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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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Shabbat Vayeshev פרשת וישב
Shabbat December 17th 2022, כג' כסלו תשפ"ג / 23 Kislev 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	4:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:23 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:45 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:15 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	3:30 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:00 p.m.
שבוע טוב Shabbat Ends	5:30 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:47 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 10:00 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 4:41 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shaharit Sunday		שחרית Shaharit Weekdays	
ותיקין Vatikin	7:10 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikin	7:10 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	4:30 p.m.
		ערבית Arbit	18 minutes after sunset

Mazal Tov

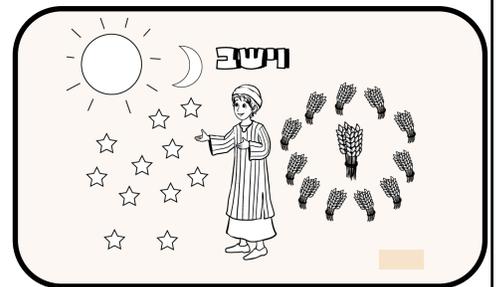
Jacob Abecassis and Mercedes Abecassis on the bar mitzvah of their son Ethan Avraham Shemtov
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Esther Abecassis and Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Esther Pinto

Happy Anniversary

◆ Jack & Biba Benquesus ◆ Adam & Esther Ohayon ◆ Ovadya & Elvira Gulersen

Birthdays this week

Elias Toby, Isaac S. Oziel, Meir Cohen, Bryna Abtan, Ayelet Hyams, Aaron Harroch, Talya Concister, Michael Benarroch, Yaakob Ohayon, Puli Shulman, Gregory Benadiba, Devorah Nacson, Ayala Nacson, Gladys Haviva Benedid



Nahalot

Esther Cohen ז"ל - 23 Kislev / Shabbat December 17th
Raphael Abtan ז"ל - 24 Kislev / Sunday December 18th
Rachel Amiel ז"ל - 25 Kislev / Monday December 19th
Perla Keslassy ז"ל, Maklouf Moryoussef ז"ל - 26 Kislev / Tuesday
December 20th
Abraham Shemesh ז"ל 27 Kislev / Wednesday December - 21st
Isaac Benmergui ז"ל - 29 Kislev / Friday December 23rd

Nahalot for the following week

Simcha Bitton bat Esther ז"ל, David Kirschner ז"ל - 1 Tevet /
Sunday December 25th
Georgette Zahara Keslassy ז"ל, Ramy Dishy ז"ל - 3 Tevet / Tuesday
December 27th
Yosef Mouyal ז"ל, Yaakov Totah ז"ל - 5 Tevet / Thursday Dec.
29th
Yaakov Roditi Gulerson ז"ל - 6 Tevet / Friday December 30th

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.

This week's congregational Kiddush is sponsored by **Jacob Abecassis and Mercedes Abecassis in celebration of Ethan's Bar Mitzvah.**

Everyone is Welcome

Seuda Shelishit

Over the past few months, the Divre Torah during Seuda Shelishit have tackled interesting and thought-provoking topics. Joins us after Mincha on Shabbat to hear this week's insight.

This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:

- The Abtan Family, in memory of Raphael Abtan ז"ל
- Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Sally Nacson, in memory of her father, Maklouf Moryoussef ז"ל.
- Children and Grandchildren of Meyer Keslassy in memory of their mother and grandmother, Perla Keslassy 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).

Save The Date

The SKC is proud to announce a community-wide Shabbaton on January 27-28 when we will have the honour to host **RABBI PAYSACH KROHN** with us for the entire Shabbat. Stay tuned for more details!

Tefilot and Piyutim

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 Mincha on Shabbat afternoon.

Weekday Mincha/Arvit

As winter approaches, it gets difficult to attain minyan for weekday mincha/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.

Oneg Shabbat - Friday December 16th

This Friday night Rabbi Kadoch and his family will host their annual Oneg Shabbat at their house. Come and enjoy light food/snack, sing some songs, and enjoy words of Torah.

Everyone is invited - 138 Colvin Crescent - 7:30 pm- 9:30 pm.

Annual Hannuka Bingo Party - Motsae Shabbat Dec. 17th

ALL AGES - PIZZA, PRIZES AND SUFGANIYOT
7 p.m. START

Avot U'Banim

Avot U'Banim is paused this week because of Hanukah Bingo

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

Kehila Kidz - 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.

Donations and 2022 Income Tax Receipts

Shabbat, December 31st, 2022 is the final day for the office to receive payments and donations and issue an income tax receipt for the 2022 calendar year. If you would like to pay any outstanding pledges or make an additional donation, we ask that you contact the office to settle your accounts.

Please note that the office will be closed for the statutory holidays. If you need to speak to someone, please leave a voice mail at 905-669-7654 x 200 or send an e-Mail to social@kehilacentre.com and we will call you back.

