

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

Rabbi Emeritus  
Haham Amram Assayag  
Rabbi  
Rabbi David Kadoch  
Shaliach Tzibur  
Marc Kadoch  
Parnas  
Avi Azuelos

Parashat BaHodesh HaShelishi-1st day/Aser TeAser - 2nd day  
Friday May 29th, 2020, ו' סיון תש"פ / 6 Sivan 5780  
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### Shavuot 5780 Times for Tefilot

#### Thursday May 28th

- No meals after 5:40 p.m.
- Best to light a 2 day Yom Tov Candle to have an existing flame.
- Eruv Tavshilin - before candle lighting. Please refer to your Sid-dur for beracha and procedure
- Candle Lighting - 8:31 p.m.
- Mincha - 8:35 p.m.
- Sunset - 8:49 p.m.
- Arbit - 9:10 p.m.
- Keriat Shema after 9:14 p.m.
- Kiddush after 9:14 p.m.

One should try to stay up all night learning Torah and pray Shaharit at sunrise. There is a special Tikun to recite. Please refer to Rabbi Kadoch email.

Otherwise one may read the Book of Tehilim or study whatever pleases him.

#### Friday May 29th

- Sunrise - 5:40 a.m.
- Keriat Shema before 9:27a.m.
- Amida before 10:43 a.m.
- Earliest Mincha 1:54 p.m.

#### Early Shabbat Times

- Mincha 7:00 p.m.
- Arbit 7:15 p.m.
- Candle Lighting 7:30 p.m.

#### Late Shabbat Times

- Candle Lighting 8:32 p.m.
- Mincha - 8:35 p.m.
- Sunset - 8:50 p.m.
- Arbit 9:10 p.m.
- Keriat Shema after 9:15 p.m.
- Kiddush after 9:15 p.m.

#### Shabbat May 30th

- Sunrise 5:40 a.m.
- Keriat Shema before 9:27 a.m.
- Amida before 10:43 a.m.
- Earliest Mincha 1:54 p.m.
- Mincha 8:00 p.m.

#### Seuda Shelishit

Eat "Eruv Tavshilin" Bread and egg from Thursday.

- Sunset 8:51 p.m.
- Arbit 9:15 p.m.
- Keriat Shema after 9:16 p.m.
- Shabbat/Yom Tov Ends 9:37pm



מגילת רות  
Book of Ruth

### Mazal Tov

To Mr. & Mrs. Max & Luisa Assayag on the recent engagement of their granddaughter, Chaya Assayag to Naftali Maman, from Atlanta.

Proud parents: Mr. & Mrs. Avy & Sophie Assayag and Mr. & Mrs. Eli Maman.

### Nahalot

Chayah Sarah Shapiro ז"ל 7 Sivan / Shabbat May 30th

Yaakov Cohen ז"ל, Nissim (Remy) Benoualid ז"ל 8 Sivan / Sunday May 31st

Shalom Bitton ז"ל 9 Sivan / Monday June 1st

Aharon Shemesh ז"ל, Sarina Farache Sultan ז"ל 10 Sivan / Tuesday June 2nd

Leon Yehuda Oziel ז"ל, David Abitbol ז"ל, Moses Benhaim ז"ל, Elisabeth Pearl Kirschner ז"ל 12 Sivan / Thurs. June 4th

Liora Saban ז"ל, Ichoa Cohen ז"ל, Simy Benquesus ז"ל 13 Sivan / Friday June 5th

#### Nahalot for the following week

Miriam Assayag ז"ל 14 Sivan / Shabbat June 6th

Amram Assayag ז"ל 15 Sivan / Sunday June 7th

Yojebed Attias ז"ל 16 Sivan / Monday June 8th

Gabriel Rosenberg ז"ל 17 Sivan / Tuesday June 9th

Gloria Goodis ז"ל 18 Sivan / Wednesday June 10th

Esther Mamane ז"ל 19 Sivan / Thursday June 11th

Rachel Bracha Bohbot ז"ל, Messoda Benaksas ז"ל, Lea Cuno ז"ל 20 Sivan / Friday June 12th

