

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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*Shabbat Tzav פרשת צו*

Shabbat April 1st 2023, י' ניסן תשפ"ג / 10 Nissan 5783  
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### Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	6:15 p.m.	<b>Shabbat Hagadol</b> 
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:00 p.m.	
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:00 a.m.	
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:15 a.m.	
שחרית Shacharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.	
Shabbat HaGadol Derasha	6:00 p.m.	
תהלים Tehilim	6:40 p.m.	
מנחה Mincha	7:00 p.m.	
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:28 p.m.	

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:00 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה 10:10 am, Shekia- שקיעה 7:44 pm

### Weekday Services

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	שחרית Shacharit 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 6:15 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

### Mazal Tov

Mr. & Mrs. Noah and Clara Tenser on the birth of a Baby Girl  
Proud Grandparents: Mr. Michael Serruya and Mrs. Orna Serruya & Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Tenser and Karen Steinberg  
Proud Great-Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Clara Serruya, Mr. & Mrs. Claude and Esther Zeitoun, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis and Charlotte Steinberg

Rabbi & Mrs. Zach and Sarah Benatar on the birth of a Baby Girl  
Proud GrandParents: Mr. & Mrs. Max and Anita Benatar, Rabbi Shimon Elkeslassy, Mrs. Leah Elkeslassy  
Proud Great-Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Messod and Luisa Assayag, Mr. & Mrs. Rene and Cathy Pariente, Mr. David Elkeslassy

Maya Benquesus and Maxwell Charlat on their recent engagement  
Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Reuben and Naomi Benquesus, Dr. & Mrs. Josh and Rhonda Charlat  
Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Jacques and Biba Benquesus, Mr. & Mrs. Jeny and Judith Gal, Mr. & Mrs. Harold and Elaine Charlat, Mrs. Phyllis Flatt

### Happy Anniversary

♦ Isaac & Risa Oziel ♦ Isaac & Fanny Queroub

### Birthdays this week

Itai Dovas, Jack Serruya, Mirey Bahar, Yaakov Benquesus, David Dayan, Leo Hadida, Isaac Joshua Levy, Marcus Kadoch, Carmite Cohen, Alexia Benisty, Esther Ohayon

## Nahalot

Shalom Abraham ז"ל, Alegria Moryoussef ז"ל, Maryse Benisti ז"ל  
**10 Nissan** / Shabbat April 1st  
Mimoun Wanunu ז"ל, Haim Amiel ז"ל **11 Nissan** / Sunday April 2nd  
Robida Assayag ז"ל **12 Nissan** / Monday April 3rd  
Lucy Bensimon ז"ל **13 Nissan** / Tuesday April 4th  
Maguy Pinto ז"ל, Rahamim Sultan ז"ל **14 Nissan** / Wednesday April 5th  
Preciada Beniluz ז"ל **15 Nissan** / Thursday April 6th  
Fortune Cohen ז"ל, Arie Lieh ז"ל, Chaim Tzvi Michael ז"ל **16 Nissan** / Friday April 7th

## Nahalot for the following week

Jose Sevi ז"ל, Messa'uda Lalou ז"ל **18 Nissan** / Sunday April 9th  
Simy Benmergui Simcha ז"ל **19 Nissan** / Monday April 10th  
Nahum Dallal ז"ל **21 Nissan** / Wednesday April 12th  
Lola Cohen ז"ל **22 Nissan** / Thursday April 13th  
Jacob Dayan ז"ל **23 Nissan** / Friday April 14th

## Synagogue News

### Hazak U'Baruch

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Joey Benedid for polishing all the Sifre Torah in the main sanctuary. As well as thanks to Mr. Elias Anidjar for cleaning the sanctuary in readiness for the holiday. Hazak U'Baruch.

### Ta'anit Bechorot

This year's fast will take place on Erev Pesah, Wednesday, April 5th. One is exempt from fasting if he partakes in a siyum celebration. We are happy to provide two opportunities to partake in a siyum: Shaharit Netz 6:20am (Medrash) and 8:00am (main synagogue). Please note that these will be the only two minyanim with siyumim on Erev Pesah. Breakfast following siyum

### Sale of Hametz Form 5783

To have Rabbi Kadoch sell your hametz on your behalf, please fill out this form by 10:00am on Erev Pesah (April 5th). The form can be found online on the Whatsapp SKC Info group and also picked up from the synagogue office.

