

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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פרשת ויצא *Parashat Vaayetze*
Shabbat November 13th 2021, ט' חשוון תשפ"ב / 9 Kislev 5782
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha	4:35 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:36 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:10 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	3:40 p.m.
מנחה Minha	4:10 p.m.
שבת שוב טוב Shabbat Ends	5:40 p.m.

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית *Shaharit Sunday*

ותיקין Vatikim	6:30 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

שחרית *Shaharit Weekdays*

ותיקין Vatikim	6:30 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
מנחה Minha	4:35 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:10 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:35 am, Shekia- 4:53 pm

Happy Anniversary

Guillermo & Vida Trojman, Leon Winitzky & Sandy Volgyi, Louis & Solange Attias

Birthdays this week

Rafael Abecassis, Benny Dishy, Menahem Azulay, Licy Azulay, Benyamin Nacson, Rivka Hadida, Enny Azulay, Joe Dwek, Emma Benarroch, Seth Abtan, Simon Sabbah, Sarah Azulay, Hava Aboudi, Tehila Elmaleh, Jacob Anidjar



Nahalot

Hannah Fruma Chai ז"ל 13 Kislev /Wednesday November 17th
Joseph Benchetrit ז"ל, Isaac Beniluz ז"ל 14 Kislev /Thursday Nov. 18th
Joseph Abitbol ז"ל 15 Kislev /Friday November 19th

Nahalot for the following week

Salomon Cohen ז"ל, Esther Weizman nee Assayag ז"ל 16 Kislev / Shabbat November 20th
Esther Chiriqui Saporta ז"ל, Jacob Hassan ז"ל, Freha Soudry ז"ל 17 Kislev / Sunday November 21st
Suzy Esseis ז"ל, Yitzhak Ariei Chai ז"ל 18 Kislev / Mon. November 22nd
Yehuda Bensalmon ז"ל 19 Kislev / Tuesday November 23rd
Messody Cohen ז"ל, David Zrihen ז"ל, Pinhas Ouaknine ז"ל 20 Kislev / Wednesday Nov. 24th
Esther Nahmias ז"ל, Abraham Azagury ז"ל, Luna Cohen ז"ל, Mordechai Azuz ז"ל 22 Kislev / Friday November 26th

Synagogue News

Baruch Haba

We wish to formally welcome our latest members to the Kehila Family
Mr. Alon David Zohar
Mr. & Mrs. David & Stephanie Lugassy and family

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

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Mimi's Light

Mimi's Light was created 23 years ago by Max Benaim in honour of Mimi Benadiba. With Hanukkah approaching, we are reminded of our many dear friends who are in their homes and aren't able to light the Hanukkah candles. We seek volunteers to add to our current roster. If you know anyone in need of assistance please contact Max Benaim at (416) 918-0676 and together we will make Mimi's Light shine bright! WE URGE PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS GREAT EXPERIENCE!!
"TO LIVE IS TO GIVE"

Early Risers, Early Gainers

Rabbi Kadoch will start a new shiur on Hilchot Shabbat at 8:30am Shabbat mornings prior to Shaharit in the main synagogue. Start your day with an infusion of Torah.
Open to everyone - (coffee and tea available)

NEW: Tefilot and Piyutim

Attention men and boys who wish to learn the Tefilot and new piyutim. This is your opportunity to learn from one of our esteemed paytanim, Dr. Adam Ohayon.
Every shabbat, 30 minutes before Minha in main banquet hall.

Mishmar - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Boys 13 and older can join a successful night of learning, food and basketball led by Isaac Nacson. Speak to Isaac for more details

Avot U'Banim Begins This Week

Avot U'Banim for fathers and sons resumes next Motsae Shabbat, November 13th beginning at 7:00pm. Downstairs Synagogue. Food, prizes and lots of learning.

NEW: Back to Basics Shiur continues this Wednesday

Let's start from the beginning. Wednesdays at 8pm, Rabbi Kadoch will give a Torah class on a series of subjects. See flyer above for more details.

Youth Shabbat - Shabbat December 18th

The next Youth Shabbat in the Medrash will take place on Shabbat December 18th, Parashat Vayehi. To be a part of it, contact Rabbi Kadoch or Isaac Nacson

This Shabbat - Oneg Shabbat 5782

The Kahal Kadosh is invited to the home of Rabbi and Mrs. Kadoch for an Oneg Shabbat on Friday November 12th (Parashat Vayetze)
Time: 730pm - 930pm. **Where:** 138 Colvin Cres
(off Mullen Dr or through Westminster Public School)

Kids' Program Is Back

We are thrilled to celebrate the return of the kids' program. We have four young women from the community led remotely by Ashlene Azulay, who have gotten together to create a program of activities to entertain and educate children of the community while their parents pray. We encourage parents to bring their children to the centre and feel comfortable that they are in a safe and healthy environment.
The kid's program is located in the Lower Level Social Hall (Restaurant) and will run from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) on Shabbat

Finding Holiness Website - NOW LIVE!

