



Parashat Tetzaveh

March 4, 2023 ~ ~ 11 Adar 5783

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We look forward to you joining us this Shabbat!

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| Candle Lighting | 5:35 pm |
| Havdallah | 6:35 pm |

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 5:35 pm

Shema should be recited after 6:34 pm

Shabbat

Mishna Berura Class 8:25 am

Shacharit: 9:00 am (with childcare)

Latest time for Shema is 9:20 am

Chili and Taco Kiddush following services

Mincha: 5:30 pm

Maariv: 6:35 pm

D'var Torah by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l

Beethoven rose each morning at dawn and made himself coffee. He was fastidious about this: each cup had to be made with exactly sixty beans, which he counted out each time. He would then sit at his desk and compose until 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Subsequently he would go for a long walk, taking with him a pencil and some sheets of music paper to record any ideas that came to him on the way. Each night after supper he would have a beer, smoke a pipe, and go to bed early, 10:00 p.m. at the latest.

Anthony Trollope who as his day job worked for the Post Office, paid a groom to wake him every day at 5:00 a.m. By 5:30 a.m. he would be at his desk, and he then proceeded to write for exactly three hours, working against the clock to produce 250 words each quarter-hour. Through this method, he wrote forty-seven novels, many of them three volumes in length, as well as sixteen other books. If he finished a novel before the day's three hours were over, he would immediately take a fresh piece of paper and begin the next.

Immanuel Kant, the most brilliant philosopher of modern times, was famous for his routine. As Heinrich Heine put it, "Getting up, drinking coffee, writing, giving lectures, eating, taking a walk, everything had its set time, and the neighbours knew precisely that the time was 3:30 p.m. when Kant stepped outside his door with his grey coat and the Spanish stick in his hand."

These details, together with more than 150 other examples drawn from the great philosophers, artists, composers, and writers come from a book by Mason Currey entitled *Daily Rituals: How Great Minds Make Time, Find Inspiration, and Get to Work*.^[1] The book's point is simple. Most creative people have daily rituals. These form the soil in which the seeds of their invention grow.

In some cases they deliberately took on jobs they did not need to do, simply to establish structure and routine in their lives. A typical example was the poet Wallace Stevens, who took a position as an insurance lawyer at the Hartford

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

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Shacharit

Sun: 8:00 am

Mon (Ta'anit Esther Fast): 6:20 am

Tues (Purim): 6:00 am

Wed, Fri: 6:35 am

Thurs: 6:30 am

Mincha

Sun, Wed, Thur: 5:40 pm

Mon: 5:25 pm

Tues: 4:30 pm

Fri: 5:45 pm

All times are listed at yidenver.org/calendar

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D'var Torah (cont.)

Accident and Indemnity Company where he worked until his death. He said that having a job was one of the best things that could happen to him because “it introduces discipline and regularity into one’s life.”

Note the paradox. These were all innovators, pioneers, ground-breakers, trail-blazers, who formulated new ideas, originated new forms of expression, did things no one had done before in quite that way. They broke the mould. They changed the landscape. They ventured into the unknown.

Yet their daily lives were the opposite: ritualised and routine. One could even call them boring. Why so? Because – the saying is famous, though we don’t know who first said it – genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration. The paradigm-shifting scientific discovery, the path-breaking research, the wildly successful new product, the brilliant novel, the award-winning film. are almost always the result of many years of long hours and attention to detail. Being creative involves hard work.

The ancient Hebrew word for hard work is *avodah*. It is also the word that means “serving God.” What applies in the arts, sciences, business, and industry, applies equally to the life of the spirit. Achieving any form of spiritual growth requires sustained effort and daily rituals.

Hence the remarkable aggadic passage in which various Sages put forward their idea of *klal gadol baTorah*, “the great principle of the Torah.” Ben Azzai says it is the verse, “This is the book of the chronicles of man: On the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God” (Gen. 5:1). Ben Zoma says that there is a more embracing principle, “Listen, Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one” (Deut. 6:4). Ben Nannas says there is a yet more embracing principle: “Love your neighbour as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Ben Pazzi says we find a more embracing principle still. He quotes a verse from this parsha: “One sheep shall be offered in the morning, and a second in the afternoon” (Ex. 29:39) – or, as we might say nowadays, *Shacharit*, *Mincha*, and *Maariv*. In a word: “routine.” The passage concludes: The law follows Ben Pazzi.[2]

The meaning of Ben Pazzi’s statement is clear: all the high ideals in the world – the human person as God’s image, belief in God’s unity, and the love of neighbour – count for little until they are turned into habits of action that become habits of the heart. We can all recall moments of insight when we had a great idea, a transformative thought, the glimpse of a project that could change our lives. A day, a week, or a year later the thought has been forgotten or become a distant memory, at best a might-have-been.

