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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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Shabbat Lech Lecha פרשת לך לך
Shabbat November 5th 2022, י"א חשוון תשפ"ג / 11 Heshvan 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	5:55 p.m.	
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	5:55 p.m.	
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	7:00 a.m.	
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat (postponed)	8:15 a.m.	
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.	
תהלים Tehilim	4:45 p.m.	
מנחה Mincha	5:15 p.m.	
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	6:48 p.m.	

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 8:00 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 10:30 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 6:02 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shaharit Sunday	שחרית 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.
קבועים Kebuim 9:00 a.m.	קבועים Kebuim 8:00 a.m.
	מנחה Mincha 4:45 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit 18 minutes after sunset

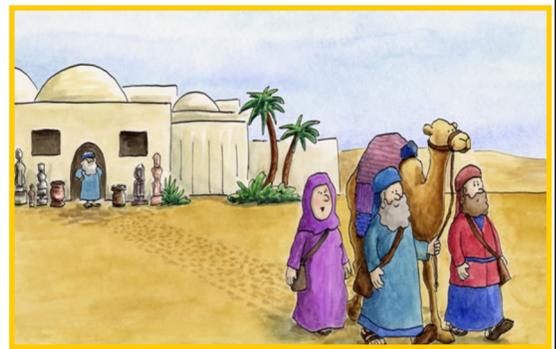
Mazal Tov

Rabbi & Mrs. Messod and Rahel Azoulay on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Refael
Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Esther Azoulay and Rabbi & Mrs. Refael and Mazal Guy

Mr. Maurice Benzacar, on being honoured by JIAS, as part of their 100th Anniversary celebration. JIAS is hosting a dual exhibit at Holy Blossom, from October 13th through 28th, Refuge Canada Tent and Love the Stranger and Maurice is featured in the Love the Stranger (OJA) exhibit as a key figure and contributor in JIAS's history. JIAS will be hosting a special reception on November 13th at Holy Blossom Synagogue to celebrate Maurice and his achievements

Birthdays this week

Rebecca Shemesh, Annaelle Levy, Aaron Cohen, Marcus Cohen, Eitan Amar, Mercedes Maman de Cohen, Sarah Abtan, Simona Bitton, Daniel Nahmias, Esther Bensimon, Simha Bensimon, Samuel Oziel, Sydney Ohayon, Giny Abitbol, Jonah Azulay, Yves Nahmias, Gabrielle Benatar, Yacov Elimelech



Nahalot

Mark Benchimol ז"ל, Samuel Hadida ז"ל **11 Heshvan** / Shabbat Nov. 5th
Mordechai Chai ז"ל, Amram Benmaman ז"ל, Andy Shimkovitz ז"ל,
Binyamin Chai ז"ל **12 Heshvan** / Sunday November 6th
Esther Dahan ז"ל, Nissim HaCohen ז"ל **15 Heshvan** / Wed November 9th
Sarah Assor ז"ל, Gitta Levi ז"ל **16 Heshvan** / Thursday November 10th

Nahalot for the following week

Mercedes Melul ז"ל **18 Heshvan** / Shabbat November 12th
Menahem Serruya ז"ל, Harry Kay ז"ל **19 Heshvan** / Sunday Nov. 13th
Salomon Abikhzer ז"ל **20 Heshvan** / Monday November 14th
Nina Keslassy ז"ל, Isaac Bentolila ז"ל, Messoda Senor Elkaim ז"ל **21 Heshvan** / Tuesday November 15th
Lily Medina ז"ל, Rachel Elgrichi ז"ל **22 Heshvan** / Wednesday Nov. 16th
Elazar Benschabat ז"ל, Hugo Faierman ז"ל, Haim Cohen ז"ל **23 Heshvan** / Thursday November 17th
Luna Moyal ז"ל, Samuel Benchimol ז"ל **24 Heshvan** / Friday Nov. 18th

Synagogue News

Condolences

We would like to extend our condolences to Joseph Mamane, previously our synagogue administrator, on the passing of his father Isaac Mamane ז"ל.

May his neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden, Amen

Mishmara Notice

The Mishmara for Mrs. Alegria Benmaman ז"ל will be held on Thursday, November 10th following, Arvit.

