

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Rabbi
Rabbi David Kadoch
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פרשת בהעלתך Perashat Beha'alotecha
Shabbat June 21 2019 י"ט סיון תשע"ט / 19 Sivan 5779
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	6:45 p.m.
נרות הדלקת נרות Early Candle Lighting	7:40 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	4:35 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shaharit	8:30 a.m.
Rabbi's Shiur - Mesilat Yesharim	7:15 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:00 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	8:30 p.m.
שבת סובב Shabbat Ends	9:59 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Friday June 28th 2019
Mincha 6:45 p.m. (Early Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shaharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikin	4:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikin	4:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
אשרי מנחה Mincha Ashre	7:00 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	7:35 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:36 a.m. Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 8:52 a.m. Shekia- שקיעה- 9:04 a.m.

Mazal Tov

To Isaac Samuel Beniluz and Leandra Sarah Miller on their recent wedding.
Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Mercedes Beniluz and Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Erica Miller.
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Camila Beniluz and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Gracia Keslassy.

To Mr and Mrs. Yehuda and Deborah Prizont Cohen on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son Mordechai Prizont Cohen.
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Regina Prizont and Dr. Roberto Prizont and Esther Ginieniewicz and Mrs. Hadra Benchimol

To our President

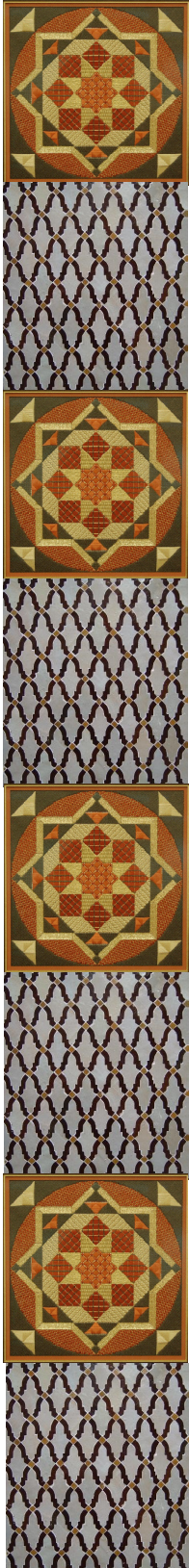
The Sephardic Kehila Centre and Abir Yaakob Congregation extend our warmest congratulations to our dear president **Mr. Meyer Keslassy on his forthcoming marriage to his bride-to-be, Monique Harrar Meyer**, one of the founding members and staunch contributor to the Sephardic community of Toronto, has volunteered and devoted much of his last few years towards the betterment of the SKC. We wish them both much success, peace and bliss in their new home together and may they merit to build a Bayit Ne'Eman BeYisrael.

Kiddush

This Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Mercedes Beniluz in honor of Isaac Samuel and Leandra Sarah's wedding.
Everyone is welcome.

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:
Mr. and Mrs. Raphael and Perla Abtan in loving memory of her father, Shlomo Ben-Assor ז"ל.
Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Elise Benzacar and Mrs. Marcelle Benaim in loving memory of their sister, Luna Cohen ז"ל, their brother Maurice Cohen ז"ל, and their cousin, Rahma Piedad Ohana ז"ל.
Everyone is welcome.



Nahalot

Esther Mamane ז"ל, 19 Sivan / Shabbat June 22

Rachel Bracha Bohbot ז"ל, Messoda Benaksas ז"ל, Lea Cuno ז"ל, 20 Sivan / Sunday June 23

Zohra Azoulay ז"ל, / Monday June 24

Luna Cohen ז"ל, 22 Sivan / Tuesday June 25,

Rahma Piedad Ohana ז"ל, 23 Sivan / Wednesday June 26

Moshe Cohen ז"ל, Nissim Azoulay ז"ל 24 Sivan / Thursday, June 27

Shlomo Ben-Assor ז"ל, Hillel Edery ז"ל 25 Sivan / Friday, June 28

Nahalot for next week

Abraham Ebidia ז"ל, 26 Sivan / Shabbat June 29

Yishai Tzion Ohayon ז"ל, 28 Sivan / Monday July 1

Joseph Benmaman ז"ל 29 Sivan / Tuesday, July 2

Mishmara

This Sunday, June 23, 2019 marks the year of Mrs. Rica Cohen ז"ל, the mother of our dear friend and member, Mr. Sam Cohen. Cemetery services will take place Sunday morning (June 23) at 10:00 AM at Pardes Shalom Cemetery.

