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Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת בראשית *Shabbat Bereshit*
Shabbat October 22nd 2022, כז' תשרי תשפ"ג / 27 Tishrei 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	6:10 p.m.	
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	6:06 p.m.	
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:30 a.m.	
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:15 a.m.	
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.	
תהלים Tehilim	5:05 p.m.	
מנחה Mincha	5:35 p.m.	
שבוע טוב Shabbat Ends	7:07 p.m.	

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:41 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעת שמע- 10:21 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 6:22 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית <i>Shaharit Sunday</i>		שחרית <i>Shaharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikin	6:55 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	6:55 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	6:05 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after sunset

Birthdays this week

Seth Gershon, Jeff Benoliel, Arie Avraham Oziel, Anne-Marie Abihisira, Shirel Amar, Rachel Elimelech, Sarah Dishy, Naomi Benquesus, Leni El-Faks, Zachary Benatar, Simha Bitton-Elmaleh, Yoel Azuelos, Aviv Sher

Nahalot

Amilia Solomon ז"ל 28 Tishrei / Sunday October 23rd
Esther Berdugo ז"ל 29 Tishrei / Monday October 24th
Mair Oziel ז"ל, Myriam Medina ז"ל, Rachel Benaim ז"ל 30 Tishrei / Tues
October 15th
Miriam Benhaim ז"ל, Aliya Oziel ז"ל 1 Heshvan / Wed October 26th
Hanna Anidjar ז"ל, Messod Benarroch ז"ל, Nissim Elkaim ז"ל, Ambrosio
Edery ז"ל, Hassibe Zeitoune ז"ל 2 Heshvan / Thursday October 27th
Rabbi Elias Toby ז"ל 3 Heshvan / Friday October 28th

Nahalot for the following week

Camille Beniluz ז"ל, Eliahu Weizman ז"ל, Abraham Cohen ז"ל, Joseph
Benhaim ז"ל 4 Heshvan / Shabbat October 29th
Mercedes Anidjar ז"ל 5 Heshvan / Sunday October 30th
Aida Bendrihen ז"ל 6 Heshvan / Monday October 31st
Bertha Benquesus ז"ל 7 Heshvan / Tuesday November 1st
Rebeca Revivo ז"ל 9 Heshvan / Thursday November 3rd

Synagogue News

Mishmara Notice

The Mishmara for Carlos Abitbol ז"ל will be held at Petah Tikva, this coming Tuesday (October 25) starting at 7:30 pm

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

Rosh Hodesh Heshvan will be on Tuesday and Wednesday

High Holiday Recap

No words could describe the spirited and enthusiastic atmosphere we experienced over the Holidays. It started off spirited with Rosh Hashana and ended off enthusiastic and monumental with Simhat Torah. We want to thank all our members and guests for your impactful and generous participation throughout Shemini Atzeret and Simcha Torah. Your attendance created a strong sense of belonging and built up an even stronger support network we can all rely on.

Our sanctuary during Simhat Torah was filled with youth of all generations celebrating with enormous vigour and joy and our luncheon in our beautiful banquet hall was a tremendous success for all those who attended. We hope those who weren't able to join us this year, will help us celebrate upcoming holidays and future events.

On Behalf of the Rabbi and the Board we thank you and our all precious volunteers and look forward to a safe, healthy, successful and blessed 5783

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:

Betty and Jonathan Lalou and children, in honour of the Sephardic Kehila Centre congregation.

Thanking Haham Assayag, Rabbi Kadoch, President, board members, daily and shabbat minyanim, for their warm welcome for 6 years, making them feel at home, after leaving home, before returning home.

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: **Reporting Criminals**

Seuda Selishit this week is sponsored by:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Alegria Toby to commemorate the Nahala of their beloved parents, Rabbi Eliahu Toby ז"ל, Miriam Benhaim ז"ל and their aunt, Anita Benitah ז"ל

Early Risers, Early Gainers

Join Rabbi Kadoch at 8:15 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).

Farewell and Hatzlaha

The SKC wishes a dear farewell and much hatzlaha to Jonathan and Betty Lalou and family who will be making Aliya this week. They have been an integral part of our community and we will miss them.

Kiddush has been sponsored by the Lalou family in gratitude for the SKC family for the last six years.

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

Tefilot and Piyutim Is Back!

We are excited to announce that the Tefilot and Piyutim is back for another year of learning and excitement. Come join the young boys of the community, led by Adam Ohayon, and learn the songs and melodies that make our services unique.

Tefilot and Piyutim runs at the same time as Tehilim on Shabbat.

To have your child participate, bring him 30 minutes before Minha on Shabbat afternoon.

Weekly Shiurim

Parashat HaShavua - Thursdays @8pm HYBRID*

Hilchot Shabbat - Shabbat at 8:30am Main Synagogue

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

Catering Update

BOOK YOUR SIMCHA NOW!

Please call Raphy Amar at (416) 822-7056 to book your next simcha.

www.gladstonescaterer.com

Shabbat Kids' Program

We encourage parents to bring their children to the program knowing they are well taken care of by our experienced staff. We have a fresh new program and exciting activities to entertain the children. Kehila Kidz program is located in the Lower Level Social Hall (Restaurant) and will run from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) on Shabbat.

Please remember that your children are your responsibility while at SKC and that if they are not participating in the children's program, that they should be sitting with you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Help us celebrate your child's birthday by updating your membership profile with their birthday information, or reach out to Laura Harroch via email at KehilaKidz@kehilacentre.com.

Bereshit 5783 - The Unique Blessing for the Fish

Rabbi David Kadoch

יִבְרַךְ אֱתֶם אֶל־הַיָּם לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת הַיָּם בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה וְהַיּוֹם יִרְבּוּ בָאָרֶץ

"And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas, and let the fowl multiply upon the earth."

