

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום  
*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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*Parashat Hukat פרשת חקת*  
Shabbat June 19th 2021, ט' תמוז תשפ"א / 9 Tammuz 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	7:00 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:45 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	4:35 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	8:30 p.m.
שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	9:59 p.m.

### Weekday Services at

### Medrash Torah Vehayim

#### שחרית Shacharit Sunday

ותיקין Vatikim	4:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

#### שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

ותיקין Vatikim	4:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	7:15 p.m.

#### ערבית Arbit

18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:35 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:26 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 9:03 pm

### Mazal Tov

To Oren & Marni Dishy on celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary.  
We wish you lots of mazal and hatzlaha together for many more years.

### Happy Anniversary

David & Ady Dana  
Jordan Nahmias & Lisa Steele  
Oren & Marni Dishy  
Ian & Rachel Keslassy

### Birthdays this week

Isaac Oziel, Ashley Amar, Myriam Abecassis, Andrea Benaim, David Mishan, Marvin Igelman, Shirel Danieli, Daniel Wexler, Adina Benarroch, Orit Saban

### Baruch Haba

We have been blessed to welcome many new members this year and wish to formally welcome our latest members to the Kehila Family  
Mr. Joe Benschluch and family, Mr. & Mrs. Yosef Levy, Mr. & Mrs. Shlomo Marder, Mr. Isaac Oziel and family

## Nahalot

Isaac Oziel ז"ל 10 Tammuz / Sunday June 20th  
Salomon Ponte ז"ל, David Ohana ז"ל 12 Tammuz/ Tuesday June 22nd  
Ruben Benhaim ז"ל 13 Tammuz/ Wednesday June 23rd  
Jacky Benoudiz ז"ל 15 Tammuz/ Friday June 25th

## Nahalot for the following week

Esmerelda Aquinin ז"ל 16 Tammuz/Shabbat June 26th  
Messod Azoulay ז"ל, Messody Hadida ז"ל 17 Tammuz/Sunday June 27th  
Rivkah Saporta ז"ל 18 Tammuz/Monday June 28th  
Estrella Benaim ז"ל, Sandra Azulay ז"ל 21 Tammuz/Thursday July 1st  
Jacob Azagury ז"ל 22 Tammuz/Friday July 2nd

## Synagogue News

### **17th of Tammuz**

The fast of the 17th of Tammuz will be on Sunday June 27th.  
Fast begins at 4:25am  
Shaharit 4:50am, 8:00am, 9:00am  
Shiur Megilat Echa 7:00pm (see attached flyer)  
Minha 8:40pm Arvit 9:25pm  
Fast ends 9:44pm

### **Special Lecture by Reuben Benquesus - Wednesday**

Surprise! Rosh HaShanah Is Not Written in the Torah!!!  
This talk hopes to explore how we know with certainty that the day we celebrate as Rosh HaShana is in fact the Ney Year when there is no mention of it in the Torah. And what is its connection to the summer month of Tammuz?  
Wed, Jun 23, 2021 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EDT)  
Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/750730669>

### **COVID Re-Opening Update**

The Government of Ontario has updated their COVID rules as of today. With more and more people receiving their second dose of the COVID vaccine, we will be adjusting the situation as it applies to tefila spaces:

1. Effective Friday, June 11, we return to 15% capacity in all of our services. We will be removing the partitions on Friday to allow everyone to pray together again. Maximum capacity in the main synagogue will be 52 people with overflow capacity in the banquet hall. Maximum capacity in the lower level synagogue is 22 people with overflow capacity in the restaurant.
  2. Effective, Monday, June 28th we will return to using the lower level synagogue for Shaharit and for Minha for weekday services. Shabbat and Sunday services will still be held in the main synagogue.
- We are looking at ways to restore our beloved kiddush and will let you know as things progress.  
If you have any questions, please ask any members of the board or the rabbi.

