

## Dvar Torah from Rabbi Mimran: Yitro Unknown History of the 10 Commandments

Dear Congregation,

There is some intriguing history about the Ten Commandments you may not be familiar with. It begins with the little-known fact that there was a time when the Ten Commandments were read prior to and together with the Shema (Mishnah Tamid 5:1). We also have independent evidence for this from ancient manuscripts and texts. There is the 'Nash Papyrus' fragments from the second century BCE and Tefillin discovered with the Dead Sea Scrolls, which both contained the Ten Commandments alongside the Shema. In addition, both the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmud's mention that some sought to introduce the Ten Commandments into the prayers, and that the rabbis had to issue a ruling against doing so. So, the custom of including the Ten Commandments as part of the Shema was once widespread, but it was later systematically opposed by the sages. Why did they object to it? The Talmud says it was because of the "claim of the sectarians." Simply put, Jewish sectarians argued that only the Ten Commandments were binding. **The rabbis were therefore opposed to any custom that would give special prominence to the Ten Commandments** since the sectarians were pointing to such customs as proof that they were treated differently from the other commands. By removing them from the prayer book, the rabbis hoped to silence such claims. The question then arose, given that we do not say the Ten Commandments during public prayer, should we stand when they are being read from the Torah (whether on Shavuot or from Parshat Yitro and Vaetchanan)? Maimonides ruled that it was forbidden to stand during their reading. His reasoning? That same logic. It should be given no special prominence. However even in Egypt during his time as Rabbi, Jewish communities stood while the Ten Commandments were being read. Even though they knew their acts could be misconstrued by heretics, our nation was too attached to that great epiphany – the only time in history G-d spoke to an entire people – to treat it like any other passage in the Torah.

Shabbat Shalom, looking forward to being with you all soon!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran

[tinyurl.com/Shabbat1-22-22](https://tinyurl.com/Shabbat1-22-22)



## Yitro

**Shabbat, January 22 (Shevat 20, 5782)**

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### Erev Shabbat

**Friday, January 21 (Shevat 19)**

4:38 pm - Early Candle Lighting

5:15 pm - \* *Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv*

5:24 pm - Late Candle Lighting

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### Shabbat

**Saturday, January 22 (Shevat 20)**

9:00 am - \* *Shacharit*

9:55 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

4:45 pm - \* *Mincha / Seudah Shlishit*

6:23 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

**Kiddush Sponsor: Ezra & Ilisa Cappell**

In honor of Nate's birthday

and in appreciation of the volunteers of Dor Tikvah who've dedicated themselves to serving our community.

**Welcome to our participants of the NCSY & Dor Tikvah Shabbaton!**

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\* Sign up for Shabbat services at [Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan](https://Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan).

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*Masks are required for all indoor services and activities.*

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**Sunday Minyan**  
**Sunday, January 23 (Shevat 21)**

8:30 am - Shacharit

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

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1/29 - David & Marcie Rosenberg    2/5 - Available    2/12 - Available

**DOR TIKVAH EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- ◆ **Annual Congregational Meeting** - Feb. 20, 5:30 pm  
SAVE THE DATE. Visit [Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-Annual-2022](https://Dortikvah.org/event/Cong-Annual-2022) for details and updates.

**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.
- ◆ **AHA Open House at Chabad** - Jan. 30, 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
An information session for prospective parents to learn about Addlestone Hebrew Academy, hosted at Chabad of the Lowcountry. RSVP at [forms.gle/vipbdyCoHvZtmPuP7](https://forms.gle/vipbdyCoHvZtmPuP7).

**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](mailto:dovid.felzenberg@gmail.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- > **Our deepest condolences** to Susan & Ben Chase on the passing of Susan's Mother, Phyllis Shorago.

**LIFE CYCLE**

**Birthdays**

- Ellis Grossman (1/21)
- Robert Katz (1/24)
- Monica Glaubach (1/26)

**Anniversaries**

- David & Marcie Rosenberg (1/28)

**Yahrzeits**

- Batsheva Koplowitz, Niece of Jennifer Phillips (1/28)

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