## Condolences

The SKC is sad to announce the passing of former longtime member and friend Mr. Hanania Elkeslassy early this morning. May Hashem console his family during these difficult times. תהי נפשו צרורה בצרור החיים

## Synagogue News

### Calendar Reminder

We are working on the 5781 version of the Sephardic Kehila Centre calendar, which will be sent out to the membership later this summer. As in previous years, we can include the date(s) of the Nahalot of our dearly departed. If you wish to have the dates of your loved ones' Nahalot included in the upcoming calendar, please reply to this email with the name of the deceased and the date of their Nahalot in order for them to be added. Each listing will cost \$26.

Please note that if your nahalot have been included in past editions of our Jewish Calendar, we still ask that you confirm your Nahalot for them to be included again as well. If you do not confirm, they will not be added to this year's upcoming Jewish Calendar.

If you have a business and would like to advertise, please contact our office administrator, Sulty Mamane, at 416-906-4417 or at [sulty@kehilacentre.com](mailto:sulty@kehilacentre.com). All arrangements for the upcoming Jewish Calendar must be made before Wednesday, June 10th, 2020, as we cannot accept any Nahalot entries or advertisements after this date.



## Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

It is customary among the Jews around the world to read the story of Rut on the holiday of Shavuot. Many reasons are given for this custom, the most famous being that Rut was the ancestral matriarch of King David who was born and died on the first day of Shavuot. Rut, who converted to Judaism when deciding to cling to her mother in law Naomi, eventually married Boaz through a Levirate Marriage (yibum) and her offspring build the eventual Davidic Dynasty. What seems to get overlooked in the story, is that Boaz wasn't really first in line to marry Rut. That opportunity really belonged to a man named "Ploni Almoni" who was a closer relative to Elimelech (Naomi's deceased husband) than Boaz was. Halacha states that when choosing to perform the mitzva of a Levirate Marriage, the closest relative to the deceased must be given first opportunity.

Ploni Almoni chose to deny Rut "lest I impair my own estate." In other words, according to Rashi, he saw the consequence and punishment handed down to Machlon and Chilyon (husbands of Rut and Orpah) who perished for marrying gentile women, and he didn't want his own offspring to suffer the same fate. Therefore, he turned down the opportunity to marry Rut. Little did he know that he was horribly mistaken in his decision making.

The law was already passed that the commandment not to marry a member of the Moavite nation only applied to men, and NOT to women. Ploni Almoni, through his inadequate knowledge of Torah and its laws, incorrectly decided that Rut was prohibited to him. Rashi explains that this is why he is called "Ploni Almoni" which literally means "so and so." His real name was "Tuv." He was called "Ploni Almoni" because he was an "Alman" (widow) to the Torah. He "widowed" himself from the study of Torah, he refused to understand the intricacies of Halacha and felt that marrying Rut would have led to his offspring's demise. He could have had it all; the monarchy, the rulership, the Mashiach; instead, he got nothing!

As we approach the holiday of Shavuot, the holiday of Matan Torah let us reinforce our commitment to Torah study. It's not enough to ask your rabbi a question only when an issue arises. It's not enough to attend a lecture once or twice a year and feel that you've fulfilled your obligation. It's not enough to attend synagogue once a week to hear the derasha of the Rav. It's not enough! Torah study is a daily obligation for men and the Shulchan Aruch clearly states that women are obligated to study the halachot (laws) pertaining to mitzvot that are incumbent upon them. Let us not fall into the category of Ploni Almoni. Let's not be looked upon as the person that could have had it all, but widowed him/herself from what was important. Let's cherish the multiple opportunities around us that allow us to study Torah in so many ways and through that we should all merit to see the final link to the Davidic Dynasty, Mashiach ben David, may he arrive speedily in our days, Amen.