

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Korah פרשת קרח
Shabbat July 6 2019 ב תמוז תשע"ט / 3 Tammuz 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) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	4:40 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	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	9:57 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Friday July 12th 2019
Mincha 6:45 p.m. (Early Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה אשרי Mincha Ashre	7:00 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	7:35 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:42 a.m. Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 8:56 a.m. Shekia- שקיעה- 9:02 a.m.

Mazal Tov

To Mr. & Mrs. Avraham and Naomi Elmaleh in honour of their recent **Wedding**
Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Moshe and Mercedes Elmaleh and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin and Raquel Benmergui
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Zitta Milgrom

Kiddush

Please join us for Kiddush after Shacharit services.
Everyone is welcome.

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:
Mr. and Mrs. Gad and Tsila Elmaleh in loving memory of his **father** David Elmaleh ז"ל
Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Vivian Bermergui in loving memory of his **uncle** Jacob Benzaquen ז"ל
Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

David Benarroch ז"ל, 3 Tammuz / Saturday July 6
Estrella Benzaquen/Benmaman ז"ל, Flora Benoualid ז"ל, Jacob Benzaquen ז"ל, 4 Tammuz / Sunday July 7
David Elmaleh ז"ל, Saada Dahan ז"ל, Rahel Malka Azuelos ז"ל 5 Tammuz / Monday July 8
Reina Dayan ז"ל 6 Tammuz / Tuesday July 9
Shlomo Dadoun ז"ל, Esther Cohen Assayag ז"ל, Mercedes Delmar ז"ל, 7 Tammuz / Wednesday July 10

*To increase participation during Tefila, this bulletin should not be read during the conduction of prayer services.
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Nahalot for next week

Isaac Oziel י"ז, 10 Tammuz / Saturday July 13

Salomon Ponte י"ז, David Ohana י"ז, 12 Tammuz / Monday July 15

Ruben Benhaim י"ז, 13 Tammuz / Tuesday July 16

Jacky Benoudiz י"ז, 15 Tammuz / Thursday July 18

Esmerelda Aquinin י"ז, 16 Tammuz / Friday July 19

Synagogue News:

Condolences

We regret to announce the passing of Mr. Henri Aaron Dahan י"ז, father to Simon Dahan and father-in-law to Barbara Dahan our dear friend and member. May his Neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden. The funeral and Shiva will take place in Ottawa.

Mikveh

We hope to have the Mikveh running to serve the community as soon as possible.

Save this Date

Sefer Torah Dedication in memory of Jack Buzaglo י"ז, September 8th, 2019.

Exciting Changes to our Shabbat Services

We are happy to announce that teenagers and young adults, ages 13-25 will now be able to lead Friday night services and recite Parashiyot/Haftarot on Saturdays in our congregation. To do so, one must:

Give at least 3 weeks advance notice to the Parnas (Avi Azuelos) or Shaliah Tzibur (Marc Kadoch) to check for availability. be tested prior to the Shabbat in question.

As wonderful as this new initiative is, we maintain that the Bet Keneset and our Tefila continue to be conducted with a sense of professionalism, respectability and competence as they have always been. For that reason, we will ensure that our young kids will be ready and prepared before stepping up to the *teva*.

We hope that these new changes will encourage the kids to be more participative in the weekly service and increase attendance. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Parnas or Shaliah Tzibur.

Mesilat Yesharim, Rabbi Kadoch Shiur continues this week

The weekly summer Shabbat class resumes this Shabbat @7:15 p.m.

Rabbi Kadoch will begin the classic Jewish book of study, Mesilat Yesharim.

Men and women are invited to join. Every Shabbat, 45 minutes before Tehilim.

Cemetery Plots

The SKC is pleased to announce the availability of Pardes Shalom cemetery plots to our members.

In order to accommodate the limited availability of these plots, we ask all interested members to contact:

Sol Benchtrit <solbench@hotmail.com>

Security Committee

The SKC is searching for volunteers to serve on a Security Committee, we ask all interested contact Joseph Mamane at 905-669-7654 Ext 200 or email at joseph.mamane@kehilacentre.com.

Torah Learning Opportunities at the SKC

Daily - Halacha - between Minha and Arvit.

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 Arvit.

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

Shabbat - Mesilat Yesharim 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/skctorah

Parashat Korah 5779 - Avoiding Strife

“ולא יהיה קרח וכעדתו”

Parshat Korach serves as a practical lesson time and again; it is applicable whenever strife rages like a rampant fire in a field of thorns, fueled by a bed of bad middot, jealousy and greed. The Torah warns us about this so that we shouldn't be swayed to behave with negative middot; so that G-d forbid we should not join the students of Korach and his assembly. There are several anecdotes about the Rosh Yeshiva of Mir, the Gaon Rabbi Natan Tzvi Finkel zt"l, whose broad shoulders carried the responsibility for the spiritual and physical welfare of thousands of yeshiva students. With his saintly personality he understood how to walk between the drops and act with ingenuity so that his deeds should not be the cause of any Hillul Hashem. Due to the large number of students learning in the Mir yeshiva in Yerushalayim, it became necessary to rent apartments in the 'Beit Yisrael' neighborhood.

The Rosh Yeshiva pointed out to those seeking apartments that they must be careful not to cause current tenants to be sent away, which could result if they would offer the landlord a higher sum than the present tenants were paying. HaRav Natan Tzvi zt"l held that there was no way that a Ben Torah could succeed in his Torah learning, if his presence in Yeshiva had caused a family to have to search for a new home. The pain and friction that would result from this arrangement would simply be the fruit of the evil inclination who wishes to penetrate the walls of the Beit Midrash and poison the atmosphere with arguments and strife.

