

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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Rabbi  
Rabbi David Kadoch  
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Marc Kadoch  
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פרשת שמעוני *Parashat Shemini*  
Shabbat April 10th 2021, כח' ניסן תשפ"א / 28 Nissan 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:15 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:00 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:45a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:30 p.m.
שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:41 p.m.

### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית <i>Shaharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:20 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:43 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 11:07 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 7:55 pm

### Birthdays this week

Lana Shemesh, Lielle Benarroch, Shelly Revivo, Leora Elmaleh, Estrella Bensimon, Danitte Kozai, Yosef Chaim Arrobas, Farborz Amirian

### Mazal Tov

Marcos and Dr. Ilana Greenwald Benaim on the birth of a baby girl  
Proud grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Max and Estrella Benaim

### Happy Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac and Fanny Queroub who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary

## Nahalot

Nolan Jacobs ז"ל 28 Nissan / Shabbat April 10th  
Avraham Hassan ז"ל, Visda Benoudiz ז"ל 29 Nissan/ Sunday April 11th  
Clara Assayag ז"ל, Nessim Abtan ז"ל 30 Nissan/ Monday April 12th  
Blaine Stein ז"ל 1 Iyyar/ Tuesday April 13th  
Rica Benchimol ז"ל, Monique Hanna Sibony ז"ל 2 Iyyar/ Wed. April 14th  
Haya Messodi Zrihen ז"ל, Habib Darvishpour ז"ל 4 Iyyar/ Friday April 16th

## Synagogue News

### Condolences

To our dear friends and members, Marc Kadoch, Jimmy Kadoch and Perla Azulay on the passing of their mother Mrs. Enna Kadoch ז"ל in Montreal and grandmother to our Rabbi David Kadoch and to our dear friends and members Menahem Azulay, David Azulay, Yossi Azulay and Enny Cohen. Our deepest and most sincere condolences go out to the entire family on their loss. May her neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen.

### Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh Iyyar will take place on Monday and Tuesday April 12th and 13th

### Pirke Avot

This week's Perek will be recited by Matthew and Ely Keslassy. Perek #6 is still available. If interested, please contact our Parnas Avi Azuelos.

### Mishmara Notice - Samuel Keslassy ז"ל

The Mishmara (year) for Mr. Samuel Keslassy ז"ל will take place next Sunday night (April 18, 2021), beginning with Minha at 6:10pm in the main sanctuary.

### Hilula R' Shimon Bar Yohai - Save the Date

Thursday April 29th, 2021

To volunteer and help organize this year's Hilula which will be run virtually, please contact our president, JC Abtan.

### COVID-19 Shutdown Restrictions In Effect

The Government of Ontario has implemented a shutdown effective Shabbat, April 3rd, 2021, until the end of April 2021. This shutdown will cap religious ceremonies to a maximum capacity of 15%. This is unchanged from last week's announcement.

We will be allowing 52 men in the main sanctuary for tefila on a first-come first-served basis. Once the limit is reached, attendees will be asked to go to the banquet hall for prayers. We will open the dividers between the two rooms so that we can all share in the same tefila and we will put in a mehitzta in between the two rooms as a separator. Maximum capacity for the banquet hall will be 87 men.

The women's section will be open to all women wishing to attend tefila. The capacity for the women's' section will be 41 women.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rabbi Kadoch or to any member of the board.

### 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>

### Nahalot for the following week

Hassiba Wanunu ז"ל, Meny Abikhzer ז"ל, Simon Melul ז"ל 5 Iyyar/Shabbat April 17th  
Maurice Shalom Wizman ז"ל 6 Iyyar/Sunday April 18th  
Tuba Kissati ז"ל 7 Iyyar/Monday April 19th  
Aaron Bensimhon ז"ל 8 Iyyar/Tuesday April 20th  
Menora Tabesh ז"ל 10 Iyyar/Thursday April 22nd  
Reuven Shemesh ז"ל, Chaim Moshe Bitton bar Abraham ז"ל 11 Iyyar/ Friday April 23rd

### 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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVITE1NlYnBxa2R6QT09> Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379  
Passcode 12345

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

### Parashat Shemini - The Chosen One

”ויאמר משה אל אהרן קרב אל המזבח” (ט:ז)

“And Moshe said to Aharon, approach the Altar.” (9:7)

Rashi, quoting a medrash in Tosefta, says that Aharon HaKohen was embarrassed and feared approaching the mizbeah. Moshe told him “Why are you embarrassed? For this reason, you were chosen.” I read an interesting explanation on this medrash by Rabbi Chaim Kohen Rapoport in the name of his father.

When God revealed Himself to Moshe by the burning bush, the pasuk relates that Moshe “turned his face.” The medrash, disapproving of Moshe's reaction, claims that if Moshe wouldn't have turned his face, God would have revealed to him so much more (namely, what's above and below the world). In addition, the pasuk states that Hashem got angry with Moshe and as a result he took away the priesthood from Moshe and gave it to Aharon. That's why God, when speaking to Moshe, refers to Aharon as “your brother, the Levi.” Once referring him as “your brother” why was it necessary to call him “the Levi?” Rashi explains there that God was sending Moshe a harsh message. “Really, you were worthy of being the Kohen and he (Aharon) the Levi, but now that you turned your face from Me, you're going to be the Levi, and he the Kohen.

We see that because Moshe was embarrassed, turned his face and refused the priesthood was removed from him and given to Aharon. So now that Moshe sees his own brother embarrassed and fearful in approaching the altar, he asks: “Why are you embarrassed? This is why you were chosen!” As if to say, “only because of my embarrassment years back was the priesthood taken from me and given to you. If you shy away from it now, it may get taken from you as well! Approach the mizbeah and begin the service.”

One can also ask on Rashi's initial explanation that Aharon had two reasons to not approach the altar: shyness and fear. However, when Moshe is convincing him to approach, he only asks him why he is embarrassed to move forward, making no mention of “fear.” Why is this the case?

The Gemara in Berachot 12b states that any person who commits a sin and is embarrassed from it, all of his sins are forgiven. Embarrassment and remorse are what cleanses the stain of sin and leads a person back to teshuva. Moshe was telling Aharon as follows: “From the fact that you are embarrassed, the sin of the Golden Calf has now been forgiven. You have no reason to fear anymore to approach the mizbeah. This is why you were chosen, because you took that first step of Teshuva. Now that you are cleansed from sin, you may now begin the process of being the means to cleansing others from their sins; by performing God's holy service on the mizbeah.