

## Service Times

This Shabbat, September 12th, we will be holding indoor services both Friday evening and Shabbat morning.

See *High Holy Days information on pg. 3.*

\* Meeting at the Shul for prayer is limited. When unable to attend, please still partake in prayer services at home.

### **Erev Shabbat**

#### **Friday, September 11 (Elul 22)**

5:00pm - Pre-Shabbat Ruach on [Zoom](#) & Facebook Live

Meeting ID: 374 672 2612, Passcode: 085081

5:55pm - Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv \*

[Register](#) to attend.

6:13pm - Earliest Candle Lighting

7:12pm - Late Candle Lighting

### **Shabbat**

#### **Saturday, September 12 (Elul 23)**

9:00am - Shacharit \*

[Register](#) to attend.

10:08am - Latest Preferable Time to Say Shema

5:50pm - Weekly Parsha Shiur [Click here for notes.](#)

6:35pm - Mincha \*

8:07pm - Maariv/Havdallah \*

8:30pm - Havdallah & Schmooze

on [Zoom](#) & Facebook Live

Meeting ID: 374 672 2612, Passcode: 085081

9:30pm - [Jive with Judaism](#): Selichot & S'mores Pt. 2

10:30pm - Pre-Selichot Kumsitz on [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 845 7972 9791

12:00am - First Night of Selichot (@BSBI)

## Weekday Services

Mincha/Maariv - Monday & Wednesday 5:45pm

[Register](#) to attend.

## Classes

• Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon  
Sunday-Thursdays 8:30pm, [Phone Conference](#).

• "Ketuvim with Kenny"

Join discussions of the final sections of the Jewish Bible.

Monday 7:45pm, [Off until after Yom Kippur](#).

• "Lunchtime Talmud" with Rabbi Davies  
Uncover the depths of Jewish law.  
Thursday 12pm, [Facebook Live](#) & [Zoom](#)

• "Cholent and Learn" with Kenny Abitbol  
[Off until after Yom Kippur](#).

## Dor Tikvah Virtual Events

**Jive with Judaism Series** – Sept. 12, 23, & Oct. 7

A special series for middle schoolers before, during, and after the chagim! Details at [Dortikvah.org/event/Elul-middleschool](#).

**Holla 4 Challah: Zoom Challah Bake** – Sept. 13, 10am

Join Ora Davies and Zahava Fried for a Zoom challah bake for kids 5-12. More info at [Dortikvah.org/event/Holla2020](#) and on [Facebook](#).

**Together Apart: Rosh HaShanah Prep.** – Sept. 16, 8pm

Rabbi Davies discusses some of the deeper themes and ideas behind Rosh HaShanah and its prayers. Join on [Zoom](#) and get resources at [Dortikvah.org/event/Together-Apart-RH](#).

**Tot Shabbat: What's That Sound? The Shofar!** – Sept. 18

[Zoom](#) - Meeting ID: 222 154 2450, Passcode: 166812

Join Zahava for a musical Tot Shabbat, Fridays at 10:30am.

For more info and updates, go to [Dortikvah.org/youth-elul-tots](#).

## Refuah Sheleima

The Refuah Sheleima list will be reset for Rosh Hashanah. To keep a name on the list or submit a new one, contact [charlessteinert@gmail.com](mailto:charlessteinert@gmail.com).

Yisrael Haynu ben Shimon Avraham  
Yisroel Mordechai ben Fradel  
Bloom 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 August ben Malkah  
Kalev ben Naftali  
Yakov ben Peretz (Jay Rundbaken)  
Chava bat Roza (Eva Lipman)

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  
Yisroel Chaim ben Peshah

## Life Cycle

### Birthday

- > Barbie Zucker (9/12)
- > Rebecca Warren (9/12)
- > David Rosenberg (9/13)
- > Phyllis Katzen (9/15)
- > Jennifer Schager (9/16)
- > Rachel Kirshtein (9/16)
- > Yoni Alon (9/16)

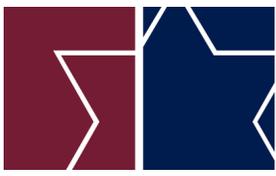
### Yahrzeit

- > Max Zucker, Father of Lenny Zucker (9/13)
- > Max Kirshstein, Father of Nathan Kirshstein (9/14)
- > Ludwig Spangenthal, Father of Peter Rosenthal (9/16)
- > William Cohn, Grandfather of Gregory Yarus (9/17)

## Contributions

- > David & Linda Gilston for flowers for High Holy Days
- > Esther and David Beckman
  - For Eva Lipman, sister of Anita Zucker, for a quick recovery
  - In memory of Aron Strenger, Aron ben Pinchas haLevi
  - In memory of William Beckmann, Zev ben Shaul haCohen

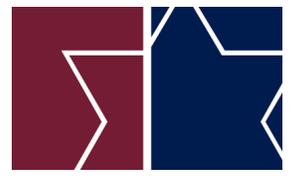
Contributions can be made at [DorTikvah.org](#) or sent to  
1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd. *Donations of \$10 or more are recognized here.*



# Nitzavim-Vayeilech

(Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20)

## & Rosh Hashanah



### **Choose Life** by Yossy Goldman [Chabad.org](http://Chabad.org)

*I call today upon heaven and earth as witnesses for you. I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. And you shall choose life, so that you and your children may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)*

Do we really need the Torah to tell us to choose life? Which person of sound mind would choose death?

