

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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פרשת בא Parashat Bo

Shabbat January 23rd 2021, י"ג שבט תשפ"א / 10 Shvat 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	5:00 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:57 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:45 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:55 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	6:03 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	7:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	7:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	5:05 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:43 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה 9:30 am, Shekia- שקיעה 5:17 pm

### Happy Birthdays this week

Avi Benlezrah, Ella Benquesus, Devora Arrobas, Aaron Serruya, Hadassa Bohbot, Nathalie Toby, Biba Atara Benquesus, Joseph Mordechai Rothenberg, Jonathan Zrihen, Ezra Bitton, David Nacson

### Nahalot

Sara Benarroch ז"ל, Joseph Amar ז"ל, Simon Serfaty ז"ל 10 Shevat / Shabbat January 23rd

Ayouch Azoulay ז"ל, Yaakob Cohen ז"ל 11 Shevat / Sunday January 24th

Nissim Dadoun ז"ל 12 Shevat / Monday January 25th

Abraham Bentolila ז"ל, Rabbi Shmuel Edery ז"ל, Mojluf Ruah ז"ל 13 Shevat / Tuesday January 26th

Ami Yakov Danieli ז"ל 14 Shevat / Wednesday January 27th

Victor Allal ז"ל 16 Shevat / Friday January 29th

### Nahalot for the following week

Haim Toledano ז"ל 17 Shevat / Shabbat January 30th

Fortuna Mazal Tov Oziel ז"ל, Moses Benhaim ז"ל, Fortuna Benisty ז"ל, Cyla Goldlust ז"ל, 18 Shevat / Sunday January 31st

Rebecca Abitbol ז"ל, David Amirian ז"ל 19 Shevat / Monday February 1st

Jacob Benaim ז"ל, Miryam Wolf ז"ל 20 Shevat / Tuesday February 2nd

Eliyahu Edery ז"ל, Hasiba Dadoun ז"ל 21 Shevat / Wednesday February 3rd

Archie Levy ז"ל 23 Shevat / Friday February 5th

# Synagogue News

## COVID-19 Restrictions Update

Given the new government of Ontario restrictions, the SKC and SKC office will be closed to all until February 11, 2021, except for prayer services. If you need to reach the office, please do so by e-mail at [social@kehilacentre.com](mailto:social@kehilacentre.com) rather than telephone to ensure a timely response. Payments should be mailed to the synagogue or put in the drop-off box in the lobby.

## Tu Bishvat

Tu Bishvat is Thursday January 28th.

Join us for a special ZOOM Tu Bishvat Seder on Wednesday night January 27th, at 6:30pm.

Click here: <https://zoom.us/j/95313811691>

Meeting ID: 953 1381 1691

Passcode: skc123

Dial by your location +1 438 809 7799 Canada

Meeting ID: 953 1381 1691

Passcode: 496031

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/asLWTrSDS>

Foods to bring: crackers or cookies, olives, dates, grapes, white wine, figs, pomegranates, etrog, apples, walnuts, hazelnuts or peanuts or chestnuts, pears, almonds, any other special fruit

## Thank You!

The SKC extends a hearty thank you to Mrs. Esther Grinsaft who came forward to sponsor an entire set of beautiful tablecloths for the tables in the Downstairs Synagogue (picture below). It was in honour of her three grandchildren recently born, Raina and Yakira (twins) on the 4th of Kislev, Nov 20th ,2020 as well as baby grandson Abraham on Rosh Hodesh Tevet.

Tizki LaMitzvot! Be'Ezrat HaShem, there are big plans to renovate the Downstairs Synagogue with new paint, floors, and furniture in which there will be lots of opportunities to help make the room a stunning makom tefila/torah.

For more information or to help donate towards the project contact our president, Jean-Claude Abtan or Sultry Mamann in the office.

## 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.

## 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 Monday at 2:45 p.m.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75974587379?pwd=bDVheFIZRnRnckVITE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379  
Passcode 12345

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

"This month shall be for you the beginning of the months, it shall be for you the first of the months of the year" (Shemot 12:2)

Rashi writes, "'This month': Hashem showed Moshe the new moon and told him, 'When you see the moon in its new phase, it shall be Rosh Hodesh for you'".

Am Yisrael were given this mitzvah of sanctifying the month while they were still in Egypt. Why was this so and what is the significance of this mitzvah that it was chosen to be one of the first mitzvot that Am Yisrael were commanded to observe? One can explain that the reason is that the only creation where it is possible to actually see its renewal tangibly each month, is the moon. When Hashem created the world in six days, the world was completely new, free of any sin. After Adam sinned by eating from the Tree of Knowledge, that newness was blemished, a blemish that continued to accompany Am Yisrael throughout the generations. Hashem in His great mercy wished to grant Am Yisrael atonement for this sin, therefore He commanded them to bless and sanctify the moon each month and in this way when Am Yisrael see the renewal of the moon, it will cause them to also renew and purify their souls from the impression that still remains from the time of the sin of Adam Ha-Rishon.

That is why this mitzvah was given to Am Yisrael at the very beginning and they were commanded to observe it while still in Egypt. In Egypt, Am Yisrael were immersed in the forty-ninth level of impurity (Zohar Hadash beg. Yitro) so they were commanded to observe the mitzvah of sanctifying the new month which had the power of also renewing their souls and eradicating the abominations of Egypt from within them. One can also add that since Bnei Yisrael were immersed in the forty-ninth level of impurity, it was necessary for them to raise their eyes heavenward and thereby remember "Who created these [things]!" (Yeshaya 40:26). This could be another reason for receiving the mitzvah of sanctifying the moon.

Rosh Hodesh is a day that has inherent powers of forgiveness and atonement since Hashem considers this day as one of the six days of creation when the world was clean and fresh and had not yet tasted sin. This is the reason why Am Yisrael were commanded to offer a he-goat as a sin-offering for atonement on Rosh Hodesh.

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**Zoom link: <http://zoom.us/j/7555467575>**

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