To donate or pay online on our web site, please go to <https://www.kehilacentre.com/payment.php> or send an Interac e-Transfer to social@kehilacentre.com.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Vayeshev 5783 - Yaakov's Yibum

Rabbi David Kadoch

The opening verse of the parasha mentions Yaakov's dwelling in the land of his father's residence, which is Eretz Kena'an. After spending many years and Lavan's house and overcoming the test of Esav's meeting, he is back in his father's land. R' Avraham Yehoshua Heschel MiApta (known as the Ohev Yisrael) notices an interesting hint at the start. The acronym of the first four words "Vayeshev Yaakov Be'erezt Megure Aviv" spell "veyabem" - ויבם. i.e. and he performed yibum. Yibum is the mitzvah of levirate marriage, where the brother of a deceased man marries his widow if they had no children. What is the significance of this finding? First of all Yaakov's brother didn't die and secondly, Yaakov didn't end up marrying his sister-in-law. What yibum did Yaakov actually accomplish that merited the Apta Rav to mention this?

The Zohar writes the importance of the meyabem (the surviving brother) performing the mitzvah with proper intent. When doing so, he is able to purify and elevate the sparks of his deceased brother's soul which were left in limbo after his death. It is for that reason that the child born from the new union should be named after the deceased husband, for the child contains actual sparks of his neshama.

Similarly, Hashem created the world in order to dwell His shechina on this world. He wants to fill this world with His glory but the evil residents of this lower world, such as the generation of Enosh, the flood, and the Tower of Bavel erected a barrier separating the Divine Presence and Earth. Nonetheless, the ability to cleanse the world and revive the hovering sparks was still ready to be activated. Yaakov Avinu, through his extreme level of kedusha, was able to make this world a permanent home for holiness and spirituality. The opening pasuk can be read as follows: "Vayeshev Yaakov" implies that Yaakov dwelled "be'erezt" - in this lower world while making it a "megure aviv" - the place where his Father in Heaven resided. Through his incredible acts of devekut (clinging to Hashem) he was able to awaken the sleeping sparks of the Divine Presence that were waiting to be triggered. He did this specifically in the Land of Kena'an, the future Eretz Yisrael, the holiest of all lands. Hence Yaakov performed the essence of the mitzvah of yibum; but instead of with people, he revived the sparks of the Divine Presence.

Parashat Vayeshev- The Precious Value of Silence

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

We read in Parashat Vayeshev of the hatred that Yosef's brothers felt toward him. The background to their hatred is the special love shown to Yosef by their father, Yaakov, who made him a special garment ("Ketonet Pasim" - 37:3), as well as Yosef's bringing negative reports about them to their father (37:2).

The Gemara in Masechet Shabbat (10b) comments that a parent must ensure not to show favoritism to one child over the others, noting that "because of the extra two Sela'im-worth of fine wool that Yaakov gave to Yosef more than his other sons, his brothers envied him, and this resulted in our forefathers descending to Egypt." Yaakov's favoritism toward Yosef fueled the brothers' hatred which ultimately led them to sell him as a slave to Egypt, such that the special garment given to Yosef can be said to have indirectly caused the Egyptian exile.

A number of commentators raised the question of why the Gemara emphasizes that the garment weighed "two Sela'im." Why is this detail relevant to the message being taught, that one

must ensure to avoid showing favoritism to one of his children?

Some Rabbis offered a deeper explanation of the Gemara's comment, suggesting that the Gemara alludes here to a hidden message latent within the garment which Yaakov gave to Yosef.

Elsewhere in the Talmud, in Masechet Megilla (18a), the Gemara teaches, "Mila Be'sela, Mashtuka Bi'trein" - "A word is worth a Sela, silence is worth two [Sela'im]." Very often, remaining silent is far more effective, and powerful, than speaking. Yaakov gave Yosef a garment made from two Sela'im of wool as an allusion to the importance of silence, which is described as having the value of two Sela'im. As mentioned, Yosef regularly brought his father negative reports about what he perceived as his brothers' misconduct. Of course, his intentions were sincere and pure; we may reasonably assume that Yosef was well versed in the laws of Lashon Ha'ra, and knew the conditions that must be met to allow speaking negatively about other people, including the condition of pristinely sincere motives. There is no doubt that Yosef was not looking to cause trouble or to earn his place as Yaakov's favorite son, but rather brought this information to Yaakov's

attention so he could address his sons' behavior. Nevertheless, under the circumstances, with brewing tensions, Yosef should have remained silent. Not everything that can be said should be said.

This is why Yosef's garment is referred to as "two Sela'im-worth of fine wool." Yaakov gave Yosef two Sela'im to impress upon him the great value of silence, which is worth "two Sela'im," twice as much as a spoken word.

It goes without saying that we should not be speaking negatively to or about people out of anger, spite or revenge. This is clearly forbidden. But the Gemara here indicates to us that even when our intentions are noble and sincere, criticism is not always wise. Very often, silence is far more prudent, far more effective, and far preferable. Even when we see value in saying something, we need to consider the possibility that refraining from saying it will yield a more desirable outcome. Let us never underestimate the precious value of silence, and let us always ensure to think very carefully before expressing any sort of criticism or negativity.



Hannuka & Bingo Night

Motzei Shabbat

All Ages - December 17th Saturday Night at 7:00pm

Pizza, Prizes and Sufganiyot 7 games for \$7.00