### **Weekly Shiurim**

Monday - Study of the Amida (men and women) @ 8 pm  
Tuesday - Halacha (university-aged boys) @ 8 pm  
Thursday - Parashat HaShavua (men and women all ages) @ 8 pm  
Sunday - Gemara Masechet Sotah @ 7:15am

### **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

### **Parashat Hukat - פרשת חקת**

#### **Hukat - Drawing water from inside the rock**

When I was a child, I remember learning the story of Moshe hitting the rock. I went outside, took a stick and hit a rock hoping for the same result. The stick broke. My wrist hurt. Who would have thought that someone can hit a rock and retrieve water from it? I think that if anyone can perform such an incredible miracle, he should be lauded for this incredible achievement. But as we all know, Moshe was not praised for this miracle. In fact, according to most commentators, this was the biggest mistake of his life; a mistake that ultimately cost him his entry into Israel. There are lots of reasons given what EXACTLY he did to not warrant passage into the Holy Land. One answer that is given is that he hit the rock twice (instead of once) which showed lack of faith in God. So we need to understand why did Moshe, the greatest Jewish leader of all time, hit the rock twice? Rashi quotes the Medrash Tanchuma: Because the first time he drew out only a few drops, since God had not commanded him to strike it, but rather "you shall speak to the rock." However, they spoke to a different rock, and nothing came out. They said, "Perhaps we ought to strike it first," as it says (in Shemot) "and strike the rock." They came upon that very rock and struck it." The Ohr HaHayim HaKadosh explains praises Moshe for hitting the rock twice. He compares Moshe to a servant who is zealous to complete the mission that his master assigns for him. He hit it twice without even thinking; excited to retrieve the water. It can be understood according whichever logic you wish to believe Moshe used, he technically only had to hit it once and the same result would have appeared; and again, that is one of many reasons given why he was punished. However, I present you with another explanation according to the Be'er Mayim Hayim. He says if you take the word sela (rock) and spell out each letter in the word you get the following.

ס מ ד - ל מ ד - ע י ן

Looking closely, the middle letters embedded within three words created above contains the letters מ י מ which spell out mayim (the Hebrew word for water). The letters מ י are only achieved when the other two letters from each set drop. Moshe struck the the rock twice in order to drop the two letters in each word, so only the letters which compose mayim remain. According to this explanation, it was absolutely necessary for Moshe to hit the rock twice to pull mayim out of the sela. Incredible!



## *Mazal Tov To Our Scholars and Graduates*

Robert Abtan - Stonybrook University School of Medicine

Ruthy Assayag - Ohr Haemet (Grade 8)

Yoel Azuelos - Dean's List, Ted Rogers School of Business  
Management

Elie Azulay - Ohr Haemet (Grade 8)

Perla Azulay - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Albi Bahar - Charlton Public School (Grade 8)

Lielle Benarroch - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Ellie Benchetrit - Associated Kindergarten

Naomi Benchetrit - Associated Hebrew School Isabel Berlin Award for Positivity and Kindness

Shemuel Benedid - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Amram Benmergui - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Adina Benquesus - Eitz Chaim Kindergarten

Maya Benquesus - Tiferet Bet Yaakov High School

Esther Cohen - Tiferet Bet Yaakov High School

Ben Elmaleh - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Tehila Elmaleh - Ohr Haemet (Grade 8)

Judy Kadoch - Netivot HaTorah (Grade 8)

Tamar Kadoch - Netivot Kindergarten

Yosef Ohayon - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

Aaron Rothenberg - Ohr Haemet Kindergarten

TORAH STUDY  
WITH  
RABBI KADOCH



# מגילת איכה - Megilat Echa

Study the holy text with Rashi's commentary and other insights.  
Beginning on the 17th of Tammuz and finishing on the 9th Av  
Men and women of all levels

JUNE 27 (fast day), JUNE 30, JULY 6, JULY 13, JULY 18 (fast day)

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