

# 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 Re'e פרשת ראה*  
Shabbat August 7th 2021, כט' אב תשפ"א / 29 Av 5781  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:50 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting/Kabalat Shabbat/ Mizmor Shir LeYom HaShabbat	7:35 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:15 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:20 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:50 p.m.
שבת שוב טוב Shabbat Ends	9:21 p.m.

### Weekday Services at

### Medrash Torah Vehayim

#### שחרית Shacharit Sunday

ותיקין Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	7:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

#### שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

ותיקין Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:45 p.m.

ערבית Arbit 18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:14 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:48 am, Shekia- שקיעה-8:32 pm

### Mazal Tov

Assaf and Ariella Swissa on the brit of their son Yosef

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Morris and Miriam Swissa, Rabbi and Mrs. Yitzhak and Sandy Aboudi

Yaacob and Aliza Benyair on the birth of a baby boy

Proud Grandparents: Mr. Moshe Benyair, Mrs. Preci Elmaleh, Mr. & Mrs. David and Chana Dayan

### Happy Anniversary

Simon & Barbara Dahan

Adam & Hagit Halioua

Michael & Judith Benarroch

Yves & Jacqueline Zrihen

### Birthdays this week

Joe Benchluch, Alain Benchetrit, Aaron Ungar, Israel Elmaleh, Miriam Bendelac, Nava Benquesus, Ellie Benchetrit, Perla Keslassy, Benjamin Wexler, Mordy Levy, Judy Kadoch, Tanya Azuelos, Deborah Rothenberg, Samuel Serruya

## Nahalot

Abraham Shvartsman ז"ל 2 Elul /Tuesday August 10th  
Sarah Benatar ז"ל 3 Elul /Wednesday August 11th  
Ezra Totah, Shamil Kardashov ז"ל 4 Elul /Thursday August 12th

## Nahalot for the following week

David Cohen ז"ל, Osvaldo Faierman ז"ל 6 Elul / Shabbat Aug 14th  
David Revivo ז"ל 7 Elul / Sunday August 15th  
Jacob Benmergui ז"ל, Miriam Hochman ז"ל, Sol Serfaty-DeCohen ז"ל, Mary Benchimol ז"ל 8 Elul /Monday August 16th  
Mercedes Serruya ז"ל 9 Elul / Tuesday August 17th  
Esther Azoulay ז"ל 12 Elul / Friday August 20th

## Synagogue News

### Rosh Hodesh Elul & Selihot

Rosh Hodesh Elul is Sunday August 8th and Monday August 9th. Selihot will begin Tuesday morning, 45 minutes before each respective minyan.

### Kiddush Is Back!

Kiddushim have long been an opportunity for everyone to socialize and see each other. We are thrilled to be able to welcome everyone back.

We will need everyone to be mindful of social distancing and of COVID restrictions.

Anyone who wishes to sponsor Kiddush to celebrate an occasion, should contact Sulty in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or via e-Mail at [sulty@kehilacentre.com](mailto:sulty@kehilacentre.com).

**Kiddush, this week, is sponsored by the Sephardic Kehila Centre**

### Seuda Shelishit

We are holding Seuda Shelishit again, between Minha and Arbit on Shabbat, with some adjustments due to COVID restrictions. Anyone who wishes to sponsor Seuda Shelishit in memory of a loved one, should contact Sulty in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or via e-Mail at [sulty@kehilacentre.com](mailto:sulty@kehilacentre.com).

**Seuda Shelishit, this week, is sponsored by Max, Esther and Mark Benatar in memory of the nahala of their mother, Sarah Benatar z"l**

### Re-Opening Ontario - Step 3

Ontario has moved to Step 3 in the re-opening plan and this means that there are no longer any capacity limits for religious services as long as physical distancing is respected. The board is working on the resumption of synagogue activities and will be announcing details shortly. For those of you planning a simha, the banquet hall is once again available for events. We will have a maximum capacity of 145 people for any events. If you have any questions, please call the office.

### 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=bDVheFIZRnhuckVI TE1NYnBxa2R6QT09>. Meeting ID is 759 7458 7379

Passcode 12345

## **Torah Bites** By Rabbi Kadoch

### Parashat Re'e

#### Re'e - Watch your step

Our Sages in the Gemara relate a story of Rav Pappa who was ascending some stairs and one of the steps broke from under his foot, which left him in a very dangerous situation. He approached Rabbi

Hiya who told him that maybe the reason for the occurrence was because a poor person came to his house and he failed to "open his hands" to him as it's written in this week's Parasha תתח את ידך. The Vilna Gaon writes that this is hinted in the Te'amim of these words. Underneath the word תתח you have the sign "דרגא" which means a "step." Underneath the words תתח את ידך you have the sign "תביר" which means "break."

Rav Pappa (who was very wealthy) failed to perform the mitzva of tzedakah when the opportunity arose and was punished with a stair breaking from underneath his foot.

The Vilna Gaon continues by expressing his wonderment at the words "ולא תקפוי את ידך רק פתוח תפתח" - "Don't close your hands, rather open your hand." Obviously if we are commanded not to close our hands we should be required to open them. He answers that each poor person or organization must be measured as to which one takes priority. When our fists are closed, all fingers look the same. However, when it's open, the fingers are different sizes. Each person, when giving tzedakah, must prioritize the importance of each organization and the amounts they receive.

May the tzedakah that we give merit us everlasting reward and may Hashem, reciprocate the kindness we display to others by showering us with much blessing and sustenance. Amen.