

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

## ABIR YAAKOB CONGREGATION



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*Shabbat Shalom*

ברוכים הבאים  
*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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פרשת ויקהל *Parashat Vayakhel*  
Shabbat February 26th 2022, כה' אדר א' תשפ"ב / 25 Adar 1 5782  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	5:40 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:43 p.m.
שחרית מנין החייד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:00 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	4:45 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	5:15 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	6:46 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:00 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה 6:02 pm, Shekia- 9:45 am, קריאת שמע

### Weekday Services

<i>שחרית</i> Shaharit Sunday		<i>שחרית</i> Shaharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikin	6:20 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	6:20 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.	מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבוים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.	קבוים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
		מנחה Mincha	5:55 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after Sunset

### Mazal Tov

Joe & Shully Elmaleh on the birth of a baby girl to their daughter Adina and Shua and big brother Meir Waknin from St Louis, Missouri

### Happy Anniversary

- Daniel & Anita Chai
- Jack & Suzanne Benchimol
- Marc & Judith Kadoch

### Birthdays this week

Jesse Revivo, Moshe Elmaleh, Abigail Hadassah Toby, Michelle Nacson, Shlomo Dayan, Perla Azulay, Mercedes Beniluz, Warren Essebag, Isaac Cohen, Eliezer Alter, Ben Elmaleh

## Nahalot

Salomon Bitton ז"ל 29 Adar I / Wednesday March 2nd

## Nahalot for the following week

Chaya Nacson ז"ל 2 Adar II / Shabbat March 5th  
Joseph Anidjar ז"ל, Messod Saban ז"ל 4 Adar II / Monday March 7th  
Rahel Nacson ז"ל 5 Adar II / Tuesday March 8th  
Mair Cohen ז"ל 6 Adar II / Wednesday March 9th  
Aharon Assor ז"ל 8 Adar II / Friday March 11th

## Synagogue News

### Condolences

To to our dear members and friends Mr. Leo and Carlos Abitbol and to the entire family on the passing of Mr. Alberto (Enrique) Abitbol z"l in Tenerife, Spain.

### Rosh Hodesh Adar Bet

Rosh Hodesh Adar Bet will be on Thursday and Friday.

### Early Risers, Early Gainers

Join Rabbi Kadoch at 8:30 am Shabbat mornings prior to Shaharit in the main synagogue for an informative shiur on Hilchot Shabbat. Start your day with an infusion of Torah.

Open to everyone - (coffee and tea available).

### Shabbat Kiddush

Kiddushim bring everyone together on multiple levels and we are thrilled to have everyone together for a congregational Shabbat Kiddush.

Anyone interested in sponsoring all or part of a kiddush or even helping us enhance the weekly kiddush is asked to call the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or send an e-mail to social@kehilacentre.com.

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

### Seuda Shelishit

Over the past few months, the Divre Torah during Seuda Shelishit have tackled interesting and thought-provoking topics such as:

- Leaving negative reviews online
- Adding a name for a sick person
- Stepping and walking on graves
- Carrying weapons on Shabbat

**This week's topic: Sports Injuries in Jewish Law**

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

### Sephardic Community Challah Bake

Registrations for the Sephardic community Challah Bake are now closed. This event is an outstanding demonstration of the power of unity and we have had 240 registrations from people representing all of the Sephardic Synagogues in the GTA.

We wish the attendees all the best and may they have an inspiring and fun filled evening, as they learn about the challah for Purim according to our Moroccan customs.

### Purim Pop-In With Rabbi Kadoch

After a one-year hiatus, the entire Kahal is invited to join Rabbi Kadoch at his home (138 Colvin Crescent) on Purim day to celebrate the holiday of Purim. Food, drink, music, mesmerizing Torah, and great conversation. Don't miss it.

Thursday, March 17th - 1:00pm - 4:00pm, followed by Minha.

### SKC Purim Seuda - HOLD THE DATE

Come join the entire Kahal for a Purim Seuda at SKC! Games, activities and prizes for all of the kids. Details and flyers to be released mid-week. Thursday, March 17th - 6:00pm - SKC Banquet Hall Arvit to follow

### Megilat Ester

Come and study Megilat Ester with Rabbi Kadoch beginning this Wednesday night at 8pm. The class has been sponsored in memory of Mrs. Alegria Benmaman z"l by her loving grandchildren. See back flyer above for more details.

### Sunday Morning Gemara - This Sunday!

On Sunday February 27th, the habura that learns Gemara every Sunday morning will be starting a brand new Masechet, Tractate Sanhedrin. Beli Ayin Hara, the group has finished 3 tractates since it's started learning and is looking for more men to join. Sundays at 7:15am.

### Esther in Two (Season Two)

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Adam and Esther Ohayon for sponsoring the 2nd season of Esther in Two in memory of Abraham Shelomo Edery z"l and Yosef Amram Edery z"l. Ten short (2-minute) episodes consisting of inspiring ideas and lessons on the Megila will be published in the weeks prior to Purim. Stay tuned!

### Tefilot and Piyutim

The young boys of the community, led by Adam Ohayon, continue learning the songs and melodies that make our services unique. To have your child participate, bring him 30 minutes before Minha on Shabbat afternoon.

