



DAT MINYAN

Parashat Devarim

August 6, 2022 ~ ~ 9 Av 5782



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Earliest Candle Lighting 6:40 pm
Candle Lighting 7:50 pm
Say Baruch Hamavdil 8:52 pm

This Shabbat, all services will be at The Jewish Experience (399 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 6:20 pm
Shema should be recited after 8:53 pm

Shabbat

Shacharit: 9:00 am (with childcare)
Latest time for Shema is 9:34 am

Masks are optional at our minyanim. We encourage anyone who wishes or needs to wear a mask to continue to do so. If you have any symptoms or not feeling well, please stay home.

Tisha B'Av starts this Shabbat.

Please see schedule on page 4 and laws of Tisha B'Av on pages 5-6

Kiddush will be at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy) following services

Mincha: 6:30 pm - *notice early time*
Maariv: 9:10 pm - followed by Eicha and Kinnot

D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

Many years ago, in a land far away, lived a wise king and his precocious son. For a while, all was well. The people appreciated their benevolent ruler, whose wisdom brought happiness and prosperity to all.

But the peaceful times didn't last. Bored by an overabundance of good, the nation began to rebel. Sadly, once full of the happy sounds of flourishing commerce and frolicking children, the streets were now filled with raucous sounds of angry and violent demonstrations.

The king realized there was nothing he could do to turn the tide back. The immediate future of the country would be bloodshed and war. Worse yet, he had little interest in a victory that would leave the country divided and miserable as before.

He called his son to his private chamber and said, "My dear son, the future looks bleak, but I have hope. I will disappear into hiding, and you will blend into the masses, allowing the rebels to gain government control peacefully. You will *not* hear from me for many years but rest assured that I will be keeping a close eye on you.

"The world you are about to enter is unforgiving, cruel, and amoral. If there's one message that will carry you through it all, it's this: You have what it takes! The years you spent in the palace gave you the moral strength and fortitude to withstand *anything*. You will only fail when you forget to look *inward* and instead look *outward* to your corrupt environment.

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

Weekday Davening will be held at DAT Minyan (440 S. Monaco Pkwy)

Please see full Tisha B'av schedule on page 4

Shacharit

Sun (Tisha B'Av): 9:00 am

Mon, Thurs: 6:30 am

Tues, Wed, Fri: 6:35 am

Mincha

Sun (Tisha B'Av): 7:30 pm

Mon - Thurs: 7:45 pm

Fri: 6:15 pm

Message from Rabbi Halpern

I'm available on the phone or in person for your halachic needs, rabbinic counseling, or anything else that I can assist you with. You can reach me on my cell at 732-237-5455 or at shmuel.halpern@datminyanyan.org

Every person counts for Minyan! Please make an effort to attend

D'var Torah (cont.)

"You will *not* succeed all of the time. Undoubtedly, you will waver, forget who you truly are, and stray far from the straight path. But with time, you *will* come back to your senses. It may not be fun, to say the least; tears of pain and yearning will flow from your eyes. The tears will teach you to look inwards, to access the deep reservoirs of strength and morality that I've planted in you.

"After it's all said and done, you, my son, will be better for it all. You will have learned and earned your very own understanding of the moral truths you've absorbed. Had you remained with me, you would never have achieved this independence. But don't forget that the ultimate goal is to return back home!"

Over three thousand years ago, we stood at Mt. Sinai, one step away from vanquishing the angel of death and just a hairsbreadth from world perfection. But we lost hope, panicked about Moshe's return, and lost faith in reaching the land of goodness — the land of Hashem.

Hashem is good, and his actions are good, but we must appreciate them if we are to merit receiving the blessing. We need to create the vessel, and Hashem will send the rains. As we approach Tisha B'av, we sadly recall that Hashem pulled away from His beloved creation. For now, the world can't hear the prophetic word and experience the Beit Hamikdash.