One possible answer is that one must make a conscious decision to live and not just vegetate. And I don't mean to live it up by living life in the fast lane. To "choose life" means to choose to live a meaningful life, a life committed to values and a higher purpose. Did it make any difference at all in that I inhabited planet Earth for so many years? Will anyone really know the difference if I'm gone? Is my life productive, worthwhile? It is told that when the first Chabad Rebbe, Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, wanted to bless Reb Yekutiel Liepler with wealth, he declined the offer, saying that he was afraid it would distract him from more spiritual pursuits. When the rebbe then offered to bless him with longevity, Reb Yekutiel stipulated that it should not be "peasant's years, with eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear, where one neither sees nor senses G-dliness." Reb Yekutiel was rather fussy, it seems. The holy rebbe is offering him an amazing blessing, and he is making conditions! Yes, he chose life, and he chose to live a life that would be purposeful and productive, and that really would make a tangible difference. He wasn't interested in a long life if, essentially, it would amount to an empty life. As we stand just before Rosh Hashanah, let us resolve to choose life. Let us live lives of Torah values and noble deeds. And may we be blessed with a good and sweet new year.

### **Shofar in the Year of Corona** by Rabbi Shlomo Buxbaum [Aish.com](http://Aish.com)

*Let this year's shofar blast take on a whole new meaning.*

Most of us take breathing for granted. It's something that just happens on its own. But as we approach Rosh Hashanah and look back at some of the takeaways from the Jewish year 5780, there has been a focus on breathing. This year will be remembered as a year of Covid-19 ventilators and masks that inhibit our breathing. This year will be remembered as the year that we were forced to slow down from the rapid pace of our daily lives and just breathe. And with every breath we learned to humble ourselves, to relinquish control, to take each day as it comes, and to live a little more in the present. For the many who suffered losses, trauma, or disappointments, 5780 will be remembered as a year of challenges and pain. But many will remember this year as one that snapped them out of the trance of daily repetitive living, giving them a chance to learn how to focus on what matters, to get to know their families and themselves a little better, a year that taught them how to truly breathe. On Rosh Hashanah there is a commandment to blow the shofar, a unique mitzvah in that it is fulfilled by using our breath. The shofar blasts mark the birthday of mankind when G-d "blew" into man's nostrils his soul, giving him the "breath of life" (Genesis, 2:7). Breath is symbolic for the soul, as the two share a common Hebrew root. The word for soul, "neshama", is almost identical to the Hebrew word "neshima", breathe. It's no wonder that one can become more aware of the higher levels of their soul by slowing down and focusing on their breathing. Blowing the shofar teaches us how to discover our soul. The shofar is nothing more than a hollow shell, yet it transforms a fleeting breath into a powerful victory cry. When we make ourselves hollow, letting go of our egos and relinquish the false sense of control, only then can we fully experience the spiritual essence that is inside of us. Commenting on the verse "Lift up your voice like a shofar" (Isaiah 58:1), one of the early Hassidic masters, Rabbi Avraham Chaim of Zlotchov, known as the Orach L'Chaim, writes: When we view ourselves like a shofar that has no voice besides for what is blown into it, in that we have no power outside of what G-d gives us, we can awaken the Divine love and bring upon ourselves great kindness and compassion. This past year we learned how to do just that. We saw how quickly our entire life can change, and how the entire world can be thrown into chaos. We saw that most of the external structures that we build are really hollow and powerless, like a shofar. We learned that without breath – without a spiritual connection, without meaningful relationships, without personal growth – our lives can turn very empty very quickly. As the virus first began to spread, many took note of its name corona, which means crown, pointing out how this virus would wake up the world to realize how dependent we are on the King of Kings to protect us and to keep world order. Jewish tradition teaches us that the shofar is the very instrument that we use to coronate G-d as King, proclaiming that everything we have is dependent on G-d Who is constantly breathing life and sustaining us with His Divine energy. As we look back on a year when we learned how to pay attention to our breath, when we saw the hollowness and fragility of our control, when the word corona became a household word, perhaps we can view the entire year as one great shofar blast, one great reminder of who is really in control.

## High Holy Days 5781/2020

[Dortikvah.org/hhd-5781](http://Dortikvah.org/hhd-5781)

High Holy Days this year will look different than they ever have before, and we have to be prepared to handle these unique circumstances.

More information and updates are provided at [Dortikvah.org/hhd-5781](http://Dortikvah.org/hhd-5781).

In our initial High Holy Day Survey, we received requests for instructions on how to follow the prayers when staying at home as well as pre-holiday Zoom sessions to review the service and for additional High Holy Day inspiration.

### Links & Materials

We still want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase aliyot as we do every year. Please consider virtually honoring a friend, family member, or even yourself with one of these highly sought after opportunities! Click below for details.

### High Holy Days Honors Information

For those who have submitted their services registration form, we will soon be sending out information on which services will be held, and you will be notified as to which service you are registered for. *During the week prior to Rosh HaShanah and then again in the week prior to Yom Kippur, you will be asked to complete a health questionnaire.*

### Services Details & FAQ

We will soon be mailing out more High Holy Days information. Please make sure all of your contact information is up-to-date by going to [Dortikvah.org/member](http://Dortikvah.org/member) or emailing any changes to [info@dortikvah.org](mailto:info@dortikvah.org). Thank you!

### High Holy Days Schedule

## Card Connections Community Youth Project

As Rosh Hashanah draws near, we wanted to invite your children to participate in a special initiative to make Shana Tova cards for members of our community. Get details and video guides at

[Dortikvah.org/youth-shana-tova](http://Dortikvah.org/youth-shana-tova).

SHANA TOVA CARD MAKING ON YOUTUBE

## Arbah Minim Orders

Order deadline is Sept. 16th. Get details [HERE](#) and submit your order with Jonathan Zucker by emailing [jmzucker@email.com](mailto:jmzucker@email.com), or call 843-790-3979. Standard Set \$40, Premium Set \$60, Extra Aravot \$5

Arbah Minim Ordering Information