



# Welcome to Beth David Synagogue

## Schedule of Tefilot

### Shabbat, August 3 (Parshat Matot/Masei)

9:00 am - Beit Medrash

9:30 am - Shabbat Tefilot

11:00 am - Rabbi to speak on Rabbinic Seminar and experiences at Yad VaShem

6:40 pm - Robert Kreger Class in Isaiah

7:40 pm - Minchah / Seudah Shelishit / Maariv

8:45 pm - Havdallah

### Week of August 4

8:30 am - Sunday Morning Shacharit

6:30 am - Weekday Morning Shacharit (M-Fr)

7:50 pm - Minchah/Maariv (S-Th)

### Friday, August 9 (Erev Shabbat)

6:30 pm - Minchah/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv

7:41 pm - Candle lighting

### Shabbat, August 10 (Parshat Devorim / Chazone)

9:00 am - Beit Medrash

9:30 am - Shabbat Tefilot

1:30 pm - Minchah

7:58 pm - Fast Begins



## Tisha B'Av

Every summer is marked by a period of three weeks wherein Jews around the world mark two major calamities that befell our people in ancient times. These three weeks are inaugurated by the Seventeenth of Tammuz, and they conclude on the Ninth of Av. Historically, the first date was when the city of Jerusalem went under siege. The city of Jerusalem fell three weeks later, on Tisha B'Av. The schedule this summer is -

### Tisha B'Av Eve (Shabbat, August 10) -

9:00am - Beit Medrash

9:30am - Shabbat Tefilot

12:00pm - Kiddush and Study

Minchah - 1:30pm

Fast begins - 7:58pm

Shabbat ends - 8:44pm

Maariv and Reading of Eichah - 9:00pm

### Tisha B'Av (observed Sunday, August 11)

Shacharit & Kinot - 8:30am

Minchah - 2:00pm

Maariv - 8:00pm

Fast ends - 8:31pm



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## Yad VaShem Rabbinic Fellowship

During Rabbi Adler's recent trip to Israel, he spent eight days as a rabbinic fellow at Yad VaShem. He was one of fourteen rabbis from the United States and Canada selected to participate in an inaugural program designed exclusively for congregational rabbis. At Shabbat this Saturday, August 3rd at 11 am, Rabbi will share an overview of the fellowship including a few selected highlights from the experience.

## A Dvar Torah / A Tefilah Tidbit

There is a simple yet very important aspect of prayer that is easily overlooked, especially when time is a factor. Being aware and sensitive will add only miniscule moments to our prayers, but can make a significant difference in the value of the experiences.

There are occasional phrases when the last letter of one word is the same as the first letter of the next word. An example from Shema are the two words "*b'chol levovecha*" (with all of your heart). It is very easy to unintentionally read "*becha-levovecha*". The word "*bechol*" becomes "*becha*" with a fully different meaning from the intended "with all of". The same is true with the two words "*al levovecha*" (upon your heart). It is easy to read "*a-levovecha*", not a real word at all.

The last line of Kaddish is another example. The stanza "*Oseh Shalom*" ends with the words "*v'al kol Yisrael*" (and upon all of Israel). Say it five times fast and it becomes "*v'a kol Yisrael*", which is bereft of valuable meaning.

Whether it is Shema or any other prayer, precision in pronunciation, **to the best of our abilities**, is a way of bringing "kavannah / awareness" to our Tefilot. Even if a worshipper is not able to translate the Hebrew, exactitude with reading is never a worthless goal. Rather and quite to the contrary, as we strive to be careful with pronunciation, understanding and fluency will begin to set in.

Furthermore, striving to be accurate with our words can be a self reminder of the importance of prayer as an expression of religious or spiritual aspiration. Dedication to a goal, even a personal and private one, helps each of us to achieve self images of pride and accomplishment.

When time is a factor, using it well is usually more productive than saving it for later.