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Parashat Balak פרשת בלק
Shabbat June 26th 2021, ט' תמוז תשפ"א / 16 Tammuz 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

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

Weekday Services at

Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday

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

שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

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

ערבית Arbit 18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:38 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:28 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 9:03 pm

Mazal Tov

To Joshua and Sarah Benchetrit on the birth of a baby boy

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Sol and Bella Benchetrit, Mr. and Mrs. David & Vania Monsonego

Proud Great-Grandparent: Odette Monsonego

To Annaelle and Eitan Sharbat on their recent wedding

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Meir and Smadar Gabay and Mr. & Mrs. Baruch and Tzipora Sharbat

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Isaac and Fanny Queroub

To Meir Cohen and Rachelle Moyal on their engagement

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Laurence Cohen and Mr. & Mrs. Matthew and Esther Moyal

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Elisha and Solange Attias, Mrs. Tany Cohen, Rabbi & Mrs. Amram and Esther Moyal, and Mr. & Mrs. Benny and Rachel Salama

To Eden Gabay and Aharon Platscheck on their recent engagement

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Meir and Smadar Gabay and Mr. & Mrs. Aryeh and Goldie Platscheck

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Isaac and Fanny Queroub

To Gabrielle Benatar and Yehuda Oziel on their engagement!

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Max and Anita Benatar and Mr. & Mrs. David and Paulette Oziel

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Max and Luisa Assayag

Happy Anniversary

Rabbi David & Joyce Kadoch, Gali & Linda Ungar, Laurent & Laurence Amar, Charles & Amarya Botbol, Leon & Denise Elmaleh

Birthdays this week

Risa Oziel, David Kadoch, Adam Joseph Eitan Amar, Shimon Boussidan, Devorah Roth H'Kohen, Penina Serfaty, Shmuel Boussidan, Joseph Kadoch, Marc Kadoch, Samuel Toby, Moshe Benedid, Messod Bentolila, Liora Gal, Ariel Nacson, Ness Botbol

Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

David Cohen ז"ל 23 Tammuz / Shabbat July 3rd
Bella Bentolila ז"ל 24 Tammuz/ Sunday July 4th

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

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.

Megilat Echa - Part One

Study and complete Megilat Echa with Rabbi Kadoch beginning this Sunday, the Fast of 17th of Tammuz with Part One at 7:00PM.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/450150709>

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=bDVheFZRnhuckVlTE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379
Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Parashat Balak - פרשת בלק

Balak 5776 - Tzadikim: Four types of righteous

In honour of the great sage Rabbi Hayim Ben Attar (Ohr HaHayim HaKadosh) whose Hilula is this Thursday, I present you with some words of Torah taken from his commentary on this week's Parasha.

כְּנַחְלִים נַשְׂיּוּ כְּגַנֹּת עָלֵי נַהָר כְּאֵלֵי־מִים: (כד: ו)

They extend like streams, like gardens by the river, like aloes which the Lord planted, like cedars by the water. (24:6)

On the aforementioned pasuk he explains that Bilaam refers to four different types of righteous people among the Jewish nation. The first and highest category consists of people who travel distances to disseminate Torah. This is referred to in the pasuk as "extending like streams" because they travel abroad rather than stay put. The Ohr HaHayim says that Shemuel HaNavi exemplified this trait.

The second level of righteousness consists of people who made the Bet Hamid ash (or nowadays, the Bet Medrash) the headquarters of Torah study and spreading spirituality. They are no different than the first group other than the fact that they remain in one place rather than journey. This is referred to in the pasuk "like gardens by the river" for anyone who wishes can come and take what the garden has to offer.

The third category of righteous people are those who study Torah for their own sake. These people study but don't teach; thus they differ from group number two. They are compared to "aloes which Hashem planted." They don't involve themselves in the growth community and are compared to Yaakov who "planted" himself in the tent. The older these plants become the more roots they develop (their souls become more deeply rooted in Torah values).

Finally, the fourth category are those who do not disseminate Torah, they don't study Torah, but they do provide financial backing for those who study. They earn the necessary money to support themselves and the people studying God's holy Torah. These righteous individuals are compared to "cedars by the water

physical and spiritual stature (like the cedar) however they also don't bear fruit (like the cedar). These individuals are able to endure because they are "by the water." Water is a simile for the Torah which stands by people who study it and it is also a physical necessity in life. People who provide financial assistance and allow others to study Torah comfortably share FULLY in the rewards of these Torah scholars. All in all, the entire Jewish Nation is rooted in righteousness and sanctity.

This was the blessing Bilaam spoke of the Jewish people.

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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