

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת תזריע-מצורע Parashat Tazria/Metzora

Shabbat April 17th 2021, ה' אייר תשפ"א / 5 Iyyar 5781

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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:15 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:30 a.m.
Shacharit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:10 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:40 p.m.
שבוע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:50 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:40 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:40 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:30 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:31 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:54 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:04 pm

Birthdays this week

Curt Rothenberg, Anita Benatar

Mazal Tov

To Jordan Isaac and Lisa Rivka Nahmias on the birth of a baby girl.

Proud grandparents: Yves Michael & Sarah Nahmias and Graham and Sara Steele

Proud great-grandmother: Marcelle Messodi Benaim



Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

Estrella Sibony ז"ל, Estrella Laredo ז"ל 12 Iyyar / Shabbat April 24th

Judith Kay ז"ל 13 Iyyar/ Sunday April 25th

Albert Ben-Assor ז"ל 14 Iyyar/ Monday April 26th

Chana Asayag Levy ז"ל, Shimon Darvishpour ז"ל 15 Iyyar/ Tuesday April 27th

Yosef Danieli ז"ל, Sultana Keslassy ז"ל, Jane Esther Benisti ז"ל 17 Iyyar/ Thursday April 29th

Synagogue News

Condolences

To our dear friend and member, Mrs. Dora Soberano, on the passing of her sister Mrs. Margit Yuffa z"l. Our deepest and most sincere condolences go out to the entire family on their loss. May her neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen.

Pirke Avot

This week's Perek will be recited by Mordechai Kadoch. Hazak U'Baruch. Perek #6 is still available. If interested, please contact our Parnas Avi Azuelos.

Mishmara Notice - Samuel Keslassy z"l

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

Hilula R' Shimon Bar Yohai - Save the Date

Thursday April 29th, 2021

The hilula to celebrate the memory of R' Shimon Bar Yohai will be held Thursday, April 29th starting at 8 PM. This year's Kehila will be virtual and open to all via zoom teleconferencing. We have some exciting things planned this year! Along with the opportunity to bid on candles featuring many of our tzadikim, Judaica and housewares as well as the ever popular cake auction; we plan on featuring Piyutim from a selection of the finest voices that Kehila has to offer and hope to feature some other surprises.

If you have any items to donate for our online auction, please contact Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or at sultry@kehilacentre.com.

All items must be brand new and in the original packaging to be included in the auction.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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>

Special Lectures by Reuben Benquesus

Join Reuben Benquesus as he presents three informative Torah lectures over the next few weeks.

Wednesday April 21 - The Purpose of the Omer Part 1

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/572460741>

Wednesday April 28 - Topic TBD

Wednesday May 12th - Shavuot - The Marriage with God and Israel

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/711368509>

All classes at 8:00PM

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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVITE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Tazria-Metzora - Two mutes

הא הגהו תרי אלמי..."

"Behold there were two mutes..."

The Gemara in Masechet Hagiga relates a story of two young mute students who were sitting, listening to a Torah lecture. As the Rabbi was teaching the material, they were continuously nodding their heads and moving their lips. No one of their peers knew if they actually understood what was going on. The Gemara then tells us, that after a few years, these young two men attained the ability to speak and then it was clear to everyone that indeed they comprehended all the Torah taught to them.

One may ask why the Gemara felt the need to tell us this story? Is there a hidden message other than they began to speak all of a sudden?

The Ben Ish Hai (Rabbenu Yosef Haim from Baghdad) gives us the secret. He says that the word אֵלְדָד וּמֵדָד (Eldad and Medad), the two individuals that reached the level of prophecy during the days of Moshe in the generation of the desert. The Ben Ish Hai explains that these two men reincarnated many years later because they had sinned with their mouths by stating these four words prophecy: "Moshe will die and Yehoshua will take us in (to Israel)."

The question remains, that these words were prophetic and not evil speech (Lashon Hara)! Indeed Moshe did die and it was Yehoshua who took the Jews into Israel! So why were they punished with reincarnation? The Ben Ish Hai explains that although it was a prophecy, they had no permission to deliver that news. Hence, they had to return to this world as these young two students, who were mute, to rectify the sin that they had committed by using their mouths.

The Gemara wishes to emphasize through this story, the idea that every word that comes out of our mouths is recorded in heaven and more often than not, when you have news to share, it's better left unsaid. This is just one of the many ways we can work on our ethical values, such as evil speech, during these crucial weeks leading up to Shavuot.