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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת ראה Parashat Re'eh

Shabbat August 15th, 2020, כה' אב תש"פ / 25 Av 5780
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:40 p.m.
שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	6:55 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (early)	7:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (regular)	8:04 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:20 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:25 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:55 p.m.
שבת שבוט טוב Shabbat Ends	9:08 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
וטיקין Vatikim	5:45 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
וטיקין Vatikim	5:45 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:35 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	6:50 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:23 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה - 9:52 am, Shekia- שקיעה - 8:21 pm

Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to **Yoad & Leah Elmaleh** on their recent wedding in Miami.

Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe & Shully Elmaleh, Mr. and Mrs. Tzvi & Sara Bogomilsky

Proud Grandparents: Rabbi Moshe & Bracha Bogomilsky, Rabbi Amram & Rachel Amselem, Mrs. Mira Shimkovitz

Mazal Tov to **Yehonatan Tebeka and Ashley Esther Bensimon** on their recent wedding.

Proud Parents: Mr. Jim Bensimon, Mrs. Lucy Delmar and Mr. and Mrs. Yossef and Naomi Tebeka

Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Amram and Esther Bensimon, Mrs. Gladys Delmar, Mrs. Shoshana Tebeka and Mrs. Dezi Samorali

Mazal Tov to **Aron Rietti and Hadassa Chaya Bohbot** on their recent wedding.

Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Shlomo and Tanya Bohbot and Rabbi Yehonatan and Devora Rietti

Nahalot

Zamila Mouyal ז"ל 26 Av / Sunday August 16th

Mindel Adina Gal-Kurtz ז"ל, Yael Brigitte Nahmias ז"ל 27 Av / Monday August 17th

Freidel Stefania Gal ז"ל, Mercedes Benmergui ז"ל 28 Av / Tuesday August 18th

Nahalot for the following week

Abraham Shvartsman ז"ל 2 Elul / Shabbat August 22nd

Sarah Benatar ז"ל 3 Elul / Sunday August 23rd

Shamil Kardashov ז"ל, Ezra Totah ז"ל 4 Elul / Monday August 24th

David Cohen ז"ל, Osvaldo Faierman ז"ל 6 Elul / Wednesday August 26th

David Revivo ז"ל, Charles Toledano ז"ל 7 Elul / Thursday August 27th

Jacob Benmergui ז"ל, Sol Serfaty-DeCohen ז"ל, Miriam Hochman ז"ל, Mary Benchimol ז"ל 8 Elul / Friday August 28th

Synagogue News

Tefila Update

A reminder that all Shaharit minyanim have reverted back to reciting Hazara following the silent Amida. Halacha requires ten men (9 plus Hazan) to answer Amen during Hazara in order to avoid Beracha LeVatala. Therefore, to avoid the possibility of transgressing this serious prohibition, if there are not 10 people together ready to begin the Silent Amida at the time the Hazan reaches

ישראל גאון the Kahal should say only one Amida together (without Hazara). The Hazan in each respective minyan will determine to recite Hazara or not by making a quick count prior to starting the Amida. At this time, Minha Sundays to Thursdays and Musaf Shabbat will remain without Hazarat Amida.

General Assembly Reminder

A General Assembly of SEF members is scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 8:00 PM in the main floor Banquet Hall. All members are encouraged to attend and hear an update on our financial and operational status from our outgoing President and Board of Governors. This is an opportunity for members to have their questions answered and to present concerns appropriate for a general forum. Members will also be able to present nominations for the 2020 Board of Governors elections.

Board of Governors 2020 Elections

A reminder to all that the nomination committee, chaired by our president, will be accepting member nominations until Friday, August 21, 2020, at noon. Members can deliver their nominations either to the SKC office in a sealed envelope marked "Nomination Committee" or by email to elections2020@kehilacentre.com. The nomination committee will prepare the slate and notify the membership on Sunday, August 23, 2020 after the General Assembly. This year's nomination committee is also composed of David Bensimon and Moses Bendayan.

Mask Are Mandatory for All at SKC - IT'S THE LAW

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 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. Masks will be available at the front if you forget one but we ask everyone not to take extras; we have gone through over 3,000 masks so far!

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Re'eh

Re'eh - Watch your step

Our Sages in the Gemara relate a story of Rav Pappa who was ascending some stairs and one of the steps broke from under his foot, which left him in a very dangerous situation. He approached Rabbi

Hiya who told him that maybe the reason for the occurrence was because a poor person came to his house and he failed to "open his hands" to him as it's written in this week's Parasha פתח תפתח את ידך. The Vilna Gaon writes that this is hinted in the Te'amim of these words. Underneath the word תפתח you have the sign "ד" which means a "step." Underneath the words תפתח את ידך you have the sign "תביר" which means "break."

Rav Pappa (who was very wealthy) failed to perform the mitzva of tzedakah when the opportunity arose and was punished with a stair breaking from underneath his foot.

The Vilna Gaon continues by expressing his wonderment at the words "Don't close your hands, rather open your hand." Obviously if we are commanded not to close our hands we should be required to open them. He answers that each poor person or organization must be measured as to which one takes priority. When our fists are closed, all fingers look the same. However, when it's open, the fingers are different sizes. Each person, when giving tzedakah, must prioritize the importance of each organization and the amounts they receive.

May the tzedakah that we give merit us everlasting reward and may Hashem, reciprocate the kindness we display to others by showering us with much blessing and sustenance. Amen.