



Welcome to the DAT Minyan!

Shabbat Mevarchim HaChodesh Elul (Eikev)

August 24, 2019 - 23 Av 5779

Joseph Friedman, Rabbi | Mark Raphaely, President



Candle Lighting
(earliest) 6:21p
(latest) 7:27p
Havdalah 8:26p

Shabbat Schedule

(All services take place in the BMH-BJ Fisher Hall,
560 S. Monaco Pkwy)

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FRIDAY

6:10 pm: Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat / Maariv
(Shema should be recited after 8:27 pm)

SHABBAT

Parasha: Page 980 / Haftarah: Page 1197

7:50 am: Hashkama Minyan

8:20 am: Daf Yomi

8:30 am: Tefillah Warm-up with Ellyn

9:00 am: Shacharit

(Shema should be recited before 9:40 am)

Kiddush is sponsored by Dov Thorner and
Rachel Boim-Thorner in honor of the Bar
Mitzvah of their son, Zach

HS Boys' Gemara Class with Nathan Rabinovitch
will not meet this Shabbat

7:20 pm: Mincha followed by Seudah Shlisheet
and Siyuum sponsored by David Zalkin and
family, in memory of Susan Zalkin

8:26 pm: Maariv / Havdalah

Weekday Schedule

(Weekday services Sunday through Friday morning
take place at DAT School, 6825 E. Alameda Ave.)

SHACHARIT

Sunday: 8:00 am

Monday and Thursday: 6:30 am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:35 am

MINCHA/MAARIV

Monday through Friday: 7:25 pm

D'var Torah with Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

In Eikev Moses sets out a political doctrine of such wisdom that it can never become redundant or obsolete. He does it by way of a pointed contrast between the ideal to which Israel is called, and the danger with which it is faced. This is the ideal:

Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in His ways and revering Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. (Deut. 8:6–10)

And this is the danger:

Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws, and His decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.... You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today. (Deut. 8:11–17)

The two passages follow directly on from one another. They are linked by the phrase "when you have eaten and are satisfied," and the contrast between them is a fugue between the verbs "to remember" and "to forget."

Good things, says Moses, will happen to you. Everything, however, will depend on how you respond. Either you will eat and be satisfied and bless God, remembering that all things come from Him – or you will eat and be satisfied and forget to whom you owe all this. You will think it comes entirely from your own efforts: "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." Although this may seem a small difference, it will, says Moses, make all the difference. This alone will turn your future as a nation in its own land.

Moses' argument is brilliant and counter-intuitive. You may think, he says, that the hard times are behind you. You have wandered for forty years without a home. There were times when you had no water, no food. You were exposed to the elements. You were attacked by your enemies. You may think this was the test of your strength. It was not. *The real challenge is not poverty but affluence, not slavery but freedom, not homelessness but home.*

Many nations have been lifted to great heights when they faced difficulty and danger. They fought battles and won. They came through crises – droughts, plagues, recessions, defeats – and were toughened by them. When times are hard, people grow. They bury their differences. There is a sense of community and solidarity, of neighbours and strangers pulling together. Many people who have lived through a war know this.

The real test of a nation is not if it can survive a crisis but if it can survive the *lack* of a crisis. Can it stay strong during times of ease and plenty, power and prestige? That is the challenge that has defeated every civilisation known to history. Let it not, says Moses, defeat you.

Moses' foresight was little less than stunning. The pages of history are littered with the relics of nations that seemed impregnable in their day, but which eventually declined and fell and lapsed into oblivion – and always for the reason Moses prophetically foresaw. *They forgot.* Memories fade. People lose sight of the values they once fought for – justice, equality, independence, freedom. The nation, its early battles over, becomes strong. Some of its members grow rich. They become lax, self-indulgent, over-sophisticated, decadent. They lose their sense of social solidarity. They no longer feel it their duty to care for the poor, the weak, the marginal, the losers. They begin to feel that such wealth and position as they have is theirs by right. The bonds of fraternity and collective responsibility begin to fray. The less well-off feel an acute sense of injustice. The scene is set for either revolution or conquest. Societies succumb to external pressures when they have long been weakened by internal decay. That was the danger Moses foresaw and about which he warned.

