

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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פרשת וישב *Parashat Vayeshev*  
Shabbat December 12th 2020, כו' כסלו תשפ"א / 26 Kislev 5781  
Perasha Page 198, Haftarah 1210 in Artscroll

### Notice

All tefilah services in the building are temporally suspended until further notice. We will inform you of any changes via email or our synagogue What's app chat.

### Mazal Tov

Mazal Tov to **Mr. and Mrs. Maurice and Elise Benzacar** on their 65th wedding anniversary.

### Nahalot

Perla Keslassy ז"ל 26 Kislev / Shabbat December 12th  
Abraham Shemesh ז"ל 27 Kislev / Sunday December 13th  
Isaac Benmergui ז"ל 29 Kislev / Tuesday December 15th  
Isaac Nezry ז"ל, David Kirschner ז"ל 1 Tevet / Wednesday December 16th  
Georgette 'Zahara' Keslassy ז"ל 3 Tevet / Friday December 18th

### Nahalot for the following week

Yosef Mouyal ז"ל, Allan Martin Krane ז"ל, Yaakob Totah ז"ל 5 Tevet / Sunday December 20th  
Yaakov Roditi Gulerson ז"ל 6 Tevet / Monday December 21st  
Rica Nezry ז"ל 7 Tevet / Tuesday December 22nd  
Abraham Benchetrit ז"ל 10 Tevet / Friday December 25th

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:37 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעת שמע 9:21 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 4:40 pm



## **Condolences**

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Rachel Amiel z"l, mother of our dear member Mr. Rene Amiel. Funeral will take place at 1pm today at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery. Shiva will be private.

May we only hear Besorot Tovot.

תהי נפשה צרורה בצרור החיים

## **Rosh Hodesh**

Rosh Hodesh Tevet will be on Wednesday December 16th

## **Avot Ubanim - this Shabbat at 7pm**

### **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.

Sunday - Gemara Masechet Sotah 7:15am

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

### **Weekly Shiur by Zachary Benatar**

Join us weekly for inspirational words of wisdom on Judaism by Zachary Benatar. Only half an hour weekly. Gain a deeper understanding of the world through Hashem's eyes. We look forward to having men and women tune in.

**Every Tuesday at 2:45 p.m.**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75974587379?pwd=bDVheFZRnHuckVITE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>

Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

It was at this time - after years of aggravation in the home of Lavan, physical and spiritual battles with Esav, terrible anguish over the defilement of Dina, and much distress in raising his twelve sons - that Yaakov Avinu finally wished to settle down and learn Torah in peace. But this was not to be, for the tragic episode of Mechirat Yosef (The Sale of Yosef) interrupted his peace of mind and what ensued was a very long and difficult period in the life of Yaakov Avinu.

The Medrash asks: Is it not enough that a tzaddik experiences serenity in the next world - shall he also wish to feel that peace in this world? The Mesilat Yesharim explains that the purpose of man's existence in this world is to enjoy the radiance of the Shechina (Divine Presence), however, the actual manifestation of this great goal occurs only in the next world. One must work in this world to pass the tests in his life, perfecting his character traits and striving for excellence in his Avodat Hashem (service of God), in order to reach that ultimate level in the World to Come.

The one and only purpose of serenity in this world is to allow a Jew to have peace of mind to be able to serve Hashem properly. We are never supposed to desire serenity or even request it, for serenity is not an end unto itself; it simply helps us get to where we want to be. A Jew must ask Hashem to give him the strength - and yes, the tranquillity and peace of mind - he needs to be the best he can be and achieve the most to the best of ability. After 120 years - when one reaches Olam Haba - he can then experience true - שלווה - serenity and peace, by enjoying the radiance of the Shechina. Until then he must live by the maxim:

"One needs to cover ground before the ground covers him!"