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Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Shabbat Succot
Shabbat October 3rd, 2020, ט"ו תשרי תשפ"א / 15 Tishrei 5781
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Succot Schedule



Friday October 2nd

- 6:40 Minha
- 6:37 Candle Lighting
- 7:00 Arbit
- 7:39 Nightfall/Kiddush after

Friday October 9th

- 6:30 Minha
- 6:25 Candle Lighting
- 7:05 Arbit
- 7:27 Nightfall/Kiddush after

Saturday Oct. 3rd

- 6:20 Shaharit Vatikin
- 9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue
- 6:30 Minha
- 7:10 Arbit
- 7:36 Candle Lighting after
- 7:36 Nightfall/Kiddush after

Saturday Oct. 10th

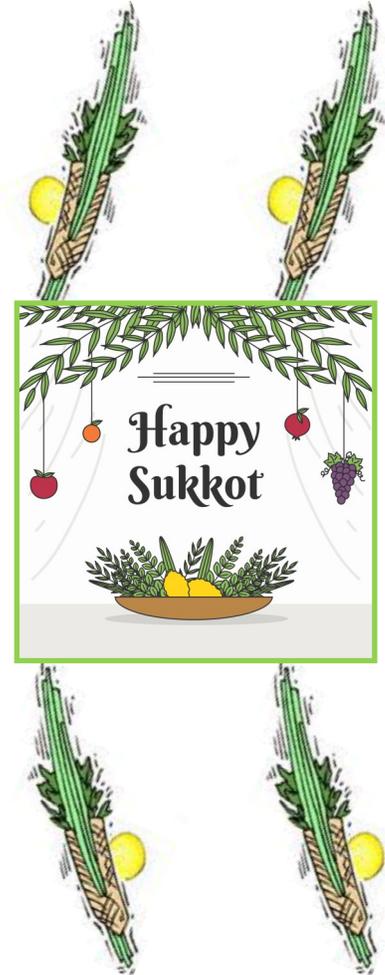
- 6:30 Shaharit Vatikin
- 9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue
- 6:40 Minha
- 7:00 Arbit
- 7:24 Candle Lighting after
- 7:25 Nightfall/Kiddush after

Sunday Oct. 4th

- 6:20 Shaharit Vatikin
- 9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue
- 6:30 Minha
- Shiur
- 7:20 Arbit
- 7:35 Havdala/Yom Tov Ends

Sunday Oct. 11th

- 6:30 Shaharit Vatikin
- 9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue
- 6:25 Minha
- Shiur
- 7:10 Arbit
- 7:23 Havdala/Hag Ends



Nahalot

David Elmaleh ז"ל, Aaron Bensimon ז"ל, Salomon Assayag ז"ל 15 Tishrei / Shabbat October 3rd
Isaac Bentolila ז"ל, Rachel Edery ז"ל, Licy Azulay ז"ל 16 Tishrei / Sunday October 4th
Estrella Anidjar ז"ל, Haim Queroub ז"ל, Abraham Anidjar ז"ל 17 Tishrei / Monday October 5th
Suzane Levy ז"ל, Samuel Melul ז"ל, Hanania Zrihen ז"ל 19 Tishrei / Wednesday October 7th
Messoda Senior Elkaim ז"ל 21 Tishrei / Friday October 9th

Nahalot for the following week

Tamo Benedid ז"ל, Nina Nezry ז"ל, Albert Goldberg ז"ל 22 Tishrei / Shabbat October 10th
Messod Levy ז"ל, Anna Aronova ז"ל 24 Tishrei / Monday October 12th
David Kadoch ז"ל, Freha Ben-Assor ז"ל 25 Tishrei / Tuesday October 13th
Rachel Benaim ז"ל, Elimelech Wolf ז"ל 26 Tishrei / Wednesday October 14th
Josef Gabay ז"ל, Amilia Solomon ז"ל 28 Tishrei / Friday October 16th

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Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Herbert Stein z"l, father of our dear friend and member Mr. Robert Stein. Our condolences go to his wife, Yvonne, to his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ruth and to the entire family on their loss. May his Neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden

Hosha'ana Raba

Shaharit for Hosha'ana Raba will take place at 6:35am (one minyan only).

There will be no Keri'e Moed (Meldado) this year at SKC.

SKC Succa

Please note that this year the SKC is putting up a very modest Succa to accommodate those who cannot put up their own Succa.