The following story is yet another demonstration of the extent to which Harav Natan Tzvi zt"l was careful not to cause pain to any Jew, and shows his degree of sensitivity to the feelings of others. At a certain wedding ceremony that the Rosh Yeshiva zt"l attended, a doubt arose as to whether one of the names written in the ketubah (marriage contract) was legible. They decided to call upon a young child to read the name, and determine accordingly.

The child pronounced the name according to his perception, which resulted in further debate. In the middle of the heated discussion, the Rosh Yeshiva noticed that the young child, who did not understand exactly what was going on, looked self-conscious; he felt that he was the focus of the argument. With his sensitivity and ingenuity, the Rosh Yeshiva took a coin out of his pocket, gave it to the child and told him, "You did a fine job!"

Perasha Insights

By Rabbi Eli Mansour

Parashat Korah- Korah's Mistake

Parashat Korah tells of the uprising mounted by Korah and his cohorts, who challenged Moshe and Aharon's leadership over the nation. They argued, "Ki Kol Ha'eda Kulam Kedoshim" – "for the entire congregation, they are all holy!" Every member of Beneh Yisrael is holy, Korah's claimed, and thus there was no justification for Moshe and Aharon to assert their leadership over the rest of the nation.

G-d Himself stepped in to prove Korah wrong. The ground opened and devoured the leaders of the revolt, and a fire consumed the 250 figures who had confronted Moshe and demanded the privilege to serve as Kohanim.

Let us analyze Korah's claim, that "Kol Ha'eda Kulam Kedoshim" – every member of Am Yisrael is sacred. Is this correct? Was Korah wrong in affirming the inherent sanctity of each and every Jew?

The answer to this question lies in a distinction between two forms of holiness – intrinsic holiness, and earned holiness. Every Jew possesses an intrinsic holiness that is equal to that of each and every other Jew. This can be easily proven based on a well-known Halacha (which we hope never becomes practically applicable). If somebody approaches a Jew and orders him to kill another Jew, threatening to kill him if he disobeys, the person must surrender his life rather than obey the command. Even if this person is a famous Rabbi, or a renowned philanthropist who has donated millions to major charity organizations, and upon whom countless Jewish institutions rely for support, and he is ordered to kill a child with severe mental disability, he must refuse. The reason for this law, as explained by the Gemara, is: "Why do you think your blood is redder than your fellow's blood?" Not even the most important and distinguished person can view his life as more valuable than any other person's life.

We all possess an equally precious spark of holiness within us. This is why we are commanded to love every Jew, no matter who he or she is, and to never give up on any Jew. We firmly believe that every Jew has a beautiful, sacred soul within him or her, and we believe in that soul's great potential.

In this respect, Korah was absolutely correct.

His mistake – or one of his mistakes – was overlooking the second aspect of the Kedusha (holiness) within every Jew – the Kedusha that is earned. Alongside our inherent sanctity, we also possess a dimension of sanctity that we earn through our religious devotion, through our Torah study, our Misva observance, and our acts of kindness. This Kedusha, of course, depends on a person's efforts. This is not shared equally by everyone.

And so while Korah was correct that all Jews are holy, he was wrong in assuming that Moshe and Aharon were no different than any other Jew – because there are two different types of sanctity within each of us: one which is shared equally, and one which is earned.

Korah felt that since all Jews are holy, we do not need leaders, we do not need teachers to guide, instruct and inspire us. But this is incorrect. Our intrinsic holiness does not negate the fact that there are people who have achieved greater wisdom, knowledge and piety than we have, and from whom we must learn. Having a Rabbi with whom to consult and from whom to learn does not reflect a lack of holiness on our part; it is simply a function of the second dimension of holiness, which depends on a person's achievements.

Korah was correct – we are all holy. But we still need Rabbis, teachers and leaders to guide us and inspire us so we become even greater and maximize our vast spiritual potential to its very fullest.

Community Events

The entire
community is
invited to a night
of special blessings
from
**Rabbi Emanuel
Zadok**
Jerusalem, Israel
**Thursday, July 11
2019**



**Sephardic Kehila Centre,
Beit Midrash
7026 Bathurst Street @ 7:30 PM**
To reserve a one on one with the Rabbi
please contact Leon Elmaleh
email: leon@dorplex.com



SAVE THE DATE!



**SEFER TORAH DEDICATION
IN MEMORY OF JACK BUZAGLO Z"l
SEPTEMBER 8th, 2019**

Ezrat Achim invites the entire community to join us in dedicating a Sefer Torah to the Sephardic Kollel of Toronto, honouring the memory of our very dear and beloved friend Jack Buzaglo z"l. Jack devoted his life daily to chessed. He was a founding member of Ezrat Achim and remained an active volunteer.

Please join us in the Mitzvah of completing this Sefer Torah in his sacred memory.

Event details, and sponsorship opportunities to follow.

About Ezrat Achim

Ezrat Achim, Sephardic Resource of Toronto, is a non profit organization providing food and financial assistance to Jewish needy families on a weekly basis. Strictly volunteer driven, all funds raised go directly to the recipients of Ezrat Achim.

For further information or to volunteer for this event, please email info@ezratchim.ca

Chaired by: Luna Igelman & Allen Azoulay

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