

So... What's Nu ? Mazeltoiv!

Births

Russel and Angela Lurie on the birth of twin great granddaughters

Engagements

Michael and Diana Berman on the occasion of their daughter Kerry's engagement to Phillip son of Neil and Eva Berelowitz

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

Alicia Tucker on the loss of her father

Pierre Edery on the loss of his sister

Jack Edery on the loss of his sister

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 at 05h45 throughout the week

2nd Minyan – Davening will commence at 06h30 throughout the week

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Make the Connection

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Candle Lighting: 5.17pm
Parsha: Devarim
Shabbat Chazon
Mincha: 12.41pm
Havdalah: 6.09pm



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Shabbat Shalom.

This Shabbat is actually the 9th of Av which is really the saddest day in our year. The magic of Shabbos though, allows us no mourning practices and we push off the fast until Saturday night and Sunday. I thought to share with you the times and some of the details of these coming days.

Mincha on Friday afternoon is at 5:15pm and Kabbalat Shabbat as usual is at 6pm.

We are so fortunate to have the internationally acclaimed author, motivational speaker and master storyteller, Rabbi Hanoch Teller as our scholar in residence over Shabbat and Sunday. Rabbi Teller will deliver the sermon on Friday night and will speak to the kehilla again after Kiddush on Shabbat morning.

There are a few differences from our usual Shabbat program.

As the fast of Tisha Be'av follows immediately after Shabbat we will not be having the 3rd meal at Shul and will daven Mincha after the guest Rabbi's talk at around 12:41pm. As it is Shabbat there is no Seudat Ha'mafseket (last meal), no bagels and eggs while sitting alone on the floor to begin the fast! And, because it is Shabbat we can eat even meat and drink wine, right until sunset which is when the fast begins. Sunset is at 5:33pm. Nothing to eat or drink from then onwards, until Sunday evening at 6pm.

Shabbos comes out at 6:09pm and say these words before changing out of your shoes into non-leather shoes. **BARUCH HAMAVIDIL BEIN KODESH LECHOL. BLESSED BE HE WHO DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN THAT WHICH IS HOLY AND THAT WHICH IS PROFANE.** Saying this formula will allow us to take out Shabbat and be able to drive to Ma'ariv at Shul which will begin at 6:30pm. If you are able you should sit on a low stool or the ground. You can use a cushion. As well as not eating, nor drinking, no anointing, intimacy nor wearing leather shoes till after the fast and no greeting one another until Sunday after noon. When washing your hands in the morning or after using the bathroom wash only until your knuckles.

We will the make a blessing over a candle just before we read the book of Eicha (Lamentations) to its special and soulful melody and then Rabbi Teller will speak to the community at 7pm.

SHABBAT CHAZON 20-21 JULY AND TISHA B'AV 21-22 JULY
WITH RABBI HANOCH TELLER
INSPIRATIONAL STORYTELLER, FILMMAKER & AUTHOR OF 28 BOOKS

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THE JEWISH JOURNEY FROM TISHA B'AV TO ELUL

4 UNMISSABLE SANDTON SHUL EXPERIENCES

SHABBAT 24 AUGUST
WITH RABBI PROFESSOR DANIEL WEISBOWITZ
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SHABBAT 30 AUGUST
WITH RABBI DR AKIVA TATZ
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Following his address we will screen the first of the Chofetz Chayim videos which are always inspirational and impactful. The speakers this year are Rabbis Shmuel Kamenetzky, Elimelech Biderman, Yissocher Frand and Pesach Krohn. We are really quite spoiled!

Shacharit in the Main Shul will begin at 8am. No Tallit and Tefillin until Mincha. We will say selected Kinot with some explanations followed by the second Chofetz Chayim video. We will also go through some of the stories of the destruction of Jerusalem through the eyes of the Gemara.

Mincha (with Tallit and Tefillin) at 4:30pm followed by a talk by Rabbi Teller at 5pm and Ma'ariv at 5:40pm. The Fast is over at 6pm.

