

# So... What's Nu ? Mazeltoiv!

## Births

Ricky and Carly Hurwitz on the birth of a son  
Martin and Babette Strauss on the birth of a grandson  
Danny and Carla Blumberg on the birth of a son  
Bernard and Anne Tanner on the birth of a grandson  
Jarren and Mandy Hurwitz on the birth of twins

## Birthday

Avrom Krengel on the occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Tzvi Stanislavsky

Warm welcome to Tzvi Stanislavsky – a well known Educator from Israel. He will address the community after the Kiddush

## Shabbat Mevarachim & Rosh

### Chodesh Menachem Av

Is on Thursday and Friday night  
(Molad: Friday 13 July - 6.49 and 8 Chalakim)

## Got a Halachic Question?

Need a quick answer?  
Sms or WhatsApp Rabbi Shaw on  
0726966535 or e-mail  
davidshaw@sandtonshul.co.za

## Our Sandton Jolly Seniors Club

Join Rabbi Shaw every Wednesday morning for a fun filled inspirational morning!

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

Time: 10h00

Venue: Games Room

## Condolences

Pearl Friedman on the loss of her husband  
Alan and Loren Bak on the loss of their sister-in-law

## Davening Times

### Shacharit

Monday and Thursday – 06h00 & 06h45  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 06h15 & 06h45

Sundays and Public Holidays – 07h00  
Mincha – 17h15

### Rosh Chodesh / Fast Day / Chol Hamoed

1st Minyan – Davening will commence a 05h45 throughout the week  
2nd Minyan – Davening will commence at 06h30 throughout the week

## SECURITY

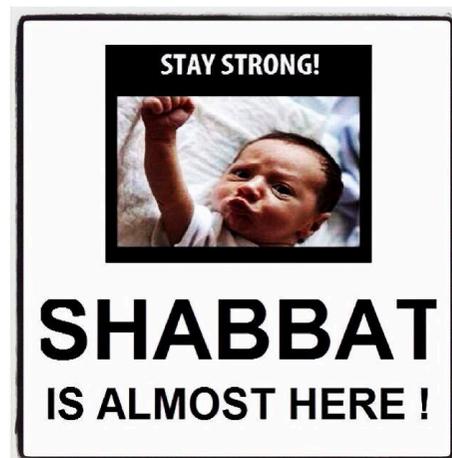
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# Make the Connection

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7 July 2018

24 Tammuz 5778

Candle Lighting: 5.11pm  
Parshat Pinchas  
Mincha: 4.45pm  
Havdalah: 6.03pm  
Haftarah: Avrom Krengel



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## SandtonShul

## Dvar Torah

The Torah states, "And the Almighty spoke to Moshe saying: Pinchas the son of Eliezer, the son of Aharon the priest has turned away my anger from the Children of Israel in that he was zealous for My sake among them, so that I did not consume the Children of Israel in My jealousy" (Numbers 24:10,11). Why does the Torah add the words "among them" which are seemingly extra? The great commentator Alshich explains that the seemingly extra words "among them" are to focus us on the fact that Pinchas's zealous action was not very popular among the people; there were those who were ready to kill him for his zealousness! Nevertheless, Pinchas was ready to sacrifice everything to do the will of the Almighty. He took action even though many people disapproved of what he did. There are many instances in life in which the correct thing to do is not always the most popular. For example, if a group of people are speaking loshon hora (gossip) against others, they usually do not appreciate someone's telling them to stop talking negatively. However, a person whose focus is on doing the will of the Almighty will not be deterred even if others will insult him for his behavior. By Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

## Seven principles for maintaining Jewish dialogue

By Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks

This last Sunday was the Fast of Tammuz, and with it begins the period of mourning in the Jewish calendar called the Three Weeks, leading up to the saddest day in the year, the Ninth of Av. Twice Israel suffered defeat and exile. The first — the conquest of the northern kingdom followed a century and a half later by the destruction of the First Temple and the Babylonian exile — was a direct consequence of the division of the kingdom into two after the death of Solomon. The second — defeat at the hands of the Romans and the destruction of the Second Temple — was the result of intense factionalism and internal strife, *sinat chinam*. Today, across the Jewish world, there remains much internal conflict. When individual Jews or groups of Jews have disagreements, as inevitably happens, we have to find ways to overcome them respectfully, to ensure we continue to thrive as a people. To that end, I have set out below what I regard as seven of the key principles for maintaining Jewish dialogue. I hope some, or all of them, speak to you.