At this juncture, we begin the book of Devarim. This book was both the word of Moshe and then ratified as the word of Hashem. Devarim is the root within the written Torah of the Oral Torah concept — teaching us that when the prophecy has fallen silent, we can find the word of Hashem in our own hearts.

On Tisha B'av, we stop. We spend the day appreciating the brokenness within and without. We begin to cry; our tears obstruct our vision; we can't see where this is all going.

And then suddenly, if only for a few seconds, it becomes clear.

We were looking for answers in all the wrong places. We have Torah implanted within our hearts. The key is in our hands, having been placed there by our dear Father in Heaven.

But as long as we continue down the same path, a new way remains impossible. We must make a complete stop. Then, and only then, can we start to build anew.

Come Learn With Us

- **SHAWL** will not be meeting this Shabbat
- **In-Depth Gemara Shiur** Led by Rabbi Halpern will not be meeting this Shabbat.
- **Words of Wisdom** is on hiatus for the month of August.
- **Masechet Megillah Chabura** is back! Monday evenings at the home of Michal Elias-Bachrach and Yoni Eckmann, 375 S Krameria St. Begins 70 minutes before mincha. For men and women, all comfort levels are welcome. You can join any time! If you have any questions, please contact Michal at ebmichal@gmail.com or 610-348-8508.
- **Parsha for Women** is on hiatus for the month of August.
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package**.

DAT Minyan Announcements

- **Kiddush** is sponsored by Steve and Ellyn Hutt, in honor of their children and grandchildren visiting from Florida and Israel.
- **Thank you** to all who joined us for Volunteer Day #5 to help us prepare for Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone's visit.
- **Save the Date! Thursday, August 25** DAT Minyan is proud to sponsor a presentation by our own Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone, Senior Advisor to U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman (2017-2021), and a participant in the work toward what became known as the groundbreaking Abraham Accords. Rabbi Lightstone will speak about that process and his just-released book, "Let My People Know." General admission to the event is free but **registration is required**. Go to datminyan.org/lightstone for registration and information about VIP pre-event and sponsorship opportunities. Also see flier on page 8 for details.
- **See the progress** of our construction. Pictures on page 7.
- **Popsicles in the Park** will be meeting at the Green School playground this Shabbat at 4pm. Kids play, adults Shmooze! Enjoy a Dvar Torah and Popsicles! In case of rain at 4:00, event is cancelled.
- **An audio recording** of Rabbi Halpern's Wednesday night shiur parts 1-4 is available at datminyan.org/audio

Members' Milestones



Lawrence Stroll, Suzanne Rabinovitch, Ezra Penn, Scott Alpert, Janice Fagen



Jonathan and Lisa Perlmutter

Refuah Shlemah

Please include the following names in your tefilla. May each be granted a Refuah Shlemah.

Aliza bat Batsheva

Alonit bat Yael

Bella bas Malka

Chaika bat Rachel

Eliezer ben Tova

Hannah bat Naomi Miriam

Masha bas Rivka

Mika Ester Bat Adi

Miriam bat Esther

Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah

Naama

Penina Devorah bas Shulamit Itka

Ruchel Malkah bat Leah

Saige bat Hannah

Sarah Gili bat Bena

Sarah Rivka bat Rachel Leah

Shalom Shimon ben Rachel

Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny

Shoshanah bat Miriam

Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa

Yosef ben Sarah Imenu

Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sarah Chana

Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya

Yossef ben Dinah

Names are kept on the list until Rosh Chodesh. Help us keep the list accurate by updating the [Cholim Document](#) or by emailing office@datminyan.org

Community Happenings

- The Denver Jewish Advertiser is the email-based forum for Denver Jewish communities to connect through news, ads, and events. It is emailed out to subscribers throughout Denver every Tuesday and Thursday, with the exception of holidays. Sign up by emailing YES to DenverJewishAdvertiser@gmail.com to stay informed and connected!
- East Side Eruv. Visit www.denvereruv.org to sign up for weekly status messages, Eruv maps, and to make donations.
- MOED: Visit www.mikvahofeastdenver.org for updates, donation form, membership info and more!
- Chana Feige Abrahams is scheduling appointments for the Zussman Mikvah. Call 720-295-7718 or text 720-838-4093.

