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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Mishpatim פרשת משפטים
Shabbat February 2nd, 2019, כ"ז שבט תשע"ט / 27 Shvat 5779
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Shabbat Prayer Times

שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	5:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	5:15 p.m.
קבלת שבת Kabalat Shabbat	5:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:10 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:35 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	4:15 p.m.
מנחה Minha	4:45 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	6:15 p.m.

Ereb Shabbat, Friday February 8th, 2019
Minha 5:25 p.m. (Candle Lighting 5:20 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

<i>שחרית Shacharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:50 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
<i>שחרית Shacharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:50 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	5:15 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	5:50 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:34 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה 9:27 am, Shekia- שקיעה 5:30 pm

Mazal Tov

Rabbi Messod and Mrs. Rachel Azoulay on the birth of a Baby Boy, Moshe ben Messod.
Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Esther Azoulay and Rabbi Refael and Mrs. Mazal Guy

Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. David and Elana Bitton on the birth of a Baby Boy, Elisha Avraham ben David
Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Ruth Bitton

Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is provided by Abir Yaakob Congregation, everyone is invited to join us, after services.

Everyone is welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Elise Benzacar in loving memory of his brother Albert Benzacar ז"ל

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Nahalot

Victor Haim Benisty ז"ל 27 Shevat/ Shabat February 2nd

Shimon Reboh ז"ל 28 Shevat/ Sunday February 3rd

Claude Yahia Ayache ז"ל 1 Adar 1/ Wednesday February 6th

Albert Benzacar ז"ל, Yitzhak Nahmias ז"ל, Isaac Medina ז"ל 2 Adar 1/ Thursday February 7th

Nahalot for the following week

David Igelman ז"ל, Victor Totah ז"ל 7 Adar 1/ Tuesday February 12th

Rahamin Sibony ז"ל, Aaron Assor ז"ל, Juliette Ohayo ז"ל 8 Adar 1/ Wednesday February 13th

Renee Weinberger ז"ל 9 Adar 1/ Thursday February 14th

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Synagogue News

Rosh Hodesh Adar 1

Rosh Hodesh Adar 1 is on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Avot U'Banim

Father and son learning program continues this week, Motsae Shabbat January 19th at 7:15 P.M to 8:15 P.M.. Pizza and prizes. To sponsor a program, contact Rabbi David Kadoch - Cost for sponsorship \$200.

Mishmara

Mishmara for the Sheloshim of Jack Buzaglo z"l will be on Thursday night in the main sanctuary beginning with Minha at 5:20 pm

Special shiur in memory of Jack Buzaglo z"l

Rabbi David Kadoch will give a special shiur to commemorate the Sheloshim of Jack Buzaglo z"l on Thursday night February 7th at 8pm in the Medrash. The topic will be "Humility." Men and women are invited to attend. Light food and refreshments donated by the family.

Rosh Hodesh Shiur for Ladies

Ladies of all ages are invited to a new and exciting Torah Class called "Pearls of Judaism." The class will focus on various aspects of Judaism suited for the Eshet Hayil. It will be given by Rabbi Kadoch at 8pm in the Lower Level Restaurant. This month's topic is The Advantage of Being Jewish

Mikve

We would like to inform our members that the Mikve will continue to be closed for renovations and will advise of the opening in due course. Our sincerest appreciation is extended to our President Meyer Keslassy and his children, for their benevolent gesture in covering the cost of the renovations undertaken, in loving memory of Perla Keslassy Z" L.

Children Participation

Attention parents and children: If you would like your son to participate and recite one of the parts of Tefila on Shabbat such as: Asher Bidvaro, Shema Yisrael, Ve'Emuna, Pesuke DeZimra, Nishmat etc... please speak to our parnas, Mr. Avi Azuelos.

Mi Sheberach Holim Petihat HaHechal

In an effort to minimize talking and reduce down-time during Petihat HaHechal, beginning this Shabbat, Rabbi Kadoch will recite the Mi Sheberach for the unwell out loud and will then pause when the time comes to insert the name. Those with sick relatives or friends will be asked to insert the name on their own. Thinking of the ill person while reciting his/her name yourself is the best level of concentration one can have as the blessing is recited. Rabbi Kadoch will proceed to conclude the blessing.

Missing Books in Medrash

A number of Judaic books and sefarim are missing in the medrash. It has come to our attention that some people may be taking some books to their home for personal use. Please note that this is strictly prohibited and falls under the category of geneva (theft). We ask that all books be returned to the medrash as soon as possible. For the future, sefarim and books in the medrash may not be removed without permission from Rabbi Kadoch

Buffalo Sabres Hockey with Rabbi Kadoch

Boys ages 18 - 25 can join Rabbi Kadoch on a trip to Buffalo to see the Buffalo Sabres play the St. Louis Blues on March 17th at 5pm. Cost of the trip is \$65 and includes lunch, transportation and tickets to the game. For more information or to book your spot email Rabbi Kadoch at rabbikadoch@kehilacentre.com (Limited spots available).