His analysis has proved true time and again, and it has been restated by several great

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D'VAR TORAH CONTINUED

Rabbi Sacks (Continued from Page 1)

analysts of the human condition. In the fourteenth century, the Islamic scholar Ibn Khaldun (1332–1406) argued that when a civilisation becomes great, its elites get used to luxury and comfort, and the people as a whole lose what he called their *asabiyyah*, their social solidarity. The people then become prey to a conquering enemy, less civilised than they are but more cohesive and driven.

The Italian political philosopher Giambattista Vico (1668–1744) described a similar cycle: People, he said, “first sense what is necessary, then consider what is useful, next attend to comfort, later delight in pleasures, soon grow dissolute in luxury, and finally go mad squandering their estates.” Affluence begets decadence.

In the twentieth century few said it better than Bertrand Russell in his *History of Western Philosophy*. He believed that the two great peaks of civilisation were reached in ancient Greece and Renaissance Italy, but he was honest enough to see that the very features that made them great contained the seeds of their own demise:

What had happened in the great age of Greece happened again in Renaissance Italy: traditional moral restraints disappeared, because they were seen to be associated with superstition; the liberation from fetters made individuals energetic and creative, producing a rare fluorescence of genius; but the anarchy and treachery which inevitably resulted from the decay of morals made Italians collectively impotent, and they fell, like the Greeks, under the domination of nations less civilised than themselves but not so destitute of social cohesion.

Moses, however, did more than prophesy and warn. He also taught how the danger could be avoided, and here too his insight is as relevant now as it was then. He spoke of the vital significance of *memory* for the moral health of a society.

Throughout history there have been many attempts to ground ethics in universal attributes of humanity. Some, like Immanuel Kant, based it on reason. Others based it on duty. Bentham rooted it in consequences (“the greatest happiness for the greatest number”). David Hume attributed it to certain basic emotions: sympathy, empathy, compassion. Adam Smith predicated it on the capacity to stand back from situations and judge them with detachment (“the impartial spectator”). Each of these has its virtues, but none has proved fail-safe.

Judaism took, and takes, a different view. The *guardian of conscience is memory*. Time and again the verb *zachor*, “remember,” resonates through Moses’ speeches in Deuteronomy:

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt...therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Shabbat day. (Deut. 5:15)

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years...(Deut. 8:2)

Remember this and never forget how you provoked the Lord your God to anger in the desert...(Deut. 9:7)

Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam along the way after you came out of Egypt. (Deut. 24:9)

Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. (Deut. 25:17)

Remember the days of old, consider the years of ages past. (Deut. 32:7)

As Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi notes in his great treatise, *Zakhor: Jewish History and Jewish Memory*, “Only in Israel and nowhere else is the injunction to remember felt as a religious imperative to an entire people.” *Civilisations begin to die when they forget. Israel was commanded never to forget.*

In an eloquent passage, the American scholar Jacob Neusner once wrote:

Civilisation hangs suspended, from generation to generation, by the gossamer strand of memory. If only one cohort of mothers and fathers fails to convey to its children what it has learned from its parents, then the great chain of learning and wisdom snaps. If the guardians of human knowledge stumble only one time, in their fall collapses the whole edifice of knowledge and understanding.

The politics of free societies depends on the handing on of memory. That was Moses’ insight, and it speaks to us with undiminished power today.

