



# KETER TORAH SHABBAT NOTES

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Parashot Matot-Masei

Shabbat Mevarchim

July 17 - 18, 2020 / 26 Tammuz

Please [click here](#) to register for a minyan and for cycle three guidelines. Our third cycle continues this week.

**Shabbat minyanim – Participants must reregister each week for Shabbat-only minyanim. Registration begins Motzei Shabbat.**

o Password: KeterTorah5780

o Deadline: Wednesday, July 22, at 9:30pm for Shabbat-only minyanim on July 24–25

Yomim Noraim before the Nine Days from Rabbi Baum

I have never offered thoughts regarding Rosh Hashana in the same Shabbat Notes in which I disseminate guidelines for the Nine Days. Yet this year, because our concept of time has become disoriented, we want to do our best to plan a healthy and uplifting Yomim Noraim experience for our membership. We are committed to making you feel part of the Keter Torah community for the 5781 Yomim Noraim. We will be as creative as possible in using our magnificent shul campus, and perhaps beyond, to find a place for everyone who chooses to join us physically this year. Amazingly, but not surprisingly, many of our members have come forward with messages of encouragement and offers of assistance as we continue to formulate and evaluate our options for this crucial time period of spiritual ascent and family bonding.

Although we continue to pray for rapid improvement and recovery, it is currently unimaginable that we will be able this year to seat 1300 people simultaneously inside the shul, close to each other, and without wearing masks. However, this will not stop us from creating as many spaces as possible, including ones for you and your family. We will also do what is necessary to provide a meaningful experience for those who choose to stay home this year or perhaps to only come out for Shofar blowing or for other selected services.

In the coming days, you will receive a Yomim Noraim 5781 survey. Your responses will be helpful, and you are absolutely not bound by your responses. In this time of uncertainty, none of us can guarantee what will happen more than two months from now. The survey will also include a comments section for additional thoughts.

Based on conversations I have had with many members who have reached out to offer support, encouragement and the deep desire to connect to Hashem, my questions were formulated to address two main goals:

#1) How can we provide a safe space for as many people who are interested and able to physically participate?, and

#2) How can we be a fundamental spiritual asset that can make these Days of Awe inspiring to every individual in our shul community, despite being different from anything we have experienced before?

Our Parshiot this Shabbat, recalling the many stops along the way to Israel, remind us that we are still on a journey towards clarity. We often find this lucidity in the confines of a Beit Knesset, a sanctuary in which we anchor ourselves to confront such challenges. Even after the destruction of the Beit Hamikdash, synagogue buildings, unlike private homes, were not required to have a designated unfinished area on the wall to commemorate the destruction (Ber Halacha Shulchan Aruch Orach Chaim 560). I believe that the message is that, in the face of destruction, we find solace and comfort in the Mikdash Me'at that to us is closest in context and purpose to the Beit Hamikdash. It is our prayer that, as we get closer to the Yomim Noraim, we will gain greater access to and inspiration from the holy building and the campus at 600 Roemer Avenue.

**Recording of Yael Weil's Parsha shiur from this week:** [Parsha Shiur with Yael Weil](#) and [source sheets](#)  
**Recording of Rabbi Baum's Daf Hashavua shiur from this week:** [Yevamos daf 9](#)

## Shabbat Schedule for Home

### Friday

**6:53pm** – Plag HaMincha

- Those accepting Shabbat at Plag HaMincha must complete Mincha before 6:53pm and can daven Ma'ariv after 6:53pm

**7:00pm** – Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

- Families who daven Mincha at 7:00pm should light candles by 7:15pm

**8:06pm** – Candle Lighting

**8:10pm** – Mincha / Kabbalat Shabbat

- The bracha "Me'ein sheva" (including Magen Avot) is omitted when davening alone; Vayichulu is said, followed by Aleinu

### Shabbat

**Shacharit** – You may want to daven Shacharit at the same time that you typically do on Shabbat, or say the Amida of Shacharit at Netz, which is 5:40am

**9:21am** – Latest Shma

- Brich Shmei is not recited when davening alone
- Only the first paragraph of Yikum Purkan is recited when davening alone
- Birchat HaChodesh is said; Rosh Chodesh Av is on Wednesday
- The molad for chodesh Av will be on Monday afternoon at 10 minutes and 15 chalokim after 1pm
- Rosh Chodesh Menachem Av yi'hi'yeh bayom HaRevi'i haba aleynu v'al kol Yisrael l'Tova
- Av HaRachamim is not recited

