

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת מטות מסעי Parashat Matot-Masei  
Shabbat July 18th, 2020, כו' תמוז תש"פ / 26 Tammuz 5780  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:50 p.m.
שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	7:05 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:40 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	4:50 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:05 p.m.
מנחה Minha	8:35 p.m.
שבת סובב Shabbat Ends	9:44 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	7:05 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	7:20 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:53 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:38 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:55 pm

### Mazal Tov

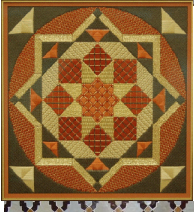
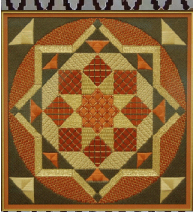
To Ora-Lea Tewel and David Dayan on their recent engagement  
Proud Parents: Mercedes Dayan and Sheri Kravetsky  
Proud Grandmother: Carol Kravetsky

### Nahalot

Jacob Toledano ז"ל 28 Tammuz / Monday, July 20th  
Salomon Benmaman ז"ל 29 Tammuz / Tuesday, July 21st  
Esther Gulersen ז"ל 2 Av / Thursday, July 23rd

### Nahalot for the following week

David Ohayon ז"ל 4 Av / Shabbat, July 25th  
Elias Benatar ז"ל 5 Av / Sunday, July 26th  
Esther Benatar ז"ל 7 Av / Tuesday, July 28th  
Esther Afriat ז"ל 8 Av / Wednesday, July 29th  
Belle Brodsky ז"ל, Hanania Abtan ז"ל 9 Av / Thursday, July 30th



## *Synagogue News*

### **Rosh Hodesh**

Rosh Hodesh Av will take place on Wednesday, July 22nd

### **Coronavirus Update - MASKS ARE MANDATORY**

As of Friday, July 17, 2020, York Region Public Health rules state that face masks are now mandatory at all time in all indoor public spaces, including synagogues (until November 30, 2020). We ask everyone to respect and follow this rule and wear a mask in synagogue; masks will be available at the front if you forget one. In order to keep with recommendation of social distancing we would also appreciate it if members can minimize their movement during services in the synagogue. Please refer to the rules taped to the front door for full information.

### **Synagogue Cleanliness and Sanctity**

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed that many people have left water bottles, coffee cups, masks and other refuse in the synagogue after prayer services. This has been a particular problem in the main sanctuary after Shabbat Services. In order to preserve the sanctity of the synagogue and to help maintain the cleanliness of the synagogue, we ask that you dispose of any waste items at the end of services when you leave and not leave them behind. Bulletins are not to be disposed as they need to go to geniza and can be left on the front table as you leave.

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

### **Parashat Matot-Masei**

#### ***Menashe's split tribe***

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 malintent 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.

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