



DATMINYAN

Parashat Nitzavim

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Earliest Candle Lighting 5:40 pm

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Havdallah 7:34 pm

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.

Davening will take place at DAT Minyan - 440 S. Monaco Pkwy

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 6:40 pm
Shema should be recited after 7:35 pm

Shabbat

Shacharit: 9:00 am (*with childcare*)
Latest time for Shema is 9:50 am

Kiddush following services

Mincha: 6:30 pm

Maariv: 7:34 pm

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D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

When Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard pooled together \$538 in 1939 to launch HP, they had no idea precisely what it was they wanted to create, and the same went for Sony founders Masaru Ibuka and Akio Morita. Whether starting a business, relationship, or hobby, "Kol hatchalot kashot, all beginnings are difficult," (Rashi to Shemot 19:5). For these business leaders, the trouble was compounded: they had no idea where to start, and yet, start they did.

The founders of HP and Sony knew they wanted to create a culture of respect and innovative contribution, which was enough to get them going. The details, and success, would soon follow.

Success is great, but before long, complacency sets in, and without constant re-creation, the decline is almost sure to follow.

Each Rosh Hashanah Hashem gives us the tremendous gift of renewal, but it is up to us to chart the course anew. What will we do, and where will we focus?

It is no accident that Parshat Nitzavim falls on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, as a look at the parshah provides us with the insight we're seeking. "For this mitzvah that I command you today isn't distant from you. It isn't in the heavens that you should say, who will ascend to the heavens to bring it to us..., it is exceedingly close to you; it's in your heart and mouth to do."

The commentators disagree about the identity of this mitzvah. Rashi explains that it refers to the Torah, while Ramban explains that it refers to teshuva.

Torah is a deeply spiritual expression of Divine Will; if *anything* is in the heavens, it is the Torah! Teshuvah,

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

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Shacharit

Sun 7:45 am

Mon, Tues (Rosh Hashanah): 8:15 am

Wed (Fast Day): 6:20 am

Thur: 6:30 am

Fri: 6:35 am

Mincha

Sun (Erev RH): 6:35 pm

Mon, Tues (RH): 6:30 pm

Wed (Fast Day): 6:15 pm

Thur: 6:30 pm

Fri: 6:25 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@datminyan.org

D'var Torah (cont.)

perhaps more than other mitzvot, seems very difficult and distant. We all have strengths and weaknesses, and it is rare to find someone who's transformed their personality. How can we be expected to make meaningful and lasting change? Is this the one mitzvah that is close to us??

To address this problem, let's return to our business-leader friends. The founders of these visionary companies didn't need to know what they would manufacture. It was the process that was important to them, and they felt there was a good chance that the right process would create the desired outcome.

On Rosh Hashanah, we have but one goal – to make Hashem, our Father, and King, proud. As a broad framework, we have the corpus of halacha to guide us in reaching our goal. We have a fairly straightforward path – learn, apply, hit repeat, and continually grow our ability to learn and apply what we discover.

Sometimes our best intentions don't pan out, and we all have areas where we struggle. So, back to our question: If we are to make an impactful change this year, where should we focus? Shabbat, kashrut, interpersonal dealings, tzedaka, Torah study, all of the above? We're committed, but as a matter of focused improvement, where do we start??

"It's exceedingly close to you; it's in your *heart* and *mouth* to do." The Torah, Maharal explains, is one giant organism. Pick *anything*, study it well (speech), let it penetrate your *heart*, and you'll find yourself applying (doing) what you've learned.

Whether taking on a new mitzvah or experiencing a newfound passion for an old one, the results will be transformative. The Torah, Mitzvot, Hashem Himself, will *feel* exceedingly close to you. Deeper, more involved engagement with any aspect of Hashem and His Torah will positively influence the entirety of your life.

Where do we focus? On some level, the answer is that it doesn't matter. The shoemaker is passionate about shoes and the tailor suits, and that passion creates good quality suits and shoes.

Some Jews are passionate about Chesed, others about the land of Israel, and others about Torah study. You can't be a good Jew and not care about all of the abovementioned mitzvot, that's for sure. We do, however, need to start somewhere, and the good news is that *immersion* in *any* corner of the Torah is a doorway that leads to the *entirety* of the Torah.

"... It's exceedingly close to you...." If you hold something in your hand, and you feel it in your heart, it's close to you; what does the word exceedingly add? The answer, says Rabbi Eitan Katz, is that you may feel pretty confident about your connection to Torah. It is close to your heart, you speak of it often, and you're committed to fulfilling its precepts, and that's fantastic. But the Torah is infinite, and you have no idea how much closer you can get. It's exceedingly close, and as long as you live, there's a readily available deeper level of heartfelt, loving engagement with Hashem and His Torah.



