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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

Chanukah's Eternal Message

Dear friends,

In our long history, few individuals have threatened the spiritual survival of the Jewish people as did Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who ascended to the Syrian-Greek throne in 175 BCE.

Antiochus outlawed core Jewish practices such as Sabbath observance, circumcision, and Torah study. Then, in 168 BCE, even erected an idol in the Temple. The Jews responded with tremendous resilience throughout, and in 166 BCE, the struggle finally boiled over.

In Modi'in, the elderly Matisyahu, from the priestly Hasmonean family, was called upon to sacrifice a swine to their god. Under the watchful glare of the Greek soldiers, he uttered his firm refusal. A Hellenized Jew then came forward to sacrifice the pig. At that moment, the elderly priest stabbed him and killed the Greek commander, as well. He then faced the crowd and roared, "All who are for Hashem should follow me!". Local inhabitants immediately pounced upon the Greek garrison, killing them. The fightback had officially begun.

We should take a lesson from these heroes. Had the attempts at Hellenizing the Jew succeeded, we wouldn't be here today! Only the brave resistance of the Chashmonaim and their followers, who risked their lives for their religion, ensured the future of the Jewish people.

Wishing you a delightful Chanukah!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran

Shabbat Times

VAYETZEI

FRIDAY DECEMBER 2 5:00pm - Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3

9:00am - Shacharit

4:30pm - Mincha/S"SH

5:54pm - Maariv/Havdalah

VAYISHLACH

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9 5:00pm - Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10

9:00am - Shacharit

4:30pm - Mincha/S"SH

5:55pm - Maariv/Havdalah

VAYESHEV

Shabbat Mevarchim FRIDAY DECEMBER 16

5:00pm - Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17

9:00am - Shacharit

4:30pm - Mincha/S"SH

5:57pm - Maariv/Havdalah

MIKETZ

CHANUKAH

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23 5:05pm - Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24

9:00am - Shacharit

4:35pm - Mincha/S"SH

6:00pm - Maariv/Havdalah

VAYIGASH

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30

5:05pm - Mincha/Maariv

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31

9:00am - Shacharit

4:40pm - Mincha/S"SH

6:05pm - Maariv/Havdalah

DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

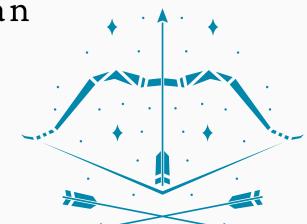
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MONTHLY MUSINGS

Kislev: Fly Like an Arrow

Zahava Mimran

More than a millennia ago, in a small country savaged by changing leadership and war, there dwelt the Jewish nation. Whilst the Egyptians, Greeks and Syrians fought around them, they clung to their G-d and the Holy Temple, serving Him with all their hearts.



However, slowly but increasingly, under foreign leadership, Greek influences began to infiltrate into their lives. The heavy emphasis the Greeks placed on the human body, theatres and entertainment was a culture that left no room for a G-d and a spiritual life, and unfortunately, not every Jew was strong enough to withstand its temptations. Yet those who remained faithful to their G-d were still seen as a threat by the ruling emperor Antiochus, who eventually went so far as to ban the Jews from keeping a Jewish lifestyle and performing their most intrinsic and defining commandments.

Yet this was no Holocaust; it was not a quest for the blood of the Jews, rather it was their souls that the Greeks wanted. The Jews at the time could very easily have adapted their lifestyle, at least externally, to fit into the Greek culture. Yet instead they chose to fight for their beliefs, to stand up for their religion, and to risk death by waging war on those who wished to extinguish their soul, their light.

Their fight is the essence of the holiday of this month. Chanuka, the festival of lights, declares the fight for our G-d and his Torah, for the spark inside each and every Jewish soul, and the readiness to sacrifice ourselves for our beliefs. King Solomon tells us that 'The soul of man is G-d's candle.' Each Jewish soul is a light that can illuminate the entire world; all we have to do is to ignite the spark.