The Mishmara will be held at Petah Tikvah Congregation that same evening, starting with Minha at 8:50 PM.

Synagogue News

The Board of Directors would like to inform the membership of the following up-dates.

Financials

1. Since February 2019, The Serruya Family has been provided our institution with funds to meet the monthly mortgage payments. The entire principal mortgage balance will be paid once the mortgage come due in November 2019.
2. The Serruya Family Foundation has provided our institution with \$200,000 to be used to pay-off our operating line of credit and as a result the line of credit has been canceled.
3. The Serruya Family Foundation has created a Reserve Fund for our institution by providing an additional \$200,000 to be used for emergency expenses only. The Board of Directors wish to launch a campaign and invite each member to volunteer in contributing towards the Reserve Fund.

Please join the Board of Directors in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to the Serruya Family for their continued support of our Kehila.

Mikveh

After more than five months of work, following extensive renovations and upgrades, we are please to announce the re-opening the Mikveh. We want to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Meyer Keslassy for subsidizing the expenses of the renovation in honour of Mrs. Perla Keslassy ז"ל

The inauguration will take place this Sunday June 23rd, 2019 at 10:30 a.m at Kehila Centre, lower level.

The Board of Directors have decided that the Mikveh will be for Women only.

Mazal Tov To Class of 2019

Middle School / IDOHSS / Netivot Hatorah

Joshua Abecassis, Perlita Azulay, Deena Arrobas, Yarden Botbol, Marcus Cohen, Binyamin Cohen, David Cohen, Daniel Cohen, Joshua Keslassy, Avraham Himelfarb, Aliyah Willinger.

High School / Tiferes Bais Yaakov / Or Chaim / CHAT

Perlita Azulay, Tayna Azuelos, Avraham Arrobas, Biba Atara BenQuesus, Lauren Benchetrit, Ariel Cohen, Malka Cohen, Moshe Bendayan, Yehoshua Bendayan, Abby Ruth Volgy.

University

Seth Abtan, Meir Cohen, Yael Saban-Wiesen.

Torah Learning Opportunities at the SKC

Daily - Halacha - between Minha and Arbit.

Sundays - Gemara Masechet Megila with Rabbi Kadoch - 7:15am-8am, Lower Level Synagogue, Coffee will be served.

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

Wednesdays - Halacha in Hebrew with Rabbi Yitzhak Hakouk, 9PM, Lower Level Synagogue, Refreshments to be served.

Thursdays - Halacha with Rabbi Kadoch for men - following Arbit.

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

Shabbat - Mesilat Yescharim Mussar with Rabbi Kadoch - 45 minutes before Tehilim, men and women.

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: bit.ly/torahonline

Torah Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

BeHa'alotecha 5779 – Eldad and Meidad

וירץ הנער למשה ויאמר אלדד ומדד מנתבאים במחנה

And the lad ran to Moshe and he said, Eldad and Meidad are prophesizing in the camp (11:27)

The Gemara in Masechet Sanhedrin says that the prophecy that these two men were saying was that Moshe is dying and Yehoshua will take the Jews into Israel. Here are a few allusions to the prophecy from the commentators.

- Ba'al HaTurim: מתנבאים במחנה – Ba'al HaTurim: מתנבאים במחנה – Ba'al HaTurim: מתנבאים במחנה
- Ba'al HaTurim: משה תנוח נפשו בגן – Moshe's soul will rest in the Garden of God and Yehoshua will take in.
- Rabbi Shimon MeOstropali – Bitya called Moshe because מן Eldada and Meidad prophesized in the – which means Erase the letters from – you are left with the word – which is the acronym of משה מת יהושע נכנס
- Gemara in Megila says: “משתוקא בתרין – if you buy a word with one sela, buy silence with two” – The Vilna Gaon explains that Moshe was commanded to speak to the rock to get water but instead he hit it. Because of this he didn't end up going into Israel. Says the Gaon: If Moshe would have מלה בסלע – spoke to the rock, then the Jews would have had water to drink, Moshe would not have been punished and then שתיקה – there would have been silence by the two (Eldad Meidad) and not prophesize that he would die and not go into Israel.