The commentators wonder why Hashem gave a private blessing to the fish to reproduce and not to any other animal or bird (see Bereshit 1:22). Rashi believes because the fish have the tendency to trap and consume each other, and without a blessing from Hashem, they will become extinct. He does admit that the animals also should have been blessed but Hashem chose not to, so not to include the snake which was to be cursed in the near future.

The Ohr HaHayim HaKadosh enlightens us with another reason, also based on the natural circumstances. When Hashem utterance set in motion the creation of fish (ibid v.20), it was only meant for that specific moment and no fish would be reproduced in the future. The reason for this is because for something to be able to reproduce, it requires a warm setting (which extends from the element of fire), while colder settings nullify the ability to reproduce.

Our Hachamim learn this from Avraham Avinu who believed he couldn't have children and complained to Hashem that his servant (Eliezer) will inherit him. Hashem had to tell him to leave his "constellation" and his fortune will change. Avraham was in the constellation of tzedek (Jupiter) which is found in the West, which is a place of cold and thus he was unable to reproduce. Hashem told him, "I will bring you to the East" in a place of warmth and you will have children. This is alluded to in a verse in Yeshayahu (41:2) - "Who aroused from the East, [the one] whom righteousness (tzedek/Avraham) accompanied?"

Since fish are found in the cold waters, they cannot reproduce according to the way the world was naturally created, therefore Hashem had to give them a special blessing to be fruitful and multiply, and the cold waters will not act as a deterrent. They will not have to exit the waters to find warmer land, like the birds, who lay their eggs and then sit on them to create warmth. Hence, Hashem needed to specifically command that they shall "fill the waters of the seas." At first glance, this seems unnecessary (for it should have just written "fill the waters"), but acting in a way that is contrary to nature, is what makes this blessing to the fish so unique. While the birds, "will multiply upon the earth," in the normal way that natural world conducts itself - using the heat and warmth of their bodies and the land that surrounds them.

This might be the deeper meaning of the blessing we give one another to reproduce like the fish of the seas. Not only because the fish reproduce more than any other living creature, but because everything that takes place in the process of their reproduction is against all odds. So too, we bless one another to reproduce like the fish of sea so that Hashem will pull strings from all directions and work against all the laws of nature to provide us with life's greatest blessing - children.

Parashat Bereshit: The Light Will Shine

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

The opening verses of Parashat Bereshit tell that at the time of the beginning of the world's creation, "the earth was 'Tohu Va'bohu'" - meaning, filled with confusion and nothingness - "and there was darkness upon the deep." Then G-d proclaimed, "Let there be light," and light was created.

The Or Ha'haim Ha'kadosh (Rav Haim Ben-Attar, 1696-1743) explains these verses as an allusion to the Jewish Nation's exile. The expression "Tohu Va'bohu" in Gematria equals 430 - thus alluding to the 430-year period from the time G-d informed Abraham about the Egyptian exile until Beneh Yisrael's redemption from Egypt. Moreover, the Aramaic Targum Onkelos translation of the Torah translates the word "Bohu" as "Rekanaya" ("emptiness"), which alludes to the Babylonian exile. The prophet Yirmiyahu (51:34) says in reference to Nebuchadnesar - the Babylonian emperor who exile Beneh Yisrael - "Keli Rek" - "an empty utensil." Thus, the word "Bohu" contains a subtle allusion to the Babylonian exile. The Torah then speaks

of the darkness that filled all of existence, which the Or Ha'haim understands as an allusion to our current exile, which has lasted for millennia. The Or Ha'haim writes that our exile is described as "dark" because of the suffering our nation has endured at the hands of hostile nations, and because of the Yeser Ha'ra (evil inclination), the sinful lures and temptations which become ever more prevalent and make it especially challenging for us to properly devote ourselves to Hashem.

However, the Torah tells that G-d pronounced that light should shine - and, sure enough, there was light. The Or Ha'haim writes that no matter how dark our exile becomes, no matter how difficult the challenges are, Hashem will eventually proclaim, "Yehi Or" - "Let there be light," and the darkness will give way to the brilliant light of redemption.

When we look around, and consider the state of Am Yisrael in our time, we might feel disheartened and fall into despair. The "darkness" described by the Or Ha'haim has only intensified in the nearly 300 years since he wrote these words. True, we might not face

the same kind of persecution as that which the Jews suffered in the past, but the "darkness" wrought by the Yeser Ha'ra is much thicker and drearier than ever before. Technology has given the Yeser Ha'ra power that our ancestors never imagined it having, and so many precious souls have fallen into this trap. In many ways, our exile is darker now than it ever was. Right at the beginning of the Torah, the Or Ha'haim makes a point of giving us the encouragement and optimism that we need, to avoid despair. He assures us that even when darkness fills the earth, G-d will bring the great light of redemption, save us from all the difficulties and struggles that we face, and create for us a new world, one in which we will be able to faithfully serve Him as we are meant to.



KEHILA KIDS

WEEKLY SHABBAT PROGRAM

Every Shabbat from 10:00am till 12:00pm

Amazing activities & games
Tefillah Fun Interactive Parasha
Games Food Art fun Circle time
songs and stories Snacks Monthly
Raffles Birthday celebrations
Experienced staff and youth
leaders And so much more!

Offering programs for kids of all
ages: **Kehila Tots 3-6**
Kehila Kidz 7-12

Celebrate your child's birthday or special
event by sponsoring program snacks or
donating to our program, so many ways to
participate and make our Kehila Kidz
Program a success.

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