Hazak ubaruch

We would like to extend a Hazak Ubaruch to Shlomo Assayag, Michael Benarroch and Ze'ev Saban for participating in the Chai Lifeline Marathon last Sunday in Miami. Tizku Lamitzvot and may you continue raising money for such needy and important causes.

Torah Learning Opportunities at the SKC

Sundays - Gemara Masechet Megila with Rabbi Kadoch - 7:15am-8am, Iraqi synagogue, coffee.

Mondays - Limud Torah with Rabbi Natan Dabush, 8PM, Medrash, men only

Tuesdays - Tuesday Night Live on the Parasha with Tomer Malca, 8PM, Medrash, beer and wings, men only

Wednesdays - Limud Torah with the Toronto Sephardic Kollel, 815PM, Medrash, refreshments, men only

Wednesdays - Mishmar with Yossi Azulay, 7PM, Iraqi synagogue/gymnasium, pizza and drinks, middle school boys

Thursdays - Shoot for the Stars with Rabbi David Kadoch, 9PM, Medrash, beer and wings and/or refreshments, men and women.

Thursdays - Advanced Gemara with Shimon Benmergui, 7:15pm, Iraqi synagogue, refreshments, High School/University boys

Shabbat - Noam Elimelech on the Parasha with Rabbi David Kadoch, 815am-845am, Downstairs classroom, coffee and hot chocolate, men only

Motsae Shabbat - Avot U'Banim, 645pm-745pm, Medrash, pizza and snacks, fathers and sons

Rosh Hodesh - Various Topics with Rabbi David Kadoch, 8PM, Lower Level Restaurant, refreshments, ladies only

Shiurim Online: If you wish to access any of the Torah classes given during the week by Rabbi Kadoch, Tomer Malca or Rabbi Dabush, you can listen to them at anytime by accessing them on our website: https://www.kehilacentre.com/audio_library.php

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation or if you have a change of address or email please contact the office at (905) 669-7654.

Please be advised that the cutoff time for insertion in the bulletin is Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

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Insights on the Torah By Haham Amram Assayag

Question: Why do we find people that insist on doing Seuda Shelishit over bread and even some drink wine.

Answer: The Shulhan Aruch in Orach Chayim 291 : 5, states that in and only in a case when a person is too full may one do it with Mezonot. Another reason why it is important to eat bread at Seuda Shelishit is so a person may recite the maximum number of Berachot possible. At the time of David Hamelech, one hundred of Jews died daily. David Hamelech wondered until he realized with Ruah Hakodesh that the Jews were not prasing hashem sufficiently. He, thus established the reciting of one hundred Berachot every day and they stopped dying.

During the week one may find that over a hundred of Berachot may be recited daily in the following manner :

The morning Berachot are 22 –from Baruch Shemar until the Amida – which total 27 – 3 daily amidot at 19 berachot each make 57, to a total of 84. The Berachot of Arbit are 3, 2 daily meals with bread and Birkat Hamazon at 6 Berachot each makes 12, plus the Beracha of Keriat Shemah before sleeping and that of the Tzizit and Tefilin come to a grand total of 102.

On Shabat, every Amida is composed of 7 Berachot each makes 12, plus the Beracha of Tefilin. 37 Berachot added to Shabat the 1 Beracha after the Amida of Arbit, 2 of the evening kiddush, 7 of the Musaf and 1 of the morning kiddush, will still keep us short of 26 Berachot. Some are of the opinion that one must recite these 26 Berachot by eating various food and there are those who hold that in the impossibility, it will be sufficient to answer “amen” to all the Berachot of the Sepher and the Aftarah.

By doing Seuda Shelishit with wine and bread, one has the opportunity to recite another 7 Berachot.

Be it as it may, in the summer when Seuda Shelishit takes place late in the day and the person is no longer full, there is no justification from the Shulhan Aruch's viewpoint not to make the Seuda Shelishit with bread.

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

כי תפגע שור איבך או חמרו תעה השב תשיבנו לו (כג:ד)

If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall repeatedly bring it back to him (23:4)

The Hafetz Hayim commented on this pasuk. The Tora is concerned about the money of other people. If someone's animal got lost, we are obligated to exert ourselves to return the animal to its owner. All the more so, we must have compassion for a human being who is spiritually lost. Even if it will take much effort to bring him back to Tora observance, we should make that effort.

