



Welcome to the DAT Minyan!

Shabbat Bereishit, Shabbat Mevarchim

October 17, 2020 - 29 Tishrei, 5781

Bara Loewenthal and Nathan Rabinovitch, Co- Presidents



Candle Lighting
(earliest) 5:08p

(latest) 6:00p

Havdalah 6:57p



We invite men and women to [sign up](#) for our in person minyanim, located at The Jewish Experience and the Polotsky residence. For those unable to make it, we encourage everyone to join us for our virtual daily davening and learning opportunities.

All davening times and classes are published on our website and calendar. We currently are not offering a virtual option for Shabbat davening.

TJE Minyan Shabbat Davening Times:

Masks required, [sign up here](#)

FRIDAY:

Shacharit: 6:20 am

Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv:

6:00 pm

SHABBAT:

Shacharit: 8:00 am

Mincha: 5:55 pm

Maariv: 6:57 pm

Outdoor Auxiliary Minyan Schedule:

Location: Polotsky's backyard deck [Sign up here.](#)

Masks required, bring your own Siddur.

FRIDAY:

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat: 6:00 pm

SHABBAT:

Shacharit: 9:30 am– 11:15 am

FRIDAY NIGHT:

(Shema should be recited after 6:58 pm)

SHABBAT:

Parasha (Artscroll Chumash):

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(Shema should be recited before 9:58 am)

D'var Torah by Rabbi Sacks

If leadership is the solution, what is the problem? On this, the Torah could not be more specific. The problem is a failure of responsibility.

The early chapters of Genesis focus on two stories: the first is Adam and Eve; the second, Cain and Abel. Both are about a specific kind of failure. First Adam and Eve. As we know, they sin. Embarrassed and ashamed, they hide, only to discover that one cannot hide from God:

The Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." (Gen. 3:9-12)

Both insist that it was not their fault. Adam blames the woman. The woman blames the serpent. The result is paradise lost: they are both punished and exiled from the garden of Eden. Why? Because Adam and Eve deny personal responsibility. They say, in effect, "It wasn't me."

The second story is tragic. The first instance of sibling rivalry in the Torah leads to the first murder:

While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed

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Daily Minyan Schedule

Located on zoom and at TJE

SHACHARIT

Sunday: 8:00 am (Rosh Chodesh)

Monday: 6:20 am (Rosh Chodesh)

Tuesday and Wednesday: 6:35 am

Thursday: 6:30 am

Friday: 6:20 am

MINCHA/MAARIV

Sunday-Thursday: 5:55 pm

Friday: 5:50 pm

To join us virtually, download the ZOOM app to your computer or phone. The computer

log in is: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94819261580?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94819261580?pwd=MXpoOExuVlRubFltZmN5ZGIFQlVaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 948 1926 1580, Password: dm613

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him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground." (Gen. 4:8-10)

Cain does not deny personal responsibility. He does not say, "It was not me," or "It was not my fault." He denies moral responsibility. In effect he asks why he should be concerned with the welfare of anyone but himself. Why should we not do what we want if we have the power to do it? In Plato's Republic, Glaucon argues that justice is whatever is in the interest of the stronger party. Might makes right. If life is a Darwinian struggle to survive, why should we restrain ourselves for the sake of others if we are more powerful than they are? If there is no morality in nature, then I am responsible only to myself. That is the voice of Cain throughout the ages.

These two stories are not just stories. They are an account, at the beginning of the Torah's narrative history of humankind, of a failure, first personal then moral, to take responsibility – and it is this for which leadership is the answer.

There is a fascinating phrase in the story of Moses' early years. He grows up, goes out to his people, the Israelites, and sees them suffering, doing slave labour. He witnesses an Egyptian officer beating one of them. The text then says: "He looked this way and that and saw no one" (vayar ki ein ish Ex. 2:12, or more literally, 'he saw that there was no man').

It is difficult to read this literally. A building site is not a closed location. There must have been many people present. A mere two verses later we discover that there were Israelites who knew exactly what had happened. Therefore, the phrase almost certainly means, "He looked this way and that and saw that there was no one else willing to intervene."

If this is so, then we have here the first instance of what came to be known as the "Genovese syndrome" or "the bystander effect,"^[1] so-called after a case in which a woman was attacked in New York in the presence of a large number of people who all knew that she was being assaulted but failed to come to her rescue.

Social scientists have undertaken many experiments to try to determine what happens in situations like this. Some argue that the presence of other bystanders affects an individual's interpretation of what is happening. Since no one else is coming to the rescue, they conclude that what is happening is not an emergency.

Others, though, argue that the key factor is diffusion of responsibility. People assume that since there are many people present someone else will step forward and act. That seems to be the correct interpretation of what was happening in the case of Moses. No one else was prepared to come to the rescue. Who, in any case, was likely to do so? The Egyptians were slave-masters. Why should they bother to take a risk to save an Israelite? And the Israelites were slaves. How could they come to the aid of one of their fellows when, by doing so, they would put their own life at risk?