**1:39pm** – Earliest Mincha

- Rabbi Baum will recite the Keil Maleh prayer for those observing yartzeit from 26 Tammuz – 3 Av

**8:24pm** – Sunset (finish Mincha before sunset)

**9:07pm** – Ma'ariv

**9:13pm** – Shabbat ends

## Guidelines for Sunday through Thursday, July 19 – July 23

Rosh Chodesh is on Wednesday

- Tachanun is not recited Tuesday afternoon at Mincha or on Wednesday at Shacharit and Mincha
- Recite Ya'aleh v'Yavo in Shemoneh Esrei; half-Hallel; Musaf for Rosh Chodesh

**Mincha:** Earliest time to daven Mincha

Sunday, July 19, through Wednesday, July 22 – 1:39pm      Thursday, July 23 – 1:38pm

**Sunset:** Finish davening Mincha before sunset

Sunday and Monday – 8:23pm; Tuesday – 8:22pm; Wednesday – 8:21pm; Thursday – 8:20pm

**Ma'ariv:** Daven Ma'ariv after sunset

## **Mazal Tov**

- To Dassi & Joey Silverman on the engagement of their daughter, Yonina, to Gabi Rosenthal, son of Tirtza Rosenthal and Doug Rosenthal.
- To Trudy & Toddie Levine on the birth of a great-grandson to parents Avital & Betzalel Cohen.
- To Sharon & Michael Kronenberg on the birth of a grandson, to parents Elisheva & Aron Weinraub.
- To El-Ad Eliovson on publishing the book *COVID Survivors Kinot*, available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and ebook on [lulu.com](https://www.lulu.com).

## **Getting Ready for Tisha B'Av, if necessary – From Rabbi Baum**

- Although we will likely be outside the shul in two weeks, I am sharing some information about special in-person and Zoom programming for Eicha & Kinot.
- There will be a live broadcast from the shul tent minyan of the reading of Eicha. More information to follow.
- Anyone who would like to have an ArtScroll Kinot to help prepare for or to use on Tisha B'Av can contact the office. There is no charge, and they do not have to be returned.
- In the past, hundreds of people have attended the afternoon film on Tisha B'Av. This year, we will share a free access code to view *Holy Silence* at home. This film will be available at <http://www.7thart.com/films/Holy-Silence>. The film is directed by Steven Pressman and has been recommended to me by a significant Holocaust historian as an important introduction to the opening of the Vatican archives on this topic. I would like to thank the producers for making it available to us.

## **Kinot Preparation with Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel and Rabbi Steven Weil**

Tuesday, July 21, at 2:00pm – Rabbi Dr. Ephraim Kanarfogel, E. Billi Ivry University Professor of Jewish History, Literature, and Law at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Yeshiva University, will speak on “Rabbi Soloveitchik on the Rishonim, as Reflected in the Kinot.”

Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83340883584>

Dial in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 833 4088 3584

Tuesday, July 28, at 2:00pm - Rabbi Steven Weil will speak on “The Attack Against Judaism and the Torah ShaBaal Peh: Two Infamous Medieval Disputations.”

Zoom information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673573547>

Dial in: 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 856 7357 3547

## **Rabbi Jacob J. Schacter**

Although Rabbi Schacter will not be with us in person this year, we will share a link to a talk that he will be giving on Tisha B'av for Yeshiva University.

## **Explanatory Kinot & Shiur**

Rabbi Baum will lead explanatory Kinot via Zoom and will be giving a Shiur in the afternoon. More details in next week's Shabbat Notes.

