

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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Parashat Beshalah פרשת בשלה
Shabbat January 30th 2021, יז' שבט תשפ"א / 17 Shvat 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha	5:05 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:06 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:35 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	5:00 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	6:12 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	5:15 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:36 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:28 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 5:26 pm

Mazal Tov

Rachel Willinger on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah

Birthdays this week

Barbara Bensimon, Ari Gal, Jaden Benquesus, Yaakov Bohbot, Joseph Shemesh, Sandy Benchetrit, Samantha Halioua

Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

Samuel Korman ז"ל, Sarah Ruth Michael ז"ל 25 Shevat / Shabbat February 7th

Anna Hakoun ז"ל, Rabbi Yosef Azuelos ז"ל 26 Shevat / Monday February 8th

Mordechai Levy ז"ל, Victor Haim Benisty ז"ל 27 Shevat / Tuesday February 9th

Shimon Reboh ז"ל 28 Shevat / Wednesday February 10th

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 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.

Purim Announcement

With Purim around the corner, we are in the process of creating a sign-up system to allow men and women hear the Megila in a safe and efficient manner.

Next week, a link will be sent via email and whatsapp which would allow you to sign up and hear the Megila. There will be nine slots for men followed by nine slots for women, both at night and during the day. The 108 slots per session are limited to members only and those over the age of bar/bat mitzvah. We would like to thank the nine individuals who have stepped forward to read the Megila multiple times throughout the holiday.

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=bDVheFIZRnRnYUk1bnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Beshalah - פרשת בשלה

Beshalah - An "armed" people

העם, ולא נחם אלוהים, דרך ארץ פלישתים, כי קרוב ויהי בשלה פרעה את הוא, כי אמר אלוהים, פן ינחם העם, בראותם מלחמה ושבנו מצרימה: ויסב 'אלוהים את העם דרך המדבר ים סוף, וחמושים עלו בני ישראל מארץ מצרים (יג:יז)

The Keli Yakar on the first pasuk in this week's parasha asks why Bene Yisrael is referred to simply as "AM" (the nation) three times and not called "Bene Yisrael" until late in the second pasuk. Only in verse two does the Torah reveal that Bene Yisrael left Egypt "Vahamushim" (armed with kele zayin - weapons). In fact, one would think the exact opposite. Since the name Bene Yisrael connotes true holiness and connection to Hashem, there would be no need for any weaponry if they were to encounter war; for the true protection from any enemy comes in the form of Torah and Tefila in addition to full-hearted faith. So, you're thinking ... "that's right, but they can't just rely on miracles! There needs to be an element of nature involved. To this, he responds that there would be no need for them to carry five weapons as the Medrash states; one weapon would have been suffice. In addition, what experience in warfare did the Jews have anyway? All they did in Egypt was engage in back-breaking labour!

He therefore explains that when the pasuk refers them to "Bene Yisrael" and "armed" this means that the Jews were armed (hamushim) with the Five Books of HUMASH which total 7 different sections (kele zayin) (The pasuk "Vayhi Binsoa Ha'aron" in Parashat Beha'alotecha is widely considered a book on its own and therefore divides the Book of Bamidbar into three books). However, the Jews could not receive the Torah until they developed complete trust and faith in Hashem. This came by means of two things. One, they needed to experience the miracles of Yam Suf and second, a few days in the desert eating only the Manna. Prior to learning this, they could not receive the Torah, could not be considered a "complete" nation and thus could not be called Bene Yisrael; a nation distinguished from the rest.

With this understood now we can make sense of the pesukim. "And it was when Pharaoh sent the "nation" - at this moment they were just a "nation" because they had not received the Torah yet. They weren't at that spiritual level needed to be called "Bene Yisrael" because they lacked fundamental faith in God. Hashem decided to take them "through the desert and towards Yam Suf" because only there would they build the required faith needed to accept the Torah; the "desert" from the Manna and Yam Suf from the miracle of the sea splitting. One they went through that process, they can be declared "Hamushim" - "armed" with Torah (The Five books of Humash in seven different sections) and ready to be named "Bene Yisrael."