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.

Shabbat Kiddush this week is sponsored by:

Mr. & Mrs. Raphy and Joelle Amar and Gladstone Caterer to celebrate becoming the SKC's exclusive caterer and to thank the community for their warm welcome

Seuda Shelishit

Seuda Selishit this week is sponsored by:

- ◆ **The Mr. & Mrs. Danny and Anita Chai, in memory of his father, Mordechai Chai ז"ל, and of his grandfather, Binyamin Chai ז"ל**
- ◆ **Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Biba Benquesus, in memory of her father, Amram Benmaman ז"ל**
- ◆ **The Benchimol family, in memory of Mark Benchimol ז"ל and of Esther Dahan ז"ל**

Early Risers, Early Gainers (postponed this week)

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).



Time Change Reminder

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK on Saturday night at 2:00am

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!

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.

Avot U'Banim

The yearly father-son learning program begins next Saturday night, November 12th with pizza and prizes .

Weekday Minha/Arvit

As winter approaches, it gets difficult to attain minyan for weekday minha/arvit since it begins so early. If you are available to attend and help out with the minyan, we ask you to come out and do so to ensure that we don't have to wait for minyan in order to start. We appreciate your time and help in this matter.

Late Arvit Proposition

If anyone is interested in a later Arvit (8:45pm) during the winter please contact Rabbi Kadoch privately.

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

Special Ladies Shiur this Shabbat

Ladies of all ages are welcome to join Rabbi Kadoch in the Upstairs Medrash this Shabbat for a special class on the weekly Parasha.

Coffee/tea available

10:30am

Rabbi Kadoch will return to the main synagogue to deliver the weekly derasha following the shiur.

Sisterhood

The SKC is seeking Women of our community to volunteer and help out with the creation of a SISTERHOOD Committee .

Do you have the vision for what is needed and appreciated? Are you willing to build a SISTERHOOD that is accepting, supportive and empowering that caters to the distinct needs of our community?

Our Vision is to enhance community member experiences by planning implementing and promoting a culture of belonging, engagement, and participation in age-appropriate programming experiences.

If you are available to help out, or have creative ideas for the future, please email social@kehilacentre.com or reach out to one of the Board Members with your interest.

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.

Lech Lecha 5783 - Getting Hashem to speak with me

Rabbi David Kadoch

Imagine you are approached by a random stranger who engages in a conversation as if he just saw you five minutes ago. Imagine you are approached by a random stranger who begins to speak with you as if you've known him for decades. You are dumbfounded to know why in the world this person would take interest in you and even ask you personal questions about your life and whereabouts. Would you pay attention to his questions or just ignore him/her? "I'm sorry, who are you?" is probably the majority response received if polled with this question. So when Hashem tells Avraham to leave his land, his birthplace and his father's house to a land that he will show him, I would expect Avraham's reply to be exactly that. "Excuse me, who are You?" As the Scripture proves, Hashem never actually appeared to Avraham yet. Unlike Yitzhak, Yaakov and Moshe, Avraham is immediately commanded to do the unthinkable before even having a formal introduction, like the ladder in the dream, or the burning bush etc. What strengthens the question is that, only after Hashem's command to leave, does he introduce Himself (see verse 12:7).

The Ohr HaHaim shares two answers which I believe are connected. Avraham didn't need a formal introduction or appearance by Hashem because he had already endeavored to seek Him and recognized His Oneness. Something that no man was able to do prior, Avraham accomplished by the age of three. (This is learned from the Talmud in Nedarim (32a) which quotes the pasuk "עקב אשר שמע אברהם בקולי" The word עקב has the numerical value of 172. Since Avraham lived to 175, he heard "Hashem's voice" starting from the age of three. There are opinions that he discovered Hashem at the age of 5, 48 and 50.) In other words, there was no reason to reveal himself to Avraham initially and could give His command from the start. Avraham was the first individual, following the generation of Noah who accomplished such a feat and who was filled with holiness in all his deeds and actions.

