

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Matot-Mase פרשת מטות מסעי
Shabbat August 3 2019 ב תמוז תשע"ט / 2 Av 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 (ותיקין) שחרית Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:05 a.m.
שחרית (ותיקין) שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu)	9:35 a.m.
Rabbi's Shiur - Mesilat Yesharim	6:40 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:25 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	7:55 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	9:28 p.m.

Erev Shabbat Friday August 9th 2019
Mincha 6:45 p.m. (Early Candle Lighting 7:40 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:25 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:25 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- 6:08 a.m. Keriat Shema- שקיעה - 8:39 p.m. 9:10 a.m. Shekia-

Kiddush

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

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:
Max, Esther and Mark Benatar in loving memory of their father Elias Benatar ז"ל
and their grandmother Esther Benatar ז"ל
Mr. & Mrs. Syd and Hanna Ohayon in loving memory of his father David Ohayon ז"ל
Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Ruby Afriat in loving memory of his mother Esther Afriat ז"ל
Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

Esther Gulersen ז"ל, 2 Av / Saturday August 3
David Ohayon ז"ל, 4 Av / Monday August 5
Elias Benatar ז"ל, 5 Av / Tuesday August 6
Esther Benatar ז"ל, 7 Av / Thursday August 8
Esther Afriat ז"ל, 8 Av / Friday August 9

Nahalot for next week

Hanania Abtan ז"ל, Belle Brodsky ז"ל, 9 Av / Saturday August 10
Simy Bensalmon ז"ל, 11 Av / Monday August 12
Margalit HaCohen ז"ל, 12 Av / Tuesday August 13
Mimon Benchimol ז"ל, 13 Av / Wednesday August 14
Haim Bensimon ז"ל, Samuel Benzacar ז"ל, Moshe Benchetrit ז"ל, 14 Av / Thursday August 15
David Dadoun ז"ל, 15 Av / Thursday August 16



Synagogue News:

New Member

Abir Yaakob would like to welcome Mr. Israel (Alex) Hillel to our community, Baruch Haba.

Up Coming Dinner In memory of Jack Buzaglo ז"ל , date to be announced.

Special Slideshow Presentation Wednesday night @7:45pm - Lower Level Synagogue

Men and women are invited for a special slideshow presentation titled: "How our Rabbis exported the Bet HaMikdash in our daily lives" - given by Rabbi Chai Cohen. It will take place following Arbit downstairs in the Lower Level Synagogue at 7:45pm.

Special Shiur Thursday night @8:30pm - Medrash

Men are invited to hear a special shiur by famed speaker Rabbi Natan Maimon titled "Hurban and Nehama: What do they have to do with me?" It will take place this Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the upstairs Medrash

Ladies Tehilim Group

Women are invited to join Tehilim group every Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and every Shabbat at 6:00pm Lower Level Restaurant.

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 ז"ל , 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 @ 6:40 p.m.
Rabbi Kadoch will continue the classic Jewish book of study, Mesilat Yesharim.

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 Benchetrit <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 Arbit.

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

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

Wednesdays - Halacha in Hebrew with Rabbi Yitzhak Hakouk, 9 p.m., 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, 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m., 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 Matot-Mase

The Ramban asks why Moshe Rabenu gave half of the Tribe of Menashe a portion of land outside of Israel, if it was only the tribes of Reuven and Gad that asked for it. He answers that this stems back when Menashe was the assistant to his father Yosef in Egypt. Yosef, as we know, was the viceroy of the land and Menashe was the "Secretary of State" so to speak. Yosef had commanded his son Menashe to secretly plant his own silver goblet in the sack of Binyamin only then to have them reveal the "thievery" in front of everyone. The brothers, sure of their innocence vowed to be slaves if it was to be true. Low and behold, the goblet was found with Binyamin and the brothers ripped their clothing. Because of this episode, Hashem made it that the land of Menashe should be ripped into two; one part in Israel and the other in the Transjordan.

Many commentators ask on this explanation an obvious question. Menashe was only following his father's command to place the goblet in Binyamin's pouch. Yosef knew what he was doing, but Menashe didn't really know the secrets behind his action. Our Rabbis answer that we see from here the severity of inflicting any sort of pain to our fellow man. Even though Menashe didn't know the history between his uncles and was just following his father's orders, his family for generations were punished because of it.

