

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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*Parashat Terumah פרשת תרומה*  
Shabbat February 9th, 2019, אדר א' תשע"ט / 4 Adar 1 5779  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	5:10 p.m.
מנחה Minha	5:25 p.m.
קבלת שבת Kabalat Shabbat	5:40 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:20 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:25 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	4:25 p.m.
מנחה Minha	4:55 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	6:23 p.m.

*Ereb Shabbat, Friday February 15th, 2019*  
*Minha 5:30 p.m. (Candle Lighting 5:29 p.m.)*

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

<i>שחרית Shacharit Sunday</i>	
וטיקין Vatikim	6:40 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
<i>שחרית Shacharit Weekdays</i>	
וטיקין Vatikim	6:40 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	5:25 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	6:00 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:25 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:23 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 5:39 pm

### Kiddush

Kiddush this Shabbat is provided by Abir Yaakov Congregation, everyone is invited to join us, after services. In order to continue our coveted Kiddush which we all enjoy on a weekly basis, we are always looking for sponsors.  
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### Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:  
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### Nahalot

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

### Nahalot for the following week

Myriam Benadiba ז"ל 13 Adar 1 / Monday February 18th  
Saada Nahmias ז"ל 16 Adar 1 / Thursday February 21st

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## *Synagogue News*

### **Avot U'Banim**

Father and son learning program continues this week, Motsae Shabbat February 9th 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.

### **"Come Together" Shabbat Luncheon**

Friends and family are invited to "Come Together" to enjoy a Shabbat lunch filled with good food, laughs and camaraderie. Saturday February 23rd. See flyer on back for more details and how to reserve.

Special Guest Speaker Rabbi Glenn Black (NCSY CANADA) .

### **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).

### **Missing Talitot**

Eight of the new talitot recently donated to the synagogue have disappeared. If you are aware of their whereabouts or have mistakenly taken them home, we ask that you please return them immediately. For the future, the talitot are not to be removed from the main synagogue without permission. We ask that you kindly adhere to this request.

### **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.

### **COMMUNITY WIDE GATHERING**

#### **Breaking the Stigma**

"He who saves one life...It is as if he saves a whole world."

Join a Community wide gathering for an important and honest conversation about mental illness, with an expert in the areas of adolescent, adult, and geriatric psychiatry. The program will be introduced by Yehuda Azoulay and concluded with a Question and Answer forum open to the community.

**WHERE:** Sephardic Kehila Centre (Banquet Hall) 7026 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, Ont.

**WHEN:** Sunday February 24th, 2019 **TIME:** 7:30pm

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Chaim Nissel, PsyD University Dean of Students, Yeshiva University

**Topic:** Breaking the Stigma: "He who saves one life...It is as if he saves a whole world."(Talmud Sanhedrin 4:5)

## *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 Azoulay, 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](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.

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# Insights on the Torah By Haham Amram Assayag

## Shabat Teruma

Hashem speaks to Moshe and indicates to him that is now time to build a sanctuary, so He can dwell in the midst of the nation. With this purpose, Hashem orders Moshe that every member of the nation bring an offering to Hashem, as one's heart stirs him voluntarily. The gifts must be made up of any of the following items necessary to build the Mishkan and its utensils: gold, silver, copper, sky-blue wool, purple and scarlet wool, fine linen, goat's hair ram's skins, wood, oil for light, and spices for incense. Hashem describes to Moshe all the components of the Mishkan and how they must be built.

**THE ARON (ARK):** An ark of wood approximately 1.25m. x .75m. x .75m. overlaid with pure gold both inside and outside. On every one of its corners a gold ring was cast, through which were two wooden poles overlaid with gold. The Tablets of the Testimony went inside the Ark. The Aron had a cover of pure gold, from where two golden cherubim stood. From above the Aron, Hashem will speak to Moshe at specific times concerning all that must change the Jews.