We are happy to announce that Rabbi Kadoch's Finding Holiness podcast now has a website with all his shiurim archived and organized by topic. Check it out at www.findingholiness.com.

Weekly Shiurim

Monday - Study of the Amida (men and women) @ 8 pm
Wednesday-Torah Learning-Limud Torah BACK TO BASICS @8pm
Thursday - Weekly Parasha (men and women all ages) @ 8 pm
Sunday - Gemara Masechet Sotah @ 7:15am
Shabbat - Hilchot Shabbat (main synagogue) @ 8:30 am
Zachary Benatar
Monthly on Mondays @ 2:45pm: Parasha (men and women)

Vayetze

Rabbi David Kadoch

The Torah's account of Yaakov's dream leads us to question: Does a Heavenly angel need a ladder? As spiritual beings, equipped with their own method of levitation, a ladder seems superfluous. Perhaps we can suggest an answer, after we understand a bit more about angels in general.

As human beings, we cannot even fathom what angels look like. Their visage is fiery and sublime, striking fear, sparking dread, and provoking reverence. Were a person to catch even a glimpse of one, he would either faint or expire from fear. This is why Hashem made it that we cannot see angels. Chazal (Yalkut Shimoni Devarim, 933) say that when a person's end is imminent, Hashem allows him to see the Angel of Death and his Heavenly sword, and the neshama leaves his body from the traumatic experience. Regarding a righteous individual however, Hashem comes with the Angel to greet him, causing him to die in a more uplifting manner, as the neshama is drawn after Hashem and pulled away peacefully. We are all aware that when a person sins, he creates an angel with evil characteristics and a prosecuting demeanor. Conversely, when a person does a righteous deed, the angel that is created shines in virtuousness and beams with good character. These angels even spur the person who created them to continue his line of activity, as they thrive on good deeds, almost like a person who is nurtured by consuming food. And so we feel an inner impulse towards good, which is actually a by-product of our former behavior. As these good angels are closely associated with the person who created them, they also watch carefully over him, until they ascend on High.

Perhaps we can now understand the purpose of the ladder in Yaakov's dream. The Heavenly angels that were created by Yaakov's good deeds elevated slowly to the Heavenly realm, casting their watchful glance at Yaakov who lay sleeping below. Their ascent was marked by graduated steps, hence the ladder in Yaakov's dream. Even though their time in this world was drawing to a close, they still wanted to watch over Yaakov as long as they could. Their climbing by means of a ladder alludes to the protective measures such angels provide for their creator.

I saw a similar idea in the sefer Etz Erez, on the pasuk (Bereshit 28:13) "And behold! Hashem was standing over him." He explains that Hashem stands guard over a person, so to speak, between the performance of one mitzvah and the next. Since the angel that is created by our good deeds eventually ascends on High, Hashem watches over us Himself, until we do the next mitzvah. This is why Hashem appeared in Yaakov's dream.

Parashat Vayeseh: The Enduring Impact of Our Actions

Rabbi Eli Mansour

The opening verse of Parashat Vayeseh tells, "Va'yeseh Yaakov Mi'Be'er Sheva Va'yelech Harana" – "Yaakov left from Be'er Sheva, and he went to Haran." Rashi notes that the first half of this verse – "Yaakov left from Be'er Sheva" – seems redundant. After all, the Torah is now going to tell us of Yaakov's experiences after leaving and heading to Haran, and we already know that he had been living in Be'er Sheva. There thus seems to be no reason for the Torah to inform us that Yaakov left from Be'er Sheva.

Rashi answers by stating, "This teaches that a righteous person's departure from a place makes an impression..." The Torah mentioned that Yaakov left Be'er Sheva to emphasize that his departure "made an impression."

The standard understanding of Rashi's comment is that a Sadik's departure leaves a void that is palpably felt. A city, or a community, is simply not the same once a righteous person leaves. Significantly, this point is made specifically about Yaakov, who is described earlier (25:27) as a "Yosheb Ohalim" – "dweller of tents," referring to his diligent engagement in Torah learning. Yaakov was not a public figure. He did not give speeches or teach students. He spent his time devotedly engrossed in his studies. Nevertheless, his departure was discernibly felt, because his presence infused the town with an element of sanctity that was then lost when he left.