## Guidelines for the Nine Days

- With the approach of Rosh Chodesh Av and the start of the Nine Days, I am sharing the basic laws of these days of reflection and mourning. As in all other areas of halacha, there may be particular issues that are best evaluated after discussing them. Please feel free to contact me.
- There is more flexibility this year with listening to music, even during the Nine Days, and especially on Erev Shabbat. This includes if the purpose of the listening is to help exercise, relax, or to prepare for the proper Shabbat mood.
- The Nine Days begin Wednesday evening, July 22, at 8:20pm, or after Ma'ariv, if one davens before this time.
- Except on Shabbat, we do not eat meat or chicken items during the Nine Days, and we do not drink wine or grape juice.
- Only necessary laundry and dry cleaning should be done during the Nine Days. There is an allowance for undergarments and clothes required for work and Shabbat (if nothing else is available), as well as clothing for young children.
- New clothes should not be worn or purchased during the Nine Days unless there is a special need, which would require a halachic consultation. This applies even if the items will not be worn until after the Nine Days, and includes purchasing of items online, if they will be delivered during the Nine Days, even if they won't be worn until after the Nine Days. **There may be more exceptions to these rules this year, especially if items were not able to be purchased earlier, and if there are financial concerns at play.**
- New home furnishings should not be purchased during the Nine Days, and construction or painting should not be done in or on our homes. There are exceptions to this rule, such as in cases of needed repairs, emergencies, and other special situations. Please contact me with any questions.
- Sewing, knitting, or needlepoint should not be done during the Nine Days.
- While basic gardening and watering of the grass is permitted during the Nine Days, no planting should take place, even if the gardener is not Jewish. One can purchase flowers for Shabbat.
- Haircuts, even for children, are not taken during the Nine Days, including on Rosh Chodesh.
- If at all possible, men should not shave during the Nine Days, even on Erev Shabbat.
- Except for exercise, one should not swim during the Nine Days. I would not apply this restriction to young children, or if adults are going into a pool just to cool off and then get right out.
- It is appropriate, especially during this time of the year, to reflect on and study Jewish history. One should especially pay attention to concrete attempts to strengthen our interpersonal relationships.

## High Holiday Survey

- We are starting to plan for the Yamim Noraim. Our goal is to provide options for everyone who wants to attend a minyan. We are fortunate to have a large facility and campus, which gives us the ability to coordinate many seating options. While we have some initial plans on how to accommodate everyone, we have not set those plans in place, as the medical guidance and safety rules for large gatherings continue to evolve. To help the shul and seating committee plan for a safe capacity, we will send out a survey next week to understand your preferences and concerns. Your responses will help us begin to formulate a plan that best serves our entire membership. More details will be forthcoming as the holidays approach.

Youth News Youth Director: Rivki Rosenthal ([rivkirosenthal@gmail.com](mailto:rivkirosenthal@gmail.com))

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# PAY IT FORWARD CHALLENGE

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WRITE A THANK YOU CARD-HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE-CLEAN UP A MESS-SHARE-RETURN LOST ITEMS-GIVE A COMPLIMENT-GIVE UP YOUR SEAT-LET OTHERS GO IN FRONT OF YOU-OFFER HELP-DONATE FOOD-SEND A POSITIVE TEXT MESSAGE-INCLUDE EVERYONE-THANK A HEALTHCARE WORKER-LEAVE A BOTTLE OF WATER FOR THE MAIL CARRIER-MAKE GET WELL CARDS

Share your random act of kindness here:  
[Bit.ly/AJYPAOK](https://bit.ly/AJYPAOK)  
The Shul with the most submissions wins!



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**10AM - 10:30AM**  
**NO COST**

**ZOOM ID: 822 2919 6382**  
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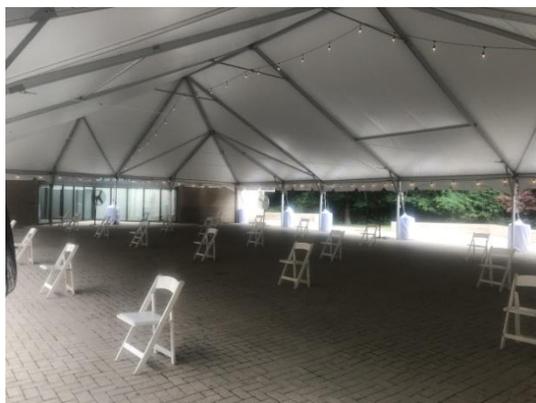
## July Calendar

- To download the Keter Torah July calendar, [click here](#).

To join the Keter Torah WhatsApp group, [click here](#) or email [aliza@keter Torah.org](mailto:aliza@keter Torah.org) to get the link.

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Some of the outdoor minyanim on the Shul campus are now taking place under the tent.

