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*Welcome to our Synagogue*

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*Shabbat Shofetim פרשת שופטים*  
Shabbat September 3rd 2022, ז' אלול תשפ"ב / 7 Elul 5782  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha (Main Synagogue)	6:20 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting/Mizmor Shir	7:10 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	5:45 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shaharit	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim (Final shiur for the summer)	5:50 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:35 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:05 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	8:34 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:44 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 10:00 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:49 pm

### Weekday Services

שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>		שחרית <i>Shaharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	6:05 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	6:05 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	6:10 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	immediately following Minha

### Mazal Tov

Eduardo Nahmad and Malka Cohen on their recent engagement

**Proud Parents:** Mr. & Mrs. Isaac and Rena Cohen and Mr. & Mrs. Marcos and Polly Nahmad

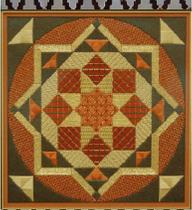
**Proud Grandparents:** Mrs. Tany Cohen, Dr. Alan and Elaine Fink, Mrs. Ruth Hamui, and Mr. & Mrs. Eduardo and Olga Nahmad

### Happy Anniversary

- ◆ Shimon & Lilly Assaraf ◆ David & Estrella Bensimon ◆ Leon & Marie Benchabo
- ◆ Robi & Mirey Bahar ◆ Jimmy & Limor Keslassy ◆ Avi & Francine Azuelos

### Birthdays this week

Nevee Abraham, Abraham Azagury, Patricia Benadiba, Rachel Bat Hillel, Ross Savatti, Judith Kadoch, Keira Benquesus, Judah Benquesus, Renee Edery, Linda Ungar, Elie Azulay, Robert Stein, Aaron Dahan, Sarah Buzaglo, Hanna Ohayon



## Nahalot

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

## Nahalot for the following week

Adell Totah ז"ל 15 Elul / Sunday September 11th  
Armand Sabbah ז"ל, Clara Edery ז"ל 16 Elul / Monday September 12th  
Joseph Afriat ז"ל, Biba Assayag ז"ל, Juda Lalou ז"ל 19 Elul / Thursday  
September 15th

## Synagogue News

### Winter Schedule

Next Shabbat (Ki Tetze) and the weeks following we will revert to our winter scheduling. Minha on Friday will be at 7:15pm. Weekday Minha will be just prior to sunset and Rabbi Kadoch will resume his shiur on Mishnayot between Minha and Arvit. Stay tuned for next week's bulletin for exact times.

### 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**

- ◆ **Mr. & Mrs. Sabatino and Michelle Nacson in memory of his father, David Menahem Nacson ז"ל**
- ◆ **Mr. & Mrs. Joe and Esther Azoulay in memory of his mother, Esther Azoulay ז"ל**

### 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 Sulty in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or email at sulty@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

### 25th Year Shabbat Kiddush

We are pleased to announce that this shabbat marks the beginning of our 25th Anniversary Year. As we begin preparing for a year of exciting events marking this momentous milestone, please join us for this week's congregational kiddush sponsored by the Board of Directors for a L'Chaim .

### Mitzva Gedola Liyot Besimha

The synagogue is organizing a donation drive for Beer , Wine, Whisky to enjoy at the Kiddushim. Special Bracha for Parnassa & Refoua by Rabbi David Kadoch to all those who participate in this great Mitzva. May we all be blessed with many simchot! Amen

### Pruzbul

Jewish law obligates every Jewish person to cancel various types of debt due to him or her after the culmination of the Shemita year. This does not apply to a debt owed to "Bet Din" which is essence, the concept of the Pruzbul, instituted by Hillel. When a creditor arranges for the execution of the Pruzbul form before three men acting as a Bet Din, debts owed to him or her are transferred by the creditor to the Bet Din, so that the debts will continue to be in force after the end of the Shemita year, and the Bet Din then authorizes the creditor to collect on their behalf. If a creditor executes a Pruzbul, he or she is not obligated to cancel debts. A Pruzbul may be executed at any time before the end of the Shemita year.

However, since a Pruzbul covers only debts already existing at the time of its execution, it is usually implemented at the very end of the Shemita year, shortly before Rosh Hashana of the post-Shemita year.

We will be offering the Kahal the opportunity to execute a Pruzbul in front of a panel of three (Bet Din) on Sunday September 21st from 9am to 11am and before Minha/Arbit in the Downstairs Synagogue. If you have a debt owed to you, please pencil in this date to proceed with the Pruzbul.

