

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

Rabbi Emeritus  
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Parashat Devarim פרשת דברים  
Shabbat July 25th, 2020, ד' אב תש"פ / 4 Av 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	5:00 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	8:30 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	9:38 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

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

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:00 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה - 9:42 am, Shekia- שקיעה - 8:48 pm

### Nahalot

- 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

### Nahalot for the following week

- Simy Bensalmon ז"ל 11 Av / Shabbat August 1st
- Margalit HaCohen ז"ל 12 Av / Sunday August 2nd
- Mimon Benchimol ז"ל 13 Av / Monday August 3rd
- Haim Bensimon ז"ל, Samuel Benzacar ז"ל, Moshe Benchetrit ז"ל 14 Av / Tuesday August 4th
- David Dadoun ז"ל 15 Av / Wednesday August 5th
- Efraim Medina ז"ל 17 Av / Friday August 7th



## *Synagogue News*

### **Baruch Haba**

We welcome our latest members, Oren and Raquel Hyams and their family to the SKC family.

### **Hazak U'Baruch**

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Shlomi Bohbot for his ongoing donation of masks and sanitizer for the synagogue.

### **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 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. 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 Devarim**

Tisha Be'Av - Zecher LaHurban

With Tisha Be'Av around the corner, I figured I would take some time to discuss our connection to the destruction of the Bet HaMikdash and how we can help rebuild it. Our sages tell us that "Anyone who mourns over Jerusalem will merit to rejoice in its happiness." Seemingly, it is incumbent upon all of us to adhere to certain practices which display signs of mourning over Jerusalem and the Bet HaMikdash. The most popular practice would be to break the glass under the Hupa at a wedding. That same Gemara discusses another practice which may not be as popular, but given the same importance and should be practiced by all; i.e. the idea to leave a portion of your home unfinished. This is referred to in Halacha as Zecher LaHurban.

When a person builds or purchases a new home, in order to nullify some of the happiness that comes along with it in remembrance of the Bet HaMikdash, we are obligated through halacha to leave a cubit space of wall unfinished. A cubit measures approximately 50cm so a space of 50cmX50cm is necessary to fulfill the requirement. It must be in a place that catches the eye, usually on the wall opposite the entrance of the home. If one has painted his house, the cubit space should be plastered white. If one has wallpaper, it should be left empty.

One is only required to do this if he builds/buys a home in order to live there, not for an investment to sell it. Unfortunately there are those that think that by hanging pictures of Jerusalem they fulfill this Rabbinic obligation but this is incorrect. Nonetheless it is certainly permissible to hang up a picture or the verse "Im Eshkachech" next to the cubit to show the significance of the wall left undone.

It is unfortunate that the custom of leaving an unfinished cubit of space in one's home is uncommonly observed. We all dream for the days where Mashiach will lead us to the promised land with the rebuilding of the Temple. There are many things that need to be done and improved on our end for that to happen. But with full trust in the words of our Sages who promise us rejoice if we mourn for the Jerusalem that was, let the remembrance of Jerusalem serve as a permanent reminder in our lives and may we all merit to celebrate together with Mashiah Tzidkenu speedily in our days, Amen.

# PREPARING FOR TISH'A BE'AV

Join us online for an inspiring  
event to properly prepare  
and connect to the saddest  
day of the Jewish calendar

**SUNDAY, JULY 26TH**  
**8:30PM - 10:00PM**

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87577834556>

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## Deceptive Judaism

Rabbi David Kadoch, Abir Ya'akov Congregation



## What we are really missing

Rabbi Eliyahu Zrihen, Ateret Torah



## Mourning the loss of Torah

Rabbi Messod Azoulay, Magen David Congregation



## Yearning for greatness!

Rabbi Yoseph Oziel, Petah Tikva Congregation



## Entitlement...Am I Entitled?

Rabbi Uradya Haboucha, Kol Torah



## A Relationship with Hashem through Tefillah

Rabbi Izadok Pereira, Ahavat Shalom Congregation

