

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת כי תשא Parashat Ki Tisa
Shabbat March 6th 2021, כב' אדר תשפ"א / 22 Adar 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	5:50 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:53 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	5:45 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	5:15 p.m.
מנחה Minha	5:45 p.m.
שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	6:56 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

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

Shabbat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:45 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 10:35 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 6:13 pm

Birthdays this week

Eliav Saban, Biba Benquesus, Daniel Abtan, Raquel Hyams, Ethan Amiel, Jonathan Lalou

Mazal Tov

David and Dina Azulay on the Bar Misva of their son, Elie

Proud Grandparents : Mr. & Mrs. Elias and Perla Azulay and Rabbi & Mrs. Yedidya and Denise Ohayon

Proud Great-Grandparents: Mrs. Enna Kadoch and Mrs. Simy Ohayon

Oren and Raquel Hyams on the Bar Misva of their son, Ilan

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Sandy Hyams and Mrs. Malie Sobol

James and Nathalie Toby on the birth of a daughter

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Algeria Toby and Mr. and Mrs. Henri and Chantal Ohayon

Proud Great-Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Suzanne Benchimol and Mrs. Messody Ohayon

Joe and Nathalie Boussidan on the marriage of their son Shemuel to Rachelle Obadia of Flatbush, NY

Nahalot

Habiba Abtan ז"ל, Saada Nahmias ז"ל **23 Adar** / Sunday Mar. 7th
Messod Benzacar ז"ל, Mazal Tob Bensimon ז"ל **24 Adar** / Mon. Mar. 8th
Abraham Benedid ז"ל **25 Adar** / Tuesday March 9th
Haim Keslassy ז"ל **26 Adar** / Wednesday March 10th
Jacob Keslassy ז"ל **28 Adar** / Friday March 12th

Nahalot for the following week

Salomon Bitton ז"ל **29 Adar** / Shabbat March 13th
Yaakov Azuelos ז"ל, Peres Karalou ז"ל, Chola Benchetrit ז"ל **1 Nissan** /
Sunday March 14th
Joseph Edery ז"ל, Zisel Boim ז"ל, Rachel Vaturi ז"ל **2 Nissan** / Mon. Mar. 15
Menahem Benadiba ז"ל **3 Nissan** / Tuesday March 16th
Molly Citron ז"ל **4 Nissan** / Wednesday March 17th
Esther Cohen ז"ל, Mercedes Bensimhon ז"ל **5 Nissan** / Thurs. March 18th
Marie Elmaleh ז"ל, Rahel Esseis ז"ל, Hananiah Cohen ז"ל **6 Nissan** /
Friday March 19th

Synagogue News

Hazak U'Baruch - Purim Mishloah Manot

Our Moroccan Purim Seuda themed Purim event was a major success!!! We distributed 225 Mishloah Manot packages to our members and want to acknowledge the efforts of everyone who came together to put together the packages, including Nathalie Toby who was putting the packages together the day before she delivered! A special thanks goes to Mercedes Abecassis, Ginny Abitbol and Sultry Mamann who lead this effort and spent countless hours planning, shopping, prepping and cooking. We could not have done it without them.

We would also like to acknowledge the sponsors who helped fund this initiative. Thank You to Patrick Abtan & Carolyn Boulos, Perla Abtan, Allen & Rena Azoulay, Robi & Mirey Bahar, Eric & Arona Benchetrit, Sol & Bella Benchetrit, Yaakov Medina, Shabtai & Michelle Nacson, and James & Nathalie Toby.

Downstairs Synagogue Renovations

We are absolutely floored with the response to our appeal for funds to renovate the downstairs synagogue and we have exceeded our goal thanks to the incredible generosity of the community. We have finished installing the tiles and with the additional donations, we are now planning to enhance the synagogue further with a new Hechal and upgraded fixtures.

We are grateful to the individuals who have helped and donated their time and money to get to this point and if you wish to make a contribution to help us achieve our new goal, please contact Rabbi Kadoch or Avi Azuelos privately as soon as you can. All contributions will receive a full tax receipt.

Tizku Lamitzvot and thank you to everyone in advance.

Prayer Restrictions and Registration

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=bDVheFZRnhuckVITE1NkYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379
Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Ki Tisa - פרשת כי תשא

Ki Tisa - Coin of fire

This week's Parasha begins with the mitzva of *מחצית השקל*; the commandment for each Jew to give a half-shekel to the Mishkan as a donation. The rich and the poor equally gave only a half shekel, in order that one should not feel or claim that he contributed more to the Mishkan than his counterpart. Rashi famously comments on the superfluous word *זה* when it writes *זה יתנו כל העובר על הפקודים*. He writes that Hashem showed Moshe a coin of fire in the heavens and told him "like this they need to give." One begs to ask the significance of showing him an image made out of fire? Why couldn't have it been suffice to show him an image of a plain coin. To this there are many answers and I'd like to share with you a few which are connected to the mitzva of tzedakah.

1. Fire has the ability to provide for many people at once. I can use one fire to cook food for one person or for a hundred people and the fire will not decrease as a result. From here we learn that one who gives tzedakah will not find his possessions decrease nor will he lose anything himself.

2. Sometimes a poor person can only part with a little of his money for charity. Nonetheless, if his giving is filled with fiery passion and intention, then even his small giving is considered large in the eyes of God.

3. Hashem was telling Moshe that Bene Yisrael cannot just give the Machatzit HaShekel, rather, they first have to "burn" all other obstacles and negative character traits that may harm their quality of giving the Shekel, so as to be able to do the mitzva with a full, complete heart.

4. The Noam Elimelech writes beautifully that fire contains a positive and a negative quality. God forbid, fire can burn and destroy but on the other hand it is able to cook, to heat and to illuminate. If one uses his money for charity, kindness and other forms of chesed, one will see tremendous positives from his giving. However, if one uses his money without any association for mitzvot, that money can be extremely detrimental and can cause huge damage to a person Chas VeShalom.

May we merit to give tzedakah wholeheartedly, with the proper passion and intentions and through that, Hashem will bless us with abundance of wealth and kindness.