

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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*Parashat Ki Tetze פרשת כי תצא*  
Shabbat August 29th, 2020, ט' אלול תש"פ / 9 Elul 5780  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:25 p.m.
שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	6:40 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (early)	7:15 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (regular)	7:41 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shoharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:40 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shoharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:05 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:25 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:43 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

*שחרית Shoharit Sunday*

וטיקין Vatikim	6:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

*שחרית Shoharit Weekdays*

וטיקין Vatikim	6:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:15 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	6:30 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:38 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה - 9:58 am, Shekia- שקיעה - 7:58 pm

### Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to **Isaac and Ninette Ponte** on their recent wedding  
**Proud Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. Jacques and Rebeca Ponte, Mr. and Mrs. Ari and Annie Benlezhrah  
**Proud Grandparents:** Mrs. Loli Abitbol, Mrs. Tany Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Alberto and Ninette Benlezhrah

Mazal Tov to **Talya and Asher Remer** on their recent wedding  
**Proud Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. Ze'ev and Helene Saban, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Jessica Remer  
**Proud GrandParents:** Mrs. Messoda Ohayon, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce and Hanna Hellman

### Nahalot

Mercedes Serruya ז"ל 9 Elul / Shabbat August 29th  
Nissime Mamane ז"ל 10 Elul / Sunday August 30th  
Esther Azoulay ז"ל 12 Elul / Tuesday September 1st  
Simha Toledano ז"ל, David Menahem Nacson ז"ל 13 Elul / Wednesday September 2nd  
Adell Totah ז"ל 15 Elul / Friday September 4th

### Nahalot for the following week

Armand Sabbah ז"ל, Clara Edery ז"ל 16 Elul / Shabbat September 5th  
Joseph Afriat ז"ל, Biba Assayag ז"ל, Juda Lalou ז"ל 19 Elul / Tuesday September 8th  
Alegria Benzaquen ז"ל 21 Elul / Thursday September 10th



# Synagogue News

## **Selihot**

Selihot will begin 45 minutes before each respective minyan.

## **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 גאל ישראל 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.

## **SEF General Assembly Update**

We regret to inform the Kahal that we were not able to reach quorum for our general assembly. Our President provided a short update to the members in attendance and answered general questions. We thank the members who made an effort to attend.

## **SEF Board of Governors 2020 Elections Update**

Due to the lack of nominations, the nomination committee has postponed the scheduled election. The nominations committee will reconvene after the High Holidays period and will solicit nominations for a new election at that time. The current Board of Governors will remain in place until such a time as a new Board of Governors is elected.

## **Online Shiurim Reminder**

Rabbi David Kadoch's acclaimed online Shiurim continue this week with two classes accessible through the GoToMeeting Teleconferencing service.

- Monday, August 31, 2020 from 8:00 PM - 8:40 PM - Mishle/Proverbs
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 8:00 PM - 8:40 PM - Parashat HaShavua

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by going to [GoToMeeting.com](https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/450150709) and using Meeting # 450 150 709 (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/450150709>)

## **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

### **Ki Tetze - Animal rights: The Jewish way**

לא תחרוש בשור ובחמור יחדו"

You shall not plow an ox and a donkey together

The reason for this commandment is very logical. An ox pulls harder than a donkey and the donkey may get injured when plowing together with the ox. Rashi on this pasuk says that this mitzva doesn't only apply to an ox and a donkey but any two species of animals cannot plow together for the same reason as mentioned. The question remains, why did the Torah specifically use the ox and the donkey as examples of two animals from different species, that cannot plow together? The Ba'al HaTurim explains that from here we learn the importance of attaining good friends. An ox is a kosher animal and a donkey isn't. Joining side by side with a friend who is "impure" is not advice that the Torah promotes. Working together with individuals who are negative influences are detrimental for the spirituality and goodness of any person.

In addition to this explanation the Ba'at HaTurim learns a very important lesson on the treatment of animals. He says that having an ox and donkey plow together may have you transgress the commandment of causing pain to animals - צעור בעלי חיים. How so? He explains that the ox is an animal the chews its cud but the donkey does not. (That is what makes the donkey a non-kosher animal. If they plow together, the donkey will think that the ox has more food than him because they are eating from the same place yet the ox is chewing more. Albeit we are dealing with a donkey, this will cause him pain and that is unacceptable. Not only are we a nation that looks out for our fellow brothers to ensure their safety but we see from here how far we need to go to ensure that even animals are taken care of.

We live in a society where people speak freely about their distaste for Judaism and the Torah. Anti-Semitic rhetoric always consists of how "cruel" Jews are to animals because we slaughter them and we don't give enough "respect" to them. If they only knew that the manner in which we slaughter the animal is the most painless way of killing it; and if they only knew our other commandments such as the prohibition of having an ox and donkey plow together because we worry about the latter's feelings.

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