

Dvar Torah from Rabbi Mimran: Beshalach Moses' Cane

Dear Congregation,

Imagine the moment: The Israelites had crossed the Red Sea and the impossible had happened, the mightiest army in the ancient world – the Egyptians with their cutting-edge, horse-drawn chariots – had been defeated and drowned. The children of Israel were now free. But their relief was short-lived. Almost immediately they faced attack by the Amalekites, and they had to fight a battle, this time with no apparent miracles from G-d. They did so and won. This was a decisive turning point in history, not only for the Israelites but for Moshe and his leadership of the people.

This stark contrast runs yet further. Before facing the approaching Egyptians, Moses said to the people: "The L-rd will fight for you; you need only be silent" (Shemot 14:13). In other words: Do nothing. G-d will do it for you. And He did. In the case of the Amalekites, however, Moshe said to Yehoshua, "Choose men for us, and prepare for battle against Amalek" (Ibid 17:9). Yehoshua did so, and the people waged war. This was the great transition: The Israelites moved from a situation in which the leader (with the help of G-d) did everything for the people, to one in which the leader empowered the people to act for themselves.

This is further proven when during the battle, Moshe climbs to the top of a hill overlooking the battlefield, with a staff in his hand. As the Mishna (Rosh Hashana, 3:8) uncharacteristically explains; "whenever the Israelites looked up and dedicated their hearts to their Father in heaven, they prevailed, but otherwise they fell."

Moses, as a leader, not only empowered but also inspired. At the top of a hill, in full sight of the people, he raised his hands and his staff to heaven. Neither the staff nor Moses' upraised hands were performing a miracle. They were simply reminding the Israelites to look up to heaven and remember that G-d was with them. Their faith gave them the confidence and courage to win.

Shabbat Shalom, we look forward to joining you soon!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran

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Beshalach

Shabbat, January 15, 2022 (Shevat 13, 5782)

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 14 (Shevat 12)

4:32 pm - Early Candle Lighting

5:10 pm - * *Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv*

5:17 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, January 15 (Shevet 13)

9:00 am - * *Shacharit*

9:55 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:50 pm - * *Mincha / Seudah Shlishit*

6:16 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Joe & Edie Rubin

In honor of Joe's birthday. Yom Huledet Sameach!

* Sign up for Shabbat services at Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan
by 4pm Fridays.

Babysitting is available from 9am to noon on Shabbat.

*Masks are now required for all indoor services and activities.
See our full Safe Services protocol at Dortikvah.org/services.html.*

Sunday Minyan
Sunday, January 16 (Shevat 14)

8:30 am - Shacharit

Coffee and doughnuts will be available. If you plan to attend, please message the Services Group Chat: bit.ly/DTMinyan, or contact Greg at giyarus@gmail.com.

Upcoming Kiddush Sponsors

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1/22 - Ezra & Ilisa Cappell 1/29 - David & Marcie Rosenberg 2/5 - *Available*

DOR TIKVAH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

◆ **Tu B'Shvat in Nature** - *Canceled due to weather*

Please consider joining us at the Virtual Seder with Rabbi Mimran. See below for details.

◆ **Virtual Tu B'Shvat Seder** - Jan. 16, 5:00 pm

Join us and Rabbi Mimran for our virtual seder honoring the holiday of the trees. Get details on Seder kits and how to join at Dortikvah.org/event/Seder-2022.

◆ **Middle School Shabbaton** - Jan. 21 - 22

Grade 7 & up, join us for a fun-filled Shabbat with friends. Details and REGISTRATION at Dortikvah.org/event/Shabbaton-22.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

◆ **PJ in the Park Playdate** - Jan. 23, 10:00 am

Join PJ and Shalom Baby for another PJ in the Park, hosted by Leah Mahoney at Lenevar Playground in West Ashely.

CLASSES

Daf Yomi with Rabbi Paul & Yoni Alon

Sunday-Thursday 8:30 pm, Zoom Meeting ID: 5212585813

Contact Dovid for details. dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com

LIFE CYCLE

Birthdays

- Joseph Rubin (1/16)
- Susan Addlestone (1/17)
- Shimoni Rosenthal (1/18)
- Anita Zucker (1/19)
- Ellis Grossman (1/21)

Yahrzeits

- Ruth Silverman, Grandmother of Debbie Rothschild (1/14)
- Nathan Kirshstein, Grandfather of Nathan Kirshstein (1/16)

REFUAH SHLEIMA

To have a name added or removed, contact charlessteinert@gmail.com.

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| • Shoshanna bat Masha Leah | • Talia bat Shoshana |
| • Gittel bat Raisa Rochel | • Peretz ben Chaim |
| • Joyce Williams | • Chaim ben Asenath |
| • Rivka Kayla bat Tami Zeisel | • Simcha ben Ettie |
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| ➤ Eda & Alan Nussbaum
- In memory of Peter Rosenthal's mother, Eva Spangenthal. | ➤ Susan & Paul Garfinkel
- For the speedy recovery of Lenny Zucker. |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mazel Tov to Stanley Hoffman and Nina Dobrer Hoffman** on the birth of their granddaughter, Shayna Hadas Hoffman-Kane!