The people who change the world, whether in small or epic ways, are those who turn peak experiences into daily routines, who know that the details matter, and who have developed the discipline of hard work, sustained over time. Judaism’s greatness is that it takes high ideals and exalted visions – image of God, faith in God, love of neighbour – and turns them into patterns of behaviour. *Halacha* (Jewish law) involves a set of routines that – like those of the great creative minds – reconfigures the brain, giving discipline to our lives and changing the way we feel, think, and act.

Much of Judaism must seem to outsiders, and sometimes to insiders also, boring, prosaic, mundane, repetitive, routine, obsessed with details, and bereft for the most part of drama or inspiration. Yet that is precisely what writing the novel, composing the symphony, directing the film, perfecting the killer app, or building a billion-dollar business is, most of the time. It is a matter of hard work, focused attention, and daily rituals. That is where all sustainable greatness comes from.

D'var Torah (cont.)

We have developed in the West a strange view of religious experience: that it's what overwhelms you when something happens completely outside the run of normal experience. You climb a mountain and look down. You are miraculously saved from danger. You find yourself part of a vast and cheering crowd. It's how the German Lutheran theologian Rudolf Otto (1869–1937) defined “the holy”: as a mystery (mysterium) both terrifying (tremendum) and fascinating (fascinans). You are awed by the presence of something vast. We have all had such experiences.

But that is all they are: experiences. They linger in the memory, but they are not part of everyday life. They are not woven into the texture of our character. They do not affect what we do or achieve or become. Judaism is about changing us so that we become creative artists whose greatest creation is our own life.[3] And that needs daily rituals: Shacharit, Minchah, Ma'ariv, the food we eat, the way we behave at work or in the home, the choreography of holiness which is the special contribution of the priestly dimension of Judaism, set out in this week's parsha and throughout the book of Leviticus.

These rituals have an effect. We now know through PET and fMRI scans that repeated spiritual exercise reconfigures the brain. It gives us inner resilience. It makes us more grateful. It gives us a sense of basic trust in the source of our being. It shapes our identity, the way we act and talk and think. Ritual is to spiritual greatness what practice is to a tennis player, daily writing disciplines are to a novelist, and reading company accounts are to Warren Buffett. They are the precondition of high achievement. Serving God is avodah, which means hard work.

If you seek sudden inspiration, then work at it every day for a year or a lifetime. That is how it comes. As a famous golfer is said to have said when asked for the secret of his success: “I was just lucky. But the funny thing is that the harder I practise, the luckier I become.” The more you seek spiritual heights, the more you need the ritual and routine of halacha, the Jewish “way” to God.

[1] Mason Currey, *Daily Rituals* (New York: Knopf, 2013).

[2] The passage is cited in the introduction to the commentary HaKotev on Ein Yaakov, the collected aggadic passages of the Talmud. It is also quoted by Maharal in *Netivot Olam*, Ahavat Re'a 1.

[3] A point made by Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik in his book *Halakhic Man*.



Come Learn With Us

- **NEW Beit Midrash Night** for men and women. Join a class or learn with a chavruta. Every Wednesday night from 7:45-8:45 pm at The Jewish Experience (399 S. Monaco Pkwy). See information on page 9.
- **Mishna Berura Shiur** Join Rabbi Halpern Shabbat at 8:25 am. *"From Bees to the Runaway Dog: Trapping on Shabbos."*
- **Masechet Megillah Chabura** will not be meeting this week due to Purim.
- **Torah from the Land of Israel** Led by Ellyn Hutt & The Jewish Experience. Wednesdays, 11am - 12pm MT. Explore the weekly parsha with a focus on both the spiritual insights of our Torah text as well as the spiritual insights that reveal themselves in the day-to-day life in our holy homeland. Jan. 18-March 31. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86742802886>
- **OU Women's Initiative** Torat Imecha Nach Yomi has started Sefer Tehillim. Sign up at ou.org/women/nach23.
- **Tehillim 150** is the OU Women's Initiative's program for high-school girls to study a perek of Tehillim each day for 150 days with Yael Davidowitz. outorah.org/series/6205
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package** mizrachi.org/hamizrachiweekly