. In fact, the Gematria of 1664, the same numerical value as the words: האחד אלדד ושם השני מדד ותנח עליהם

Perasha Insights

By Rabbi Eli Mansour

Parashat Beha'alotecha- Don't “Kick” the Misvot!

We read in Parashat Beha'alotecha (chapter 9) of the law of Pesach Sheni – the opportunity given to those who were unable to bring the Pesach sacrifice at its normal time – on the 14th of Nisan – to bring the sacrifice one month later, on the 14th of Iyar. The Torah tells that G-d commanded Beneh Yisrael to offer the Pesach sacrifice in the desert one year after the Exodus, but there was a group of people who were Tameh (impure) at the time, and thus unable to offer the sacrifice. They approached Moshe and asked, “Lama Nigara” – “Why should we be deprived” of the privilege of offering the Pesach sacrifice?

G-d spoke to Moshe and instructed that those who are impure at the time of the Pesach sacrifice, or are far away from Jerusalem at that time, and thus cannot offer the sacrifice, may bring the sacrifice one month later, on Pesach Sheni, the 14th of Iyar.

Imagine a group of high school students coming to Yeshiva one morning in the winter, only to be told upon arrival that the heating system in the school was not working, and so school was cancelled. The students then protest, insisting that they want to learn. “Why should we be deprived of a day of Torah learning?” they ask.

This is hard to imagine, but this is, in essence, what happened in the desert when Beneh Yisrael offered the Pesach sacrifice. A group of people were exempt from this Misva due to their cir-

cumstances, and they complained. They were not relieved to be exempt from the Misva; to the contrary, they were distraught. And in the merit of their strong desire to perform this Misva, a new law was instituted – the law of Pesach Sheni.

The Gemara in Masechet Aboda Zara tells that in the future, the other nations are going to come before G-d and demand a share in the great blessings that will be granted to Am Yisrael at that time. G-d will respond by giving them just one Misva to fulfill and thereby earn reward – the Misva of Sukka.

The gentile nations will then go and build Sukkot. But as they eat in their Sukkot, G-d will bring a heatwave, making the conditions in the Sukka very uncomfortable. The people will leave their Sukkot, giving a “kick” to their Sukkot on their way out. G-d will have thus proven that they are unworthy of the great rewards granted to the Jewish People.

A well-known Halacha absolves one of the obligation to eat and reside in the Sukka if the conditions in the Sukka are very uncomfortable (“Mista'er Patur Min Ha'Sukka”). The non-Jews will thus be justified in leaving their Sukkot due to the oppressive heat. However, their attitude – kicking the Sukkot as they leave – will demonstrate their lack of commitment. We are to relish opportunities to fulfill Misvot, and feel deprived when such an opportunity is lost.

We might draw a comparison to an employee who shows up exactly on time and leaves exactly when the workday ends, each and every day. If he happens to arrive early, he waits outside the office and relaxes until he needs to show up. And if he is given an assignment to complete at the end of the day, he doesn't finish it if this requires him to stay overtime. A second employee, by contrast, is always eager and enthusiastic, and firmly devoted to the company. He is happy to begin his workday early, and volunteers to stay late to complete pressing tasks. When the time comes to choose an employee for a promotion, it is not hard to guess which employee is more likely to be selected.

Later in the Parasha, we read of Beneh Yisrael's departure from Mount Sinai: “They journeyed from the mountain of G-d” (10:33). The Midrash famously comments that Beneh Yisrael left Mount Sinai “like a child fleeing from school.” They were excited to leave, and relieved that they would not be receiving more Misvot. This joyful departure from Sinai is considered by our Rabbis a great calamity, as Beneh Yisrael should not have celebrated leaving Mount Sinai. Significantly, Beneh Yisrael did not leave Mount Sinai one moment earlier than they were supposed to. They did not “escape.” They did not leave until the special cloud – signifying Hashem's presence – arose, indicating that they should journey. And yet, Beneh Yisrael are criticized because of their attitude, their feeling and their mindset. We must always feel excited about Misvot, and not relieved when we are exempt from them.

All this shows us the extent to which we are to appreciate the precious value of each and every Misva, and embrace and even pursue every Misva opportunity. Rather than disdainfully “kick” Misvot, we are to cherish the Misvot, and eagerly seek as many chances as we can to serve Hashem through the fulfillment of His commands.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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If you only have one dose, no doses or if you are unsure, you should get vaccinated.

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