



Tefilla Notebook

9 Av • Parshat Devarim

August 9-10, 2019

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SHABBAT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

7:35pm CANDLELIGHTING
 6:30pm MINCHA/KABBALAT SHABBAT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30am RABBI'S GEMARA SHIUR
 9:15am SHACHARIT
 6:00pm MINCHA
NO COMMUNAL SEUDAH SHLISHIT
 7:45pm STOP ALL EATING & DRINKING
 8:37pm SHABBAT ENDS
 8:45pm MA'ARIV FOLLOWED BY
 MEGILLAT EICHA

Tisha B'av Schedule

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:00am Shacharit/Kinot
 6:30pm Film Screening
 (Amnesia) in the Samson
 Family Social Hall
 7:45pm Mincha with tefillin
 & leining
 8:20pm Maariv followed
 by Havdalah

WEEKDAY DAVENING TIMES

Sun, August 11 8:00am & 7:45pm
 Mon, August 12 6:20am & 7:30pm
 Tues. August 13 6:30am & 7:30pm
 Wed. August 14 6:30am & 7:30pm
 Thu. August 15 6:20am & 7:30pm
 Fri. August 16 6:30am & 6:30pm

MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov
 to Jordan
 & Ilana
 Moss on the
 birth of their
 baby daughter,
Adeline Grace.
 MAZEL TOV to
 the grandparents
**Jonathan and
 Faye
 Kellerman.**

Dearest Members and Friends,

At 3am Thursday morning, Dvir Sorek, a yeshiva student from Ofra, was found stabbed to death close to Efrat in Gush Etzion. He was just 19 years old. His murderers – who have not yet been found – are presumed to be Arabs who kidnapped their victim at random, and then stabbed him multiple times until he was dead. Their motive – a pathological hatred of Jews.

Heartbreakingly, this horrific tragedy is the second terrorist murder to affect the Sorek family. Nineteen years ago, Dvir's grandfather, Rabbi Binyamin Herling, was murdered by Arabs who opened fire on a group of Israelis on a Chol Hamoed Sukkot trip to Mount Ebal, near Nablus.

Dvir's grieving father described him as "a kid with light in his eyes," and added that "whoever didn't know him missed out – he always helped the less fortunate around him who were in need of a friend."

There is something about murders motivated by hatred that stops everyone in their tracks. They are somehow more heinous, if that is possible, than murders motivated by greed or personal animosity. The thought that one human being can randomly kill another human being simply because of their religion or race is almost beyond comprehension. The preservation of human life as a moral objective is enshrined as the highest ideal of civilization, and even a soldier at war, or someone who kills in self-defense, is subject to the rule of law, and certainly to a moral code. The killing of an innocent person because of something they represent in a warped worldview is the absolute height of depravity, the twisted result of human intellect gone awry.

That is why the Holocaust is considered the most monstrous crime in human history. The industrialized scale of the Nazi killing-machine was fueled purely by hatred for Jews – who posed absolutely no threat to the Germans, or to anyone else for that matter. It stands out as the ultimate example of the moral depravity of those who kill for hate.

Ultimately, love always prevails over hate, and haters are left behind. Earlier this week, Holocaust survivor Shoshana Ovitz turned 104-years-old. She survived Auschwitz having seen her mother being led to the gas chambers, and having lost most of her family. After being liberated in 1945 she married Dov, another survivor, whose first wife and four daughters were also murdered by the Nazis. They moved to Haifa, where Dov became a poultry butcher and Shoshana worked as a seamstress.

Shoshana had one request from her family, as a gift for her 104th birthday – that all of them gather at the Kotel for a family photo. Remarkably, after overcoming a host of logistical issues, the family somehow pulled it off. Over 400 of her descendants came to Jerusalem and posed together, as Shoshana sat among them beaming, surrounded by her children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren. Some of them wept, overwhelmed by what they were experiencing, while the youngest descendants ran in and out of the family group, squealing with joy. It was a triumph of love, the ultimate victory against the hatred Shoshana experienced in Auschwitz, at the hands of those who murdered her family, her community, and so many millions of her fellow Jews.

The Talmud (Yoma 9b) records that the first Jerusalem Temple was destroyed as a result of the prevalence of paganism, immorality and murder among the Jews of ancient Israel, while the Second Temple's destruction was due to the widespread phenomenon of "senseless hatred". The Talmud's conclusion is that such hatred is equivalent to the three cardinal sins of Judaism. And even though the people who lived during the Second Temple period were engaged in Torah study, observed mitzvot, and engaged in numerous acts of kindness, says the Talmud, they were ultimately undermined by the rot of hatred. The message is that haters are bound for oblivion, while those who love will prevail.

It always strikes me that the period in the Jewish calendar known as the "three weeks", between the Fast of Tammuz and the Fast of Av, runs counter to Judaism's fixation with joy and the celebration of life. Why are we commemorating death and destruction so many thousands of years after they occurred? Aside from anything else, it is difficult to emotionally connect with a tragedy that happened so long ago, however appalling it was, and however central it is to Jewish identity.

The Jerusalem Talmud proposes (JT Yoma 5a) that "any generation in which the Temple is not rebuilt is considered to have destroyed it." This critique appears overly harsh if it is not put into context. What the Jerusalem Talmud is saying is that unless the causes of the destruction are properly addressed, the destructive cycle continues, which means that the Temple's absence is not an event that took place in the distant past, it is happening here and now, and we are the destruction's protagonists.