Shabbat Shalom



This Day in Jewish History - 24 Aug / 23 Av

- ✧ **August 24, 1912** - Alaska officially becomes an organized incorporated territory of the United States. Although it would not be granted statehood until 1959, Jews were living in Alaska as early as 1898, when some San Francisco fur traders settled in Dawson City. The Jewish steamboat operator Lewis Gerstle provided transportation to the Yukon River during the Gold Rush. The Gerstle River is named for him. By the time Alaska had gained territorial status, the Jews of Nome had formed the Nome Hebrew Benevolent Society and Robert Bloom had founded the Jewish community of Fairbanks.
- ✧ **August 24, 1950** - Operation Magic Carpet, a secret operation that rescued 45,000 Yemenite Jews to resettle them in Israel, is concluded. When the Egyptians would not let the Israelis use the Suez Canal to transport the Yemenites by boat, the Israelis mounted an airlift (hence the name “magic carpet”) and flew the people to safety with between 500 to 600 Yemenites on each flight. Many had never seen a plane before, but remembered the words of the prophet who said the Jews would be redeemed on Wings of Eagles, another name applied to this rescue mission. This was the first large scale saving of a Jewish community but it would not be the last.
- ✧ **23 Av 5745 (1985)** - Rabbi Yaakov Yisrael Kanievsky, known as “The Steipler,” passes away at the age of 86 in Bnei Brak. Born in the Ukrainian town of Hornostaypil, from which his nickname is derived, Kanievsky entered Yeshiva at the age of 11, and by the age of 19 had gained worldwide fame as a Talmudic expert. He wrote many works, including the multi-volume *Kehilas Yaakov* which contains his unique analysis of most of the tractates and concepts of the Talmud. Though he held no official position, The Steipler was universally recognized and was consulted by individuals from all walks of life on every imaginable problem and many claimed that he displayed knowledge which was inconceivable by natural means.

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DAT MINYAN NEWS, EVENTS AND MILESTONES

- ✧ The Hashkama Minyan invites all early daveners to join them for a cholent kiddush following Shabbat services in the Library.
- ✧ Mazal Tov to **Zach Thorner** and parents **Dov Thorner and Rachel-Boim Thorner** on Zach's Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat!
- ✧ Mazal Tov to **Glenn and Corina Zazulia** on the marriage this past week in New Jersey of their son **Aaron to Aviva!**
- ✧ Mazal Tov to **Lawrence and Lisa Stroll** on the upcoming marriage of their son **Yitzzy to Chayala Rosenberg** in Brooklyn on Sunday!
- ✧ Reservations for **High Holiday tickets** may be made beginning this Sunday, August 25th. PLEASE NOTE that although our Family, Single and Young Professional membership levels include a limited number of free High Holiday tickets, YOU MUST still make ticket reservations. To reserve tickets online, go to www.datminyan.org/form/high-holidays-2019.
- ✧ On Thursday evening, Aug 29th, 8:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room at the DAT School building, the DAT Minyan will be conducting its initial **Active Shooter Threat and Response Training (ASTRT)**, initially for those members who are concealed weapon carriers, as well as for medical professionals who want to learn the sort of combat emergency care needed following an Active Shooter incident. Later, the training will expand to other groups, as well. Time and location TBA.
- ✧ When **mailing correspondence to the DAT Minyan**, kindly use the 560 S. Monaco address that is shown on our website and in the Newsletter. Since our offices are at the Monaco address, and with the DAT School receiving sporadic mail delivery during the summer break, this will help to assure we receive mailed items from you on a timely basis.
- ✧ Thank-you to all of those who contribute to our Shabbat services by signing up to help with our **weekly leining**. We remain in need of continued help with this and all able-leiners are encouraged to please volunteer! In addition, with a goal of expanding our roster of Haftarah readers, we have now opened up the weekly Haftarah portions for sign-up as well. The sign-up website is www.datminyan.org/leining. Slots are open from now until Rosh Hashanah. Please contact **Steve Hutt** for questions and additional information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ The unveiling for **Susan Flaxer Zalkin** will take place on Sunday, August 25th, 11:00 am at Mount Nebo Memorial Park.
- ✧ **Keshet of the Rockies** invites you to their **16th Annual Fundraiser Dinner**, on Sunday, September 8, 2019, at 6 pm, at BMH-BJ Synagogue (560 S. Monaco Pkwy). Honorees: Max and Yael Miller. Keynote Speaker: Justice Richard Bernstein. Students of the Year: Rachel Bulow (Denver Academy of Torah), Drew Kaplan and Lavi Trujillo (Denver Jewish Day School), and Atara Lustig (Hillel Academy). More information and reservations: Lola Zussman at [303.961.4186](tel:303.961.4186) or lolashe@aol.com.
- ✧ **Aish Denver** invites the community to a powerful and transformative four-session seminar designed to bring excitement and creativity to your relationships, observance and personal world, **"You & I, The Source of Everything,"** Sunday, September 8th through Tuesday, September 10th, lead by Rabbi Ilan Feldman and Larry Grayson. Register at www.youandi.world/register, **323-704-8063**.
- ✧ **The CELL** invites the community to a national security event, **"Tensions on the Rise,"** Wednesday, September 11th, 7:00 pm at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Performing Arts Complex. The event features **General Stanley McChrystal**, former Commander of the US and International Forces in Afghanistan, **The Honorable Ed Royce**, former US Congressman and Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, **Ambassador Christopher Hill**, former US Ambassador to Iraq and the Republic of Korea, and **Tom Sanderson**, co-founder of the Transnational Threats Project at CSIS. The program also features a special 9/11 tribute hosted by **Governor Jared Polis** and **Mayor Michael B. Hancock**. Reserve tickets at: <https://www.axs.com/events/378977/colorado-remembers-9-11-tickets>.