**THE SHULCHAN (TABLE):** A table of wood covered with pure gold, which must measure approximately 1m. x .50m. x .75m. and must have a rim of a handbreadth all around. The shulchan must also have four rings of gold in the four corners, which form its feet. Its dishes, spoons, pillars and ventilation tubes, must be covered with gold. On this table, lay the bread, and the breads resting on individual plates.

**THE MENORA (CANDELABRUM):** A candelabrum of pure gold, which must be entirely formed out of one piece of gold as a sculpture: its foot, shaft, (which was considered as its middle arm), cups, knobs, and flowers. Out of the shaft were six arms. Each arm was decorated with three almond shaped cups, a knob and a flower.

**THE MIZBEAH (ALTAR):** An altar measuring 2.5m. x 2.5m. x 1.5m. with elevated corners on its four ends, and two poles to transport it, the entire piece overlaid with copper. Also the utensils needed for Mizbeah such as pots to clear away the ashes, shovels, basins, hooks and fire pans, are formed from copper.

**THE PAROCHET (DIVIDING CURTAIN):** A curtain of sky-blue, purple and scarlet wool and fine linen. Which hung upon four pillars of wood, overlaid with gold, resting upon four silver sockets.

**THE MISHKAN (TABERNACLE):** Composed of curtains of fine linen and the various wools, woven in a way to form cherubim. Each curtain was to measure 14m. x 2m. This Tabernacle was covered with eleven curtains made from goat's hair, which measured 15m. x 2m. The Tabernacle is to have a courtyard formed by pillars. The courtyard measured 50m. x 25m. x 2.5m.

# Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

## Teruma 5779 – Our Sanctuary

*ועשו לי מקדש ושכנתי בתוכם (כה:)*

*Then you shall make a sanctuary for Me and I will dwell in You.*

During their journey through the desert, Bene Yisrael prepared a mobile Sanctuary from wood and cloth, which could be set up and dismantled as they proceeded on their way. Their mobile unit became slightly more permanent after they entered Eretz Yisrael, as they set up the *mishkan* in Gilgal for fourteen years. Following Gilgal, the *mishkan*, this time partly erected with stone, stood in Shilo for 369 years. Nov and Gibeon were the last stops for this temporary arrangement and finally the Bet HaMikdash was built on *Har Tzion* in Jerusalem.

The Sefer HaHinuch explains that one must realize that God doesn't require a specific place where His glory may reside. The *mishkan/mikdash* were not intended as a dwelling place for God but rather as a setting where man might receive the spiritual inspiration conducive to the proper worship of God.

Nowadays, it is often explained that the *Bet HaKenesset* is considered God's mini-*mikdash*. Thus, according to the above explanation, it serves as a medium to receive spiritual energy and build connection to the Almighty. The prayer that follows is the product of that energy which we transmit to higher spheres. This is why the *halacha* states that when a person couldn't pray with a *minyan*, it is still recommended to pray in a synagogue solo than remain at home by himself. In the synagogue he receives the flow of *kedusha* that allows him to bring his *tefilla* one step higher than if he stayed at home.

Yet, in truth, we are saying something much more profound. Even just sitting in the *Bet HaKenesset* has the power to attract great

spiritual powers. The early Tannaim used to spend hours meditating in order to reach lofty heights prior to their prayer. If the synagogue has these abilities, then it goes without saying that our conduct in the synagogue should remain holy at all times; in prayer and even not in prayer. The synagogue should be a place we run to, not a place we seek to escape from and unfortunately, it's often the latter that I witness. May we merit to see the *Bet HaKenesset* as a shining light; absorbing the energies that it produces so we can all truly say that God's home is ours as well.

# Parasha Corner By Rabbi Eli Mansour

## Parashat Teruma- Perpetuating the Influence of Sinai

Parashat Teruma tells of G-d's instructions to Beneh Yisrael regarding the construction of the Mishkan, the sanctuary that served as the temporary Bet Ha'mikdash until Beneh Yisrael entered the Land of Israel and were able to build the permanent Bet Ha'mikdash in Jerusalem.