MONTHLY MUSINGS



Unsurprisingly, it was in this month too that the Mishkan - the tabernacle, was completed. This was the sanctuary where Jews brought sacrifices to G-d, and as a result brought His light into the world. And although we no longer have the tabernacle or even the temple, we can still create this same relationship with G-d nowadays, serving as a conduit to spread His light to the world. This is depicted in the words of a beautiful song, based on a passage by Rabbi Eliezer Azikri a 16th century Rabbi:

'In my heart I will build a sanctuary to glorify God's honor. And in the sanctuary, I will place an altar... And as a sacrifice I will offer to G-d my soul, my own unique soul.'

Ultimately, the way to light up our world, and to fan that tiny spark into a powerful flame is through sacrifice, through giving up those things that we feel are a part of us, of our identity. When we step out of our comfort zone, when we lose our complacency, and we give up for our religion the things that we hold dear, things that we can't imagine living without, then that is what feeds our spark, our soul.

Having a strong religious identity and feeling Jewish are beautiful things. Yet they are also easy things. And when something is too easy, when it is almost effortless, then we know that we are doing something wrong. Because the zodiac symbol of this month, the Sagittarius, or archer, teaches us that we need to exert ourselves to move forwards. If you don't pull the bow back until your arm aches and the sweat runs down your cheeks, then your arrow will fall to the ground. In a world where we sometimes give away our souls on a silver platter, we cannot forget that the harder we work on our religion and connection to G-d, and the more sacrifices we make, the further we will fly. For mortals though we are, we nevertheless have wings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOR TIKVAH GALLERY

Click the ALBUMS to see the photos and videos from last month's events. See the Photo of the Month at the end of the newsletter!

Check out the albums for all of our recent events on our Gallery page at dortikvah.org/gallery If you have pictures you would like to share, email them to info@dortikvah.org.





PRETZEL MAKERS WANTED

COME HELP AT THE DOR TIKVAH
PRETZEL BOOTH!

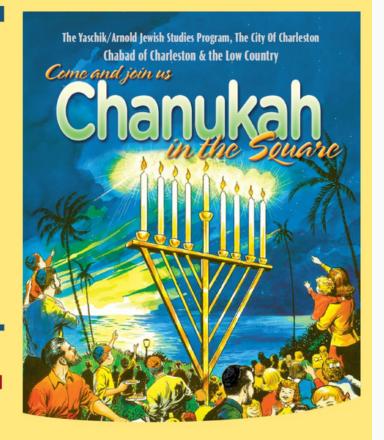
Volunteers are needed from 3 - 7 pm. To join us, contact info@dortikvah.org.

The Charleston Jewish community gathers for our annual Chanukah celebration! Be an important part of this special evening by volunteering with us!

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18TH

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

MARION SQUARE PARK Downtown Charleston





ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREE OF LIFE Sponsorships





Or you can fill out

THIS FORM and return

it to Dor Tikvah.

Easily purchase leaf or branch sponsorships with our online form at dortikvah.org/TOL

MEZUZOT AVAILABLE



New mezuzot are available for purchase, including a limited number of hand-crafted mezuzot by Marvin Katzen. If interested, contact info@dortikvah.org

Matan Bat Mitzvah Program

Preparation for Bat Mitzvah - Jewish Women
Through the Ages

COMPLETE INTEREST FORM

Want to join us??

We are bringing the Matan Bat
Mitzvah program to
Charleston for girls ages 1113 and a significant adult in
their lives. Please fill out our
INTEREST FORM (where more
details are available) for input
before scheduling the dates.



tinyurl.com/DTMatan

The program includes experiential learning sessions for women and girls that focus on the image and actions of Jewish women throughout the generations.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Simchas

- Mazel Tov to Anita Zucker on her \$5 million donation to launch the Jewish Early Childhood Educators Program at Yeshiva University! For more info on this special mitzvah, go to is.gd/AnitaYU
- Mazel Tov to Dovid & Hodayah Felzenberg on their recent wedding!
- Mazel Tov to the Glaubach family on the marriage of their daughter Rebecca to Yosef Wagner!

Sad News

- Condolences to Susan (Neil) Weintrob on the passing of Susan's mother, Rita Rubin Haber, nee Weiss.
- Condolences to Shelley and Marcelo Hochman on the loss of Shelly's father, Robert Goldstein.
- The whole Charleston community mourns the loss of local Holocaust survivor, Joe Engel and we wish comfort to the entire Engel family and all who knew him.



