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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Vayikra § Ÿ | 3 2 ®
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Shabbat Prayers

Times for tonight and information regarding Tefilot at home:

Candle Lighting at 7:21p.m.

Sunset at 7:39 p.m.

One may take Shabbat early, but not earlier than 6:20 p.m.

Any recital of Shema prior to 8:04 p.m. must be recited again before bed.

Tonight's Arvit Tefila is the same of every shabbat, however, because we are not praying with a minyan, we do not recite the blessing of Me'En Sheva following Amida. Obviously, there is no Kaddish or Barechu as well.

(One may still recite the small paragraph of Vaychulu after Amida by himself while standing)

Tomorrow's times:

Sunrise is at 7:06 a.m.

Latest Shema is at 10:14 a.m.

Latest Shaharit Amida is at 11:17 a.m.

With no sefer Torah, it is still important to read the Parasha and Haftara of Vayikra from a Humash.

Earliest time to say Minha is 1:54 p.m.

Seuda Shelishit must begin before sunset which is at 7:40 p.m. Best to recite Minha prior to Seuda Shelishit.

When praying Minha, include "VaAni Tefilati even though there is no Sefer Torah.

The custom is to recite the paragraph of "Hasde" prior to Arvit of Motsae Shabbat.

Shabbat concludes at 8:24 p.m.

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach!

Mazal Tov

To Mr. & Mrs. Pooyan and Rachel Rahimy on the birth of a baby boy

Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Elvy Cohen on the birth of a grandson born to their son Isaac and Michal Cohen

Mr. & Mrs. Elias and Lydia Anidjar on their 50th wedding anniversary

Nahalot

Menahem Benadiba ז"ל 3 Nissan / Shabbat March 28th

Molly Citron ז"ל 4 Nissan / Sunday March 29th

Mercedes Bensimhon ז"ל, Esther Cohen ז"ל 5 Nissan / Monday March 30th

Marie Elmaleh ז"ל, Rahel Esseis ז"ל, Hananiah Cohen ז"ל 6 Nissan / Tuesday March 31st

Albert Zrihen ז"ל 7 Nissan / Wednesday April 1st

Miriam Toby ז"ל 8 Nissan / Thursday April 2nd

Nahalot for the following week

Shalom Abraham ז"ל, Maryse Benisti ז"ל 10 Nissan / Shabbat April 4th

Haim Amiel ז"ל, David Hochman ז"ל 11 Nissan / Sunday April 5th

Samuel Elfassy ז"ל, Solange Azoulay Himelfarb ז"ל, Robida Assayag ז"ל 12 Nissan / Monday April 6th

Lucy Bensimon ז"ל 13 Nissan / Tuesday April 7th

Maguy Pinto ז"ל, Rahamim Sultan ז"ל 14 Nissan / Wednesday April 8th

Preciada Beniluz ז"ל 15 Nissan / Thursday April 9th

Fortune Cohen ז"ל, ArieH Lieb ז"ל, Chaim Tzvi Michael ז"ל 16 Nissan / Friday April 10th



Torah Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

Vayikra – A Spot of Ink

”ויקרא אל משה” (א:א)

And He called to Moshe (1:1)

At the end of Parashat Ki Tisa we are told about a certain glow that shone from the face of Moshe after he came down from Mount Sinai. This glow was so overwhelming that he needed to place a mask on his face because Bene Yisrael couldn't stare at him due to the abundance of light. Only when Moshe spoke to Hashem did he remove the mask. There's a very intriguing Medrash that writes that following the completion of writing the Sefer Torah, Moshe placed a little bit of ink that remained on his Kulmos (feather) on his forehead and it was from this ink that caused the glow on his face to shine.

This Medrash needs explanation. Why did Hashem give Moshe more ink than he needed in the first place? To Hashem everything is exact, not more and not less, so how can there be excess ink? In addition, we have another problem. It is implied from the Medrash that Moshe caused his face to glow by placing the ink on his forehead, yet we know that there is no such power in the ink to do such a thing, so why does the Medrash imply that it was Moshe's doing?

We can explain the Medrash as follows. Really, HaKadosh Baruch Hu gave Moshe the exact amount of ink needed to write the Sefer Torah but because of Moshe's incredible humility he wrote the first word in this week's parasha, "Vayikra" with a small letter "aleph." As if to say, humbly, that Hashem came to me "by chance" (implied by the word "vayikar" spelled without the aleph). Because the Aleph was written in a smaller size font, ink was left on his feather. As a result of the leftover ink, Moshe placed it on his forehead and Hashem caused his face to glow as a result. The reason being that He was afraid that people would humiliate him as a result of him lowering himself in front of God. In order to avoid that zilzul, Hashem caused Moshe's face to glow.

I don't think it's a coincidence that Moshe used the ink (די) to display his humility as the word (די) has the same letters as the letter יוד (yud). Yud represents the humble individual as it's the smallest letter in the Aleph Bet. Nevertheless, Hashem takes those who lower themselves and raises them to the highest of levels; to the point when they're even shining.

Update from the Rabbi and the Board:

Dear Friends,

As we continue to be impacted by the COVID-19 coronavirus it is important to maintain our spirits and devotion to Hashem and we would like to remind the Kahal to stay safe and protect themselves.

1. Rabbi Kadoch is continuing his nightly Shiurim via Video and Teleconference to keep members connected to Torah and focused on their spiritual wellbeing.
2. The building is closed to all; but the office is open, by appointment only, please contact our office administrator, Sully Mamann at sully@kehilacentre.com or on her mobile at +1-416-906-4417. Sully is available from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday to Thursday and from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Fridays.
3. Due to the building closure, we are not accepting any new appointments for the Mikve.

Sully has been calling on our members to make sure everyone is safe and we want to remind everyone that we have a number of people in the community who are isolated due to quarantine, sickness or lack of mobility and who might need a hand with shopping, picking up medicine and other necessities of life. If you know of anyone who needs help, please let the office know and we will help to arrange assistance. On the same note, we will need volunteers for this important mitza and welcome anyone interested in volunteering.

We pray that Hashem bring an end to all sicknesses and calamities so that we can live a life of health and wellbeing around the people we cherish.

Rabbi David Kadoch, Meyer Keslasy, Jean-Claude Abtan and the Board of Directors

Thank You

Mr. Joe Elmaleh on the donation of the haroset for this year.
Hazak U Baruch