

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 Pinehas פרשת פינחס
Shabbat July 3rd 2021, כג' תמוז תשפ"א / 23 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	4:40 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	8:30 p.m.
שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	9:58 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikim	5:00 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- 5:41 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:31 am, Shekia- שקיעה-9:02 pm

Mazal Tov

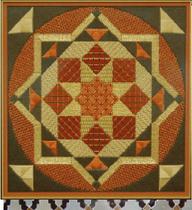
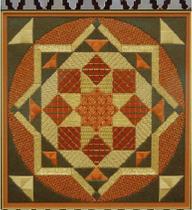
To: Michael Moshe and Sacha Yael Medina on the birth of a Baby Girl
Proud Grandparents: Mr. Yaacov Medina, Mrs. Addie Abitbol Mines and Mrs. Irina Kopilenco
To: Mr. & Mrs. Edan and Yonit Sher on the bar mitzvah of their son Zeev Sher.

Happy Anniversary

Moses & Mercedes Elmaleh
Farhad & Lili Amirian
Nissim & Goldie Saban
Oren & Raquel Hyams
Joseph & Mercedes Beniluz

Birthdays this week

Aaron Nacson, David Miadovnik, Layla Amiel, Elias Azulay, Maya Avital Benquesus, Alyssa Essebag, Lydia Anidjar, Meyer Benlezrah, Suzanne Benchimol, Maytal Algai, Alyssa Benarroch, Raquel Savatti



Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

Esther Gulerson ז"ל 2 Av / Sunday July 11th
David Ohayon ז"ל 4 Av / Tuesday July 13th
Elias Benatar ז"ל 5 Av / Wednesday July 14th
Esther Benatar ז"ל, Tilda Sher ז"ל 7 Av / Friday July 16th

Synagogue News

Re-Opening Ontario - Step 2

Effective June 30th, the Government of Ontario moved the province into Step 2 of their Roadmap. For our community this means the following.

1. Maximum capacity for all religious services is now 25% of room capacity.
 2. Outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people are now allowed.
- We are looking forward to the next step in the roadmap, which is expected to be implemented on July 21st. In the meantime, we urge everyone to continue to wear masks and to practice social distancing so as to reduce the risks for all congregants. If you have any questions, please ask any members of the board or the rabbi.

Remembering Rabbi Reuven Bulka z"l

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Rabbi Reuven Bulka z"l on Sunday, June 27th. Rabbi Bulka was 77 and had moved back to New York to be with his children as he fought liver cancer. For me, Rabbi Bulka was my rabbi during my formative years in Ottawa. Not only did he marry me, my brother and my wife's siblings, but he named my daughter and was present at every major life cycle event in mine and my wife's family. He always made it a point to note significant events, including calling my wife at Toronto hospitals when both of our children were born to wish her Mazal Tov; to this day, she does not know how he knew of their births. Rabbi Bulka always amazed me with his ability to start his divre Torah at one point, take you on a journey which involved Jewish thought, halakha, historical events and politics and weave it all together into a conclusion that amazed you for his thoughtfulness and clarity. He always made a point to say hello when he saw me at synagogue on my visits to Ottawa, all accompanied with a brilliant smile that made you feel welcome. Rabbi Bulka was a giant in the world of Canadian Jewry. He was the Rabbi of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa, served as co-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress and was everywhere to be seen in Ottawa, impressing everyone with his formidable speeches, all done with no speaking notes. Bulka's work with Kind Canada led to recognition the third week of February in each and every year as "Kindness Week" in Canada. He was also the author of over 35 books, a regular participant and host on radio and television and always made it a point to be at Remembrance Day services at the National War Memorial, something which the Canadian Armed Forces leadership will never forget. If you are interested, go to wikipedia for a wonderful synopsis of his life (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reuven_Bulka). Rabbi Bulka will be remembered as a tzadik, who impacted positively ever person that he encountered and someone who took his role as Rabbi to encompass both spirituality and humanity.

by Jean-Claude Abtan

Welcome to the Toronto Moroccan Consul

On Wednesday, June 23rd, the SKC was privileged to host the new Moroccan Consul to Toronto, Mr. Rachid Zein. Mr. Zein had heard a lot of good things about our community and wanted the opportunity to visit SKC firsthand. We were thrilled to give him a tour of the Sephardic Kehila Centre, demonstrating the bonds to our Moroccan heritage. We presented to him the cultural influences in the building, notably our main sanctuary and all its beautiful elements. The rabbi also presented an overview of key designs implemented into the space such as our stained glass windows and what they represented. We were then privileged to share tea with the consul. He brought us special greetings on behalf of HRM Mohamed VI and expressed a strong interest in outreach programs with our community at various levels. The Consul was particularly awed by the Moroccan touches present throughout our building, and made a special point to note how impressed he was of the fact that SKC hosted a Sephardic Day School. The Consul is in the process of opening a formal Moroccan Consulate located in Toronto at Yonge and Sheppard. The Consulate will open its

doors formally in September 2021 at which time Mr. Zein has promised to host a special welcome for our community.

Many thanks to Simon Keslassy for arranging for the visit and to Fanny Queroub for providing tea and refreshments.

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

Megilat Echa - Part Three

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 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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVITE1NlYnBxa2R6QT09> Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

Torah Bites By Rabbi Kadoch

Pinehas 5778 – Removing God's anger

"השיב את חמתי מעל בני ישראל" (כה:יא)

"He removed my anger from upon Bene Yisrael"(25:11)

I was scouring through social media this week and I saw a post containing a picture of a car flipped over in the middle of an intersection smack in the middle of a well-populated Jewish neighborhood. The caption read: "Don't forget it's the Three Weeks."

The three weeks in between the fasts of the 17th of Tammuz and the 9th of Av known as Yeme Ben HaMesarim are weeks where we limit our enjoyment and take notice of our surroundings more acutely than throughout other times of the year. History has shown that these days have brought many calamities among the Jews and they get exponentially worse moving closer to the 9th of Av. The reason is simple. God is angry. He's angry at us. For "any generation that doesn't see the Temple rebuilt is as if it was destroyed in his days." So if the Temple isn't here, it's our fault. We're simply not doing enough and as a result God's anger towards us persists. What do we need to do to remove this anger and have Him help us rebuild the Temple? Maybe we can take a page from Pinehas's book because he seemed to have found a solution. In a nutshell, Pinehas saw evil and eradicated it. He discovered Zimri's wrongdoing and killed him. His zeal rewarded him a covenant of peace for eternity and inaugurated him into priesthood. Is it that simple?

Is the answer to the millennia problem plaguing the Jews just to take action? I actually think it is. Each generation is obliged to better himself and his surrounding and while we may not have the time or zeal to work on the betterment of our community such as Pinehas, that doesn't excuse us for eradicating the evil within ourselves. If you want the Bet HaMikdash to be rebuilt, if you really long for the coming of mashiah, if you wish for God's anger to be rescinded so he can bring the final salvation, then what are you going to do about it?

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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