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

-  Ezra Fischer, Kim Fishman, Dalia Garfinkel, Shira Hill, Mark Levy, Ella Manor, Rebecca Mogyoros, Raphael Shaul, Bernard Sunshine
-  Jonathan and Sarah Prostack - 11 years
-  Ken Pritchard, Sun., 8/25/19 (24 Av)
Bette Gardner, Wed., 8/28/19 (27 Av)
Calvin Schottenstein, Fri., 8/30/19 (29 Av)
- Mark and Sarah Raphaely - 14 years
- Miriam Stein, Sun., 8/25/19 (24 Av)
Joseph Kark, Fri., 8/30/19 (29 Av)

*These details were obtained from the DAT Minyan database, which contains information provided by the 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.

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:

Rob Allen
Graeme and Irit Bean
Myndie Brown
Steve and Ellyn Hutt
Nathan and Rachel Rabinovitch
Mark and Sarah Raphaely
Harley and Sara Rotbart
Michael Stutzer
Steve and Lori Weiser

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: **Rob Allen, Myndie Brown, Sarah Raphaely** or **Steve Weiser**.



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EDUCATIONAL AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Opportunities @ the DAT Minyan

- **Kitzur Shulchan Aruch:** Daily, after Shacharit
- **Daf Yomi Shiur (30 min):** after Shacharit on Sun through Fri, and 8:20 am on Shabbat
- **Mishnayot:** Daily, between Mincha and Maariv
- **“Short & Sweet Talmud Class” (30 min-never longer):** Wed, 9:20 am, DAT Minyan offices at BMH-BJ (men only)



Our Junior Congregation program is on summer break, but will return in the fall. ALL youth groups meet at 9:00 am.

Our “Morning Motivation” Program for teens is on break for the next few months, but will return at the end of the summer.



If you or someone you know (college age and above) is interested in working in the Youth Groups Program, please contact Mor at youth@datminyan.org.

Important Security Reminder

For the safety and security of everyone attending the DAT Minyan, we ask that all children either be in **attendance at one of our childrens’ programs or with a parent AT ALL TIMES** when in the building. Children may not be left unescorted to roam hallways or attend BMH-BJ Shabbat programs and events unless accompanied by an adult.

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>.

Bella bat Malka

Chaim Zev ben Sarah

Eliyahu Chaim ha Cohen ben Sara Rifka

Eliyahu Dovid ben Ita Sheiva

Guy Chaim ben Rita

Leibel ben Harriet

Levick Yitzchak ben Bracha

Leya bat Sara

Mascha bat Rus

Mayer Benya ben Nechama

Mendel Ila ben Frida Miriam

Michel ben Leah

Michoel Zisel ben Barbara

Miriam Adina bat Sara

Mordechai ben Chaya Chana

Raphael Lior ben Miriam

Roshka bat Bryna

Shoshanah bat Miriam

Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa