

Welcome to the DAT Minyan

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Shabbat Davening Schedule

Erev Shabbat		Shabbat	
Mincha	5:55 pm	Early Minyan	7:30 am
Candlelighting	Not before 6:09 pm	Shacharit	9:00 am
	Not after 7:10 pm	Mincha	6:55 pm
		Havdalah	8:10 pm

Drasha: Rabbi Daniel Alter
"Drasha in the Dirt"

Shabbat Youth Groups

Program runs from 9:30 to end of davening
Supervised care begins at 9:00 am in Room 208

Age	Leader	Room
6 months - 4 years	Renee Renteria	205
5 years - 8 years	Avery Solomon and Rina Freedman	208
9 years and up	Max Rotbart	209

Service Times for the Upcoming Week

	Shacharit	Mincha/Ma'ariv
Sunday	8:00 am	7:10 pm
Monday	7:45 am	7:10 pm
Tuesday	6:20 am / 7:30 am	7:10 pm
Wednesday	6:00 am / 7:30 am	7:10 pm
Thursday	8:30 am	6:45 pm
Friday	8:30 am	5:50 pm

Selichot Begin Saturday Night at 12:30am
Rabbi Alter will teach a class "An Introduction to Selichot" at midnight right before Selichot

Welcome

- To everyone davening with us this Shabbat.
- To Aryeh and Judy Goldberg visiting this Shabbat

Mazel Tov

- To Aaron and Shoshana Schwartz on the birth of a baby boy.

We welcome Eli Daitchman as our High Holiday Chazzan

Eli Daitchman grew up in Kew Garden Hills, NY and now lives there with his wife, Nomi and his 2 daughters, Shevi and Gali. Eli comes from a musically talented family as his father and 4 brother all sing and his mother, Karen, has recorded 2 albums of her own. At 10 years old, Eli joined the Miami Boys Choir and sang on their Chanukah Album called Light Up the Nights and performed in venues such as Brooklyn College and Nassau Collesium. Since 2006, Eli has been a part of "The Chevra" and has recorded one album and has performed in New York, Toronto, Phoenix, London, and Sydney, Australia.

Adult Education Schedule

Shabbat	Topic	Time	Location	Teacher
	Nishmat Avraham	8:30 am	DAT	Rabbi Alter
	Women's Learning	5:30 pm	DAT	Daniella Last
	Daf Yomi	5:55 pm	DAT	Rabbi Frank
Sunday	Daf Yomi	7:00 am	DAT	Rabbi Frank
Monday	Daf Yomi	7:00 am	DAT	Rabbi Frank
Tuesday	Daf Yomi	5:30 am	DAT	Rabbi Frank
Wednesday	Daf Yomi	5:30 am	DAT	Rabbi Frank
	Parshat Hashavua	8:30 pm	Call for loca-	Rabbi Amsel
Thursday	Daf Yomi	5:45 pm	DAT	Rabbi Frank
Friday	Daf Yomi	4:50 pm	DAT	Rabbi Frank

Shul & Community News

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Drasha in the Dirt: Weather permitting, after davening, we will walk outside to Ekar farm where Rabbi Alter will explain why the farm had to be closed out of the eruv.

Shabbat Afternoon Women's Learning (SHAWL) SHAWL will meet this week at 5:30pm at DAT. Daniella Last will be teaching.

High Holiday Youth Programming- We need parent volunteers for 30 minute shifts to help with various aspects of youth programming on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Please contact Sally Alpert or Barbara Silberman if you can help.

Mazel Tov The community is invited to a vort for Chana Leah Battalora and Jeff Wilson on Monday, September 6 from 8-10 pm at the home of Mark Brooks and Terry Samuel, 7055 East Bayaud. Please book your babysitters, as parents are asked not to bring children.

High Holidays 5771

Registration due by Sunday 9/5

Forms are online at www.datminyan.org/hh10

Questions? Please speak with Aaron Segall or Dovid Friedman

Shabbat Afternoon Learning Groups

If you and your child are interested in joining or creating a new learning group please speak with Rabbi Alter or Susie Sharf

Leader	Age	Time	Location
Rabbi Alter	5th-7th Boys Mishna	45 min before Mincha	DAT
Nathan R	8th-10th Boys Gemara	75 min before Mincha	Rabinovitch
Dan B	4th-5th Boys Mishna	60 min before Mincha	DAT
Aryeh F	7-8th Girls Kehati Mishna	On Summer Break	Not Meeting
Benjy/ Craig	5th-6th Girls Mishnayot	After Mincha	DAT
David S	Family Yehoshua	60 min before Mincha	Slamowitz