### 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.

## **Shofetim 5782 - Sgt. You**

*Rabbi David Kadoch*

### **“Judges and officers you shall place for yourselves in all your gates.”**

The word “lecha” (for yourselves) seems to be extra. The pasuk could have easily written “Judges and officers you shall place in all your gates.”

Rav Moshe Feinstein in his sefer *Darash Moshe* writes that this pasuk alludes to how a person should behave with himself (hence, the word “lecha”). A person must treat himself like a judge and police officer. Gauge your actions as if you were watching yourself behind the stand. Are my actions proper and accepted in the eyes of Hashem, and if they are, am I doing the right things to follow through with those actions. The Judge lays the law and the police enforces it. There are two steps to implement this process.

In the first stage, the person must come to a mental decision on how he should behave, and he should do this during the time when his mind is settled, the time of settling moments when his mind is doing the deliberation itself, when he is influenced by his needs at the time of the act (for example: when a person plans his schedule and what time he should get up from his sleep in the morning, he will not consider it during the morning, but in the evening, when the decision is made in an informed manner and not under the influence of the urge to sleep). This is the stage where a person behaves with himself as a “judge”, exercising discretion.

Afterwards, at the stage of implementing the decision (in the example above - in the morning itself, when he has to act), then the person will behave with himself as a “policeman”, who does not have the discretion or authority to cancel the decision of the “judge” and his whole role is to enforce upon himself and implement the “judge’s” decision. Nobody likes to be the police officer, but when it comes to his mitzvot and derech eretz, the only one who can enforce is YOU.

## **Parashat Shoftim- Judging Ourselves**

*Rabbi Eli J. Mansour*

The Torah commands in Parashat Shoftim (16:20), “Sedek Sedek Tirdof” – that we must “pursue” justice. The verse continues, “in order that you live and take possession of the land...”

The Ramban brings an interpretation to this verse from the Midrash of Rabbi Nehunya Ben Ha’kaneh, which he says conveys a “Sod” (“secret”). According to this interpretation, the Torah here refers to “Midat Dino Shel Olam” – the judgment of the world, meaning, the judgment to which each and every person will be subject. We are urged to “pursue” “Sedek,” judgment, instead of waiting to be judged. Before we stand trial, we should do the work of judging ourselves, identifying our faults and the improvements that need to be made, and then working to correct our behavior. The Torah urges us to take this initiative “in order that your live” – so that we earn long life. The best advice for securing a favorable judgment, for earning a happy, peaceful life, is to “pursue” our own judgment, to judge ourselves and work to improve our conduct, so that Hashem will not need to judge us.

Another source for this concept is a passage in the Tur (Orah Haim 581) citing

the comment of the Midrash (Pirkeh De’Rabbi Eliezer) that Moshe went up Mount Sinai to receive the second set of tablets on Rosh Hodesh Elul, and on that day, the Shofar was sounded in Beneh Yisrael’s camp. The Shofar was sounded, the Midrash explains, as a warning to Beneh Yisrael that they should not sin during Moshe’s absence, as they had done previously, when they worshipped the golden calf while Moshe was atop Mount Sinai. The Tur writes that this is the source of the custom among Ashkenazic communities to sound the Shofar each day throughout the month of Elul. This is done, the Tur explains, in order to warn the congregation to repent in preparation for the judgment of Rosh Hashanah, and to “confound the Satan.”

Beneh Yisrael took the initiative by sounding the Shofar when Moshe ascended the mountain as part of their effort to improve. They made a point of protecting themselves, of ensuring they would not repeat their previous mistake. This is an example of “Sedek Sedek Tirdof,” of judging oneself and identifying flaws which needs to be corrected. When we take this initiative, we “confound the Satan”; he cannot bring any claims against us, because we preempted the judgment by judging

ourselves and working to correct our mistakes.

This might be the meaning of the opening words of this Parasha: “Shofetim Ve’shoterim Toten Lecha” – “Place for yourself judges and law-enforcers.” Several different interpretations have been given for the word “Lekha” (“for yourself”) in this verse. In light of what we have seen, we might suggest that the Torah here tells us to make “judges” for ourselves so that we won’t need G-d to judge us. If we take the initiative to judge ourselves, seeing what we need to improve and then striving to improve, then we will not need to be judged by G-d, and we will then be worthy of a year filled with joy, success and happiness, Amen.



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With Miriam Dishy

Shabbat September 10th

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