It took a Moses to act. But that is what makes a leader. A leader is one who takes responsibility. Leadership is born when we become active not passive, when we do not wait for someone else to act because perhaps there is no one else – at least not here, not now. When bad things happen, some avert their eyes. Some wait for others to act. Some blame others for failing to act. Some simply complain. But there are some people who say, "If something is wrong let

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me try to put it right.” They are the leaders. They are the ones who make a difference in their lifetimes. They are the ones who make ours a better world.

Many of the great religions and civilisations are based on acceptance. If there is violence, suffering, poverty and pain in the world, they accept that this is simply the way of the world. Or, the will of God. Or, that it is the nature of nature itself. They shrug their shoulders, for all will be well in the World to Come.

Judaism was and remains the world’s great religion of protest. The heroes of faith did not accept; they protested. They were willing to confront God Himself. Abraham said, “Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?” (Gen. 18:25). Moses said, “Why have You done evil to this people?” (Ex. 5:22). Jeremiah said, “Why are the wicked at ease?” (Jer. 12:1). That is how God wants us to respond. Judaism is God’s call to human responsibility. The highest achievement is to become God’s partner in the work of creation.

When Adam and Eve sinned, God called out “Where are you?” As Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, pointed out, this call was not directed only to the first humans.[2] It echoes in every generation. God gave us freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. God teaches us what we ought to do but He does not do it for us. With rare exceptions, God does not intervene in history. He acts through us, not to us. His is the voice that tells us, as He told Cain, that we can resist the evil within us as well as the evil that surrounds us.

The responsible life is a life that responds. The Hebrew for responsibility, *achrayut*, comes from the word *acher*, meaning “other.” Our great Other is God Himself, calling us to use the freedom He gave us, to make the world that is more like the world that ought to be. The great question, the question that the life we lead answers, is: which voice will we listen to? Will we heed the voice of desire, as in the case of Adam and Eve? Will we listen to the voice of anger, as in the case of Cain? Or will we follow the voice of God calling on us to make this a more just and gracious world?

Shabbat Shalom

Jonathan Sacks

NEW KIDS ART GALLERY

Click [HERE](#) to view the Bereishit kids newsletter!

Kids are invited to make a piece of artwork using the theme ‘Ahava’ - love. Send your drawing to office@datminyan.org to have your work featured in the newsletter!



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Learning Opportunities at the DAT Minyan!

- ☆ **SHAWL** will be taught by Liora Wittlin this shabbat at 4:00 pm, at the Brooks backyard, 7055 E Bayaud Ave. Please wear a mask.
- ☆ Join **Ellyn Hutt** on Tuesdays from 2 pm– 3 pm for a women's "**Words of Wisdom**" class. Join Ellyn in delving deeper into the significance of Hebrew words from each week's parsha or related to the upcoming holiday for personal inspiration and spiritual connection. Zoom link [HERE](#) . Meeting ID: 884 9530 8316.
- ☆ **Parsha for Women** class led by **Ellyn Hutt** on Thursdays from 11 am– 12 pm. Each week the Torah portion for the week gives us insight into how we can live our lives more meaningfully and mindfully. Join Ellyn as we explore and chart our spiritual journey in sync with the parsha. Zoom link [HERE](#). Meeting ID: 922 119 870
- ☆ **Spiritual Fitness Wednesdays** with **Chaya Parkoff**: Join Chaya Parkoff Wednesday's at 3pm and pump some spiritual iron together! How can you cultivate an attitude that can allow you to live with mental well-being no matter your current circumstances or the challenges you may face? Join Chaya for a weekly "spiritual fitness" class where you will learn from various Torah sources how to develop and strengthen the two most powerful spiritual muscles we possess: Emunah (faith) & Bitachon (trust). Zoom link [HERE](#).

THANK YOU FOR INSPIRING FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH YOUR GENEROSITY

We would like to thank our Legacy Society donors for investing in our future by naming the DAT Minyan with *a gift in their will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy*. Our Legacy Society includes:

You can add your name to this list with a legacy gift to the DAT Minyan. To arrange for your gift or for more information about our Legacy Society program, please contact any of the following Committee Members: *Sarah Raphaely and Steve Weiser*.

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Community Announcements

- ✧ Mazal tov to **Rachel and Josh Rubin** on the bar mitzvah of their son Ilan this shabbat! The Rubin family invites the whole community to an Open House in their backyard to celebrate Ilan on Shabbat, from 2pm-6pm, at 6932 E. Walsh Pl.
- ✧ Mazal tov to **Bara and Chaim Loewenthal** on the wedding of their daughter Daina, to Zaelig Averch this past week! May they merit to build a bayit ne'eman b'yisrael!
- ✧ Mazal tov to **Nathan and Rachel Rabinovitch** on the birth of a grandson last Friday! Mazal tov to parents Yoni and Nechama!
- ✧ The daily minyan is having a weekly treat after shacharit. We would love more people to join us for this "grab and go" treat. If you can't make minyan please consider sponsoring the weekly danish in honor of a simcha or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$60. If you're interested, please contact David Fishman at 303-351-1663 or David.i.fishman@gmail.com.
- ✧ Jewish Family Service is seeking volunteers to help pack and distribute food in the contactless drive-up food pantry. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090549a4a92aa2f49-food1> or by emailing Hannah Katz hkatz@jewishfamilyservice.org.
- ✧ JScreen Coupon Code For Colorado: A generous grant from a local Family Foundation gives people living in Colorado who are between the ages of 18-45 to get tested for only \$36, with insurance, by using the code ColoradoScreens at the JScreen.org checkout page! For more information, please email edonath1@mail.yu.edu or visit JScreen.org