YI Denver Announcements

- **Chili and Taco Kiddush** following services.
- **A recording of Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom's shiur "Esther's Brilliant Strategy"** is available at www.yidenver.org/audio.
- **Purim Carnival.** This Shabbat morning during youth groups. Kids - come in costume!
- **Purim Night Learning** After Megillah reading on Monday night. Refreshments and Deli sandwiches. For teens and pre-teens. Parents welcomed. See flier on page 8.
- **Purim at YID!** Everything you need in one place! Go to www.yidenver.org/purim2023 and register for our Purim Seudah, donate towards Matanot L'evyonim, see our Purim schedule and read Rabbi Halpern's Hilchot Purim.
- **Purim in the Persian Palace** Join us for the shul's Purim Seudah, Tuesday, 3/7 at 5 pm. By reservation only. Spots are limited! Sign up at www.yidenver.org/purim2023.
- **Beit Midrash Night** Join a class or learn with a chavruta. See information on page 9.
- **We are collecting donations for the Toys family.** All monies collected will go directly to the Toys family. You can donate as well as leave words of comfort and memories of Nicki at www.yidenver.org/ToysFamily
- **View Rabbi Halpern's weekly one-minute video Dvar Torah** at yidenver.org/video-dvar

Welcome to our new YI Denver Members!

~ Nate and Dahlia Chertok ~

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

Members' Milestones

 Chava Riemer, Naomi Miriam Miller, Yoshi Polotsky, Evan Kornbluth, Rachel Kornbluth, Jenny Rosenberg

 Eric and Chava Riemer

 Fannie Fagen *Fruma Bat Zvi* (12 Adar)

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

Chaya Sarah Miriam bat Esther

Hannah bat Naomi Miriam

HaRav Benyomin Daniel Ben Chaya

Masha bas Rivka

Michael ben Sara

Mika Ester Bat Adi

Miriam Adina bat Sara

Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah

Mordechai ben Shanaleaha

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

Shoshanah bat Miriam

Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa

Yosef ben Sarah Imenu

Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya

Yossef ben Dinah

Ze'ev Shmuel ben Helena

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

Community Happenings

- Aish Kodesh invites the community to a Friday Night Oneg 3/3 at 9pm at the home of Ahron and Rivky Katz (212 S. Olive Way, Lowry) featuring Yehuda Solomon of Moshav Band and Noah Solomon of Soulfarm.
- Mazal Tov to Ahuva Levitt upon her engagement to Gavi Guttman, and to their parents, Rabbi and Rochie Levitt, and Yaakov and Melissa Guttman (from Miami). Everyone is cordially invited to an open house with the Chasson and Kallah at 6796 E Exposition Ave; Sunday, 3/5 from 7 – 9 pm.
- Merkaz Events: *Purim Arts & Crafts*: Sunday, 3/5 at the home of Rabbi Eli & Mrs. Phyllis Tessler, 6500 E Nevada place. \$5 suggested donation. Girls 10 -11 am; Boys 1 - 2 pm. Men's Purim Ferbrangin: Everyone is invited to Join Rabbi Chaim Sher at his home, 6572 E Dakota Ave, Leil Purim, Monday Night at 8 pm for singing, Torah, and more.
- The Den is organizing Mishloach Manot for the Young Professional Community. Please consider making Purim special for our community members by making a couple of Mishloach Manot for Young Professionals. To volunteer, sing up [here](#) or email Samuel Hamermesh at shamermesh@gmail.com.
- Denver Jewish Day School Annual Dinner 3/14. Honoring Barbara Silberman, Jason Snyder and Irit Waldbaum RSVP and information at: www.denverjds.org/giving/ways-to-give/annual-dinner
- Denver Academy of Torah is now accepting applications for 2023/2024 school year. For more information contact Director of Admissions Nurit Rotbart at nrotbart@datcampus.org or visit datcampus.org
- Winter Clothes Drive - Ongoing throughout the winter - we are collecting warm outerwear and clothes for kids and adults - all sizes. Drop off at 375 S. Krameria Street.
- East Side Eruv. Visit www.denvereruv.org to sign up for weekly status messages, Eruv maps, and to make donations.
- The Mikvah of East Denver (MOED) is open for Women's immersion, Men's immersion and Keilim immersion. Visit www.mikvahofeastdenver.org for membership, registration and to schedule an appointment.

Purim in the Persian Palace

Tuesday, March 7 ~ 5:00 pm

Delicious
Persian Cuisine

Entertainment
for Adults & Kids

Come in
Costume

Registration required
www.yidenver.org/purim2023

This Week in Jewish History

11 Adar 5680 (March 1, 1920)

Joseph Trumpeldor, a military leader and Zionist pioneer, passed away from mortal wounds sustained in battle in northern Israel while it was under British control. Trumpeldor, an early Zionist hero, was born in Piatygor'sk, Russia in 1880. He served in the Russian army and fought in the Russian-Japanese war in 1904, losing his left arm during the siege of Port Arthur and subsequently receiving a high Tsarist order of merit for his gallantry and zeal. After settling in Eretz-Israel in 1912, he was involved in the defense of Tel Hai, a settlement in the Galilee, against Arab attacks, during which he was fatally wounded. Along with seven other defenders, he lost his life, and it is said that one of his last words was, "It is good to die for one's country." (1)

18 Adar I 5700 (February 27, 1940)

Charles Rubenstein, who later changed his name to Dr. Sam Ruben, collaborated with Martin Kamen to discover the Carbon-14 isotope. By using a cyclotron accelerator at the University of California Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, Ruben and Kamen synthesized Carbon-14. This breakthrough paved the way for the development of radiocarbon dating, which has become the most widely utilized dating method in scientific research. (2)

20 Adar II 5109 (March 1, 1349)

On this day, riots broke out in Worms, Germany, causing the Jewish community to flee to Heidelberg or face violence and destruction. As a result, many homes and businesses were set on fire, and some Jews were killed. 420 people lost their lives, and their property was taken by the town. The riots left a lasting impact on Worms and its Jewish community.

1. <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/joseph-trumpeldor-1880-1920>
2. <https://aish.com/sam-ruben-discovers-radio-carbon-dating>
3. <http://thisdayinjewishhistory.blogspot.com>

Thank you to Avi Polotsky for compiling this section



MARCH 2023

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This Month

- 3/4- Morning Motivation at YI Denver at 10:30am
- 3/12 - Stories from a Survivor at Aish of the Rockies(9550 E Belleview Ave, Greenwood Village) at 2pm. For teens and parents. Register [here](#)
- 3/19 - Ski Trip Register: <https://southwest.ncsy.org/events/455654/Ski-Trip>
- 3/22-Rosh Chodesh Dinner at 507 S Pontiac Way 7pm-8pm
- 3/24-3/26-Shabbat Shabang. Details forthcoming

Recurring Events

- Latte & Learning**-410 S Colorado Blvd. 6pm-7pm on Wednesdays
- Frap n' Chat**-9347 East Chenango Ave., Greenwood Village
March 2 and 16: 11am-11:45am March 9 and 30: 1pm-1:45pm
- 3D**-4762 S Wabash St. 6pm-7pm on Mondays
- Beit Midrash Night**- 198 S Holly St. 6:30pm-7:30pm alternating Tues

Morning Motivation

This Shabbos @DAT Minyan at 10:30am for grades 6-12.

Enjoy hanging out with friends, kiddush, and add some motivation to your Shabbos morning.



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PURIM 5783/2023 SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 - TAANIT ESTHER

Fast begins: 5:14 am

Shacharit: 6:20 am

Mincha: 5:25 pm

Maariv: 6:20 pm

Fast ends: 6:34 pm

Megillah Reading: 6:40 pm

Break the Fast with Krispy Kreme Donuts!

Megillah Reading: 8:45 pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023 - PURIM DAY

Shacharit & Megillah Reading: 6:00 am

Megillah Reading: 9:30 am

Mincha: 4:45 pm

Purim Seudah (reservation only): 5:00 pm

Maariv: 7:15 pm

Join us for Teen - Preteen

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Yagdil Torah תורה

Bais Medrash Night

Choose from a variety of classes below or learn with a *chavrusa* and *shteig* with the *bais medrash* vibe!

- Rabbi Akiva Stern, "Torah Foundations from the weekly Parsha" (for men and women)
- Rabbi Avraham Dovid Karnowsky, "Talmud Chagiga" (for men)
- Rabbi Raphael Leban, "The Shine of Shabbos" (for men and women)
- Rabbi Shmuel Halpern, "Two Thousand Years of Learning: From Talmudic Texts to Modern Day Applications" (for men and women)
- Aliza Chernitzky, "Serenity and Strength Through Psalms" (for women)
- Or speak to Rabbi Chaim Sher, the Chavrusa Coordinator, to learn one on one.

Followed by catered refreshments and libations.

No charge to attend. Please consider sponsoring a Bais Medrash Night.

Contact Rabbi A.D. Karnowsky for more information, (917) 588-5786

Wednesdays, starting Mar 1
At The Jewish Experience

7:45PM to 8:45PM
399 S. Monaco Parkway