

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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שבת שלום
Shabbat Shalom

ברוכים הבאים
Welcome to our Synagogue

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Rabbi David Kadoch
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Parashat Ki Tavo פרשת כי תבוא
Shabbat August 28th 2021, כ' אלול תשפ"א / 20 Elul 5781
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	6:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות / Candle Lighting / Kabbalat Shabbat / Mizmor Shir LeYom HaShabbat	7:10 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) / Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:45 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:15 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	8:45 p.m.

Weekday Services at

Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday

ותיקין Vatikim	6:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	7:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

ותיקין Vatikim	6:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:20 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:37 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:57 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:00 pm

Mazal Tov

Isaac and Fanny Queroub on the recent marriage of their granddaughter Eden to Aharon Platschek in New York

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Meir Gabay and Mr. & Mrs. Arych Platschek

Michael and Orna Serruya on the engagement of their daughter Clara to Noah Steinberg Tenser

Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Clara Serruya

Marc and Judy Kadoch on the Bat Misva of their granddaughter Esmeralda in Florida

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Max and Eny Aquinin

Happy Anniversary

Manuel & Michelle Loloyan, Matthew & Cynthia Schlar, Max & Estrella Benaim, Mair & Rachel Azagury, Samuel & Elvy Cohen, David H. & Estrella Bensimon

Birthdays this week

Yosef Concister, Yehuda Aboudi, Yehonatan Bohbot, Yaacob Benyair, Aliya Sara Willinger, Avrom Gal Yona Gal, Yonatan Nacson, Miriam Ohayon, Abraham Azagury, Patricia Benadiba, Nevee Abraham

Nahalot

Alegria Benzaquen ז"ל **21 Elul** / Sunday Aug 29th
Joseph Azulay ז"ל, Leon Cohen ז"ל, Jacob Benchimol ז"ל **24 Elul** /
Wednesday September 1st
Hannah Benggio bat Messoda ז"ל **26 Elul** /Friday September 3rd

Nahalot for the following week

Emma Bitton ז"ל **29 Elul** /Monday Sept. 6th
Shalom Attias ז"ל, Ruth Sabbah ז"ל **1 Tishrei** /Tuesday Sept. 7th
Armando Abitbol ז"ל, Mercedes Essebag ז"ל **2 Tishrei** /Wed. Sept. 8th
Messody Benchetrit ז"ל **4 Tishrei** /Friday September 10th

Synagogue News

Selihot

Selihot continues this week, 45 minutes before each respective minyan.

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We are sad to announce the recent passing of Mr. Yves Harrar, brother of Monique, wife of Meyer Keslassy, in Venezuela. Our deepest condolences to Monique, to his sons, Ronald and Morris, brother Claude and sisters Danielle and Fabienne.
May his Neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden and may we only hear Besorot Tovot. תהי נפשה צרוּרה בצרוּר החיים.

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. & Mrs. Aaron and Laura Harroch, Mr. & Mrs. Menahem and Tifha Bensadoun, Mr. & Mrs. Max and Miriam Mechali, Mr. & Mrs. Max & Mercedes Keslassy, Mr. Eliezer Alter

Selihot Inspiration with Em HaBanim (Tirat HaKarmel)

The Kahal is invited on Sunday August 29th at 1pm for a virtual session of Selihot Inspiration featuring our own Rabbi David Kadoch and R' Eliyahu Skuri, Rabbi of Em HaBanim Sephardic Synagogue in Tirat HaKarmel, Israel.

As we announced earlier, Abir Yaakob and Em HaBanim have partnered up in the Kehilot Mithaberot Program "Connecting Communities," which connect communities in the diaspora with similar ones in Israel.

Access information below:

Topic: Selihot inspiration - סליחות ודברי חייוק

Time: Aug 29, 2021 01:00 PM America/Toronto

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89053084692>

The Kol Shmuel Shofar Program

If you know of anyone that is not able to attend Synagogue on Rosh Hashana or on Yom Kippur, the Kol Shmuel Shofar Program, organized by Max Benaim and his group of amazing volunteers will try to come by to blow the Shofar for them before Roah Hashana or between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Max Benaim can be reached at 416-918-0676. The Kol Shmuel Shofar Program is being offered to our Community for its 13th year in memory of Mr. Samuel Oziel z"l.

5782 Membership Update

We have sent out statements to all members with the dues for 5782 membership and any outstanding pledges that have accumulated over the year. All outstanding amounts must be paid in order to receive high holiday tickets. If you have any questions, please call Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or via e-Mail at sultry@kehilacentre.com.

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 Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or via e-Mail at sultry@kehilacentre.com.

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

Seuda Shelishit

We are holding Seuda Shelishit again, between Mincha and Arvit on Shab-

bat, with some adjustments due to COVID restrictions. Anyone who wishes to sponsor Seuda Shelishit in memory of a loved one, should contact Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or via e-Mail at sultry@kehilacentre.com.

Seuda Shelishit, this week, is sponsored by the Sephardic Kehila Centre

Special Rosh HaShanah Lecture - "Where Are You?"

Rabbi Kadoch will be giving an online lecture in honour of the upcoming auspicious day of Rosh HaShanah this Thursday, September 2nd at 8:00pm.

The title is "Ayeka: Where Are You?"

To join click the link be-

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

(Sponsorship is available. Contact Rabbi Kadoch directly if interested)

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. **Monthly on Mondays 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

Ki Tavo - Lavan and Bikkurim

What connection is there between Lavan and the mitzvah of offering the first fruits (Bikkurim) in that the statement which is recited begins with the words Arami Oved Avi - Referring to Lavan who wished to destroy "our father" (Yaakov)?

I read an interesting answer by the great R' Avraham Hizkuni.

The Gemara in Masechet Berachot writes "One who makes his voice heard in his Tefila is considered to have little faith." The reason is because by raising one's voice it makes him feel that God cannot hear him when whispering and therefore he needs to raise his voice so his prayer can be heard; which is of course incorrect. Nevertheless, the Tur codifies that if one raised his voice for the purpose of increasing his concentration, it is allowed and the Tefila is valid.

The statement of the Bikkurim must be done in a loud voice since the pasuk uses the term VeAnita VeAmarta. Why so? It must be in order for the person to increase his concentration (like the Tur said) and not so that people will think he lacks Emuna.

He then recites the term Arami Oved Avi - Here Rashi asks: But Lavan WAS NOT successful in defeating Yaakov! Rashi answers that because he had in his mind to defeat him and get rid of him, Heaven considered it as if he was successful.

From here we see that Hashem knows the thoughts of man, and more certainly he knows what comes out of his mouth, even if it is a whisper. Now that he is bringing the Bikkurim with this clarity, he is able to raise his voice for everyone will know it's not because he lacks faith in God, but rather it is to increase his concentration - and this is learned from Lavan.