MOED Announcement:

The Mikvah of East Denver (MOED) will hold a groundbreaking ceremony on Sunday, October 25th, from 11-12 pm, celebrating the start of construction at the future site of the Mikvah of East Denver - corner of South Leyden and Monaco Streets. MOED's vision is to build a mikvah that will connect our community, be a place to fulfill ritual commandments and revitalize our connection to Judaism.

Several benefactors and team members will be in attendance for the ceremony, including the MOED Board of Directors, Vega Architecture, Spectrum General Contractors Inc., and key community supporters. Guest speakers for the event are Rabbi Jay Strear, President and CEO of Jewish Colorado, and Mrs. Aliza Bulow, Founding Director of CoreTorah.org.

Honored guests who will symbolically break ground include MOED supporters, donors and members of community leadership - Rabbi Sirota (Western Center for Russian Jewry), Evan Makovsky (Representative of Shana Glassman Foundation), Eric Shafran (Owners Rep), Rabbi Jay Strear (President and CEO of Jewish Colorado), Susie Fishman, Laura Abramson-Pritchard (President of MOED), and Susie Swinkin (MOED Board of Directors).

The Mikvah of East Denver will employ a contemporary design with classic stone and wood. The design will reflect everything a mikvah is - an ancient institution, a foundational piece in our religion, as well as a place for today's modern and spiritual uses. The building exterior will be modest, quiet and have all security measures in place. There will be four changing rooms and an immersion pool for women, a large changing room and an immersion pool for men as well as an immersion pool for utensils and dishes.

MOED invites you to watch this event LIVE on Facebook (www.facebook.com/moedco), or visit our website (mikvahofeastdenver.org) prior to the event, for the Zoom link and more information.

MORE DAT MINYAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Denver Shabbat Weather Forecast

Fri 16 | Night

47°



0%
SSW 10 mph

A few clouds. Low 47F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Sat 17 | Day

74°



0%
WNW 9 mph

Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 74F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Humidity
24%

UV Index
0 of 10

Moonrise
6:48 am

Moonset
6:39 pm

Humidity
20%

UV Index
4 of 10

Sunrise
7:12 am

Sunset
6:16 pm

DAT Minyan acknowledges the following milestones* of our members this Shabbat and in the coming week:



Donny Basch, Levi Bean, Talia Bean, Holden Demain, Asher Fishman, Jonathan Perlmutter, Rachel Rabinovitch, Liahm Sarid, Craig Schottenstein



Leo Silvers (Yehuda ben Shmuel)- 29 Tishrei

Jack Stroll- 2 Cheshvan

*These details were obtained from the DAT Minyan database, which contains information provided by our members when they joined. We apologize for any omissions or errors. For changes, please log on to your account and update the information as needed, or contact the synagogue office at 720-941-0479.

Refuah Shelayma

Please include the following names in your prayers. May each be granted a Refuah Shelayma. Names are kept on the list until the next Rosh Chodesh. Help us keep the list accurate by verifying the necessary details each month on the Cholim Document at <https://goo.gl/aeYJG2>.

Avraham Mordechai ben Chaya Leah
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Bella bat Malka
Eliyahu Chaim ha Cohen ben Sara Rifka
Eliyahu Dovid ben Ita Sheiva
Gershon ben Galina
Guy Chaim ben Rita
Leah bat Simcha
Levick Yitzchak ben Bracha
Leya bat Sara
Malka bat Mazel Tov
Mascha bat Rus
Mayer Benya ben Nechama
Mendel Ila ben Frida Miriam
Michael ben Kay

Michel ben Leah
Michoel Zisel ben Barbara
Miriam Adina bat Sara
Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah
Raphael Lior ben Miriam
Roshka bat Bryna
Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny
Yonatan Leib Volf HaLevi ben Altahenya Shulamit
Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa
Chaya Sarah Rivka bat Leah
Yossef ben Dinah
Asher Menachem ben Y'shayah
Dovid Mordechai Ben Bayla Rifka
Borukh ben Eydyia
Sara bat Laurel

The Rabbis in our community have created a registry for those that are ill with COVID-19. The Denver Cholim Registry can be accessed at www.denvercholimregistry.weebly.com. Should you or someone you know need to be added to this registry, please contact Rabbi Gitler.