## Please Join Our Ongoing Shiurim

Sunday at 7:15am Monday and Wednesday through Friday at 6:40am Tuesday at 6:30am	<b>Daf Yomi</b>	
<b>Daf Yomi</b> via Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859549975?pwd=MytUUmZ5Q3hLRENINENTeIl2eFJmQT09.">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859549975?pwd=MytUUmZ5Q3hLRENINENTeIl2eFJmQT09.</a> Dial in: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 878 5954 9975 Password: DafYomi		
Sunday at 10:00am	<b>July 19</b>	
<b>Al haTorah</b> via Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/9796460087">https://zoom.us/j/9796460087</a> Source Sheets: <a href="#">Bereishit 44</a> , <a href="#">Bereishit 44 second half</a>		
Monday at 7:30pm	<b>July 20</b>	
<b>Salsa Shiur</b> via Zoom <a href="#">Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting</a> Meeting ID: 869 7850 3933 Password: 550559		
Tuesday & Thursday at 9:15am	<b>July 21 &amp; July 23</b>	
<b>Torah in the AM with Rabbi Menahem Meier</b> via Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/646176156">https://zoom.us/j/646176156</a> or +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 646 176 156		
<b>Wednesday</b> at 10:30am	<b>July 22</b>	
<b>Yael Weil's Parshat Hashavua shiur</b> via Zoom <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84208732809">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84208732809</a> or +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 842 0873 2809		
Wednesday via WhatsApp & Email	<b>July 22</b>	
<b>Studying the Siddur:</b> A ten-minute audio class with Rabbi Willig. To receive the shiur via WhatsApp <a href="#">click here</a> . To receive the shiur via email, e-mail <a href="mailto:aliza@ketertorah.org">aliza@ketertorah.org</a> .		
Thursday via WhatsApp & Email	<b>July 23</b>	
<b>Daf a Week Project, this week with Rabbi Baum</b> studying Masechet Yevamot Daf 10 To sign up, e-mail <a href="mailto:aliza@ketertorah.org">aliza@ketertorah.org</a> .		

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## Community News

- On Sunday, July 19, at 9:30am, Rinat will present Rabbi Moshe Kahn on "The Skin of Moshe's Face Became Radiant: Why?" To join, visit <https://zoom.us/j/4653630025?pwd=Z2p4bWM2YVFYbmNkaThEbWpYb09qZz09>.
- You, Me and We: Cultivating Intimacy, a community-wide Yoetzet event for women featuring Suri Halpern and Yoetzet Halacha Tova Warburg Sinensky, will take place on Sunday, July 19, at 8:30pm. Register at [www.rinat.org/yoetzet2020](http://www.rinat.org/yoetzet2020). Upon registration, you will receive a link to the event.
- On Monday, July 20, at 8:30pm, Kristen M. Roye, PsyD, and Rabbi Dov Rosenbluth will present a program on "Teen Mental Health 101: Identifying and Destigmatizing Anxiety and Depression" for parents of teens. To view, visit [www.ou.org/mental-health-live-programming/](http://www.ou.org/mental-health-live-programming/).
- The Bergenfield Kosher Food Pantry for people in need is located in a garage at 65 Thames Blvd. in Bergenfield. The garage is open daily from 10:00am–10:00pm and on Friday until Shabbat starts, and has pantry and refrigerated items. One person at a time should go in, while wearing a mask and gloves. If donating and someone is inside the garage, please leave the food outside the garage, and volunteers will bring it in later. Donations are welcome and needed. For more information, e-mail Dalia Stelzer at [yardkay@yahoo.com](mailto:yardkay@yahoo.com).
- Children's Clothing Exchange – This resource is not need-based and is open to all. Parents should fill out forms on the [website](#) and indicate the gender and size of children's and teen clothing they wish to donate and/or need. These parents will be matched with other parents so that they can exchange clothing. Donations are welcome and needed. For more information, e-mail Dalia Stelzer at [yardkay@yahoo.com](mailto:yardkay@yahoo.com).
- The Teaneck Keylim Mikvah is open by appointment only. To comply with social distancing, a new system is in place. Please visit the mikvah website [teaneckmikvah.com](http://teaneckmikvah.com) for details or [www.teaneckmikvah.com/Appointment/](http://www.teaneckmikvah.com/Appointment/) to make an appointment.

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