

# 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 Lech Lecha פרשת לך לך*  
Shabbat October 31st, 2020, יג' חשוון תשפ"א / 13 Heshvan 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	5:50 p.m.
שיר השרים Shir Hashirim	6:05 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:52 p.m.
<i>(ותיקין) שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikin</i>	
שחרית (Main Synagogue) שחרית	6:55 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	9:00 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	5:15 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	5:45 p.m.
	6:54 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

*שחרית Shacharit Sunday*

ותיקין Vatikin	6:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

*שחרית Shacharit Weekdays*

ותיקין Vatikin	6:15 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:50 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:53 am, Keriat Shema- שמע- 9:51 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 6:09 pm

### Nahalot

- Gabriel Daniel ז"ל 14 Heshvan / Sunday November 1st
- Nissim HaCohen ז"ל, Esther Dahan ז"ל 15 Heshvan / Monday November 2nd
- Sarah Assor ז"ל, Gitta Levi ז"ל 16 Heshvan / Tuesday November 3rd
- Mercedes Melul ז"ל 18 Heshvan / Thursday November 5th
- Menahem Serruya ז"ל, Mimon Cohen ז"ל, Harry Kay ז"ל 19 Heshvan / Friday November 6th

### Nahalot for the following week

- Salomon Abikhzer ז"ל 20 Heshvan / Shabbat November 7th
- Nina Keslassy ז"ל, Isaac Bentolila ז"ל, Messoda Senior Elkaim ז"ל 21 Heshvan / Sunday November 8th
- Lily Medina ז"ל, Rachel Elgrichi ז"ל 22 Heshvan / Monday November 9th
- Elazar Benshabat ז"ל, Haim Cohen ז"ל, Hugo Faierman ז"ל 23 Heshvan / Tuesday November 10th
- Luna Moyal ז"ל, Samuel Benchimol ז"ל 24 Heshvan / Wednesday November 11th
- Yehuda Leon Sevi ז"ל 25 Heshvan / Thursday November 12th
- Samuel Cohen ז"ל 26 Heshvan / Friday November 13th



# Synagogue News

## Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing, of our dear friend and member, Amram Benmaman z"l, husband of Alegria Benmaman and father to Biba Benquesus, Rosie Melul and Mercedes Bendayan.

Our condolences go to Alegria, to Biba and Jack Benquesus, Rosie and Carlos Melul, Mercedes and Moshe Bendayan and to the entire family on their loss.

May his neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen.

We regret to inform you of the passing, of our dear friend and member, Estrella Rashty z"l. Our condolences go to her son Isaac and to the entire family on their loss.

May her neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen.

## Mishmara

The mishmara of Estrella Rashty z"l will be this Motsae Shabbat following Arvit.

The mishmara (year) of Raphael Abtan z"l will be next Motsae Shabbat following arvit.

## Unveiling

The unveiling of Moshe Elfassy z"l will be next Sunday at 12pm at Pardes Shalom Cemetery

## Weekly Shiurim

Monday - Mishle/Proverbs (men and women all ages)

Tuesday - Halacha (university-aged boys)

Wednesday - Parashat HaShavua (Post-Seminary Girls)

Thursday - Parashat HaShavua (men and women all ages)

All classes at 8:00pm.

Link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/450150709>

## Message from the Board

As we conclude the Yamim Noraim, it is with intense pride that we note that, despite the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, our community has demonstrated an incredible spirit of zehut to each other and to Hashem. While reduced in numbers, the spirituality and passion of our tefilla during this period reflects the deep sense of devotion that our kahal exhibits.

We are now resuming the process of Board of Governors 2020 Elections and the outgoing board would like to announce the election for the Board of Governors for an 18-month term (concluding in May 2022) for the positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Parnass, and for four (4) Board Members at large. Candidates for board members must have been members of the synagogue for a full year and candidates for executive positions must have been members of the synagogue for a full two (2) years. The nomination committee, chaired by our outgoing president, Meyer Keslassy, and joined by David Bensimon and Moses Bendayan, will be accepting member nominations until Friday, November 13, 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](mailto:elections2020@kehilacentre.com). The nomination committee will prepare the slate and notify the membership on Sunday, November 15, 2020.

Elections are scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2020 and the

new board is expected to take office on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Elections this year will be done by mail and all registered members will be provided with a paper ballot that they will either drop off at the office or will submit via Canada Post in specially addressed letters. The details for the voting process will be provided when the slate of candidates is announced on Sunday, November 15, 2020.

May Hashem grant you and yours health, happiness and prosperity and may we be united in our love for Torah and Mitzvot.

The Board of Governors

## Time Change

Please remember to change the clocks, one hour behind on Motzei Shabat night before you go to bed.



# Torah Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Lech Lecha - פרשת לך לך

Lech Lecha - Secrets of the name

ואעשך לגוי גדול, ואברכך, ואגדלה שמך, והיה ברכה" (בראשית יב:ב)

"And I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you and I will your name great, and it shall be a blessing." (12:2)

Rashi interprets the three blessings of this pasuk corresponding to each of the three patriarchs. "And I will make you into a great nation" is for those who say "Elokei Avraham," "And I will bless you" is for those who say "Elokei Yitzchak," "And I will make your name great" is for those who say "Elokei Yaakov."

Rabbi Shimshon MeOstropoli has a fascinating insight on this Rashi. The Gemara in Masechet Berachot says that anyone who calls Avraham "Avram" transgresses a positive commandment. However, one may call Yaakov "Yaakov" even though his name changed to Yisrael. Why is this so?

The names Avraham, Yitzchak and Yaakov consist of 13 Hebrew letters which correspond to the word אהד. This word has the numerical value of 13. These names shout out to the oneness of God. The names of the Imahot: Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, Leah also have 13 Hebrew letters, corresponding to אהד. When added together, it gives us 26, which the tetra-gammon holy name of God יהוה-יהוה.

This means that if we are to call Yaakov, "Yisrael" the number of letters of our forefathers names will increase to 14, and it will not add up to 26 when added to the letters of our matriarchs. This equation only works when the name of Avram is changed to Avraham. Now we can better understand Rashi when he says the words "And I will make your name Great" correspond to those who say "Elokei Yaakov." For if one would say "Elokei Yisrael," Avram's name could have never been expanded to Avraham and would have had to remain the same.

This fits with the pasuk in Tehilim which says: לולי ה' שהיה לנו, יאמר - If it had not been for Hashem who was with us, let Yisrael now say" (124:1) - The Vilna Gaon interprets this pasuk to mean, if we didn't have the name of יהוה-יהוה, we would be reciting "Yisrael" rather than "Yaakov" because then there would be no need for the letters of our forefathers to fit with the number 26.