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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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Shabbat Korah פרשת קרח
Shabbat July 2nd 2022, ג' תמוז תשפ"ב / 3 Tammuz 5782
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	7:00 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting/Mizmor Shir	7:45 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shahrarit Ha'Hida Vatikin	4:40 a.m.
שחרית Shahrarit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim	7:15 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	8:00 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	8:30 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	9:58 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 5:40 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:30 am, Shekia- שקיעה 9:03 pm

Weekday Services

<i>שחרית Shahrarit Sunday</i>		<i>שחרית Shahrarit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	5:00 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	5:00 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.	מקדימים Makdimim	6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.	קבועים Kebuim	8:00 a.m.
		מנחה Mincha	7:15 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	immediately following Mincha

Mazal Tov

Mr. & Mrs. Noah and Clara Tenser on their recent marriage
Proud Parents: Mr. Michael Serruya and Mrs. Orna Serruya, Mr. Jeffrey Tenser and Karen Steinberg
Proud GrandParents: Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Clara Serruya, Mr. & Mrs. Claude and Esther Zeitoun,
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis and Charlotte Steinberg

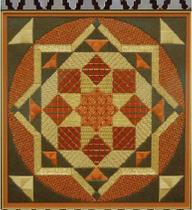
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac and Ashley Levy on the birth and brit of their son Levi Ariel
Proud GrandParents: Mr. & Mrs. Davis and Honey Levy, Mr. & Mrs. Eitan and Miri Teschner

Happy Anniversary

- ◆ Leon & Denise Elmaleh ◆ Jacob & Vanessa Benarroch ◆ Andrew & Talya Concister
- ◆ Menahem & Tifha Bensadoun ◆ Moses D. & Mercedes Elmaleh ◆ Nissim & Goldie Saban
- ◆ Farhad & Lili Amirian ◆ Oren & Raquel Hyams ◆ Joseph & Mercedes Beniluz

Birthdays this week

Ariel Nacson, Ness Botbol, Aaron Nacson, David Miadovnik, Alyssa Essebag, Maya Avital Benquesus,
Lidia Anidjar, Suzanne Benchimol, Alyssa Benarroch, Raquel Savatti



Nahalot

Leon Nahmias ל"ה 3 Tamuz / Shabbat July 2nd
Flora Benoualid ל"ה, Jacob Benzaquen ל"ה 4 Tamuz / Sunday July 3rd
David Elmaleh ל"ה, Yvette Saada Dahan ל"ה, Rahel Malka Azuelos ל"ה
5 Tamuz / Monday July 4th
Rahel Abihisira ל"ה, Reina Dayan ל"ה, Moshe Elfassy ל"ה 6 Tamuz /
Tuesday July 5th
Esther Cohen Assayag ל"ה 7 Tamuz / Wednesday July 6th

Nahalot for the following week

Isaac Oziel 10 Tammuz / Shabbat July 9th
Salomon Ponte ל"ה, David Ohana ל"ה, Messod Benhaim ל"ה 12 Tammuz/
Monday July 11th
Ruben Benhaim ל"ה 13 Tammuz / Tuesday July 12th
Nechama Aronovici ל"ה, Jacky Benoudiz ל"ה 15 Tammuz / Thur. July 14th
Avraham Mouyal ל"ה, Esmerelda Aquinin ל"ה 16 Tammuz / Fri. July 15th

Synagogue News

Shabbat Kiddush

Kiddushim bring everyone together on multiple levels and we are thrilled to welcome everyone back to SKC 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.

Due to Statutory Holiday the congregational Kiddush has been canceled this week

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

Seuda Selishit this week is sponsored by and for:

- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Benmergui, in memory of his uncle Jacob Benzaquen Z"L
- Mr. & Mrs. Gad Elmaleh, in memory of his father David Elmaleh Z"L
- Mr. & Mrs. Avi Azuelos, in memory of his grandmother Rahel Malka Azuelos Z"L
- Mr. & Mrs. Simon Dahan, in memory of his mother Saada Dahan Z"L

Mazal Tov to our Scholars and Graduates

- Amram Assayag - Yeshivat Or Chaim (grade 12)
- Yael Arrobas - JDOHSS (grade 8)
- Nathaniel BarYoseph - Westmount (grade 12)
- Alyssa Benarroch - Ulpanat Orot (grade 12)
- Emma Benarroch - JDOHSS (grade 8)
- Raina Botbol- CHAT (grade 12)
- Yael Cohen - Ulpanat Orot (grade 12)
- Emily Cohen - Westmount (grade 12)
- Amram Essebag - Yeshivat Or Chaim (grade 12)
- Ilan Hyams - JDOHSS (grade 8)
- Rivka Ohayon on graduating with an Honours Bachelor of Science Kinesiology from McMaster University.

Rabbi's Absence

Rabbi Kadoch will be in Eretz Yisrael with his family celebrating his son Avi's Bar Mitzvah over the next few weeks. He can be reached on WhatsApp if needed.
Mazal Tov to the entire family on their simha.