There will be nice fresh babkas and something to drink in the games room directly after the fast.

We do need to make Havdalah before eating on Sunday evening. We make only 2 blessings. Borei Pri Ha'gafen over wine (or grape juice) on Page 618 in the Artscroll Siddur and Ha'mavdil on Page 620. Some still say Havdalah on beer.

Almost there... Still no meat, wine (except for Havdalah), and no music until Monday morning however, bathing, washing clothing and haircuts are fine already on Sunday night. If you have any questions about fasting or in fact about anything please call me on 0726966535 or WhatsApp.

And then we move from darkness to light, from Av to Elul. We have the most amazing and inspiring array speakers each week over the next month. **Extraordinary Encounters** with something for everyone. I will send you the posters. Don't miss out on these golden opportunities for growth for you and your families.

If you are able to fast, go for it! I wish you a light and meaningful fast.

G d bless you! G d bless our Community! G d bless Israel!

Rabbi David Shaw

I thought that the beautiful little piece that follows is particularly appropriate for Tisha Be'av as so much pain, suffering, even destruction comes through speech.

A WORD

A careless word may kindle strife:
A cruel word may wreck a life,
A bitter word may hate instill:
A brutal word may smite and kill,
A gracious word may smooth the way:
A joyous word may light the day,
A timely word may lessen stress:
A loving word may heal and bless!

LIFE IS LIKE A PIANO; THE WHITE KEYS REPRESENT HAPPINESS AND THE BLACK SHOWS SADNESS. BUT AS YOU GO THROUGH LIFE'S JOURNEY, REMEMBER THAT THE BLACK KEYS ALSO MAKE MUSIC.

“Quote of the Week”

Great opportunities come to those who
make the most of the small ones

Devarim

This week we begin the last of the Five Books of Moses, Devarim ("Words"). In English, it is called Deuteronomy from the Greek meaning "Second Law", from deuterios "second" + *nomos* "law", perhaps because Moshe repeats many of the laws of the Torah to prepare the Jewish people for entering and living in the Land of Israel. The Book is the oration of Moshe before he died. Moshe reviews the history of the 40 years of wandering the desert, reviews the laws of the Torah and gives rebuke so that the Jewish people will learn from their mistakes. Giving reproof right before one dies is often the most effective time to offer advice and correction; People are more inclined to pay attention and to take it to heart. Moshe recalls what happened at Mt. Sinai, the appointment of judges and administrators, the story of the spies, the prohibition to attack Edom and Moav, the defeat of the Kings Sichon and Og, and how the land of Gilad was given to the tribes of Reuven, Gad and half of the tribe of Menashe.

Dvar Torah by Rabbi Zelig Pliskin

The Torah portion begins with the words: "These are the things which Moses spoke to all of Israel" (Deut. 1:1). The Torah then enumerates what is seemingly a list of places the Jewish people had traveled. The Siphre elucidates that out of respect for the Jewish people, Moses alluded to their transgressions by the name of each place, without being explicit. What can we learn from this? Rabbi Yehuda Leib Chasman of the famed Hebron Yeshiva comments that a person who is sincerely interested in self-improvement and growth only needs a slight hint that he has done something wrong in order to realize that he needs to improve. Such a person looks for opportunities to make positive changes in himself and uses his own ability to think to fill in the details when someone gives him a hint that he has made a mistake. The Jewish people only needed a hint. The goal of life are to improve and to be the best that you can be. Just like a person interested in becoming rich will use any tip if he thinks it will be of financial benefit, so should we look for messages which will help us improve. Rabbi Yisroel Salanter once asked a shoemaker why he was working so late and with an almost extinguished candle. Replied the shoemaker, "As long as the candle is still burning it is possible to accomplish and mend." From this Rabbi Salanter understood that "as long as the light of the soul is still going, we must make every effort to accomplish and to mend."