It is for single use, that is, for one family at a time, to make kiddush and hamotzi ONLY. If you arrive at the Succa and someone else is occupying it, please wait patiently for them to vacate before entering. If you are inside the Succa and know that others are waiting outside, please do your best to finish as quickly as possible.

We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to normalcy for next year, b'ezrat Hashem.

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

I saw written in the name of Rabbi David Hananiah Pinto the following explanation of one of our mitzvot connected to Succot. There is a special mitzvah incumbent upon us during the coming festival, Hag HaSuccot, as it says ושמחת בהגך "and you shall rejoice on your festival", and the following verse even repeats this obligation והיית אך שמח "and you will be completely joyous".

How do we fulfill this mitzva? Especially when a person is surrounded by challenges which trouble him on a day to day basis, suddenly the days of the hag spread their wings over him and he is supposed to disconnect from his suffering and simply be happy?! How can one achieve this state? The Rambam warns us about the obligation to be happy on this festival and writes: "The joy that a person should feel in doing the mitzvot and loving Hashem who commanded them - is tremendous work. And whoever prevents himself from achieving this state of happiness - it is fitting that he should be punished, as it says "since you did not serve Hashem your G-d with joy". And there is no greatness or honour but to rejoice before Hashem.

The Vilna Gaon zt"l, was asked which is the hardest mitzva in the Torah to fulfill? He replied: The hardest mitzva is simhat hachag. Why? Because a person must be happy and in good spirits during the entire hag, including the days and the nights, without letting up even for a moment. Besides this it is also forbidden to nurture worrying thoughts on any matter, and no pain or sorrow should get caught up in the simhat haHag. This obligation not to get upset about anything in the world, and to be only happy without a break during the entire holiday, eight days in a row, one hundred and ninety- two hours, eleven thousand five hundred and twenty minutes, is indeed a very hard mitzva! All the talmidim and those who were close with the Vilna Gaon knew that during the holiday he had a different look on his face. And even though the commandment of "and you shall rejoice on your festival" is one of the hard-est mitzvot, for one has to rejoice without a break for seven days straight, the Gaon fulfilled it in an exemplary manner. His holy face glowed with a precious shine which did not dim throughout the seven days of the holiday. Once his students came to visit him, to fulfill the requirement of visiting one's Rav on the festivals. They were extremely surprised to see him with a sad, drawn face. When they asked him about this and wished to join him in his pain, the Gaon did not want to reveal the reason for his sadness, but since his students pressed him he divulged the reason.

This is what he told them: The previous night he had a dream where he had a revelation on the verse "Ascend here in the south and climb the mountain" (Parashat Shelah, concerning the spies). (The Gaon added: This revelation included 2260 explanations on that verse and just from one explanation, I could understand all the secrets of the creation, from the beginning unto the end.) When he awoke in the morning, due to the dearth of the revelation, he could not stop himself and thought about the things that were revealed to him, even though the Gaon himself rules that before saying birkat haTorah it is forbidden to even think about words of Torah. Suddenly he was unable to remember any of the revelation; it simply disappeared from his memory. "This is the reason for my sadness", finished the Gaon. However, we asked previously, how is it possible to fulfil the mitzva of "and you will be completely joyous"? This is the answer. Once on Erev Succot, Harav Shach zt"l was asked how one achieves simhat yom tov which is a Torah obligation. He answered: "During Kiddush you will get your answer." The questioner was perplexed so Maran HaRav Shach explained: "Your ears should hear what your mouth talks. When you give praise and thanks to Hashem "Who has chosen us from every people, exalted us above every tongue, and sanctified us with his commandments. And You gave us, Hashem, our G-d, with love, appointed festivals for gladness, festivals and times for joy". When I think about this, Harav Shach exclaimed, I want to dance, and you ask how to achieve happiness on Yom Tov?!... Hag Sameah!



SUCCOT DERASHOT

by: Rabbi David Kadoch

- Oct 3** SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
1st Day of Succot
- Oct 4** THE VALUE OF EVERY JEW
2nd Day of Succot
- Oct 4** LAWS OF HOSHA'ANA RABA AND THE ARAVOT
Between Minha & Arbit
- Oct 10** PRAYING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD
Shemini Atzeret
- Oct 11** BIRKAT HAGOMEL FOR TRAVELERS
Between Minha & Arbit