Enhanced Kiddush Shabbat Vayetzei, December 3rd Sponsored by Our Community In honor of the Volk family, wishing them much Hatzlacha upon their departure from Charleston. 9:00 AM- Shacharit 11:30 AM - Enhanced Kiddush To contribute to this sponsorship, go to dortikvah.org/donate and select "Dedicated Kiddush" as the donation type.

KIDDUSH FOR VOLK FAMILY Shabbat Vayetzei December 3 @ 11:30 am

A special farewell Kiddush dedicated to Ari & Rachel Volk and their family as they depart Charleston. To join the community in sponsoring, go to dortikvah.org/donate and select "Dedicated Kiddush" as the donation type.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

MEN'S GAME NIGHT Thur. December 1 @ 7:30 pm

Join us at Dor Tikvah for an evening with the guys with a friendly card game and Thursday night football! For questions, contact George Poolman at georgepoolman@live.com



CHANUKAH 2022!

Candles each night should ideally be lit at 5:40 pm (20 minutes after sunset) but can be lit later with others present.



SHABBAT ACADEMY LUNCHEON

Shabbat, December 10 @ 11:30 am

"Chanukah: What's the Big Deal?"

As we look forward to Chanukah, we will be holding a Shabbat Luncheon with Rabbi Mimran discussing what makes this holiday so special, followed by fun games for all ages!

CHANUKAH 2022!



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT Motzei Shabbat

REGISTER BY DEC. 20TH dortikvah.org/event/glow

Celebrate the light of Chanukah with us at our glow-in-the-dark, all-ages event! Dance like no one can see you at our blacklight dance party! Plus games, noshing, schmoozing, and Chanukah activities for adults and kids.

WITH THE COMMUNITY

AHA COMMUNITY FAIR Sun. December 11 @ 2:00 pm

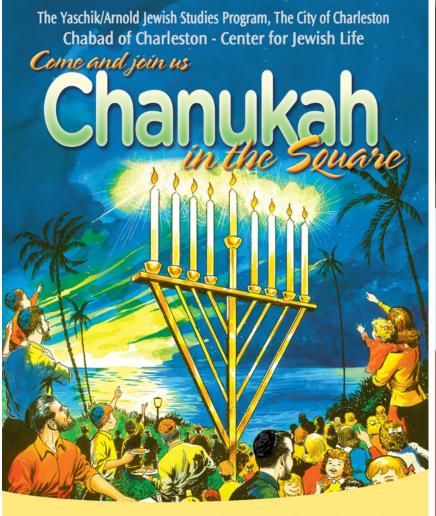
Addlestone Academy hosts their annual Chanukah fair! Children of all ages experience Chanukah through educational and fun activities! The event is free and open to the public.

REGISTER HERE



CHANUKAH 2022!

WITH THE COMMUNITY



SUNDAY, DEC 18 4:00-6:00PM

MARION SQUARE PARK

Sponsored by: the Norman J Arnold Foundation co-Sponsored by: Berlin's Restaurant Supply, the Hyman family, Glowfisch Hospitality, and the Homegrown Hospitality Group's T-Bonz Foundation

co-presented by: Addlestone Hebrew Academy, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim, CHARLEY, Brith Sholom Beth Israel Synagogue, Congregation Dor Tikvah, Hebrew Orphan Society, the Charleston Jewish Federation, PJ Library & PJ Our Way, Synagogue Emanu-El, and Young Jewish Charleston.

Entertainment: Live Music, Hot Latkes, Donuts, Hot Pretzels, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chicken Soup, Kettle Corn, Chanukah Treats and Giveaways, Giant Menorah Lighting, Snacks and Drinks, Children's Entertainment

CHANUKAH IN THE SQUARE

Sun., December 18 @ 4:00 pm

Charleston's annual Chanukah extravaganza with live music, lots of food, children's entertainment, and the famous giant menorah lighting!!



NIGHT OF GIVING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND | 5:30 PM

This Chanukah, *dedicate* a night to Tikkun Olam with your Emanu-El and Dor Tikvah families. Join us at one of our local supermarkets to light Chanukah candles and shop to help stock the Kosher Food Pantry (KFP), Jewish Family Services' communal response to hunger in greater Charleston. Each family will be given a list of "most needed" food, we will shop together from 5:30-6:30pm and light candles at 6pm.

JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING GROCERY STORES:

Mt. Pleasant – Publix 1000 Johnnie Dodds Blvd Ste 106 in Queensborough Shopping Center

West Ashley – Food Lion 2144 Savannah Highway





NIGHT OF GIVING

Thur., December 22 @ 5:30 pm

A night of Tikkun Olam helping the Kosher Food Pantry. Details at dortikvah.org/event/giving22 To volunteer to help organize and deliver food, contact Rabbi Mimran.

YOUTH EVENTS & PROGRAMS



Pray, play, sing, snack, and win exciting prizes at our monthly TOT SHABBAT!

Dor Tikvah Youth programming is funded in part by support from the Charleston Jewish Federation and the Annual Community Campaign.





Thank you to Southern NSCY for partnering with us on our past and future events.



KEVA: TEEN DEBATE CLUB

For 8th-12th grade.

Beginning Dec. 6th.

Register HERE

for information: youth@dortikvah.org Children hold a special place in our hearts here at Dor Tikvah. Our youth program continues to grow and strengthen, just like your kids. See more on

Dor Tikvah Youth. #DTYouth Get your kids involved by contacting youth@dortikvah.org.



PJ in the Park

Mary Utsey Playground
1350 Orange Grove Rd, West Ashley
Sunday, December 4
10 am-12 pm





WEEKLY CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Daf Yomi



SUN. - THUR. @ 8:30 pm, FRI. @ 12:00 pm - Zoom: bit.ly/CHSdafyomi SHABBAT @ 12:00 pm - Gilston Chapel

With Rabbi Mimran, Dr. Joe Rubin, & Dovid Felzenberg.



Back to the Future

Off Dec. 18 & 25

SUNDAY, 30 min after Mincha / Maariv starts - DT Classroom Travel through the fascinating history of our people with Rabbi Mimran.



Hebrew Reading Course

Off Dec. 19 & 26

MONDAY @ 7:30 pm - DT Classroom

Master our ancient and beautiful language with Rabbi Mimran.
All are welcome!



Prayer Study

Off Dec. 20 & 27

TUESDAY @ 7:30 pm - DT Classroom, Zoom: tinyurl.com/CDTPrayer Examine and discuss the how, why, and what of Jewish prayer with Rabbi Mimran. Recordings available at tinyurl.com/Prayer-Playlist



Parsha Points

WEDNESDAY @ 8:00 pm - DT Classroom, Zoom: 9797866995

RESUMES JANUARY 2023

Women's Parsha study with Rebbetzin Zahava Mimran.



Women's Kabbalat Shabbat

FRIDAY, 10 min after earliest candle lighting - The Mimran Home **RESUMES SUMMER 2023**

Usher in the Shabbat Queen together in song with Zahava Mimran.



Shabbat Youth Groups

SHABBAT @ 10:00 am - DT Youth Room

For kids 2-9 years old, join us for playing, learning, and

Kiddush with friends and our Dor Tikvah Youth leaders.



Torah Study

RESUMES MARCH 2023

SHABBAT, 45 min before Mincha - DT Social Hall

A deep dive into the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Mimran.



NOVEMBER TZEDAKAH

Thank you to all of our generous donors throughout the past month!

We appreciate all of your contributions!

General

Stuart Feldman

Arlene & Peter Rosenthal

David & Esther Beckmann

In Honor

Anita & Neil Gorfain

of Rabbi Mimran

Linda & David Gilston

of Dr. Allan Lieberman's birthday of Ari & Linda Lieberman's son's bar mitzvah anniversary

Yasha Barar

of Rabbi Mimran reviewing Mezuzah scrolls

In Memory

Linda & David Gilston

of Madge Gleaton, mother of Slade Gleaton

Leah Chase

of Susan Weintrob's mother, Rita Rubin Haber

Marit & Chagit Shmargad

of Susan Weintrob's mother, Rita Rubin Haber

* Thank you to **Dr. Saul Adelman**for sponsoring our Zoom
subscription for the coming year! *



Contributions to Congregation Dor
Tikvah can be made <u>on our website</u> or
by mail to
1645 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd.,
Charleston, SC 29407
Thank you for your support!