According to Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, the fact that our Temple was destroyed and the Jewish nation dispersed because of hatred means that the Temple can only be rebuilt and our people reunited in the land by disavowing hatred and promoting love. Both among ourselves and for the world, we must be ambassadors of love, calling out hatred and its ugly consequences, and trying to ensure that hate is identified as the underlying cause for so much pain and suffering. If we succeed, our generation can be the one that rebuilds the Temple. Surely that is a worthy goal.

Wishing you Shabbat Shalom and a great week ahead, Rabbi Pini Dunner

Sisterhood Corner

August

Look out for info on upcoming events soon.

Have a wonderful Shabbat and have and meaningful, inspirational and easy fast!

Cecile & Ruthie
Sisterhood
Co-Presidents

Membership renewal packets have been sent out to all current members. If you have any questions please contact the office. We recommend returning your packets as soon as possible to ensure that all high holiday seating requests can be accommodated.

Please note—even if your membership category includes seats you must advise the office how many seats you will be using over the high holiday period.

YAHRTZEITS

Aliza Elhiani
Aliza bat Masoud a"h
Mother of
Simon Elhiani
Yahrtzeit—15 Av

Sylvia Varon
Sara Bat Yehoshua a"h
Mother of
Sam Varon
Yahrtzeit—12 Av

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Carmit Baram
John Fogelman
Janice Kaufler
Ruth Kellerman
Barry Novack
Nathalie Paluch
Josh Ruimy
Harold Schloss
Deborah Thompson*



If you would like to join the Mincha/Maariv WhatsApp Group, please send a message to the Rabbi on Whatsapp at 310-499-3407

*If you have observed a yahrtzeit, or had a Birthday or Anniversary that was not listed in the Tefilla Notebook, please let us know so we can update our records.
Email office@yinh.org*

PAUL FEDER Z"l GEMARA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Dunner for his Gemara shiur on Shabbat morning 45 minutes before Shacharit.

לע"נ פנחס אליהו בן שמשון הלוי

WEEKLY PARSHA SHIUR

Join Rabbi Dunner each Wednesday morning at 8:30am for the weekly ladies Parsha Shiur as he explores the weekly Torah portion through the eyes of the classic commentators. **The class will not meet this week.** The next class will meet on Wednesday, August 21st 2019 at 8:30am.



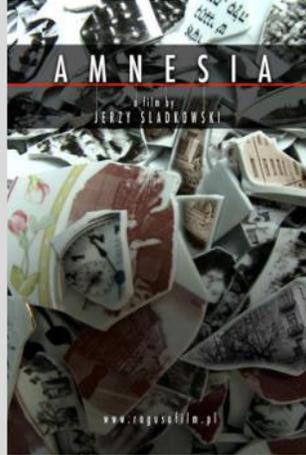
This year, Tisha B'Av (9th of Av) falls on Shabbat, August 10th, so the fast is pushed off until Sunday, August 11th.

- The fast is postponed until Sunday.
- Washing any part of one's body with hot water is forbidden on Shabbat.
- There is no special *Seuda Hamafseket* before the fast.
- Some of the laws of Tisha B'Av begin only at nightfall on Saturday night, instead of at sunset.
- Havdalah is postponed until Sunday night.
- One may not socialize on Shabbat Tisha B'Av, nor should one go on a recreational walk.
- Swallowing capsules or medical tablets or liquid medicine without water is permitted.
- We will not be holding a communal Seudah Shlishit at the Synagogue
- One must stop eating and drinking before sunset (7:45pm), since the fast begins at this time. People should be reminded about this, as it is unlike a regular Shabbat.
- One is permitted to say the Birkat Hamazon after 7:45pm.

TISHA B'AV

FILM SCREENING: **AMNESIA** Film Begins at 6:30pm
Samson Social Hall

AMNESIA combines the personal, political, and historical, tracing the horror of a pogrom committed against the Jewish residents of the Polish city of Kielce on the 4th of July, 1946. This atrocity was committed by their neighbors, fellow Poles of Kielce. This film seeks to gain some perspective on the Kielce Pogrom, an event that has been all but scrubbed from the history of Poland. The filmmaker searches for answers, even reflecting on his own family's complicity (and perhaps more) in the event.



Rav David Stav

Scholar in Residence September 13 - 14



Rabbi David Stav is the Chief Rabbi of the city of Shoham and the co-founder and chairman of Tzohar, an Israel organization that fosters vibrant and inspiring Jewish identity in order to guarantee the Jewish future of the State of Israel. Tzohar provides an array of Jewish lifecycle programs and services for hundreds of thousands of Israelis every year, shapes Jewish life in Israel through advocacy

and legislation, and cultivates an influential and responsive Religious Zionist leadership. With over 1,000 volunteers and a firm commitment to Jewish Law, Tzohar is a socially conscious movement securing an ethical, inclusive, and united Jewish society.

Rav Stav is a graduate of Yeshivat Mercaz Harav and holds semicha for dayanut from the Chief Rabbinate of Israel. He is a leading rabbinic figure in the Religious Zionist community in Israel, and was recently a front runner to become Israel's Chief Rabbi. He is a noted posek who has written halachic works which address cutting-edge issues at the intersection of Jewish law and modern life. He and his wife, Aviva, live in Shoham and have nine children.



AUGUST 18TH 6:30PM

- Results of the Member Surveys
- Security Briefing on new security improvements
- Review of the Gala
- Address from the Treasurer
- Address from the President

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TICKETS: \$18

PREMIER SEATS: \$35

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