



Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech

September 9, 2023 ~ 23 Elul 5783

Rabbi Shmuel Halpern, Rabbi ~ Dr. Jonathan Fishman, President
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We look forward to you joining us this Shabbat!

Candle Lighting 7:01 pm

Havdallah 7:59 pm

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 7:00 pm

Shema should be recited after 8:01 pm

Shabbat

Mishna Berura Class 8:25 am

Shacharit: 9:00 am (with childcare)

Latest time for Shema is 9:45 am

Kiddush following services

Mincha: 5:45 pm

Community Seudah Shelishit 6:15 pm

at the Katz home (212 S Olive St, Lowry)

Maariv: 7:59 pm

Selichot begin this Motzei Shabbat.

Rabbi Halpern will speak at 12:35 am, followed by Selichot at 12:50 am

D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

The Jerusalem Talmud (Rosh Hashana 3:5) tells us that the words of the Torah are poor in one place and rich in another. We can only understand many statements of the Torah with the knowledge of a passage found elsewhere. "If so," asked Rabbi Chaim Shmulevitz (1902-1979), "how can one manage to study without an all-encompassing knowledge of Torah?"

"A person should first broaden his knowledge and then work to deepen their understanding (Avoda Zara 19a)." Without a broad knowledge base, it is difficult to gain a proper perspective, as many subjects in the Torah are found in several locations.

For Rabbi Shmulevitz, this was no theoretical question --- in his early twenties, he had memorized the entire library

of the Mir Yeshiva in Poland, not merely due to his great genius but also because of his tremendous effort and diligence. His recipe for success: learn, review, hit repeat thousands of times, and you'll be in business.

As inspiring as these ideas are, they make attaining vast Torah knowledge and greatness seem distant and unattainable, a notion that this week's Parsha dispels.

"This mitzvah isn't removed or distant from you. It isn't in the heavens or across the sea. Rather, it is exceedingly close to you; it is in your heart and mouth to fulfill it (30:11)." Netziv (1816-1893) explains that although the Torah is "wider than the land and deeper than the sea," it is uniquely tailored for each Jew.

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Davening Times for the Upcoming Week:

Shacharit

Sun: 8:00 am

Selichot M-Th at 6:00 am; F at 5:45 am

Mon, Thurs: 6:30 am

Tue, Wed, Fri: 6:35 am

Mincha

Sun - Fri: 6:55 pm

*All times are listed at
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D'var Torah (cont.)

Each one of us has his very own part in the Torah. At their root, our souls are connected to our portion of the Torah. Through serious focus and effort, we arrive at an understanding of the Torah that was intended for us all along. It is like reconnecting with an old friend — the close feelings come naturally.

While the Torah is distant from this world, and in truth, it **is** from the heavens, **so is the soul**. As a result, we all have a path cleared for us toward Torah greatness.

Maharal (Rabbi Yehuda Loew of Prague, d. 1609) explains that with the Torah, each part encompasses the entirety. On a deeper level, each word of the Torah is one with Hashem's **unified** Will and, as a result, one with all the other words of the Torah.

Take cells as an analogy. In addition to serving its unique purpose, each cell carries the DNA of the entire organism. Similarly, each letter in the Torah carries the entirety of the Torah within itself.

While we build our Torah knowledge one brick at a time, we will find that some styles and patterns of thought speak to us more than others. Listen to your heart; "A person will only learn (well) that which his heart desires (Avoda Zara 19a)."

Like our corresponding Torah letter is one with all Torah letters, each Jewish soul is inextricably bound up with all Jewish souls. When we delve deeply into our portion of the Torah, we learn to appreciate our viewpoint and the entire tapestry of Torah thought.

However, for the diversity of Jewish thought to form **one** tapestry, we must all be painting the same canvas. Imagine several art critics examining a work of art. Each has their perspective, but they're all looking at the same picture. Similarly, we should ensure that our "picture" of the Torah is the same one that Moshe and our ancestors saw at Sinai.

Read the Torah fast and slow, for only both paths together will grant us the proper Torah perspective that will immeasurably enrich our personal lives and bring us closer to each other.

"And they will all form one circle to do Your Will (R"H liturgy)." May that day come speedily, amen.