The Midrash makes a seemingly peculiar remark to the beginning of this Parasha, commenting that this Parasha is connected to G-d's proclamation through the prophet Malachi (1:2-3), "Va'ohab Et Yaakob Ve'et Esav Saneti" – "I loved Yaakob, and I despised Esav." Somehow, the command to build a Mishkan is associated with this pronouncement, where G-d affirms that He loves Am Yisrael and dislikes the wicked nation of Esav. How?

The Kerem Shelomo (Rav Shlomo Halberstam of Bobov, 1907-2000) offers an explanation based on a teaching of the Or Ha'haim (Rav Haim Ben-Attar, 1696-1743) regarding G-d's special love for Beneh Yisrael. The Talmud famously relates that before G-d offered the Torah to Beneh Yisrael, He first offered it to the other nations, each of whom rejected it upon hearing what it entails. The Or Ha'haim commented that G-d, in His infinite love for Beneh Yisrael, always intended for us to receive the precious Torah, and not the other nations. And therefore, before offering Beneh Yisrael the Torah, He brought them to Mount Sinai, a place with inherent Kedusha (sanctity) which would, undoubtedly, influence them to accept the Torah. When offering the Torah to the other nations, G-d went to them in their lands, which were places of impurity. This influence all but guaranteed that these nations would reject the Torah. Hashem then brought Beneh Yisrael to Mount Sinai, where they came under the influence of the special sanctity of this location. This Kedusha impacted them, and inspired them to proclaim, "Na'aseh Ve'nishma" – "We will do and we will hear" – wholeheartedly and lovingly embracing Hashem's Torah.

On this basis, the Kerem Shlomo suggests an explanation of the Midrash's perplexing remark. Due to Hashem's great love for Beneh Yisrael, He brought them to Mount Sinai so they would accept the Torah – and out of this same love, He commanded them to build a Mishkan. He wanted them to perpetuate the special influence of Mount Sinai, to have in their midst a place of Kedusha similar to the special Kedusha of Mount Sinai, which would influence them to make the right decisions and live the right way. This is the connection between the prophet's proclamation – "I have loved Yaakob" – and the command to build a Mishkan. It was because of G-d's special love for Beneh Yisrael that He issued this command – because He wanted them to always be under the influence of Kedusha.

Living in a society with a foreign culture and foreign values, we do not even realize how much we are influenced by those values and by society's lifestyle. The society around us has values and beliefs that are completely at odds with ours, and encourages a lifestyle that is, in many ways, diametrically opposed to the way the Torah wants us to live. Whether we recognize it or not, we are influenced by this spiritually hostile culture. We might think we are protected, but we're not.

Hashem, in His infinite mercy, gave us the Mishkan so we can come under the positive influence of Kedusha, the influence of Sinai. Today, of course, we don't actually have a Mishkan, but instead, we have our synagogues, yeshivot, and Torah classes. It is imperative for all of us to ensure we come under this influence to counter the influence of general society. We need to involve ourselves as much as possible in Kedusha so we can live under the sacred influence of Sinai, and thus live the way we are supposed to live even while living in a society whose values and beliefs encourage us not to.



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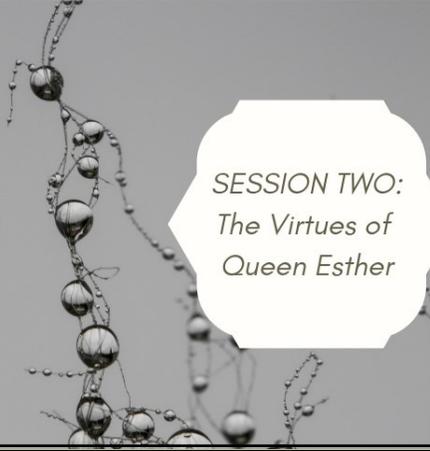
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