

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Rabbi David Kadoch
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Parashat Vayikra פרשת ויקרא
Shabbat March 13th 2021, ז' ניסן תשפ"א / 7 Nissan 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:00 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	6:40 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:20 a.m.
Shabbat HaGadol Derasha #1	6:30 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:05 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:14 p.m.

Weekday Services at

Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday

ותיקין Vatikim	6:35 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

ותיקין Vatikim	6:35 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:05 p.m.
ערבית Arbit following Minha	

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:21 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 11:23 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 7:30 pm

Birthdays this week

Naomi Ohayon, Ely Abitbol, Danielle Elmaleh, Lauren Halioua, Joe Azoulay, Mia Benarroch, Rachel Benchetrit, David Dana, Elvy Cohen, Ninette Benlezrah, Yehiel Boussidan, Enny Cohen, David Boussidan, Jordan Nahmias, Ilana Arrobas

Mazal Tov

Eric and Joy Benchimol on the birth of a baby girl

Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jack & Suzanne Benchimol and Mr. and Mrs. David & Talia Elkayam

Happy Anniversary

Weitzman Abraham & Offra Abraham
Amram Benquesus & Batsheva Benquesus
Eric Benchetrit & Arona Benchetrit

Nahalot

Albert Zrihen ז"ל 7 Nissan / Shabbat March 20th
Miriam Toby ז"ל 8 Nissan / Sunday March 21st
Hanna Cohen ז"ל, David Gershon ז"ל 9 Nissan / Monday March 22nd
Maryse Benisti ז"ל, Shalom Abraham ז"ל, Alegria Moryoussef ז"ל -
10 Nissan / Tuesday March 23rd
Haim Amiel ז"ל, Mimon Wanunu ז"ל 11 Nissan / Wednesday March 24th
Samuel Elfassy ז"ל, Robida Assayag ז"ל 12 Nissan / Thursday Mar.25th
Lucy Bensimon ז"ל 13 Nissan / Friday March 26th

Nahalot for the following week

Maguy Pinto ז"ל, Rahamim Sultan ז"ל 14 Nissan / Shabbat March 27th
Preciada Beniluz ז"ל 15 Nissan / Sunday March 28th
Fortune Cohen ז"ל, Arie Lieh ז"ל, Chaim Tzvi Michael ז"ל 16 Nissan /
Mon.Mar.29
Jose Sevi ז"ל, Messa'uda Lalou ז"ל 3 Nissan / Tuesday March 16th

Synagogue News

Condolences

We regret to announce the untimely passing of Mr. Moshe Behar z"l, in Miami; brother-in-law to our Office Administrator, Mrs. Sully Mamann. We send our deepest and most sincere condolences to his wife Luisa, to his children Mazalit, Maimon and Miriam and to the entire family during this difficult time. May his Neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen.

Haroset

Haroset will be available for pick-up from SKC, as of Monday (March 22, 2021) and will be available until Thursday (March 25, 2021). Members can pick up from Elias Anidjar, every day from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Many thanks go to Joe Elmaleh for preparing and donating Haroset again this year. Hazak U'Baruch.

Sale of Hametz Form 5781

Sale of Hametz form is available online and can be accessed through the SKC Whatsapp chat

2020 Income Tax Receipts for Donations

Income Tax Receipts for calendar 2020 Tax Year Donations have been sent to everyone. If you have not received a copy of your receipt, please contact the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or send an e-Mail to social@kehilacentre.com and we will send you a copy right away.

Summer Scheduling Reminder

We are now following the summer schedule for both: weekday Minha/Arvit services and Friday night Shabbat services.

Siyum Ta'anit Bechorot - Thursday morning

The Siyum will be given by Rabbi Kadoch on zoom meeting on March 25, 2021 09:00 AM, Topic: Siyum Ta'anit Bechorot. Please see SKC chat for links.

Shabbat HaGadol Derasha x2

Due to this year's Hebrew calendar alignment, Rabbi Kadoch will be giving TWO Shabbat HaGadol lectures.

Shabbat March 20th: "The Laws of Erev Pesah on Shabbat"

Shabbat March 27th: "Breaking the Matza"

The lectures will take place in the main synagogue at 6:30pm.

Men and women are welcome to attend.

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

Vayikra – A Spot of Ink

(ויקרא אל משה)

And He called to Moshe (1:1)

At the end of Parashat Ki Tisa we are told about a certain glow that shone from the face of Moshe after he came down from Mount Sinai. This glow was so overwhelming that he needed to place a mask on his face because Bene Yisrael couldn't stare at him due to the abundance of light. Only when Moshe spoke to Hashem did he remove the mask.

There's a very intriguing Medrash that writes that following the completion of writing the Sefer Torah, Moshe placed a little bit of ink that remained on his Kulmos (feather) on his forehead and it was from this ink that caused the glow on his face to shine.

This Medrash needs explanation. Why did Hashem give Moshe more ink than he needed in the first place? To Hashem everything is exact, not more and not less, so how can there be excess ink? In addition, we have another problem. It is implied from the Medrash that Moshe caused his face to glow by placing the ink on his forehead, yet we know that there is no such power in the ink to do such a thing, so why does the Medrash imply that it was Moshe's doing?

We can explain the Medrash as follows. Really, HaKadosh Baruch Hu gave Moshe the exact amount of ink needed to write the Sefer Torah but because of Moshe's incredible humility he wrote the first word in this week's parasha, "Vayikra" with a small letter "aleph." As if to say, humbly, that Hashem came to me "by chance" (implied by the word "vayikar" spelled without the aleph). Because the Aleph was written in a smaller size font, ink was left on his feather. As a result of the leftover ink, Moshe placed it on his forehead and Hashem caused his face to glow as a result. The reason being that He was afraid that people would humiliate him as a result of him lowering himself in front of God. In order to avoid that zilzul, Hashem caused Moshe's face to glow.

I don't think it's a coincidence that Moshe used the ink יוד to display his humility as the word יוד has the same letters as the letter יוד (yud). Yud represents the humble individual as it's the smallest letter in the Aleph Bet. Nevertheless, Hashem takes those who lower themselves and raises them to the highest of levels; to the point when they're even shining.