Parashat Hashavuah: Thought-Altering Actions

Rav Shaul Yisraeli, Si'ach Shaul, p. 539

“He [the sinner] will bless himself in his heart, saying, ‘I will have peace ki in the desires of my heart I shall go’” (Devarim 29:18). The simplest meaning of ki in context would be, despite –things will be good even if I do bad. However, that is not one of the word, ki’s, meanings. The standard meaning, because, is difficult, as why should following one’s heart make one think that he will succeed. It is also difficult why the person’s attitude seems to be more troublesome than the bad actions themselves. In fact, later on (ibid.:24) it seems that the punishment comes due to the actions.

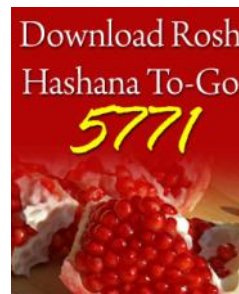
Commentaries struggled with the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart, as it should have exempted him from punishment. The Rambam (Teshuva 6:3) says that the hardening was part of the punishment. However, it is difficult why he needed the hardening, as there was so much to punish for in his past behavior. The Ramchal (Derech Hashem 5:1) explains that the “image of G-d” that man has means that man can reach levels that are innate to the Divine by wrestling with and subduing the evil inclination. One of the inclination’s trick’s is to blind the person so that he should not see alternative actions, like a drug addict who stops believing that he can stop being a drug addict. When we infer from the Torah that certain sins pollute the heart, it means that one stops sensing the battle and happily continues to do the sin without noticing the alternatives.

We distinguish between people who act properly and run to good things and those who unfortunately run to bad things (Berachot 28b). One who has developed a proclivity to sin is like one who runs to sin and thereby creates a dependency on sin. The worst thing is for one to become like a robot who can no longer decide on his actions but is almost forced into the actions or like an addict who knows he is destroying himself but cannot stop. It is actually the performance of sins that makes the person’s heart hard, as one sin brings on another until the sinner develops an ideology of sin that denies other approaches. He forgets the idea of being able to strive for being in the “image of G-d.” But man is in the image of G-d, as Hashem breathed into us a “soul of life” (Bereishit 2:7). Moshe repeated over and over in Sefer Devarim that we have freedom to choose goodness.

This is what the Torah meant by “because in the desires of my heart I shall go.” The sinner says that he will not be punished because there is no alternative to the way he is acting, as he is addicted. The fact that he acted as he wanted pushed him into that position. Therefore, that which infuriates Hashem is the statement that I will follow what I want, for from that point on, there appears to be little hope to do otherwise.

However, hope in the form of teshuva (repentance) always exists and, in fact, is close and “in your mouth and heart to do it” (Devarim 30:14). If we can look past the façade that the evil inclination spreads out before us we will see that the path to repentance is much closer than we could see.

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Community Events

Save the Date! On Wednesday, September 15, **Merkaz Torah v'Chesed** in conjunction with Midwest Agudah Yisroel Council of Synagogue Rabbonim will be bringing to Denver renowned speaker Rabbi Bentzion Twerski of Milwaukee for an inspiring uplifting Teshuva Drasha. More details to come!

Hillel Academy Esrog and Lulav Sale – Esrogim available in a variety of prices ranging from Chazon Ish and Alef to chinuch/teaching sets, with or without pitom. . Erev Sukkos is Wednesday, Sept. 22! Place your order by Friday, Sept. 2 to guarantee your order. Pick and choose your Esrog and Lulav at the Open Market on Sunday, Sept. 19th from 10 am to 6 pm. All other sets will be put together and available for pickup on Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 20-21st from 9am to 5 pm, and erev Sukkos, Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 8 am to 2 pm. Call 303-333-1511 to place your order.

These announcements are provided as a community service. Please know that the DAT Minyan has not officially endorsed any of the news or events in these announcements, and may decide from time to time to exclude all or part of a proposed announcement.

Please help make our tefilot meaningful by refraining from talking during davening

Please include the following names in your prayers, and may each be granted a **Refuah Shleimah**. Names will be kept on the list until next Rosh Chodesh, unless otherwise noted.