There is, however, also a different understanding of Rashi's comment. The scholars of Kabbalah teach the concept of "Reshimu" – the spiritual impact of a person's actions which endures forever in that location. Every Mitzva we perform leaves an indelible impression upon the place where we fulfilled it. If we learn Torah in a certain location, the sanctity of our Torah learning remains in that place for all eternity. This is why Halacha urges one who, for whatever reason, is unable to pray with a Minyan to nevertheless pray in a synagogue. Even though he will be praying privately, it is far preferable to pray in a synagogue, a place infused with the Kedusha of the countless pray-ers recited and words of Torah spoken there.

This, then, might be the meaning of Rashi's comment, that a Sadik's departure "Oseh Roshem" – "makes an impression." Even after he leaves, the spiritual impact of his many good deeds remains and continues to benefit the residents of his town.

Conversely, the sins we commit have a harmful spiritual impact that endures forever. Even if nobody witnesses the forbidden act, its spiritual effects make an impression that will have detrimental consequences many years later. For this reason, Rav Haim Palachi (Turkey, 1788-1868) writes that if one sees two people fighting in the street, he should ensure not to walk on that side of the street where the fight took place. Few sins are more grievous and spiritually harmful than anger and fighting, and so when two people quarrel, they leave an especially detrimental impact upon that spot – to the point where even innocent, uninvolved passersby are negatively affected.

Let us always remember that each and every action we perform has a profound spiritual impact, yielding consequences for many years into the future. This awareness should motivate us to always strive to perform Mitzvos and avoid wrongdoing of any kind.



TORAH LEARNING - LIMUD TORAH BACK TO BASICS

Wednesdays
Beginning Oct 13th

IN PERSON

WED.
8PM

Rabbi David Kadoch

- Tanach w/ Rashi (20 min)
- Halacha Shulhan Aruch (20 min)
 - Open to learners of all levels
 - Refreshments to be served

Having your own sefer (book) is strongly recommended. Please contact Rabbi Kadoch if you would like to have him purchase a copy for you.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

WED.
8PM

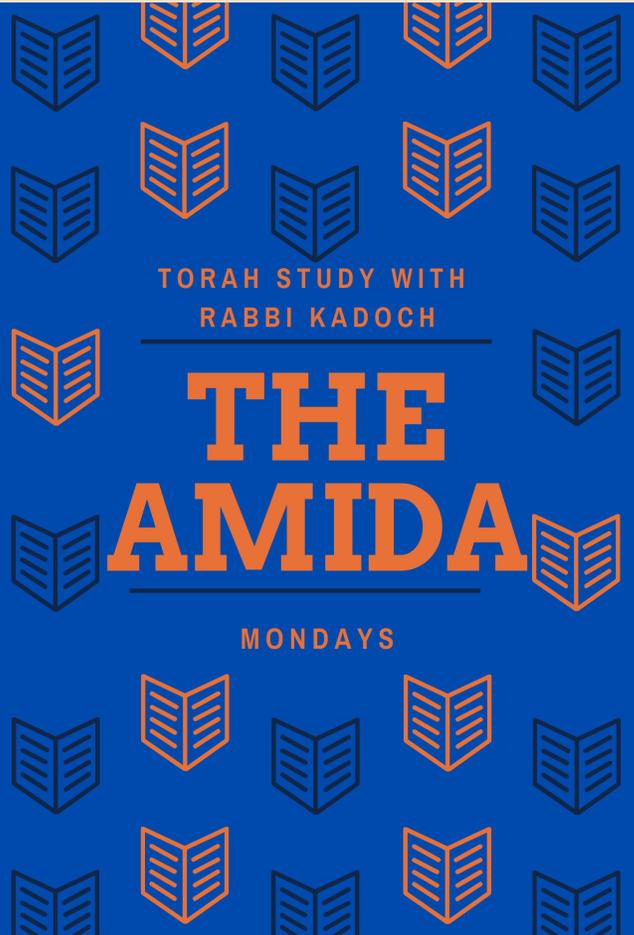
Rabbi David Kadoch

- Also available via video conferencing
 - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/450150709>

Shiur archives can be found on the the Finding Holiness podcast at findingholiness.buzzsprout.com

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MONDAYS



EVERY SHABBAT 30 MINUTES
BEFORE MINHA

Tefilot & Piyutim

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JNF Honouree

Join the Toronto Jewish community in honouring our very own Rabbi David Kadoch along with 18 other community leaders for the annual JNF Negev Dinner on Sunday November 14th. The leaders are being recognized for their incredible work and devotion to their respective community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The night will feature Israeli President Isaac Herzog and Professor Deborah Lipstadt, sharing an intimate dialogue on topics concerning the Jewish community. Don't miss this historic event!

For more information, go to www.torontonegvdinner.ca.



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