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High Holiday Registration



Lulav & Etrog Sets



YI Denver Announcements

- **Kiddush** following davening.
- **We will be joining the Community Seudah Shelishit at 6:15 pm** with composer and performer, Moshe Storch. Hosted by Aaron and Rivky Katz and Aish Kodesh at the Katz home (212 S. Olive St, Lowry). Mincha at YID is at 5:45 pm.
- **Selichot** begin Motzei Shabbat. Rabbi Halpern will speak at 12:35 am, followed by Selichot at 12:50 am.
- **Mazal Tov** to Aaron and Shoshana Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Raphael Natan. Mazal Tov to grandparents Michael and Barbara Schwartz, Aaron Rosenthal, Phyllis Winslow, and to great grandmother Esther Schwartz. The Schwartz family invites the community for a **Bar Mitzvah Kiddush** in honor of Raphael Natan this Shabbat at their house, 402 S Monaco Pkwy, starting at 12pm.
- **Mazal Tov** to Graeme and Irit Bean on the birth of a grandson, born to Yehuda and Talia Bloom.
- **Condolences** to Renee LaZar on the passing of her mother, Rosita LaZar, z”l.
- **High Holiday Registration** www.yidenver.org/hh2023.
- **Order your Lulav and Etrog** at www.yidenver.org/lulav2023. Deadline for ordering is Thursday, Sept 14.
- **Need help building your Sukkah?** Call Yoni Eckmann at 484-343-4294
- **Upcoming Scholars-in-Residence** We are excited to bring in Rabbi Shalom Hammer to YID for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur; and Rabbi Yitzchok Etshalom for Shmini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. More information to follow.
- **Merkaz 15th Annual Community Wide Evening of Inspiration**, “How to FORGIVE if you can’t FORGET” featuring the world renowned lecturer, Rabbi YY Jacobson. Thursday, September 21 at BMH-BJ Social Hall. Doors open 7:15 pm, program begins 7:30 pm. RSVP: \$25/person, \$36/family. At the door: \$36/person, \$50/family. Please RSVP by September 19 at merkaztorah.org or call 720 881 2741. YID is a proud co-sponsor of this event. See flier on page 7.
- **Watch Rabbi Halpern's one-minute Dvar Torah** video at www.yidenver.org/video-dvar

Members' Milestones



Eric Riemer, Dahlia Chertok, Avi Miller, Max Weiser, Joshua Sharf, Abigail Fishman

Refuah Shlemah

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

Aliza bat Batsheva	Mika Ester bat Adi	Shoshanah bat Miriam
Amalia Sarit bat Avram	Miriam Adina bat Sara	Stephanie bat Toby
Bella bat Malka	Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah	Tzvi Aryeh ben Necha Zissel
Chaya Sarah Miriam bat Esther	Naama	Yael bat Tamar
Daniel David Yitzchak ben Shulamit	Penina Devorah bat Shulamit Itka	Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa
Hannah bat Naomi Miriam	Rachel Yehudit bat Sarah Esther	Yosef ben Sarah Imenu
HaRav Benyomin Daniel ben Chaya	Ruchel Malkah bat Leah	Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya
Masha bat Rivka	Saige bat Hannah	Yosefa Peral Chana bat Rivkah Tziporah
Menasha Lev ben Yosepha	Sarah Rivka bat Rachel Leah	Yossef ben Dinah
Michael ben Bayla	Shalom Shimon ben Rachel	Ze'ev Shmuel ben Helena
Michael ben Sara	Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny	

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

Come Learn With Us

- **Mishna Berura Shiur** Join Rabbi Halpern Shabbat at 8:25 am. "*From Bees to the Runaway Dog: Trapping on Shabbos.*"
- **Women's Pre-Rosh Hashanah Program.** Sunday 9/10 at 9:30am featuring Liora Wittlin and Tzipi Perl. See flier on page 5
- **Beit Midrash Night** is on hiatus for the summer.
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package** mizrachi.org/hamizrachiweekly

Community Happenings

- The community is invited to an Oneg this Friday Night at 9:00 pm with composer and performer, Moshe Storch, at the home of Rabbi Akiva and Chani Stern, 528 South Magnolia Lane.
- Save the Date - Sept 27, Mizel Museum annual Babi Yar Remembrance Ceremony at Babi Yar Memorial Park.
- Pikes Peak Library District will host the *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Exhibit dates: Sept 5 - Oct 11. ppld.org/HolocaustExhibit
- Community Singles Mingle in the Sukkah, for singles 50+. Oct 3 at the BMH Sukkah, 6-8pm. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music, fun! RSVP by 9/29 at www.bmh-bj.org/event/singles-mingle.html
- 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.