### Shabbat Kids' Program

We encourage parents to bring their children to the centre and feel comfortable that they are in a safe and healthy environment with program of activities to entertain and educate children of the community while their parents pray.

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](http://www.findingholiness.com).

### Weekly Shiurim

Monday - Study of the Amida (men and women) @ 8 pm ONLINE

Wednesday-Torah Learning-Limud Torah BACK TO BASICS @8pm

Thursday - Weekly Parasha (men and women all ages) @ 8 pm

**Zachary Benatar**

Monthly on Mondays @ 2:45pm: Parasha (men and women)

## Vayakhel - Achieving "Shabbaton"

Rabbi David Kadoch

### שבת שבתון לה" (לה:ב)"

#### "A Shabbat Shabbaton for Hashem" (35:2)

Parashat Vayakhel is yet another Parasha in the Torah which mentions, although briefly, the mitzva of Shabbat. Rav Dov Ber Rapaport notices a striking difference between the pesukim describing Shabbat in this week's Parasha and the pesukim in the Ten Commandments. We see in this week's parasha (and later in Parashat Emor) that the Torah refers to Shabbat as שבת וביום השביעי double expression. However, in Yitro and VaEtchanan, when listing the Ten Commandments, it writes וביום השביעי. As well, by the Ten Commandments the mitzva states - "ששת ימים תעבד" for six days you shall work," but in this week's Parasha (and in Parashat Emor) it writes - "ששת ימים תיעשה (יעשה) מלאכה" for six days work shall be done." Why is this so? He wishes to answer based on a Gemara in Berachot 35B which states that when Bene Yisrael are fulfilling Hashem's command, their work is completed by the hands of others. Essentially this means, that even the six days of work were days of rest for the Jews who followed the ways of Hashem. Hence, since the weekdays were considered like Shabbat as well, it was referred to as שבת שבתון.

On the other hand, when Jews are not following the ways of Hashem, then the world takes its normal course. The Jews must work for 6 days and can only rest on the day allotted to them, Shabbat. Therefore, regarding this generation the pasuk writes וביום השביעי שבת.

This solves the second question as well. When the generation fulfills the will of Hashem and are thus blessed not to work even on the weekdays, the Torah (Vayakehel/Emor) expresses the common day work as "shall be done," since it will be done by the hands of others. But when the generation fails to complete the will of Hashem and therefore must succumb to working for a full 6 days, the Torah (Yitro/VaEtchanan) expresses this work as "you shall work."

## Vayakhel: The Precious Value of a Torah Home

Rabbi Eli Mansour

Upon reading Parashat Vayakhel, we cannot help but be struck – and perplexed – by the Torah's verbosity. The Torah laboriously repeats all the details regarding the construction of the Mishkan which were already presented earlier, in Parashat Teruma. There, we read of G-d presenting the commands for how to build the Mishkan and its furnishings, and here in Parashat Vayakhel, we read of how Bene Yisrael fully complied with these commands. But why did all the details need to be repeated? Why did the Torah not simply relate that Bene Yisrael built everything as G-d had commanded? Why was it necessary for the Torah to specify each and every detail of the construction a second time?

The Or Ha'hayim Ha'kadosh (Rav Haim Ben-Attar, 1696-1743), in his commentary to this Parasha (36:11), explains that G-d repeated all the details of the construction of the Mishkan "Ki Habib Alav" – because this information is especially "beloved" to G-d. When we feel excited over something, we want to talk about it repeatedly.

The Torah, too, is repetitive when it comes to particularly precious information. The Or Ha'hayim draws a comparison to the story of Eliezer, Abraham's servant, who went to Aram Naharayim to find a wife for Yishak, and met Ribka, as we read in Parashat Hayeh-Sara. There, too, the Torah seems to be repetitive. After telling us of Eliezer's experiences at the well outside the city, where he met Ribka, the Torah then records Eliezer lengthy account of his experiences when he spoke to Ribka's family. The Midrash, as the Or Ha'hayim cites, comments that all this is repeated because "Habiba Alav" – this section is precious and beloved to G-d. Similarly, the Or Ha'hayim explains, the details of the Mishkan's construction are repeated because this subject is especially beloved to G-d.

It is noteworthy that the Or Ha'hayim draws a comparison between the building of the Mishkan and Eliezer's successful efforts to find a wife for Yishak – the story of the building of a Jewish home. The Or Ha'hayim here is teaching us that building a Jewish home is as precious and beloved to G-d as the building of a Mishkan.

After all, when a husband and wife conduct themselves the right way, and run their home on the foundations of Torah values and Torah observance, then their home becomes worthy of the Shechina (divine presence). In essence, such a home becomes a Bet Ha'mikdash, a sanctuary, where G-d is present. We are to ensure to build our homes properly, the way the Torah instructs, so that our homes will be beautiful and sublime like the Bet Ha'mikdash, worthy of G-d's presence and of His unlimited blessings.

TORAH STUDY  
WITH  
RABBI KADOCH



# מגילת אסתר - Megilat Ester

In memory of Alegria Benmaman ז"ל - ז"ל - אלגריה בת ריקה ז"ל - ז"ל  
Sponsored by her loving grandchildren

Study the holy text of Megilat Ester using various commentary  
Beginning Wednesday night February 2nd until Purim - 8PM



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