You often hear people joking around at parties or public functions and often these jokes point fingers at a certain subject. More often, the subject at hand is present on hand listening to every word. People think that if I poke fun at someone as a joke, or I do something without mal-intent then it's perfectly permitted. Those people happen to be perfectly wrong. Dealings between "Ben Adam laHavero" have a much more serious impact on a person's actions and future repercussions. One must be vigilant towards such behavior before it can have a direct effect, not only on the victim, but to us and our descendants. Half of Menashe was ripped apart from their brothers, thrown into a land that wasn't theirs because of one unintentional action by their great-grandfather. Let this serve as a lesson for all of us.

Perasha Insights

By Rabbi Eli Mansour

Parashat Matot-Mase: The Repentance of Reuben and Gad

Parashat Matot tells the story of the tribes of Reuben and Gad, who approached Moshe and requested permission to permanently settle in the region east of the Jordan River, instead of settling in Eretz Yisrael along with the rest of the nation. Moshe initially reacted very angrily, censuring these tribes for choosing not to proceed into the land which G-d had promised to Beneh Yisrael. Reuben and Gad explained that they would lead Beneh Yisrael in conquering the Land of Israel, and only after the conquest was complete would they return home to their families across the river. Moshe then agreed to allow these tribes to settle the land.

The Midrash cites in reference to Reuben and Gad the verse in the Book of Mishleh (20:21) that speaks of a "Nahala Mebo-

helet" ("a frantic portion"). Rav Eliyahu Dessler (1892-1953) explains that Reuben and Gad were wrong not for desiring the land east of the Jordan River, but rather for the joy and enthusiasm with which they sought it. Every person, Rav Dessler writes, must find the role that is suitable for him, and serve Hashem with what Hashem has given him. If a person has a good voice, he should be a hazzan; if somebody is blessed with wealth, he should give charity. Our job is to use the gifts Hashem has given us in the best possible way. Reuven and Gad, as they explained to Moshe, had large quantities of cattle, and the region east of the Jordan River was especially suitable for grazing. They thus realized that their place was there in that region. This was where they were supposed to be. Nevertheless, they were wrong for being so enthusiastic about remaining there and not settling in Eretz Yisrael. Even though this is what they were supposed to do, they should have exhibited some ambivalence, some discomfort, in settling outside the sacred land promised to Beneh Yisrael.

On this basis, we can perhaps understand the story told in the Book of Yehoshua (chapter 22) about these tribes. After spending fourteen years away from their families, joining the other tribes in capturing and distributing Eretz Yisrael, the men of Reuben and Gad were told by Yehoshua that they could now return home. Strangely, however, after we are told that the men returned home (Yehoshua 22:6), several verses later, the text says once again that they returned from Eretz Yisrael to their homes - implying that they left twice. The Midrash explains that Yehoshua escorted the men of Reuben and Gad to the Jordan River, and when they got there, the men realized that Yehoshua would be traveling back home alone. This would be very disrespectful - and so they all went back with Yehoshua, and stayed another night. The next day, they finally returned home to their families.

Imagine - after not seeing their families for fourteen years, they were on the border, about to be reunited with their wives and children, but they decided to go back for another night. We cannot even imagine how eager and excited they must have been to return home, but they delayed their return for one more day.

In light of Rav Dessler's approach, we can perhaps understand why Reuben and Gad's mistake was being too enthusiastic about settling outside Eretz Yisrael - and so their repentance was doing just the opposite, delaying their return home by one more day. When a person wishes to repent, to correct a character flaw, to reverse a mistake he made, he needs to focus on the root of the mistake. And thus Reuben and Gad reversed their excitement and enthusiasm to settle the region east of the Jordan River by delaying their return home by another day after fourteen years, and escorting Yehoshua rather than rushing to return to their families.



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Ezrat Achim invites the community to join us in dedicating the very first Sefer Torah to the Sephardic Kollel of Toronto. Honouring the memory of our dear and beloved friend Jack Bizaglo z"l, founding member of Ezrat Achim, who devoted his life to Chesed.

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



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