9 B'Av - Fast Day

August 6- 7

Shabbat, August 6

- 8:06 pm Fast Begins
8:52 pm Say "Baruch Hamavdil ben Kodesh L'Chol"
9:10 pm Maariv, Eicha and Kinnot

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00 am Shacharit and extended Kinnot Program (see below)
1:05 pm Chatzot
7:30 pm Mincha / Maariv
8:50 pm Fast Ends
8:51 pm Havdallah

The Extended Kinnot Program will include explanations of specific Kinnot to enhance our understanding and prayers and make the day more meaningful:

Kinnah #14 *"The Roots of Destruction"* led by Rabbi Shmuel Halpern

Kinnah #17 *"If It Could Happen..."* and Kinnah #19 *"To You Hashem is the Righteousness"* led by Rav Binyamin Hutt

Kinnah #21 *"Cedars of Lebanon"* led by Rabbi Shmuel Halpern

Kinnah #26, *"When Jeremiah Approached the Graves of Our Ancestors"* led by Elan Penn

Kinnah #36 *"O Zion Will You Not Inquire"* Kinnah #38 *"O Zion Most Desirable Crown"* led by Dr. Nathan Rabinovitch

Rabbi Moshe Heyman (Torah U'Mesorah Holocasut Fellowship) *"The Shoah"*

Have an easy and meaningful fast

Hilchot Tisha B'av on Shabbat

Like all important things, doing Tisha B'av right requires preparation. On Tisha B'av itself, we get into the proper frame of mind by refraining from five things: eating and drinking, marital relations, wearing leather shoes, washing, and anointing (i.e., moisturizing lotion). In addition, we sit on the floor or on a low chair.

Most years, we have the afternoon leading up to Tisha B'av to ease us into the spirit of mourning. This year, however, with the fast pushed to Sunday, the general laws of Erev Tisha B'av don't apply. In its place, we have the dichotomy of Shabbat/Tisha B'av. It's Shabbat, a day of restful joy, and must be treated as such. Therefore, we eat meat and drink wine, just as we might on any Shabbat. On the other hand, 9 Av is both the anniversary and the cause of so much of our suffering. Our ancestors weakened their connection to Hashem, Torah, and Eretz Yisrael with their faithless tears of despair on this day.

"More than the Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." Shabbat is to time what the Beit Hamikdash is to space. But how many Jews continue to appreciate her gifts? Indeed, how much do we cherish Shabbat?

As we enjoy the little bits of holiness that have survived, we are pained by how much more we've lost, but that pain must stay in the shadows; after all, it's Shabbat.

The greater our appreciation for the connection we do have with Hashem and His Torah, the more we will begin to understand how much closer we can, indeed must, be to Him.

When Tisha B'av falls on Shabbat, several unique halachot apply.

- At sunset (**8:06 pm**) on Shabbat evening, the Tisha B'av restrictions begin to take effect.
- We don't want to display our sadness openly until nightfall, so we don't yet change our shoes or sit on the floor. **At sunset, we must stop eating or drinking** and refrain from marital relations. We should also be careful to wash our hands in the Tisha B'av manner – only until the knuckles (it is okay if some water splashes past them).
- **At 8:52 pm**, we say farewell to Shabbat by saying *Baruch hamavdil bein Kodesh l'chol*. At this point, all of the halachot of Tisha B'av take effect. We change out of our Shabbat clothing and shoes and begin to sit on the floor until 1:05 pm on Sunday.
- Since we aren't eating until Sunday night, there's no need to recite Havdala, though the Bracha over a candle should be recited, preferably before the recital of Megillat Eicha.
- Since the fast is pushed to the 10th of Av, some leniencies apply. If someone is even slightly ill, they may break the fast. Pregnant or nursing mothers may also break their fast if the fasting is challenging.

