

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת ויחי Parashat Vayehi
Shabbat January 2nd 2021, יח' טבת תשפ"א / 18 Tevet 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	4:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:33 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:50 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:30 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	5:41 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shaharit Sunday	
וטיקין Vatikim	7:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit Weekdays	
וטיקין Vatikim	7:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:40 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:52 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה 9:31 am, Shekia- שקיעה 4:52 pm

Mazal Tov

To: **Rebecca Benchaya & Avi Somech** on their engagement

Proud Parents: Mr. Gilles Benchaya and Mrs. Myriam Carole Medina, Mr. Benchaya Yaacov and Mrs. Gina Somech

Proud Grand Parents: Mr. Yaacov Medina, Mrs. Addie Abitbol Mines

To: **Avi Benlezrah and Barbara Bensimon** on their recent engagement

Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy and Eliete Bensimon and Mr. and Mrs. Ari and Annie Benlezrah

Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Amram and Esther Bensimon, Mrs. Tany Cohen and Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Ninette Benlezrah

To: **Daniel and Esther Hazan** on the birth of their son in Baltimore

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Moses and Mercedes Elmaleh, Mr. & Mrs. Stan and Julie Hazan

Nahalot

Samuel Faierman ז"ל 18 Tevet / Shabbat January 2nd

Abraham Medina ז"ל, 19 Tevet / Sunday January 3rd

Jacob Bendayan ז"ל 20 Tevet / Monday January 4th

Isaac Assayag ז"ל 23 Tevet / Thursday January 7th

Nahalot for the following week

Mordejai Assayag ז"ל, Isaac Assor ז"ל 25 Tevet / Shabbat January 9th

Hillel Edery ז"ל 26 Tevet / Sunday January 10th

Moses Elmaleh ז"ל, Luna Benchabo ז"ל 29 Tevet / Wednesday January 13th

Rebecca Sabbah ז"ל, Yaakob Zeitouni ז"ל 1 Shevat / Thursday January 14th

Condolences

We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Jaime (Jimmy) Dayan. Our deepest and most sincere condolences go out to his brothers, and our members, Albert Dayan and Isaac Dayan and as well to Marcos Dayan.
May his neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden.

Prayer Restrictions and Registration

With the recently announced York Region restrictions on synagogues we have moved to a registration system for all minyanim. You must register in advance to attend Tefila services at SKC.

If you need help registering or do not have a computer, please call Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 for help. People who do not register, will not be allowed to pray in the building.

We would like to remind everyone that masks are mandatory from the moment that you step into the building and should not be removed or lowered while you are praying. If you cannot wear a mask, we recommend that you pray at home.

We also ask that everyone respect social distancing restrictions at all times in order to minimize any risks and preserve safety.

Please do not congregate in the building or in front of the building after Tefila. Not only does this increase the risk to all but people have reported our congregants to the authorities because of this.

Shiur Sponsorship

We wish to acknowledge the generous sponsorship of the Rabbi's Shiurim

- Yaacov Medina, in memory of his father, Abraham Medina z"l

- Jacques and Biba Benquesus, in honour of the Hilula of R' Yaakob Abuhatzzeira

Avot Ubanim - POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Vayehi - פרשת ויהי

Vayehi - Was Yosef legally married?

אשר נתן אלוהים בזה. " (מח:ט)

"That God gave me with this." (48:9)

Rashi says that the word "with this" teaches us that Yosef showed his father his document of engagement and his ketubah. The Bet Pinchas asks a simple question. Nowhere do we find any official document that relates to engagement. He concludes that the document that he showed Yaakov was his marriage document. He wrote the words "הרי את מקודשת זו... on a piece of paper and handed it to Asenat his wife. We are left with two questions. One, why didn't he marry her with money? Two, where in Egypt were there kosher witnesses to allow such a marriage?

Both questions can be answered by one halacha brought down by the Rambam. He writes that if one wrote on a paper the statement of marriage (above) and handed it to a woman, he is legally married even without witnesses. Therefore, since Yosef knew that there were no kosher witnesses in Egypt, he used this method of marriage to sanctify himself with Asenat. In essence, according to halachic law, the admittance of the husband in this case is like one hundred witnesses.

However, what about the opinions that hold that witnesses are required even on a written marriage document? Is there any way to satisfy those opinions? Since this document actually affects others, being that the wife is now prohibited to other men, his own admittance would not be enough to confirm this marriage! To answer this we must say that since Asenat was given to Yosef by the command of Pharaoh, he had no permission to go against the will of the king. Therefore, the effect of this marriage on others doesn't apply and therefore he can write the marriage statement on paper even without witnesses.

This is hinted in the words of the Ramban who writes that Yosef told Yaakov "Hashem has performed miracles for me, for allowing the king to give me her (Asenat) as a wife." According to the Ramban, Yosef told Yaakov the following: "I married Asenat according to all rules of the Torah. I used a written document. And if you feel that I should require witnesses because I prohibit my wife from other men, you should know that Hashem made a miracle and made it that Pharaoh himself gave me her as a wife. Therefore, I am legally married."