

# 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  
Rabbi David Kadoch  
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*Shabbat Re'eh פרשת ראה*  
Shabbat August 27th 2022, ל' אב תשפ"ב / 30 Av 5782  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha (Main Synagogue)	6:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting/Mizmor Shir	7:20 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	5:35 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim	<i>postponed</i>
תהלים Tehilim	6:45 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:15 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	8:47 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:36 am, Keriat Shema- שמע 9:57 am, Shekia- שקיעה-8:01 pm

### Weekday Services

שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>		שחרית <i>Shaharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	6:00 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	6:00 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 Minha	6:20 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	immediately following Minha

### Mazal Tov

~ Daniel Abtan and Ariel Segal on their recent engagement

**Proud Parents:** Mr. Patrick Abtan and Dr. Carolyn Boulos, Dr. Zindel Segal and Ms. Lisa Morrison

**Proud Grandparents:** Mrs. Perla Abtan, Mr. Norman Morrison, Mrs. Gerry Morrison

~ Abraham Cohen and Gabrielle Attias on their recent engagement

**Proud Parents:** Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Elvy Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel and Vanessa Kadoch Attias

**Proud Grandparents:** Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Esther Pinto, Mr. Levy Attias, Mr. Michel Kadoch, Mrs. Shoshana Stein and Mr. Eliyahu Galor

~ Mr. & Mrs. Max & Mercedes Keslassy on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

We wish you lots of mazal and hatzlaha together for many more years

### Happy Anniversary

◆ Max & Mercedes Keslassy ◆ Manuel & Michelle Loloan ◆ Matthew & Cynthia Schlar

◆ Max & Estrella Benaim ◆ Mair & Rachel Azagury ◆ Samuel & Elvy Cohen

### Birthdays this week

Esther Ohana, Reuth Abraham, Avi Kadoch, Nissim Nacson, Syd Anidjar, Lee-Anne Alter, Yehuda Lalou, Albert Nacson, Yosef Concister, Yehuda Aboudi, Yehonatan Bohbot, Dalia Shayo, Noa Grinwald, Aliya Sara Willinger, Sara Hadida, Avrom Gal, Yona Gal, Miriam Ohayon, Yonatan Nacson

## Nahalot

Saada Assayag ל"ה 30 Av / Shabbat August 27th  
Messod Assayag ל"ה 1 Elul / Sunday August 28th  
Abraham Shvartsman ל"ה 2 Elul / Monday August 29th  
Sarah Benatar ל"ה 3 Elul / Tuesday August 30th  
Ezra Totah ל"ה, Shamil Kardashov ל"ה 4 Elul / Wednesday August 31st  
David Cohen ל"ה, Osvaldo Faierman ל"ה 6 Elul / Friday September 2nd

## Nahalot for the following week

David Revivo ל"ה 7 Elul / Shabbat September 5th  
Jacob Benmergui ל"ה, Mary Benchimol ל"ה, Sol Serfaty-DeCohen ל"ה  
8 Elul / Sunday September 4th  
Mercedes Serruya ל"ה 9 Elul / Monday September 5th  
Esther Azoulay ל"ה 12 Elul / Thursday September 8th  
David Menahem Nacson ל"ה 13 Elul / Friday September 9th

## Synagogue News

### Baruch Haba

We wish to formally welcome our latest members to the Kehila Family: Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Sally Nacson and family

### Rosh Hodesh Elul

Rosh Hodesh Elul is this Shabbat and Sunday. The haftara this week is Haftarat Re'eh, adding the first and last pesukim of Rosh Hodesh and then the first and last pesukim of Mahar Hodesh.

### 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.

**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: TBA**

**Seudi Shelishit this week is sponsored by**

- ♦ Mrs. Bella Kardashova in memory of her father, Shamil Kardashov z"l
- ♦ Mrs. Anna Shvartsman in memory of her father, Abraham Shvartsman z"l

### Early Risers, Early Gainers

Join Rabbi Kadoch at 8:30am 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).

### Membership Update

Thank you, members and friends, for your membership and commitment to our community and shared goals in enhancing our culture and worship for current and future generations. It's that time of year where we ask you to reinforce that loving commitment by renewing your membership before the upcoming High Holidays. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out statements to all members with the dues for the year coming 5783 and our 25th year in operation. We ask you to be proactive

in making arrangements to pay any outstanding pledges along with next year's renewal in order to receive High Holiday tickets.

If you have any questions, please call Sultry in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or email at sultry@kehilacentre.com

### Security Reminder

Whenever there is an escalation in the Middle East, it often triggers an escalation in antisemitic hate crimes here in our community. While the situation in Israel seems to be calming down, we want to remind all members and visitors to the Sephardic Kehila Centre of the importance of additional, healthy vigilance in following security protocols and maintaining awareness.

If you see something, say something. Do not allow unknown individuals to enter your building. Do not allow packages to lie around un-inspected. Do not leave doors unlocked or unattended and immediately report any suspicious activity that you witness to a staff member or to a member of the board.

### Upcoming Youth Programs

We are thrilled to announce two upcoming programs for the youth of our community both scheduled for Parashat Ki Tetze on Shabbat September 10th, 2022.

