

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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פרשת אמור *Parashat Emor*  
Shabbat May 1st 2021, יט' אייר תשפ"א / 19 Iyyar 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

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| מנחה <i>Minha</i>  | 6:35 p.m. |
| הדלקת נרות <i>Candle Lighting</i>                          | 7:25 p.m. |
| שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) <i>Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikim</i> | 5:10 a.m. |
| תהלים <i>Tehilim</i>                                       | 7:30 p.m. |
| מנחה <i>Minha</i>  | 8:00 p.m. |
| שבע טוב <i>Shabbat Ends</i>                                | 9:09 p.m. |

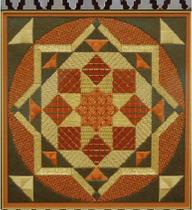
### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

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| שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>   |                         |
| ותיקין <i>Vatikin</i>          | 5:25 a.m.               |
| מקדימים <i>Makdimim</i>        | 8:00 a.m.               |
| קבועים <i>Kebuim</i>           | 9:00 a.m.               |
| שחרית <i>Shaharit Weekdays</i> |                         |
| ותיקין <i>Vatikin</i>          | 5:25 a.m.               |
| מקדימים <i>Makdimim</i>        | 6:30 a.m.               |
| קבועים <i>Kebuim</i>           | 8:00 a.m.               |
| מנחה <i>Minha</i>              | 6:40 p.m.               |
| ערבית <i>Arbit</i>             | 18 minutes after Sunset |

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ 6:10 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע 9:42 am, Shekia- שקיעה 8:20 pm

### Birthdays this week

Perla Abtan, Manuel Loloyan, Eliran Benchetrit, Ze'ev Saban, Sandy Volgyi, Elizabeth Saporta, Michelle Melul, Shaily Halioua, Idan Halioua, Stephanie Bensimon



## Nahalot

Freha Zrihen ז"ל, Lillian Guziker ז"ל **19 Iyyar**/Shabbat May 1st  
Abraham Kozai ז"ל, Alicia Hassan ז"ל **20 Iyyar**/Sunday May 2nd  
Maryvonne Esther Bittan ז"ל **22 Iyyar**/Tuesday May 4th  
Simha Lugassy ז"ל **25 Iyyar**/Friday May 7th

## Nahalot for the following week

Elie Reboh ז"ל, Salomon Nassimov ז"ל **27 Iyyar** / Sunday May 9th  
Shoshana Rose Dallal ז"ל **28 Iyyar** / Monday May 10th  
Abraham Halioua ז"ל, Jais Benchetrit ז"ל **29 Iyyar** / Tuesday May 11th  
Menahem Azulay ז"ל, Baruj Soudry ז"ל **2 Sivan** / Thursday May 13th

## Synagogue News

### Pirke Avot

This week's Perek will be recited by Yaakov Benquesus. Hazak U'Baruch.

### Hilula of R' Shimon Bar Yohai - RECAP

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming turnout to our Hilula. Thank you to Rabbi Kadoch, Joe Elmaleh and the whole organizing committee for planning and executing a great event. We also want to acknowledge our sponsors and donors for continuing to support us. B'H. May we be able to do it in person next year!

### COVID-19 Shutdown Restrictions In Effect

Effective April 19, 2021, the gathering limit for religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding ceremonies and funeral services, is limited to 10 people indoors or outdoors. We believe that this limitation has some flexibility and does not include clergy so we will be capping all services to a maximum of 10 people+2 people acting as clergy. All services, EXCEPT for the 6:45 AM Shaharit Minyan will be held in the main sanctuary to permit appropriate social distancing. Once the limit of 10+2 has been reached in the main sanctuary, overflow participants will be asked to move into the banquet hall which constitutes a separate prayer service.

For the 6:45 Shaharit Minyan ONLY, services will be held in the Lower Level Synagogue (Red Room) and once the limit of 10+2 people has been reached, additional participants will be asked to sit in the Lower Level Social Hall (Restaurant). We ask that everyone respect those saying Kaddish and allow them to pray in the synagogue area.

### Special Lectures by Reuben Benquesus

Join Reuben Benquesus as he continues his series of lectures on the Wednesday May 12th - Shavuot - The Marriage with God and Israel  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/711368509>  
All classes at 8:00PM

### 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=bDVheFZRnhuckVI TE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

### Emor - Serving your own purpose

רבי יוחנן הסנדלר אומר: כל כנסיה שהיא לשם שמים סופה להתקיים - אבות ד: יד  
"Rabbi Yochanan HaSandelar says: Any gathering that is for the sake of Heaven, will, in the end, be sustained." (Avot 4:14)

Today's world is not easy. What do I mean? Take the everyday needs of a raising a family, add day school tuition, synagogue dues, community programs and events and in reality we find ourselves drowned in constant communal responsibility. It's for that reason that we must some part of our lives to contribute to the betterment of the congregation; your congregation.

Nevertheless, this is easier said than done. As a man who has spent a great deal of my time volunteering for events and activities, sometimes I wonder why there are times when things move along smoothly and the outcome is successful, while other times our group experiences many bumps along the way. Maybe the answer can come by the words of Rabbi Yochanan HaSandelar who states that any gathering, formal or informal that come together will only see success if their mission is for the sake of heaven.

The Baal HaTurim explains this to mean that sometimes the activities/fundraisers we make aren't towards a "spiritual religious" cause. For example, a school may hold a fundraiser to purchase new computers for a computer lab. A synagogue may wish to solicit donors for renovations to the building. Sometimes we have gatherings just to have gatherings such as barbecues, wine and cheese parties etc.. While these events are not to serve a specific religious purpose like tzedakah, we must find a way to somehow glorify the name of God in order that the event should not be completely void of Hashem. This may include someone sharing some words of Torah or some stories to increase our Emunah in God. Board meetings/Staff meetings which contain food should allow the opportunity for people to bless out loud so that those in audience can answer "Amen," which can then be followed by a public Birkat HaMazon. I'd like to take this one step further. When a group's intent to deliver stems from their willingness to assist others, to promote growth in the community and to raise the level of spirituality among members of whole, then the mission is sure to succeed. The moment organizers, fundraisers, lay-leaders and event planners put themselves and their honour in the forefront while disregarding the main purpose of the event, then those are bound to fail. Next time you attend a meeting which doesn't go the way you planned, ask yourself whether or not your own biases had an influence on the outcome of it.

There are so many ways that one can make their social surroundings "LeShem Shamayim, for the sake of Heaven." Having this constantly in mind during the planning of the event will assure the success of all our endeavors, no matter what their cause might be.