



### Shabbat Times

#### Friday May 15

7:00 pm – *Mincha*  
7:54 pm - Candle lighting

#### Saturday May 16

9:00 am - *Shacharit*  
(9:48 am - *Latest time to say the shema*)  
10:30 am - Tot Shabbat  
5:40 pm - *Shabbat Shebang at the Rabbi's home*  
6:40 pm - *Weekly Parsha Shiur*  
7:30 pm – *Mincha*  
8:54 pm – *Havdalah*

#### Kiddush Sponsor:

In honor of Janet Fox's and Esther Beckmann's birthdays.

### Upcoming Kiddush Sponsors

May 23: Available

May 23, Shavuot Day 1: Available

May 25, Shavuot Day 2: Available

May 30: Esther Avrahami in honor of Gershom's Bar Mitzvah.

June 6: Available

Please consider marking a special event in your life by sponsoring a Kiddush. To schedule a Kiddush, contact [Lenny Zucker](mailto:Lenny.Zucker).

The cost of sponsoring a Kiddush is \$125.00 (Shabbat Academy Kiddush Lunch sponsorship is \$250).

Visit the [www.dortikvah.org](http://www.dortikvah.org) to pay online or download a form, print it out and mail it in. (Be sure to select "Kiddush" for the donation type.)

### Haftorah List

- **May 16:** Behar-Bechukotai (Bechukotai haftorah) - Sammy Rosenberg
- **May 23:** Bamidbar - Jonathan Zucker
- **May 24:** Shavuot Day 1 - Jon Sigman
- **May 25:** Shavuot Day 2 with Yetziv Pisgam - Nathan Kirshstein
- **May 30:** Nasso - Gershom Avrahami Bar Mitzvah

\*This list is subject to change at any time.

### Weekday Services

*Minch/Maariv* services on Monday & Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the JCC.

### Dor Tikvah Classes

(All classes at the Dor Tikvah House. Please park in the JCC parking lot, not at the house.)

1. Lunchtime Talmud - Thursdays at 12:00 pm
2. Learn How to Learn - Thursdays at 8:00 pm
3. Torah Study - Sundays at 7:30 pm

### Announcements

**Volunteers Needed** - Volunteers are needed to help with the kiddush shopping during the next four months on a rotating basis. If you are available to help, please contact Ashley Kirshtein at [ashleyk@comcast.net](mailto:ashleyk@comcast.net).

## **Congregation Dor Tikvah is grateful for your generous support**

*We acknowledge contributions given:*

### **In Honor of:**

The Davies' twins, by Marjorie Goldman and Alan Titus  
Mrs. Jean Rosner's birthday, by Leah Chase  
Mrs. Anne Hellman on being awarded the "Order of the Jewish Palmetto", by the S.C. Jewish Historical Society, by Leah Chase

### **In Memory of:**

Erica Blas, daughter of Susan B. Milani, by Leah Chase

**Discretionary Fund:** Sharon Fahey

### **Other:**

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## **Life Cycles**

### **Birthdays:**

- Gabriella Zucker (May 14)
- Janet Fox (May 15)
- Russell Binder (May 16)
- Dan Beckman (May 17)
- Amy Goldkin (May 17)
- Harold Fox (May 20)
- Randall Cohen (May 25)
- David Beckmann (May 26)
- Judy Kramer (May 30)
- Leah Chase (May 31)

### **Anniversaries:**

- Nina and Stan Hoffman (May 11)
- Janet and Kenneth Fox (May 29)

### **Yahrzeits:**

- Jonathan Marx Grossman, son of Fran Grossman (May 18)
- Leon Zucker, grandfather of Jonathan Zucker and father-in-law of Anita Zucker (May 21)

\*\*If you would like a life cycle event to be added, please update your profile at [www.DorTikvah.org](http://www.DorTikvah.org)

## **Kosher Food Pantry**

Please help the Jewish community fight hunger and provide fresh produce for those in need. To learn about the pantry, glean, and ways to fight hunger in the Charleston community, for more information, please email [Sara Sharnoff](mailto:Sara.Sharnoff@saras@jewishcharleston.org) at [saras@jewishcharleston.org](mailto:saras@jewishcharleston.org)

## **Refuah Shlemah**

Kathleen Kalin Tobakas (Yehudit)	Shoshana bat Chaya
Elisheva bat Miriam Leah)	Emery Schaffer
William "Paul" Whitley	David Micha ben Yehudit Leah (Dave Kalin)
Evans Gilchrist Whitley	Tuvia ben Chana
Pam Rosen	Yitzhak Benyamin ben Leah Miriam
Shimon ben Shoshana (Sy Stricker)	Rivkah bas Chaya
Zusa bat Bayla	Hodel bas Raozel (Linda Kirshstein)
Yechil Yeshiahu ben Fradel	Shmuel Yosef ben Yaffa
Hakohen	Tzipora bat Esther Chaya
Josef ben Leib (Joseph Fox)	Tsvia bat Yehudas
Gavriel ben Bentkia	Chana bat Sura Leah (Andrea Reiss)
Jeffrey Kaplan	

Would you like to have Friends and Family added to the Dor Tikvah Mishaberach List? Please contact Charles Steinert at [charlessteinert@gmail.com](mailto:charlessteinert@gmail.com) with both their English and Hebrew Names. (All names will be published in the weekly announcements unless otherwise requested.)