High School Minyan & Kiddush - Hosted by Isaac Nacson

High School Girls Seuda Shelishit - Hosted by Miriam Dishy

### Weekly Shiurim

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.

### Selihot

Selihot begins Monday morning, 45 minutes prior to each Shaharit minyan. The 8:15 minyan (7:30 Selihot) will take place in the main synagogue until following the High Holidays.

## Re'eh - Watch your step

Rabbi David Kadoch

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 פתח את ידך. The Vilna Gaon writes that this is hinted in the Te'amim of these words. Underneath the word פתוח you have the sign "דרגא" which means a "step." Underneath the words פתח 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 - "לא תקפוץ 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.

### Parashat Re'eh: True Passion for Torah

**\*\* This week's Parasha dedicated L'iluy Nishmat Natan ben Shoshana \*\***

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

In the Haftara for Parashat Re'eh – the third of the special Haftarot of comfort and consolation – the prophet Yeshayahu (54:17) promises Beneh Yisrael, "Every instrument that will be created to oppose you will not succeed, and every tongue that arises against you in court – you shall expose as evil." Although our enemies persistently lie and spread false accusations against us, we are promised that in the end, we will prevail over our adversaries, and their falsehoods will be exposed.

This verse is cited in a passage in the Midrash (Bereshit Rabba 32:10) which tells the fascinating story of Rabbi Yonatan, who was traveling to Jerusalem to pray. Along his journey, he met a Samaritan – a follower of a sect which regards Mount Gerizim in the Samaria region as a sacred site, instead of Jerusalem. The Samaritan asked Rabbi Yonatan where he was headed, and he replied that he was traveling to Jerusalem to pray. The Samaritan argued that Rabbi Yonatan should pray on Mount Gerizim, which, he claimed, was a more sacred site than the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. He proved his contention by stating that during the flood in the times of Noah, the floodwaters didn't cover Mount Gerizim. Rabbi Yonatan had no response to this Samaritan's argument.

Then Rabbi Yonatan's donkey rider requested permission to speak and respond to the

Samaritan. He pointed to the verse in Parashat Noah (Bereshit 7:19) which tells that "all the high mountains" were covered by the floodwaters – thus disproving the Samaritan's claim.

Rabbi Yonatan promptly switched positions with the rider, and had him sit on the donkey as he walked in front, showing him respect. He then proceeded to cite a number of verses relevant to this episode, one of which is the aforementioned verse from Yeshayahu's prophecy: "...and every tongue that arises against you in court – you shall expose as evil." The rider's response to the Samaritan's argument represented the fulfillment of this prophecy – that all arguments which will be brought to challenge our faith will ultimately be refuted and proven wrong. Even the simple, unlearned drivers will be able to refute these arguments.

This story should serve to bolster our faith and conviction, reminding us that although there are people who challenge and ridicule our beliefs and lifestyle, these challenges will never succeed, and authentic Torah Judaism will always prevail. But additionally, Rav Avraham Pam (1913-2001) noted that we have much to learn from Rabbi Yonatan's reaction to his driver, which serves as a beautiful example of the Mishna's famous teaching, "Who is wise? He who learns from all people" (Abot 4:1). Although he was an outstanding scholar, Rabbi Yonatan showed respect to a simple, ignorant donkey rider because of a single verse which he – Rabbi Yonatan – had forgotten and the rider recalled for him. True passion for Torah means relishing each and

every piece of Torah knowledge, every insight and every thought, regardless of from whom it was heard. Rabbi Yonatan had such respect for this driver because he understood the great value of each and every word of Torah, such that the driver deserved respect for recalling a verse from the Torah.

Rav Pam observed that there have been many Torah scholars who did not have an exceptional memory, but they attained vast amounts of knowledge because of their thirst and desire for knowledge. They cherished each and every word of Torah, and so they remembered each and every word they learned. When we truly love something, we never forget it; and so if we truly love Torah, we will remember what we learn.

It is told that once, while Rav Mordechai Gifter (1915-2001) was delivering a class in his yeshiva – the Telz Yeshiva in Cleveland – he arrived at a new insight, a new way to explain a certain Halacha. He was so overjoyed that he had all the students stand up and dance with him in the Bet Midrash. Rav Gifter became the outstanding scholar that he became because of this love and passion for each and every word of Torah. When somebody erupts in joyous dancing over a new insight, he never forgets what he learns.

Let us appreciate the sanctity and inestimable value of each and every word of Torah, so that the passion for learning will fuel our lifelong quest to acquire Torah's knowledge and a thorough understanding of its eternal teachings.



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# HIGH SCHOOL MINYAN & KIDDUSH

with **Issac Nacson**

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Shabbat September 10th Parsha Ki Teitze

**9:30 AM IN THE BEIT MIDRASH**

**Kiddush to Follow**

**ALL TEENS WELCOME!**



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# HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SEUDA SHELISHT

With **Miriam Dishy**

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Shabbat September 10th

**PARSHA KI TEITZE**

6PM AT THE HOME OF ENNY COHEN

199 MCMORRAN CREST