**PRINCIPLE 1:** Keep talking, even when you disagree. The more you talk, the more you are likely to eventually find a way to work together. **PRINCIPLE 2:** Listen deeply to one another. Hear what

your opponent is saying. Listening is profoundly therapeutic. It is also deeply spiritual. The good news about the Jewish people is that we're among the world's best speakers. The bad news is that we're among the world's worst listeners. This has to change. *Shema Yisrael*, the great command, means, "Listen, Israel." **PRINCIPLE 3:** Always be humble and modest by striving to understand the point of view with which you disagree. That was the way of Hillel. It remains the first rule of conflict management. **PRINCIPLE 4:** Never seek victory. Never ever seek to inflict defeat on your opponents. If you seek to inflict defeat on your opponent, your opponent – such is human psychology – will seek to retaliate by inflicting defeat on you. The end result will be that even if you win today, you will lose tomorrow, and, in the end, everyone will lose. Don't think in terms of victory and defeat. Think in terms of what is best for the Jewish people. **PRINCIPLE 5:** If you show contempt for other Jews, they will show contempt for you. If you show respect for other Jews, they will show respect for you. If you seek respect, give respect. **PRINCIPLE 6:** Remember that the ultimate basis of Jewish peoplehood is "*Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*", "All Jews are responsible for one another". We may not agree on anything, but we remain a single extended family. If you disagree with a friend, tomorrow he or she may no longer be your friend. But if you disagree with a family member, tomorrow he or she is still part of your family. Being a family is what keeps us together. We don't need to agree with each other, but we do need to care about each other. **PRINCIPLE 7:** God chose us as a people. He didn't choose only the righteous; He chose all of us. It is as a people we stand before God, and it is as a people we stand before the world. The world doesn't make distinctions, anti-Semites don't make distinctions. We are united by a covenant of shared memory, shared identity, and shared fate, even if we have differing perspectives on our faith. The Sages said that the Torah was given to make peace in the world. How can we, the Jewish people or the State of Israel, be at peace with the world if we are unable to live at peace with ourselves? Bear this in mind the next time you are tempted to walk away from some group of Jews that you think has offended you. We are each called on to make some effort, some gesture, to listen to one another, to forgive one another, and to stay together as an extended, almost infinitely varied family. That is the only ultimate *tikkun* for the echoing grief of the Three Weeks that has haunted our history and reverberates still.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Carmella Leah Tehillim Group

Will meet on Sunday morning at 9am in the Youth Centre

### Back to Basics - A Brand New 6 Part Series

A fascinating journey into the Laws, Customs, Traditions and Myths about all the major events in

our *Life Cycle* Topic: Bar/Bat Mitzvah

By Rabbi David Shaw

Tuesday Nights @ 7.30pm in the Upstairs Shul

Men and Women welcome / Refreshments will be served

## Ladies Guild

Please consider volunteering to assist with our Brochas – Contact Kirsty Ross – 083 3919600

### Important Notice

### Main Shul Seating for High Holy Days

If you have requested a change in your Yom Tov seats or if you have any questions regarding your current seats, please contact Harelle – [harelle@sandtonshul.co.za](mailto:harelle@sandtonshul.co.za)

## FUNNY THINGS: Gladys Goes to Shul

Gladys Dunn started reading some books about Judaism and decided that she wanted to start going to shul. There was one near her house so she went early one Shabbat morning.

The shul itself was beautiful and the people seemed friendly but the Rabbi's sermon seemed to go on and on. Worse, it wasn't very interesting. Glancing around, she saw many in the congregation nodding off.

Finally, it was over. After the service, she turned to a still sleepy-looking woman next to her, extended her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn."

She replied, "You and me both!"



People blame others because there is only one other possibility

Date	Earliest time for Tallit & Tefillin	Latest time for Shema	Sunset
5 July	6:06:31 AM	9:33:52 AM	5:28:40 PM
6 July	6:06:30 AM	9:33:55 AM	5:29:03 PM
7 July	6:06:28 AM	9:33:58 AM	5:29:28 PM
8 July	6:06:25 AM	9:34:01 AM	5:29:53 PM
9 July	6:06:21 AM	9:34:02 AM	5:30:18 PM