However, although he was privy to have this initial conversation with Hashem, He wasn't sure if Avraham would have the inner strength and faith to fulfill His difficult commandments. So he tested him with leaving his father's home and only then did he reveal Himself in verse 7. When it came to the next forefathers and Moshe Rabenu, this was unnecessary because they had already a dose of emunah within them which stemmed from Avraham. David HaMelech actually hints to this in the verse in Tehilim (45:11) "Shim'i bat ur'ee" to allude to Avraham Avinu. Avraham was first on the level of "hearing" the commandment of Hashem to leave his house and only then he received the level of "seeing" by having Hashem appear to him.

As children of Avraham, I feel that we possess a special power to have Hashem speak with me. To do so we must input the formula, performed by Avraham - Find Him. The efforts that we take to search for the Master of the Universe in our day-to-day life, are vital to starting a conversation with Hashem. If Hashem would appear to us in the image of a person, what would you say to Him? There is probably so much on your mind that you're just dying to share, ask, request and thank for. But that can be done. In fact, Hashem will even initiate the conversation. Because we possess the innate emunah within our soul, we have the ability to converse with Hashem whenever we want. If my daily prayers are opportunities to pour out my heart, the parts of my life that come after that are the messages that he's trying to convey to us. Maybe we couldn't do it at three years old, but the opportunities present themselves every single day of our lives. It is acknowledging those messages, acting on them and believing in them, which made Avraham such an incredible human being; one who we are proud to call our father.

Parashat Lech Lecha- Obeying Hashem's Commands

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

Parashat Lech-Lecha begins with Hashem's first words to Abraham Abinu - commanding him to leave his homeland and settle in the Land of Israel.

The Or Ha'haim (Rav Haim Ben-Attar, 1696-1743) raises the question of why the Torah does not mention that G-d appeared to Abraham. Normally, when G-d speaks to a prophet for the first time, it says that He first appeared to the prophet and then spoke to him. Here, however, we are told that G-d spoke to Abraham, and only later, when Abraham reached Eretz Yisrael, the Torah relates that G-d appeared to him and promised that this land would be given to his offspring (12:7). Why?

The Or Ha'haim answers that Abraham became worthy of beholding G-d's presence once he fulfilled G-d's commands. Subsequent prophets, the Or Ha'haim explains, were already rooted in sanctity because they descended from Abraham Abinu. But Abraham himself, who was the first to recognize Hashem, needed

to earn the privilege of a prophetic vision through obedience, by obeying a command given to him by G-d. Therefore, G-d did not at first appear to Abraham, but rather spoke to him, commanding him to resettle in the Land of Israel. Once Abraham obeyed and arrived in the land, G-d appeared to him.

The Or Ha'haim's comments perhaps answer also a different question, regarding the great miracle of Ur Kasdim, where Abraham was saved from a furnace. According to a well-known Midrashic tradition, Abraham was brought before the king, Nimrod, because he publicly renounced idol-worship and insisted on the belief in a single G-d. Even at the threat of death, Abraham refused to rescind his faith. He was thrown into furnace, and he miraculously survived. Curiously, the Torah does not tell this story. It alludes to this miracle through the name "Ur Kasdim" (11:28; see Rashi), as the word "Ur" means "fire," but it is not told explicitly. We would have assumed that this extraordinary display of courage and self-sacrifice would be significant enough to be mentioned to provide us with some background into Abraham Abinu's char-

acter and devotion to G-d. Yet, the Torah omits this episode, and instead begins the story of Abraham with the command that he move to Eretz Yisrael.

The answer, perhaps, is that as great as this display of faith was, it was done voluntarily. Abraham went into the furnace of his own volition, without having been commanded to by G-d. This was certainly inspiring - but a person's primary obligation is to submit to G-d's will, to properly and devotedly obey His commands. As the Gemara (Kiddushin 31a) teaches, "Gadol Ha'mesueh Ve'oseh Mi'mi She'eno Mesueh Ve'oseh" - one who fulfills a Misva which he is commanded to perform is greater than one who voluntarily fulfills a Misva which he is not commanded to perform. The greatest act we can do as G-d's servants is to carry out our duties, to fulfill our obligations. Of course, we are encouraged to extend beyond our basic obligations, and to achieve to our maximum potential. But our primary point of focus must be on obedience, humbly obeying Hashem's commands, and doing all that He instructs us to do.

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