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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue



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פרשת נשא *Perashat Naso*

Shabbat June 6th, 2020, יד' סיון תש"פ / 14 Sivan 5780
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Shabbat Prayer Times

Shabbat Perashat Naso

Candle Lighting at 8:38 p.m.

Sunset at 8:56 p.m.

One may take Shabbat early, but not earlier than 7:20 p.m.

Any recital of Shema prior to 9:21 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 5:37 a.m.

Latest Shema is at 9:26 a.m.

Latest Shaharit Amida is at 10:43 a.m.

With no sefer Torah, it is still important to read the Perasha of Naso and Haftara of Naso is recited from a Humash.

Earliest time to say Minha is 1:56 p.m.

Seuda Shelishit must begin before sunset which is at 8:56pm. Best to recite Minha prior to Seuda Shelishit.

When praying Minha, include "VaAni Tefilati" even though there is no Sefer Torah. Recite the Rishon of Perashat BeHaAlotecha located in the back of the Siddur.

Shabbat concludes at 9:42 p.m.

Shabbat Shalom U'Mevorach

Mazal Tov

To Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Cynthia Schlar on the birth of a baby boy

Proud Grandparents: Jacob and Lucie Benchetrit & Allan and Sarah Schlar

Proud Great Grandmother: Mrs. Clara Schlar

Nahalot

Miriam Essayag 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

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

Nahalot for the following week

Zohra Azoulay ז"ל 21 Sivan / Shabbat, June 13th

Luna Cohen ז"ל 22 Sivan / Sunday, June 14th

Rahama Piedad Ohana ז"ל 23 Sivan / Monday, June 15th

Moshe Cohen ז"ל, Nissim Azoulay ז"ל 24 Sivan / Tuesday, June 16th

Hillel Edery ז"ל, Shlomo Ben-Assor ז"ל 25 Sivan / Thursday, June 17th

Synagogue News

Siyum Masechet Megila

Over the past year and a half a group of men have been studying Gemara every Sunday morning. We have concluded Masechet Megila and last Sunday we finished the famous 10th chapter of Masechet Pesachim. This Sunday we will begin a brand new Masechet - Masechet Sota - If interested in joining, please contact Rabbi Kadoch. Open to Gemara learners of all levels.

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. 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

The Hazan as our Korban

I must admit. The following ideas raised in this piece are very much applicable to me and my responsibilities as a Hazan. Nonetheless, for the reader, it is important to realize that the Hazan is merely a messenger whose task is to deliver the prayers on behalf of the congregation to Hashem; the "pipeline" so to speak.

Where is the idea of a "hazan" found in the Torah? The answer lies in this week's Parasha which hints to the concept. I hereby quote to you a pasuk which describes the offering of Nachshon ben Aminadav, the prince of Yehuda. וְלִזְבַּח - and for the sacrifices of peace offerings two oxen.....five lambs, this is the offering of Nachshon ben Aminadav.

The acronym (First letters) of the words חֲזָנוּן חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲזָנוּן חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲזָנוּן spells out the word חֲזָנוּן. In between those words we have the word חֲשׂוֹנֵי. This teaches us that nowadays, as we lack the Bet HaMikdash, all we have is the Hazan who enables our Tefila (which is in place of a korban) to go to the heavens. It is through the Hazan that our prayers act as an atonement for our misdeeds and as rewards for our good actions. This Hazan is none other than (Nachshon) BEN AMINADAV. It's not a

coincidence that the hint to a Hazan is found with this prince's sacrifice. חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲשׂוֹנֵי can be broken up into two words: חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲשׂוֹנֵי "my nation has delegated." It is the Hazan who the community delegates as the pipeline to Hashem. A Hazan who uses his voice for the sake of heaven, with proper concentration and with total devotion to God, it is guaranteed that his Tefila will rise up to heaven like a cedar tree as it says in the pasuk חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲשׂוֹנֵי חֲשׂוֹנֵי with the last letters spelling out Hazan.

The message is clear. The Hazan of the Bet Keneset must be a person who is respected in the community and has fear of heaven. A person who goes up to the bima for the wrong reasons; whether it is to show off his voice or for the money, will see no blessing from prayers, and worse, diminishes the chances of the kahal's prayer to be accepted. As for the congregation in attendance, it is vital to realize that Hazan is YOUR messenger. Do your part by answering Baruch Hu u'Baruch Shemo and Amen at all times to ensure that all our Tefilot reach God's Throne of Glory.