## **Dor Tikvah Events**

**Shabbat, May 16 - Next Shabbat Shebang**

**Sunday, May 17 - Yom Yerushalayim**

**Monday, May 18 - Congregational Meeting, 6:00 pm**

**May 23-25 - Shavuot with Torah Tours.** Cool off with some great learning and social opportunities and welcome back Yeshiva University Torah Tours! We will again begin doing out of-the box learning, this time with the book of Exodus - anyone who would like to participate please contact [Rabbi@DorTikvah.org](mailto:Rabbi@DorTikvah.org). **Sign up for the following:**

- **Shavout from the Sea, Saturday 8:00 pm-** Chef Marcie Rosenberg will be serving up a delicious fish and salad spread. Plenty of choices, a wonderful way to start out Shavuot with the community. **Cost is \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids, under 4 is free with a \$30 family cap. Deadline May 15.**
- **Out of the Box Learning** - Sign up to give a five-minute presentation on one of the Torah Portions from the Book of Shemot/Exodus with Rabbi Davies.
- **Second Annual Dor Tikvah Cheesecake Competition** with Michelle [mwaters@jerusalemconsult.com](mailto:mwaters@jerusalemconsult.com).

## **AHA Events**

**Dairy Meals for Shavout** - It is customary to eat dairy food on Shavout. Support AHA's Class of 2016 as they raise funds for their trip to Israel and enjoy a delicious dairy feast. Order lasagna (\$25) or cheesecake (\$14) to take home for your family's holiday meals. Call or stop by the Addlestone office to place your order. Questions? Call Amy Kirshtein at 843-607-1771. **Orders are due by Sunday at noon.** All will be prepared in the JCC Dairy Kitchen. Pick up Wed., May 20, 1:00 pm -3:30 pm at the JCC. Please make checks out to AHA write "Class of 2016" on the memo line. Credit cards accepted.

# The Challenge of Chosenness

By Rabbi Yaacov Haber

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After the Nazis invaded the small village of Klausenberg, they began to celebrate in their usual sadistic fashion. They gathered the Jews into a circle in the center of town, and then paraded their Rebbe, Rabbi Yekusial Yehuda Halberstam, into the center. They began taunting and teasing him, pulling his beard and pushing him around. The vile soldiers trained their guns on him as the commander began to speak. "Tell us Rabbi," sneered the officer, "do you really believe that you are the Chosen People?" The soldiers guarding the crowd howled in laughter. But the Rebbe did not. In a serene voice, he answered loud and clear, "Most certainly." The officer became enraged. He lifted his rifle above his head and sent it crashing on the head of the Rebbe. The Rebbe fell to the ground. There was rage in the officer's voice. "Do you still think you are the Chosen People?" he yelled. Once again, the Rebbe nodded his head and said, "yes, we are." The officer became infuriated. He kicked the Rebbe in the shin and repeated. "You stupid Jew, you lie here on the ground, beaten and humiliated. What makes you think that you are the Chosen People?" From the depths of humiliation clouded in dust, the Rebbe replied. "As long as we are not the ones kicking and beating innocent people, we can call ourselves chosen." (heard from Rabbi Mordechai Kaminetzky)

This difficult portion of the Torah ends with the ultimate charge from Hashem, "I will always remember your forefathers. I will always remember Eretz Yisroel. Even during the worst times when you are in the land of your enemies I will not detest you and retract on the covenant that I made with you. You are chosen!

G-d's challenge is to remember that we are chosen; our challenge is to remember that we are chosen, even during the most trying times.

It's difficult to listen as G-d speaks to us about the blessing and the curses that can come upon the Jewish people. As a people we have been tortured, killed and humiliated. We have been tossed from country to country. Yet, today we can also see the blessings. For the first time in 2000 years Israel is green and flourishing. There are yiddishe simchas every day and there are more children studying Torah than perhaps any other period in history. The Jewish story is full of highs and lows. In our generation, all at the same time. This Parsha is alive and mind-boggling.

It's all about being the Chosen people. G-d speaks to us like a father speaks to his children explaining the importance of their every decision in life. He says, "Your whole life stands before you. Make the right decisions and you will be blessed. Make the wrong decisions and your life will be miserable." The stakes are high! These are the ramifications of chosenness.

When life turns tragic; chosenness becomes a challenge.

Do we maintain our dignity and our character when life takes a downturn? Do we maintain our composure when others would lose their temper? Can we refrain from taking revenge when we are being persecuted? Can we hold our character level when we seem to be lone rangers? If we can remain Jews we are indeed chosen. That was the message of the Klausenberg Rebbe.