Donations of \$10 or more will be acknowledged in all of our newsletters.



It's the little things that make a difference. We need volunteers at Dor Tikvah to make tuna & egg salad and to wash tablecloths for Kiddush. If interested, contact msrosenberg114@gmail.com

DECEMBER LIFE CYCLES

Birthdays 🐠

- 2 Joanne Poolman
- 6 Michael Stricker
- 13 Arlene Rosenthal
 - 16 Slade Gleaton
 - 17 Barry Warren
- 31 Katie Beckmann

Anniversaries S



30 - Jeffrey & Jody Cohen

To ensure acknowledgment of your family's yahrzeits, birthdays, and anniversaries, please make sure those sections of your online Dor Tikvah account are completed and up-to-date.

Manage your account at dortikvah.org/member

Yahrzeits

3- Max Lazarus

Grandfather of Nathan Kirshstein

3 - Miriam Chernov

Sister-in-law of Gerald Katz

5 - Catherine Fox

Mother of Kenneth Fox

18 - Samuel Steinert

Grandfather of Charles Steinert

20 - Edna Banov

Friend of Gerald Katz

24 - Martin H. Korenthal

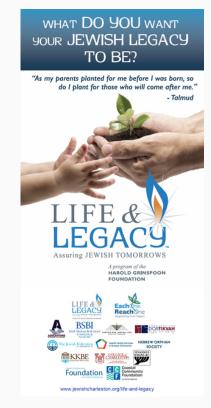
Father of Linda Gilston

29 - Alice Cohn Yarus

Mother of Gregory Yarus

30 - Shaye Stricker

Grandfather of Michael Stricker





REFUAH SHLEMA

- Ahuva Yaffa ben Chava Freida
- Alexsandra bat Gavrielle
- Aspen Moshe Carmona
- Avigdor Shlomo ben Chaya Roiza
- Dovid ben Heiman
- Esther bat Alitza
- Henry Legare
- Hodel bat Raozel

- Joyce Williams
- Linda H. Milligan
- Michaela Ester bat Kayla Devora
- · Moshe ben Esther
- Pamela Hoffman
- Sarah Rachel bat Miriam Ruth

- Shira Faygle bat Chaya
- Simcha ben Ettie
- Sura bat Oudis
- Sura Leah bat Muriel
- Talia bat Shoshana
- · Yael Bracha bat Pnina
- · Yehudit bat Devorah
- Rav Yonantan ben Binyamin

SPONSORSHIPS

December Kiddush

12/3 - Our Community

In honor of the Volk family, wishing them much Hatzlacha upon their departure from Charleston.

12/10 - Shabbat Academy Luncheon

Rabbi Mimran "Chanukah: What's the big deal?"

12/17 - Anonymous

In memory of Robert Goldstein z'l.

12/24 - Ruth & Barry Warren

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah!

12/31 - Available

Sunday Shacharit

Kislev - Available

Tevet - Available

Shevat - Available

Please consider honoring a meaningful event or special person in your life by sponsoring a kiddush or Sunday refreshments. To schedule, contact infoedortikvah.org. Thank you for your support!

November Kiddush

11/5 - Arlene & Peter Rosenthal

In memory of Arlene's father, Connell Shawinsky

11/12 - Eli Avrahami

For the Azkara of his mother Ester bat Oriayda and his sister Dina bat

Esther at Yahrtzeit time.

11/19 - Lenny & Barbie Zucker

In memory of Lenny's uncle, Julius M. "Bubba" Zucker, and his grandfather, Joseph Zucker at Yahrtzeit time.

11/26 - The Barger Family

In honor of Benjamin's 4th birthday!

<u>Enhanced Kiddushes are every Shabbat Mevarchim</u>. To sponsor, please contact info@dortikvah.org to sponsor. **Sponsorships listed in gold are Enhanced Kiddushes.**

Shabbat Kiddush is \$150. Monthly Sunday Sponsorship is \$100. Additional fees may apply.

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BUILDING OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The office is closed on religious and federal holidays.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



THE LADIES LOUNGE: Book Club

November 29th, 2022

An evening with book-loving ladies discussing The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. Photo features Linda Kirshstein, Jennifer Schager, Rachel Volk, & Laura Zucker.