

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, August 7 (Av 17)

5:30pm - Pre-Shabbat Ruach via [Zoom](#)

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

6:30pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv *

[Register to attend.](#)

6:48pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

7:54pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, August 8 (Av 18)

9:00am - Shacharit *

10:02am - Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema

6:30pm - Weekly Parsha Shiur [Click here for notes.](#)

7:15pm - Mincha *

8:51pm - Maariv/Havdallah *

9:15pm - Virtual Havdallah & Schmooze via [Zoom](#)

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Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv - Monday & Wednesday 6:25pm

[Register to attend.](#)

Classes

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

Sunday-Thursdays 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**

WhatsApp group and Facebook for updates.

Announcements

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

[High Holy Days Update.](#)

Sign up to attend a service at

Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan.

Go to Dortikvah.org/services.html for more information.

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!

Congregational Meeting – Aug. 23rd, 5:30pm

Save the date! Details to come. Check

Dortikvah.org/event/Aug-Cong-Meeting for updates.

Local Virtual Events

Challah Bake with Marcie Rosenberg – Aug. 30th

KKBE Sisterhood Zoom Challah Bake with Marcie Rosenberg. Marcie is the chef and owner of Dining In Inc., the only kosher caterer in Charleston. Go to kkbe.org/sisterhood for updates.

Refuah Shelema

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

Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham
Yisroel Mordechai ben Fradel
Bloomah bat Chaya Sara (Bertha Hoffman)
Yesuskah Levy ben Shosha Hannah
Refael 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 Etlle
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

- > Lori Gleaton (8/10)
- > Rena Davies (8/11)
- > Eran Maron (8/14)
- > Michael Mintz (8/14)

Yahrzeit

- > Rose Engel, Grandmother of Matthew Engel (8/11)
- > Rachel Zucker, Grandmother of Lenny Zucker (8/12)

Anniversary

- > Joseph & Edie Rubin (8/13)

Contributions

> 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

Consider honoring a special occasion or important person in your life by making a donation to Congregation Dor Tikvah. Contributions can be made at Dortikvah.org. Contributions of \$10 or more are acknowledged here.



Eikev

(Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25)

Walking with God

By Rabbi Shraga Simmons Aish.com



A practical primer on how to emulate G-d.

Human cloning is a hot topic and there is much debate medically and ethically. But how do we understand cloning from a metaphysical perspective? In this week's Parsha, the Torah tells us "to walk in all G-d's ways" (Deut. 11:22). Every human being is created in the image of G-d. That makes G-d our role model. We try to clone ourselves after the Almighty!

Striving for Perfection

In Genesis (Chapter 18), G-d is talking to Abraham. When Abraham sees three strangers approaching from afar, he suddenly jumps up to offer them food and drink. On what basis did Abraham prioritize the helping of strangers over talking with G-d?! The answer is that even greater than talking to G-d is to be like G-d. G-d is a giver. We are created in the image of G-d; thus giving is our greatest form of spiritual expression. Abraham achieved great spiritual levels because he emulated G-d by performing endless acts of kindness. Yet how can mortal humans possibly achieve the infinite perfection of G-d? We can't. But that shouldn't stop us from setting lofty goals. In fact, the secret of Jewish achievement is that we're always striving for ... perfection.

Practical Ways to Emulate G-d

In describing the mitzvah to walk in G-d's ways, the Talmud says: "Just as He is merciful, so you be merciful. Just as He is kind, so you be kind."

Various examples of G-d's kindness include:

- Visiting the sick, as G-d did following Abraham's Brit Milah (Genesis 18:1)
- Burying the dead, since G-d personally buried Moses (Deut. 34:6)
- Feeding the hungry, as G-d did by providing the manna bread to the Jews wandering in the desert (Exodus 16:4)
- Comforting mourners, as G-d did by appearing to Isaac after Abraham's death (Genesis 25:11)

It is interesting that this list includes **only** aspects of **kindness** toward others. There is no mention of judging others or punishing them. That is because only G-d can stand in judgement. The only reason the Torah permits courts to administer justice is because G-d grants them that power. The Maharal explains that the Torah refers to judges as *elohim* – a name usually reserved for G-d – to teach us that a judge's role is only an extension of G-d's judgement.

Modern-Day Greatness

In dealings with our fellow man, the operative word is kindness. The Torah instructs us to "keep the commandments of G-d, and walk in His ways" (Deut. 28:9). The Chafetz Chaim notes that the two clauses indicate this is a two-stage process. "Keeping the commandments" is only as good as it brings us to "walk in G-d's ways" – i.e. perfection of character.

The story is told about pre-World War Two in Europe, when Jews were concerned for their safety and were scrambling to get exit visas. One of Rabbi Aaron Kotler's students decided to take a long train-ride, on the off-chance there might be visa papers waiting for him at the port city. At a connecting stop on mid-route, the student was surprised by the sudden appearance of Rabbi Kotler. "What are you doing here?!" asked the incredulous student.

"Just after you left, a telegram arrived saying that indeed your papers will be ready at the port," explained Rabbi Kotler. "So I took another route and rushed here in order to ease your mind for the remainder of the trip!" Society is defined by its heroes. Will it be athletes and rock stars? Or G-d Almighty Himself? Who would you like your children to emulate?