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| • Yenta bat Gittel | • Bila bat Alta Leah |
| • Miriam Tova Chaya bat Chanah | • Simcha Hadasah bat Sarah |
| • Leah Aviva Bat Raitza Bryna | • David ben Golda |
| • Rochel D'vorah bat Ahuva | • Eliezer Avraham ben Tzvia |
| • Miriam | • Rochel bas Sarah |
| • Avraham Shalom ben Henna | • Chaim Michael Yitzchal ben Esther Vichna |
| • Rav Simcha Moshe ben Esther Tzirel | • Aliza bat Batsheva |
| • Dovid Shlomo ben Sheva Rische | • Miriam Rochel bat Chana |
| • Efrayim Leib ben Alta Chana | • Chava bat Tzvia |
| • Channah bat Gittel | |
| • Chanah bat Sarah | |
| • Zlata Feige bat Bassy Chaya | |
| • Shmuel Yaakov ben Rochel | |
| • Channa Rochel bat Henna | |

Good Shabbos!

- ◇ To submit an announcement, please send your request by **noon Wednesday** to: post@datminyan.org
- ◇ Visit us online at: <http://www.datminyan.org>
- ◇ Check Eruv status at: <http://www.denvereruv.org>

DAT Minyan: A dynamic and friendly Modern Orthodox synagogue for all ages dedicated to meaningful prayer, personal spiritual development, community growth, youth involvement, Torah education and Religious Zionism

Aseret Yemai Teshuva Remembrance Program

Thursday
September 16, 2010
1PM

Babi Yar Memorial Park
(Havana Street & Yale)

Sponsored by:
Allied Jewish Apartments, Mizel
Museum & the YIZKOR project

Thursday, September 16, 2010 (8 Tishrei 5771) marks the sixty-ninth Yartzheit of the murders of 33,771 men, women and children by the Nazis and their Ukrainian accomplices at Babi Yar.



Volunteers Needed

Bikur Cholim of Denver is looking for volunteers to serve on their board. This is an organization that helps support families who have members who are ill, often from out of town and here for extended periods of time. Examples of services offered include usage of a bikur cholim apt, driving family members to and from the hospital, providing meals, providing Shabbat hospitality and visiting shut ins. If you are interested in participating please speak to Rabbi Alter or call Dona Oliner at 303 916 9476

Baby Gemach

The baby Gemach offers donated baby equipment to the Jewish community. It is available on a short (maybe your grandchild is visiting for a Yom Tov) or long term basis to be enjoyed as long as you need it. Then, if it is still in good condition, to be returned for the next happy family.

Inventory as of 9-1-10

full size cribs-- 1 white wood, 1 pale yellow wood
crib- small portable bassinets; infant carseats;
toddler carseats; white changing table with 2 shelves and 1
drawer; exersaucers; strollers - single and double
swings- 1 freestanding with frame, 1 clamps to door frame
and bounces; high chair; bed rail to fit under long side of mat-
tress; red aluminum bed frame for toddler, crib mattress fits
inside.

wish list: pack-n-plays, booster seats.

For more information or to make a donation contact Sherry Margulies cell 720-341-3676 or e-mail sherry-marg@aol.com . Special arrangements can be made for pickups and drop offs at DAT and Hillel for those who might live out of the Denver area.

- *A man wonders if his dying father should remain on life support.
What would you do?*
- *A parent wonders if they should tell their child he has a potentially serious genetic disorder.
What would you do?*
- *A woman wonders if she's morally obligated to give a kidney to her cousin who has to undergo dialysis daily.
What would you do?*

Chances are, like most people, you don't know what you would do — or even where you would turn for guidance. But with medicine's increasing role in our lives, most of us will have to face such issues at some point or another.

That's why you'll want to know about a remarkable new course called **Medicine and Morals: Your Jewish Guide through Life's Tough Decisions**. It's based on two premises: (1) that Jewish wisdom has much to say about these matters; and (2) that the best time to deal with them is now, while the pressure is off.

Actually, there's a third premise: that today's complex medical issues are fascinating, profound, and likely to kick up amazingly lively classroom discussion.

No easy questions. No easy answers. Medicine and Morals, is your chance to get real with the subject of medical ethics — discuss actual case histories, and get a sense of direction to weather the toughest challenges you'll ever face.

**Medicine and Morals: Your Jewish Guide through Life's Tough Decisions, coming this October to DAT—
taught by Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski
www.myjli.com to sign up and more info**

*Please note this class will not rule in any practical halachic issue.
That is a decision for a family and their Rabbi.*

Did you know?

Etahnu Home Health is a Joint Commission accredited home health organization. Individually designed nursing, therapy and other clinical support services are delivered in the comfort of each client's own home throughout the Denver metropolitan area. Please call 303-627-9000 for information. Inspired by Shalom Park.