporters published a scathing review of his life. The paper characterized Alfred Nobel as someone who had grown rich by developing new ways to “mutilate and kill.” Nobel was deeply impacted by this premature obituary and became obsessed with how he would be remembered. He rewrote his will, bequeathing most of his incredible fortune to a cause that would be admired and celebrated by all: the Nobel Prize that, to this day, is offered to leading scientists, writers, and peace-makers as a way not to harm but to benefit humankind. The newspaper’s historic blunder gave Alfred Nobel the rare opportunity to read his own obituary – it gave Nobel a second chance.

The Hebrew month of Elul is all about second chances. The Jewish Sages teach that G-d is spiritually closer to us during the month of Elul. We have a tradition that during this time G-d is more receptive to our prayers and to our attempts to draw closer to His presence (Rashi, Exodus 33:11). The great Chasidic master Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi (1745–1813) uses the metaphor of a king whose usual place is in the palace. Anyone wishing to see the king must first travel to the palace, go through all the gates, and be meticulously prepared. But there are times when the king leaves the palace and comes out to the field to make himself more accessible so that even a simple peasant behind his plow can approach him. Elul is the time when the king, i.e., G-d, is in the field. What happened during this period on the Jewish calendar that made Elul such an opportune time for spiritual closeness? The Sages (Rashi, Exodus 33:11) tell us that the first day of the month of Elul was the day G-d told Moses to ascend Mount Sinai again, for the second set of tablets. Let’s backtrack a little: Earlier in the summer, we observed a fast day called the 17th day of the month of Tammuz. That was the day Moses descended Mount Sinai with the tablets containing the Ten Commandments, only to find the Jewish people worshipping the Golden Calf. It was a terrible moment in Jewish history when the people’s faith and relationship with G-d seemed to be beyond repair. In response, Moses broke the tablets and remained in the Jewish camp, praying on their behalf, desperately trying to obtain G-d’s forgiveness. Moses prayed and beseeched the Almighty for 40 days, from the 17th of Tammuz – when he first saw the Jews sinning – until the beginning of Elul. After 40 days of pleading for forgiveness, G-d told Moses to return to Mount Sinai. He was ready to give the Jewish people a second chance. Moses ascended Mount Sinai to receive the second set of tablets on this very day.

Elul is all about second chances. Moses remained on Mount Sinai for 40 more days. He returned to the Jewish encampment with the second set of tablets and guess on what day? It was the tenth day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, none other than the day of Yom Kippur! Yom Kippur became the Jewish day of atonement because it marked the completion of the process of reconciliation between G-d and the Jewish people. It represented the culmination of the people’s renewed relationship after the Almighty gave them a second chance after they sinned. G-d presented a unique challenge to our ancestors during these 40 days between Rosh Chodesh Elul and Yom Kippur: fix your problems, deal with your issues, and renew your relationship with Me. Every year at this time, that same 40-day challenge presents itself to us. Like Alfred Nobel, we too are given a second chance to confront our challenges, deal with our demons, and reconnect with G-d and our fellow human beings. Throughout the year we routinely encounter obstacles and spiritual challenges, which disconnect us from our spiritual source – from G-d and even from the people we love. We all have dreams and goals we have failed to achieve. We have let ourselves down in some way. But these 40 days come to us every year, presenting us with the opportunity to reconnect and draw closer to our unique potential as the new year approaches.