Weekly Shiurim

ALL SHIURIM ARE POSTPONED FOR THREE WEEKS UNTIL THE RABBI RETURNS

Parashat HaShavua - Thursdays @8pm HYBRID*
Hilchot Shabbat - Shabbat at 8:30am Main Synagogue
Mesilat Yesharim - Shabbat 45 min before Tehilim
Gemara Sanhedrin - Sundays at 7:15am Downstairs synagogue
Zachary Benatar
Weekly on Mondays @ 2:45pm: Parasha (men and women)
To be added to Zach's Shiur group, please contact Max Benatar at (416) 802-3824

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.

Parashat Korah

Korah - Think rationally

Rabbi David Kadoch

The Parasha begins listing Korah and his troops staging a rebellion against Moshe and Aharon. Included in this regimen is Datan, Aviram and a man named On ben Pelet. As the story concludes and Korah and his cohorts are swallowed into the ground, we notice that On ben Pelet is not one of the individuals listed as being killed. The Gemara Sanhedrin 109B addresses this. There, it explains, that On's wife pleaded with him to cease his fight against Moshe. She exclaimed: "Why are you continuing to meddle in a fight that isn't yours? Regardless of what happens, the leader would be either Moshe or Korah. Not you! Why do you continue to fight a battle that you don't belong in?" As a result, On ben Pelet removed himself from the rebellion and was spared. The Gemara credits the wife of On ben Pelet for his survival and then praises her by associating her with the verse חכמת נשים בנתה ביתה "The wisest of women - each one builds her house" (Mishle 14:1).

Our Sages ask a simple question. Did the wife of On display such wisdom in her claim? Any normal wife would advise her husband as such; don't meddle in other people's problems. So why is she considered so "wise?" They answer beautifully. When a person is in a state of machloket, (argument or verbal fighting), any time a person can display signs of intellect and reason, shows tremendous wisdom. A person in the midst of an argument is usually not thinking rationally and states ridiculous facts usually for his/her own personal gain and benefit. The wife of On ben Pelet could have easily continued to support her husband's logic and make the machloket exponentially worse (as Korach's wife did). So the natural response would NOT have been to convince her husband otherwise but rather encourage him to continue. Nonetheless, she chose to act wisely, think logically and rationally and give her husband sound advice. Something, when given the argumentative circumstances, isn't the norm. Because of that advice, she ended up saving his life and essentially "built her house."

May we all learn from the wife of On ben Pelet and eradicate all division and contentions among Bene Yisrael, Amen.

Parashat Korah: Elevating Ourselves

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

We read in Parashat Korah of the group assembled by Korah to challenge Moshe's authority. They accused Moshe of nepotism, that he unfairly granted the exclusive post of Kohen Gadol to his brother, Aharon. Moshe responded by inviting Korah and his cohorts to offer Ketoret (incense) together with Aharon in the courtyard of the Mishkan the following day, and Hashem would accept the offering of the person chosen to be the Kohen Gadol. Tragically, all the rebels perished after offering the incense, whereas Aharon, of course, survived, proving that he was the one chosen by G-d to serve in this special role.

Two leading figures of Korah's revolt, Datan and Abiram, refused to come and participate in this Ketoret offering. When Moshe sent messengers to summon them, they brazenly responded, "Lo Na'aleh" - literally, "We will not go up" (16:12). They were later devoured by the ground.

Ibn Ezra (Rav Abraham Ibn Ezra, Spain, 1089-1167), explaining the phrase "Lo Na'aleh," suggests that the Mishkan was perhaps erected in a location that was higher than the rest of the camp. Datan and Abiram thus replied, "Lo Na'aleh" - that they would not climb to the Mishkan to participate in the

offering of the Ketoret.

However, Ibn Ezra then offers a second interpretation, writing, "One who goes to the service of G-d, or to the chosen site, is called 'ascending'." According to this explanation, the term "Na'aleh" is used here allegorically, not literally. Going to the Mishkan to perform a religious act is called "ascent," and thus Datan and Abiram said that they refused to "go up" - meaning, to bring an offering to G-d.

Another expression of this idea is the term "Oleh" used in reference to a person called to recite the Berachot over the reading of the Sefer Torah in the synagogue. In ancient times, the place where the Hazan stood and where the Torah reading took place was actually lower than the rest of the sanctuary. Nevertheless, the person invited to recite the Berachot is called an "Oleh" - "one who goes up" - because performing a Misva is always to be regarded as an experience of elevation, an opportunity to lift ourselves and become higher.

We should relish and enthusiastically seize every opportunity we are given to perform a Misva, because each one elevates us and brings us higher. We might at times be reluctant to perform a Misva because it entails too much time and effort, it requires a sacrifice, or we just do not think that this particular

Misva is important. Ibn Ezra's brief remark should remind us that every Misva we perform, even if it does not initially seem that valuable or significant, lifts us up and makes us greater. Let us, then, embrace every Misva opportunity that we are given, so that we can continually elevate ourselves to greater heights, each day of our lives.



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MESILAT YESHARIM

With Rabbi David Kadoch

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

The book that every
Jew must learn!

Beginning Saturday April 27th
45 minutes before Tehilim - Main Synagogue