

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION

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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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**Parashat Shelach**  
Shabbat June 5th 2021, 5781  
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Shabbat Prayer Times		Weekday Services	
äçðí Minha	7:00 p.m.	Medrash Torah	
úãð ù-íãá Candle Lighting	7:45 p.m.	úéøçù Shahrít Sunday	
(íé÷éúá) à"ãéçä íéðí úéøçù	6:30 a.m.	íé÷éúá atikin	4:55 a.m.
íéíáú Tehilim	7:50 p.m.	íéíéã÷í Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
äçðí Minha	8:20 p.m.	íéòáá÷Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
áãè òááá Shabbat Ends	9:51 p.m.	úéøçù Shahrít Weekdays	
		íé÷éúá atikin	4:55 a.m.
		íéíéã÷í Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
		íéòáá÷Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
		äçðí Minh a	7:10 p.m.
		úéááð Arbi t	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim ² Netz ² Õ ² 5:37 am, Keriat Shema- òìù úáèø÷- 9:27 am, Shekia- äòé÷ù 8:56 pm



### Mazal Tov

To Mr. and Mrs. Ovadaya and Elvira Gulerson on the occasion of the forthcoming wedding of their son Kobi to Tara Wakter

### Anniversaries

- Ross & Raquel Savatti
- Ari & Svetlana Benchetrit
- Joe & Esther Azoulay
- Alon & Helene Sadeh
- Jacob & Lucie Benchetrit



### Birthdays this week

- Evan Benchluch, Aharon Netanel Cohen, Armando Abitbol, Yosef Alec Shulman, Batya Aboudi, Eric Benchetrit, Jordana Benatar, Dina Azulay, Avraham Ohayon, David Ponte, Noah Keslassy, Mercedes Cohen

## Nahalot

Hillel Edery ז"ל, Shlomo Ben-Assor ז"ל 25 Sivan / Shabbat June 5th  
Yishai Tzion Ohayon ז"ל 28 Sivan/ Tuesday June 8th  
Henri Aaron Dahan ז"ל 29 Sivan/ Wednesday June 9th

## Nahalot for the following week

Leon Nahmias ז"ל 3 Tammuz/Sunday June 13th  
Flora Benoualid ז"ל, Jacob Benzaquen ז"ל 4 Tammuz/Monday June 14th  
Yvette Saada Dahan ז"ל, David Elmaleh ז"ל, Rahel Malka Azuelos ז"ל  
5 Tammuz/Tuesday June 15th  
Reina Dayan ז"ל, Moshe Elfassy ז"ל 6 Tammuz/Wednesday June 16th  
Shlomo Dadoun ז"ל, Esther Cohen Assayag ז"ל 7 Tammuz/Thursday June 17th

## Synagogue News

### Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh Tammuz will take place on Thursday and Friday June 10th and 11th.

### Mazal Tov To Our Graduates

With the school year coming to a close, we would love to celebrate as a community and highlight the achievements of our youth who are graduating elementary, high school and university this year or who have significant achievements to note. We don't want to miss anyone and no achievement is too small, so please inform the office and we will include them in the bulletin at the end of June.

### 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 info 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 a 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.

### SKC Calendar - Nahalot Listings

We are working on the 5782 version of the Sephardic Kehila Centre calendar, which will be sent out to the membership later this summer. As in previous years, we can include the date(s) of the Nahalot of our dearly departed. Please note that if your nahalot have been included in past editions of our Jewish Calendar, we still ask that you confirm your Nahalot for them to be included again as well. If you do not confirm, they will not be added to this year's upcoming Jewish Calendar.

If you wish to have the dates of your loved ones' Nahalot included in the upcoming calendar, please contact the office with the name of the deceased and the date of their Nahalot in order for them to be added; each listing will cost \$26. If you have a business and would like to advertise, please contact our office administrator, Sulty Mamane, at 905-669-7654 x200 or at [sulty@kehilacentre.com](mailto:sulty@kehilacentre.com). All arrangements for the upcoming Jewish Calendar must be made before Wednesday, June 16th, 2021, as we cannot accept any Nahalot entries or advertisements after this date.

### 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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVITE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379  
Passcode 12345

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

### **Parashat Shelah – פרשת שלח**

#### **Shelah - Lashon Hara: Transgenerational effect**

למטה יוסף למטה מנשה, גדי בן סוסי

Sometimes we can do something so small that can have an effect many generations later. While this certainly is the case for a good deed, unfortunately it works the other way around as well. While it may not be so clear in the eyes of man, but the eyes of God don't overlook even the slightest of our iniquities. It is well known that Yosef had two sons: Efrayim and Menashe. While Menashe was the firstborn, Hashem made it be that Efrayim would be the "more important" of the two sons. Yet, we notice something peculiar in the beginning of this week's Parasha. When listing the names of the individuals who are designated to spy out the Land of Canaan, Yosef's name precedes the name of Menashe and not Efrayim. In addition, in all other occurrences in the Torah where Efrayim and Menashe are mentioned, Efrayim is listed first. Nonetheless the verse in the beginning of the Parasha begins: "To the tribe of Yosef, the tribe of Menashe, Gadi the son of Susi." Only after that does it state "To the tribe of Efrayim, Hoshea bin Nun." Why is this so?

The Da'at Zekenim explains that here is where Yosef was given punishment for the false accusations he laid out towards his brothers when he was a young lad. The Lashon Hara that he spoke when he was 17 years old was never forgotten, and Hashem chose to associate his name with the representative of Menashe (Gadi ben Susi) who would soon speak negatively about the Land of Canaan. It would be improper and mistaken to juxtapose Yosef and Efrayim, whose representative was Yehoshua, who was one of only two people to say the truth and remain positive.

I learn from this episode two lessons. First, as I mentioned above, Hashem never overlooks even our smallest actions and he has many ways to remind us about them in the future. Secondly, the effect of Lashon Hara is so strong that forever it can associate a person with people who live for use of evil speech; albeit unwillingly. Once a person is classified as a "Ba'al Lashon Hara" - a person who is regular with Lashon Hara - it is very difficult to remove that label from himself. Even Yosef, who was in NO WAY a "Ba'al Lashon Hara" and who lived an "almost perfect" life, was still reminded of that moment in his life where he slipped with the tongue. That reminder is hinted in our Torah for all of us to learn from.