

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת נשא *Parashat Naso*
Shabbat May 22nd 2021, י"א' סיון תשפ"א / 11 Sivan 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה <i>Minha</i>	6:55 p.m.
הדלקת נרות <i>Candle Lighting</i>	7:40 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) <i>Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikim</i>	4:45 a.m.
תהלים <i>Tehilim</i>	7:35 p.m.
מנחה <i>Minha</i>	8:05 p.m.
שבע טוב <i>Shabbat Ends</i>	9:36 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין <i>Vatikin</i>	5:05 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>	5:05 a.m.
מקדימים <i>Makdimim</i>	6:30 a.m.
קבועים <i>Kebuim</i>	8:00 a.m.
מנחה <i>Minha</i>	7:00 p.m.
ערבית <i>Arbit</i>	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:45 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:29 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:44 pm

Mazal Tov

To Jimmy and Simona Kadoch on the birth of a grandson, born to their daughter Enny and Zev Herskovitz.

Anniversaries This Week

- Albert & Ruby Afriat

Birthdays this week

David Edery, Meir Cohen, Esther Abecassis, Daniel Melul, Samuel Joseph Toby, Alexander Savatti, Isaac Abecassis, Yonathan Aboudi, Lielle Botbol, Pinhas Mishan, Natalie Toledano, Rahel Rabi

Nahalot

David Abitbol ז"ל, Leon Yehuda Oziel ז"ל, Gloria Goodis ז"ל, Elisabeth Pearl Kirschner ז"ל **12 Sivan** / Sunday May 12th
Leora Saban ז"ל, Samuel Keslassy ז"ל, Ichoa Cohen ז"ל, Simy Benquesus ז"ל **13 Sivan**/ Monday May 24th
Miriam Assayag ז"ל **14 Sivan**/ Tuesday May 25th
Amram Assayag ז"ל **15 Sivan**/ Wednesday May 26th
Yojebed Attias ז"ל, Mose Hadida ז"ל **16 Sivan**/ Thursday May 27th
Gabriel Rosenberg ז"ל **17 Sivan**/ Friday May 28th\

Nahalot for the following week

Rachel Bracha Bohbot ז"ל, Messoda Benaksas ז"ל, Lea Cuño ז"ל
20 Sivan/Monday May 31st
Zohra Azoulay ז"ל **21 Sivan**/Tuesday June 1st
Luna Cohen ז"ל **22 Sivan**/Wednesday June 2nd
Rahma Piedad Ohana ז"ל **23 Sivan**/Thursday June 3rd
Moshe Cohen ז"ל, Nissim Azoulay ז"ל **24 Sivan**/Friday June 4th

Synagogue News

COVID Update

The Government of Ontario has released a roadmap for reopening that indicates that current restrictions will remain until the end of June 2021. We will inform the community of any changes in upcoming weeks through the bulletin. We also ask everyone to continue to respect the restrictions and ensure the safety of the community by wearing masks when in the Sephardic Kehila Centre, practicing social distancing and making use of the many sanitizing options available throughout the building.

We do realize that some of you are unable to attend services because of health considerations and we do not want to miss anyone who needs religious and spiritual assistance. Whether it is a Nahala or another religious event, please do not hesitate to reach out to the office and we will work with all of our members to support them during this difficult period.

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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVlTE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379
Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Naso – פרשת נשא

Naso - The Hazan as our Korban

I must admit. The following ideas raised in this piece are very much applicable to me and my responsibilities as a Hazan. Nonetheless, for the reader, it is important to realize that the Hazan is merely a messenger whose task is to deliver the prayers on behalf of the congregation to Hashem; the "pipeline" so to speak.

Where is the idea of a "hazan" found in the Torah? The answer lies in this week's Parasha which hints to the concept. I hereby quote to you a pasuk which describes the offering of Nachshon ben Aminadav, the prince of Yehuda. ולזבחה השלמים בקר שנים...כבשים בני - and for the sacrifices of peace offerings two oxen.....five lambs, this is the offering of Nachshon ben Aminadav.

The acronym (First letters) of the words משההו (קרבן) חשונן spells out the word קרבן. In between those words we have the word חזן. This teaches us that nowadays, as we lack the Bet HaMikdash, all we have is the Hazan who enables our Tefila (which is in place of a korban) to go to the heavens. It is through the Hazan that our prayers act as an atonement for our misdeeds and as rewards for our good actions. This Hazan is none other than (Nachshon) BEN AMINADAV. It's not a coincidence that the hint to a Hazan is found with this prince's sacrifice. עמי נדב can be broken up into two words: "my nation has delegated." It is the Hazan who the community delegates as the pipeline to Hashem. A Hazan who uses his voice for the sake of heaven, with proper concentration and with total devotion to God, it is guaranteed that his Tefila will rise up to heaven like a cedar tree as it says in the pasuk חצדיק כתמר יפר זכאר חזדיק כתמר יפר זכאר with the last letters spelling out Hazan.

The message is clear. The Hazan of the Bet Keneset must be a person who is respected in the community and has fear of heaven. A person who goes up to the bima for the wrong reasons; whether it is to show off his voice or for the money, will see no blessing from prayers, and worse, diminishes the chances of the kahal's prayer to be accepted. As for the congregation in attendance, it is vital to realize that Hazan is YOUR messenger.

Do your part by answering Baruch Hu u'Baruch Shemo and Amen at all times to ensure that all our Tefilot reach God's Throne of Glory.