The Hachamim say on this pasuk, that if someone's animal gets lost even one hundred times, each and every time we are obligated to make the effort to return the animal to him. Similarly, said the Hafetz Hayim, if it takes one hundred times to speak to someone about returning to Tora we should develop the patience to speak to him one hundred times. Have compassion on people who are far from Tora observance. Most people do not spitefully do wrong. The problem is that they lack the proper awareness. It is a great mitzva to teach such people how to return to the Tora way of life.

It was once said after the death of Rabbi Aryeh Levine z"l, that a person approached his son and said "I remember how in your father's presence, without his saying a single word to preach or rebuke, we not only wanted to improve but we actually felt that right there we were becoming better human beings."

Parasha Corner By Rabbi Eli Mansour

Parashat Mishpatim: A Perfectly Balanced Torah

The closing section of Parashat Mishpatim completes the story of Ma'amad Har Sinai – the Revelation of Hashem at Mount Sinai, when we received the Torah and formally entered into an eternal covenant with G-d. The Torah relates that at this time, special sacrifices were offered, and Moshe took the sacrificial blood and divided it. Half the blood was placed in basins, and the other half was sprinkled on the altar. Moshe then sprinkled the blood on Beneh Yisrael, symbolizing their entering into a covenant with their Creator (24:5-8). Rashi (24:6) comments that in truth, it was not Moshe who divided the sacrificial blood into two portions. This was done by an angel, who came especially for this purpose. Moshe would not have been able on his own to precisely divide the blood, and so G-d sent an angel to do it for him.

We must ask, why was it necessary to send an angel to complete this task? Why was it so vitally important for the division to be exactly precise, such that it required the assistance of an angel?

Rav Yitzchak Hutner (1906-1980) explained that the division of the blood into two equal portions symbolized the two portions of the Torah – our obligations to G-d, and our obligations to our fellowmen. These two collections of sacrificial blood paralleled the two tablets which Moshe brought from Mount Sinai, one upon which were engraved our basic obligations to Hashem, and another upon which were engraved our basic interpersonal obligations. And this is why the two portions needed to be precisely equal. It was imperative to convey the message at this moment, when Beneh Yisrael received the Torah, that these two realms of Misvot are precisely equal, and neither is even slightly more important than the other. The Torah is perfectly balanced, demanding that we fulfill our obligations to G-d as well as our obligations to other people. Both sets of responsibilities are equally crucial for Torah life.

This concept is alluded to several verses later (24:12), where we read that Hashem summoned Moshe to the top of the mountain and informed him that he would be receiving “Luhot Ha'eben” – “stone tablets.” The word “Luhot” is written without the letter “Vav,” such that it could be read in the singular form (“Luhat”). The message we are taught is that although the laws were written on two tablets, the two tablets are, essentially, one and the same. We cannot have one without the other. We cannot fulfill only our ritual obligations to Hashem while ignoring our obligations to other people, and we cannot fulfill only our obligations to other people while ignoring our obligations to Hashem. Both are equally integral parts of Torah.

The Midrash relates that at the time of the sin of the golden calf, when Moshe saw what the people were doing and decided to throw down the tablets, the nation's elders tried to stop him. Moshe, however, prevailed, and shattered the tablets on the ground, whereupon he was congratulated by Hashem for this response. It has been suggested that what the elders were protesting was Moshe's decision to break both tablets. After all, they argued, Beneh Yisrael betrayed G-d by worshipping a foreign deity, but they did not violate the laws on the left tablet – the laws dealing with interpersonal conduct. Therefore, even if they deserved to forfeit the right tablet, they were still worthy of receiving the left tablet.

Moshe, however, insisted that both tablets be shattered. Torah is a “package deal.” We cannot follow one half of the Torah without the other. If Beneh Yisrael were unworthy of the right tablet, then they were unworthy of the left tablet, too.

It is told that a group of students once approached a certain Rosh Yeshiva to ask what he thought of religious Jews who cheat in their business dealings. He said, “They are like religious Jews who eat on Yom Kippur.”

The students were confused. They said, “If a Jew eats on Yom Kippur, then he isn't religious!”

“Exactly,” the Rosh Yeshiva replied. “And if a Jew cheats in his business dealings, then he isn't religious!”

Accepting the Torah means accepting the Torah in its entirety, without any exceptions. An honest, ethical, generous person who ignores the laws of Shabbat and Kashrut cannot be described as a religious Jew, and a Jew who strictly follows ritual Halacha but is dishonest, impatient, mean-spirited or stingy also cannot be described as religious. We received the Torah as a “package deal,” and this is how we must observe it.



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