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- If one is eating on Tisha B'av, they must make Havdala before eating – *borei pri hagafen* on wine and the Bracha of *hamavdil bein Kodesh l'chol*, etc. If a boy between the ages of six and nine is available, the grape juice can be given to him; otherwise, the person making Havdala can drink it themselves. It should be noted that one may always drink water without making Havdala.
- If a woman needs to eat, it is best that a man make Havdala for her. If there is no available young boy, she should be the one to drink the grape juice. If it is difficult to find a man to make Havdala for her, she can do it herself, and if, for whatever reason, she finds it challenging to make Havdala, she can eat without reciting Havdala.
- On Sunday evening, **the fast concludes at 8:50 pm**. If one is having trouble fasting, they can break their fast at 8:43. After the fast, we recite *borei pri hagafen* on wine and the Bracha of *hamavdil bein Kodesh l'chol*. We don't make a Bracha on besamim (aromatic spices) or a candle.
- If practical, it is best to recite *kiddush l'vana* at the conclusion of Tisha B'av.
- This year, the restrictions of the Nine Days do not apply on Sunday night. One may therefore launder clothing and take a haircut. One should, however, refrain from eating meat or drinking wine until Monday morning.

Online Learning for Tisha B'Av

Below are just a few of the great learning resources online to help make your Tisha B'av more meaningful.

Online Megillat Eicha reading by Rabbinic leaders in Israel and around the world - Chief Rabbi David Lau, Chief Rabbi Yitzchak Yosef, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l, Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu and Rabbi Berel Lazar.

<https://www.mizrachi.tv/eicha>

MizrachiTV – Mizrachi's On-Demand Video Platform (no charge) <https://www.mizrachi.tv>

Tisha B'Av 2022 (ou.org) (no charge) <https://www.ou.org/tishabav>

e-TiM: Tisha B'Av 2022 | Torah In Motion (registration and optional donation)

<https://torahinmotion.org/programs/e-tim-tisha-bav-2022>

Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation Tisha Bav 2022 (requires fee) <https://www.tishabav.global>

YU Torah-To-Go Tisha B'av <https://www.yutorah.org/togo/tishabav>

Construction Update

Lobby has new flooring!



Netilat Yadaim area



Close-up of the lobby floor



Sanctuary walls are being painted



DAT Minyan proudly presents

Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone

Thursday, August 25, 2022 ✦ 7:30pm
at Denver Jewish Day School Campus

The Inside Story of the Abraham Accords

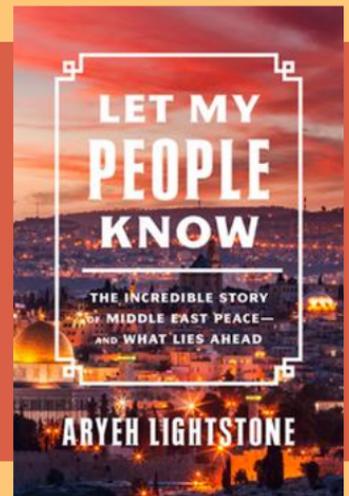
General admission is free of charge, but registration is required.

Copies of Rabbi Lightstone's book will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

VIP Pre-Event ✦ 6:30 pm

- Enjoy a reception with Rabbi Aryeh Lightstone, featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres, and carved meats catered by the ESKD.
- Receive a signed copy of Rabbi Lightstone's new book.
- Meet with the author.

\$180 / couple



Seating is limited. Registration is required. No admission without registration.

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ARYEH LIGHTSTONE served as the Senior Advisor to U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman from 2017 to 2021. In that role, he was an integral member of the Peace to Prosperity team, leading the inaugural Abraham Accord Business Summit, directing the Abraham Fund, and serving as point person in the Middle East for the actualization of the Abraham Accords. During his tenure as Senior Advisor, he also played a critical role in advancing bilateral U.S.-Israel relations with a focus on 5G implementation, infrastructure expansion, and economic development. He was also instrumental in facilitating the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem as well as its successful merger with the Jerusalem Consulate.

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