This Week in Jewish History

23 Elul

Yahrzeit for the victims of the 9/11 terror attack.

Dove brings Olive Leaf to Noah (2105 BCE). On the 301st day of the great Flood, Noah sent a dove for the 2nd time from the ark. This time, the dove stayed away all day; "the dove came in to him in the evening, and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off; and Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth" (Genesis 8:11).

24 Elul

David HaMelech and Bat-Sheva marry.

Jews began clearing site in preparation of building the Second Beit HaMikdash, 520 b.c.e. The actual construction began exactly three months later, on Kislev 24.

Yahrzeit of the Chafetz Chaim, 1933.

25 Elul

First day of creation. Rosh Hashanah, on which we mark "the beginning of Your works", is actually the 6th day of creation, on which the world attained the potential for the realization of its purpose, with the creation of the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. Rosh Hashanah is therefore the day from which the Jewish calendar begins to count the years of history; the 1st day of creation thus occurred on the 25th of Elul of what is termed -1 from creation.

(444 b.c.e.) Nechemiya completes rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, which had been in ruins since the destruction of the First Temple by the Babylonians 88 years earlier.

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Liora has been teaching Judaic Studies for nearly 20 years to students of all ages and backgrounds. She currently serves as the Tanach Curriculum Coordinator at Denver Academy of Torah, and as an Instructional Coach for BetterLesson.

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TZIPI PERL:

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Tzipi is a talented musician and singer who has taught in regular and special education settings for 15 years. She currently teaches 2nd and 3rd grade Judaic Studies at Denver Academy of Torah, and is also the music teacher.

Fee: \$25
Location:
Kohelet House

**For location details
and registration:**

<https://bit.ly/rhwomensprogram>

YI Denver Presents

Rabbi Shalom Hammer



Scholar-in-Residence Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Rabbi Hammer: Rabbi Shalom Hammer returns to our shul once again after his popular visit with us in 2018. Rabbi Hammer serves as a senior lecturer for the Jewish Identity Branch of the IDF and is a dynamic speaker and Torah educator. He is the founder and director of Makom Meshutaf, which advocates tolerance and unity between religious and secular Jews in Israel through educational programs. Rabbi Hammer is a contributing writer for The Jerusalem Post, author of 10 books/seforim, and speaker for the Menachem Begin Heritage Center and communities world-wide. After his profound loss with the death of his daughter Gila from suicide, Rabbi Hammer decided to channel his grief by helping those with mental health challenges. He became a certified instructor for MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) as well as an advocate of mental health awareness and an educator regarding suicide prevention. He founded Gila's Way, a non-profit organization, to raise awareness and provide education/prevention resources for this important issue.



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Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom

Scholar-in-Residence Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Yitzchak Etshalom was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He attended Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavne, Rabbi Isaac Elhanan Theological Seminary and Yeshivat Har Etzion before receiving Semicha from the Chief Rabbi of Yerushalayim, Rabbi Itzhak Kolitz. Rav Etshalom has been a dynamic and exciting educator in the Los Angeles community since his return in 1985. His ability to reach out to today's youth and share with them his passion for Jewish learning and Jewish life has enriched many young lives. He launched the Beit Midrash program at YULA Girls High School as well as opening the Beit Midrash at Shalhevet, where he currently serves as Rosh Beit Midrash. Rav Etshalom directs the Tanach Masters Program at YULA Boys' High School as well as being a sought-after Scholar in Residence throughout the country. He lectures annually at the prestigious "Ymei Iyyun" Tanakh Seminar at Herzog College. In addition, he teaches Daf Yomi and a popular Navi series at the Young Israel of Century City and his podcasts on Daf Yomi (www.dafyomiyicc.org) have attracted an international following, as have his Tanakh podcasts (www.etshalom.com/podcast) which are also available at www.yutorah.org and at www.ou.org. His critically acclaimed series "Between the Lines of the Bible" is a methodological guide to the study of Tanakh. He currently writes a weekly lecture for Yeshivat Har Etzion's Virtual Beit Midrash on the book of Amos which will be published as part of the Koren Maggid Studies in Tanakh. Rabbi Etshalom lives in Los Angeles with his wife Stefanie and their children.