DAT Minyan Announcements

- **Condolences to** Mark Raphaely on the loss of his father, Tony (Aharon ben Micha'el) in London. Mark will be sitting Shiva on Motzei Shabbat at his home 181 S. Forest Street. Maariv at 8:00 pm, followed by visitation until 10:30 pm.
- **Kiddush is sponsored by** Seth and Valerie Miller, R' Chaim and Rivky Sher, Ahron and Shoshana Michal Schwartz, in honor of our neighbors DAT Minyan. Much continued growth in your permanent new home!
- **SHAWL** - Join us for the 1st Rashi Shiur at SHAWL. This Shabbat at 5:30pm. Presenters include Michal Elias-Bachrach, Sara Halpern, Ellyn Hutt, Jacquie Marks, and Liora Wittlin who will each present a Rashi from each Aliyah.
- **Pruzbul** - Due to the current Shemita year, it is important that people (particularly, if they have outstanding loans to other Jews) submit a pruzbul before Rosh Hashanah. [Click here](#) for a full explanation of pruzbul as well as a remote / witness form. To arrange a pruzbul in person, which is ideal, a Beis Din will be available at DAT Minyan on Erev Rosh Hashanah following shacharit (Sunday, Sept. 25).
- **Lulav and Etrog pickup time** is Thursday, 10/6 from 5:00-6:30 pm at the shul.
- Yoni Eckmann is offering **sukkah building services**. Fast and reliable assembly and breakdown. 484-343-4294
- **We have a few signed copies of Rabbi Lightstone's new book**, "Let My People Know - the Incredible Story of Middle East Peace and What Lies Ahead" available for purchase from our office. Contact office@datminyan.org.

Members' Milestones



Craig Kornbluth



Morris Gardner *Moshe ben Chaim Itche* (2 Tishrei)

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

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 Rivka bat Rachel Leah

Shalom Shimon ben Rachel

Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny

Shmuel Eliazer ben Sarah

Shoshanah bat Miriam

Yehudis Leah bat Shaindel Fraidel

Yehudit bat Stacey

Yitzchaka Chana bat Chaya

Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa

Yosef ben Sarah Imenu

Yosef Simcha Chaim ben Sarah Chana

Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya

Yossef ben Dinah

Ze'ev Shmuel ben Helena

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

שנה טובה

Come Learn With Us

- **Mishna Berura Shiur** Led by Rabbi Halpern, Shabbat mornings at 8:25 am. "*From Bees to the Runaway Dog: Trapping on Shabbos.*" Mishna Berura booklets are available for \$9 from the shul office. Contact office@datminyan.org
- **Masechet Megillah Chabura** Mondays at 7:30 pm at the home of Michal Elias-Bachrach and Yoni Eckmann, 375 S Krameria St. 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.
- **Words of Wisdom** is on hiatus until after the Holidays.
- **Parsha for Women** sponsored by The Women's Experience. Led by Ellyn Hutt Thursdays from 11am - 12pm. Each weekly Torah portion 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. Meeting ID: 922 119 870
- **YU Torah Online [Rosh Hashanah-To-Go](https://yutorah.org/togo/roshhashana)** Download at yutorah.org/togo/roshhashana
- **OU presents [B'himotzo: Finding Hashem Through Tefillah](https://outorah.org/tefillah)** - A Special Elul and Yomim Noraim Initiative. Enhance and elevate your prayer during the month of Elul and the Yomim Noraim with new content from some of our most insightful Torah personalities. <https://outorah.org/tefillah>
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package**.

Community Happenings

- Aaron and Rivky Katz invite the community to a kiddush they are sponsoring at Aish Kodesh after services.
- Scroll K is proud to present a [list of useful information](#) for the upcoming Rosh Hashana period. This list includes kashrus information for foods associated with Rosh Hashana as well as a list of items which are Pas Yisroel.
- Merkaz presents Bnos: Shabbos afternoon groups for girls grades Pre-K-8th. 3-4pm, 6500 E Nevada Pl., Games, ice pops and prizes. Avos Ubanim: Boys of all ages are invited to join Rabbi Tessler at Merkaz, 295 S Locust St, for father son learning, stories, nosh and prizes Shabbos afternoon from 5:15-6:00pm. Night Seder: Nightly learning with Rabbi Tessler M-Th 8:15-9 pm. Followed by Maariv. Thurs is Hot Potato Kugel Night. Boys 5th grade and up.
- Merkaz Torah V'Chesed's 14th annual Evening of Inspiration with Rabbi YY Jacobson. Sunday, October 2, 7:30 pm at BMH-BJ Social Hall. RSVP online at merkaztorah.kindful.com/e/evening-of-inspiration.
- 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

Welcome to our new DAT Minyan Members!

~ Daryn and Danni Hosiassohn ~

**Interested in becoming a member or know someone who is?
Please email office@datminyan.org**



Rosh Hashanah & Aseret Yemei Teshuva 5783 / 2022



Sunday, Sept. 25 – Erev RH

Shacharit	8:00 am
Candle Lighting	6:34 pm
Mincha / Maariv	6:35 pm

Thursday, September 29

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:30 pm

Monday, Sept. 26 – RH day 1

Shacharit	8:15 am
Community Tashlich	5:30 pm
Mincha	6:30 pm
Maariv	7:10 pm
Candle Lighting	7:30 pm

Friday, September 30

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:35 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:25 pm
Candle Lighting	6:25 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 27 – RH day 2

Shacharit	8:15 am
Mincha	6:30 pm
Maariv	7:28 pm
Havdallah	7:28 pm

Shabbat, Oct. 1 – Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit	9:00 am
Mincha	6:10 pm
Maariv	7:23 pm
Havdallah	7:23 pm

Wed., Sept. 28 – Tzom Gedaliah

Fast Starts	5:41 am
Shacharit	6:20 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:15 pm
Fast Ends	7:24 pm

Sunday, October 2

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	8:00 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:20 pm

Shana Tova!



**Join the DAT Minyan
for a community-wide**

**TASHLICH
&
SHOFAR BLOWING**

**1st Day of Rosh Hashanah
Monday, Sept 26 ≈ 5:30 pm**

At the Pond in the Lex Apartments

We will also have outdoor shofar blowing on
the 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, Sept 27 ≈ 5:30 pm at the Pond