

Dvar Torah from Rabbi Mimran: Bo New Beginnings!

Dear Congregation,

הַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה לָכֶם רִאשׁוֹן חֲדָשִׁים רִאשׁוֹן הוּא לָכֶם לְחֹדֶשׁ הַשָּׁנָה (Shemot 12:2)

In the above verse from this week's Torah portion of Bo, our nation received their first commandment ever. You'd think it would be one telling us to believe in G-d, not to worship idols, or to be kind to our fellow. But no, it's the obligation to observe and keep count of Rosh Chodesh, the first day of each lunar month. We know that on Rosh Chodesh the prayers are slightly longer but what is the great significance of this seemingly mundane mitzvah?

I'll start with something amusing that I overheard this week; there were a group of people discussing their recent New Year's resolutions when one of them said "My resolution was not to use my phone when I'm with my family." With everyone present very impressed, he continued, "It's definitely gonna be difficult, I'll miss them!"

Before both the Jewish and secular New Years, many people take on commitments and pledges to be better people moving forwards. In the Jewish New Year it's understandable; we want to pass G-d's judgment favorably, but why do we do this for the secular New Year? It's because these are milestone days, days when we inevitably pause to reflect on the past and plan for the future (and also feel old and wonder how year 2000 was 22 years ago!). Now we understand why the first commandment given to our nation was one to mark Rosh Chodesh, the first of each month. Simply put, it's because new beginnings are powerful and G-d wants us to have as many as possible! Sometimes, after mentioning one of our many festivals, our non-Jewish co-workers may think we are pulling a fast one. But we know that each one was given to us with its own lessons, not least to give us a chance to reflect on the past and prepare for the future.

Wishing you a happy Shabbat and a successful 2022!

Rabbi Sholom Mimran

tinyurl.com/Shabbat1-8-2022



Bo

Shabbat, January 8, 2022 (Shevat 6, 5782)

Shabbat Mevarchim

Erev Shabbat

Friday, January 7 (Shevat 5)

4:27 pm - Early Candle Lighting

5:05 pm - * Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv

5:11 pm - Late Candle Lighting

Shabbat

Saturday, January 8 (Shevet 6)

9:00 am - * Shacharit

9:54 am - Latest preferable time to say Shema

Guest Speaker Rabbi Jonathan Schick

4:40 pm - * Mincha / Seudah Shlishit

6:11 pm - Maariv / Havdallah

Kiddush Sponsor: Dovid Felzenberg

In honor of his nephew Oli's upshernish, and Rabbi Schick's visit.

* Sign up for Shabbat services at Dortikvah.org/event/Join-Minyan
by 5pm 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 9 (Shevat 7)

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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DOR TIKVAH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

◆ **Tu B'Shvat in Nature** - Jan. 16, 11:00 am

Dor Tikvah and BSBI invite you to this community-wide event to celebrate the birthday of the trees with games and activities out in nature. Details at Dortikvah.org/event/TB-in-Nature.

◆ **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. Register for your seder kit 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.

◆ **Nashim - A Rosh Chodesh Women's Group** - Beginning Jan. 30

Join women of all ages from Israel, the Southeast USA, and the Czech Republic for a series of study sessions delving into the world of women and Judaism. Register at tinyurl.com/bdfmj8sr.

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

- Jennifer Phillips (1/13)

Yahrzeits

- Avram Rubin, Father of Joseph Rubin (1/9)
- David Funk, Father of Laura Zucker (1/9)
- Ruth Silverman, Grandmother of Debbie Rothschild (1/14)

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