

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Ki Tavo פרשת כי תבוא
Shabbat September 5th, 2020, טז' אלול תש"פ / 16 Elul 5780
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:15 p.m.
שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	6:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (early)	7:05 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting (regular)	7:28 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:45 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shacharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:50 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:20 p.m.
שבת שובע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:29 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

<i>שחרית Shacharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:05 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
<i>שחרית Shacharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:05 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	7:30 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	8:00 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:46 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 10:01 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 7:45 pm

Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

Joseph Azulay ז"ל, Leon Cohen ז"ל, Jacob Benchimol ז"ל 24 Elul / Sunday September 13th
Elias Pelman ז"ל, Emma Bitton ז"ל 29 Elul / Friday September 18th

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!



Synagogue News

Selihot

Selihot will begin 45 minutes before each respective minyan.

Minha and Scheduling Update

Please note that beginning this week Minha and Arbit will take place at it's normal time (10 min prior to sunset); for the week of September 6th, Minha will start at 7:30 PM. Next Shabbat, we will revert back to our normal (Winter) Shabbat schedule with Minha on Friday at 7:05 PM and Candle Lighting at 7:16 PM

THE KOL SHMUEL SHOFAR PROGRAM

If you know of anyone that is not able to attend Synagogue on Rosh Hashana or on Yom Kippur, the Kol Shmuel Shofar Program, organized by Max Benaim and his group of amazing volunteers will try to come by to blow the Shofar for them before Roah Hashana or between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Max Benaim can be reached at 416 918 0676 or 416 644 6561. The Kol Shmuel Shofar Program is being offered to our Community for its 12th year in memory of Mr. Samuel Oziel Z'L.

Dues and Pledges/SEF Office Open On Sunday

As we approach Rosh Hashana, we ask everyone to make an effort to settle their accounts for past pledges and dues. Statements were sent out last week and the office will be open this Sunday (September 6, 2020) from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, for anyone wanting to make a payment or review the status of their account.

Online Shiurim Reminder

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

- Wednesday, September 9, 2020 from 8:00 PM - 8:40 PM - Mishle/Proverbs
- Thursday, September 10, 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>)

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Ki Tavo - The mitzva of Hagbaha

ברוך אשר יקים את דברי התורה הזאת

"Blessed is he who upholds these words of Torah."

Prior to the long list of curses in this week's Parasha, is a small, yet powerful group of blessings which shower a person if he is loyal to Hashem's commandments. The Torah states that a person who "upholds the words of Torah" will be blessed. What does this mean exactly?

According to the Ramban, this is referring to the person appointed to do "Hagbaha" or "Mar'e HaKetav" when the Torah is taken out during Tefila services. By lifting (or upholding) the words of Torah, he is blessed.

It is important to know that this mitzva has widely been described as one of the biggest mitzvot a person can do; to the point where in the olden days, they used to reserve this mitzva for the great leaders and most respected men of the community. In addition, when offered to the general public, people would pay big dollars to purchase the opportunity to do this mitzva. To have the chance to display Hashem's Torah to the public in such a grand manner, says the Ramban, will help achieve immense beracha and good tidings in that person's life.

Today, this mitzva is distributed evenly among members of the Kahal and not just to the great leaders of the community. The reason is because we are worried it will lead to conflict among members of the kahal as to why "so and so" was appointed and "not me."

It's unfortunate that nowadays people regard this mitzva as part of the "less important" ones. This is totally incorrect. One should never turn down the chance to perform this mitzva because he doesn't think it's not as important as an Aliyah or Petihat haHechal. He should remember that once upon a time this was given ONLY to the leaders of Talmidei Hachamim of the community. Assuming one has the physical strength to lift up the Torah, he should cherish the opportunity given to him and as a result of it, he will be blessed with an abundance of good; to him and his family. #cherishthemitzva