### Haroset Pick-Up

Haroset will be available for pick-up at the SKC office on Thursday, March 30th (10 AM - 4 PM) and Friday, March 31st (9:30 AM - 1:00 PM). Haroset is only available for SKC members and availability is restricted to 2 packages of Haroset per family. Many thanks to Mr. Joe Elmaleh and Tiara Culinary Creations for the donation of this year's haroset.

### Shabbat Kiddush

Kiddushim bring everyone together on multiple levels and we are thrilled to welcome everyone 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](mailto:social@kehilacentre.com).

This week's congregational Kiddush is sponsored by

### the Sephardic Kehila Centre

*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

- Mr. & Mrs. Albert and Sally Nacson, in memory of her mother, Alegria Moryoussef z"l
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam and Clara Serruya, in memory of her mother, Lucy Bensimon z"l
- Mr. & Mrs. Weitzman & Offra Abraham, in memory of his father, Shalom Abraham z"l

### Summer Schedule

Sunday March 26th marked the beginning our summer scheduling. Early Mincha followed by Arvit.

This Shabbat (Shabbat HaGadol-Tzav), Mincha at 6:15pm

**Starting Pesah, Shaharit on Yom Tov and the following Shabbatot will commence at 9:00am. Please see Pesah Schedule at back for more times**

### Early Risers, Early Gainers

Rabbi Kadoch's Shabbat morning Shiur prior to Shaharit continues this Shabbat at 8:15am.

### Tefilot and Piyutim

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.

### 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.

### Pesah Question Whatsapp Group

The ever-so popular Pesah Question Whatsapp Forum is back and ready for another year. Ask Rabbi Kadoch all your Pesah questions to help you prepare for Pesah. Contact Rabbi Kadoch to join.

### 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)



**Hag Kasher Vesameah, Tizku Leshanim Rabot, Neimot Vetobot**



## Pesah 5783 - The apple doesn't fall far from the tree

Rabbi David Kadoch

There was once a hasidic Jew who went to visit his Rebbe, the Admor from Gur, also known as the Bet Yisrael zt"l. He told the Rebbe that he truly believes that his son is slated to be a big holy tzadik and has a very special neshama. Even though he's only 20 months old, he sees flashes of greatness and holiness. The Rabbi asked him "And what do you see that leads you to believe this is true?" The man answered, "the truth is he is still lacks a lot of knowledge but he takes lego pieces, puts them together and places them on his head like a crown and then he takes his siddur and starts moving his body, as if he's praying. How can it be that child at that age is already shaking his body holding a siddur if he's not clearly on track to be a tzadik gamur?"

The Rabbi answered him: "It could very well be that he will grow up to be a big tzadik and a holy person, but what you told me isn't really a proof of that. What you proved to me from this story is that you pray at home and you don't pray in synagogue. Because had you prayed in synagogue every day, the child would not have known how to pray and shake his body holding a siddur and how to put Tefilin on his head..."

In the Hagada of Pesah we say that had Hashem not taken our forefathers out of Egypt, we and our children and grandchildren would still be subjugated to slavery in Egypt. Why does the author of the Hagada have to mention these generations? Why not use the general term "we" and we would understand that includes everyone. The answer is because we act the way we see things. What we do is often the image of what we saw from our parents and our children are no different. We expect them to behave in a certain way but in reality we are just as guilty in how we act. The remedy to be redeemed from this final galut is dependent on so many things, most importantly Tefila. We can't expect our children to attend minyan, if we don't attend minyan. We can't expect our children to pray with fervor if we speed through our Amida. We can't expect our children to focus on the words of Tefila, if we spend most of our time talking to our friends in synagogue. We realize that in the end, it's up to Hashem and his limitless hesed to take us out of this exile. We must portray to our children the proper way to pray, the correct protocol and procedures when performing mitzvot in hopes that one day they will mimic us correctly. Because the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

**Quote of the week:** "Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye." - Helen Keller

## Pesah - Its A Mirage

Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

The first of the ten plagues which G-d brought upon the Egyptians was "Dam" - the plague of blood, when G-d transformed the water in the river to blood. The Torah (Shemot 7:21) tells that as a result of this plague, all the fish in the river perished, causing the river to emit an offensive odor - "Va'yib'ash Ha'ye'or."

Rav Avrohom Schorr (contemporary), in his He'lekeh Ve'ha'libub commentary to the Hag-gadah, cites the Sefas Emet (Rav Yehuda Aryeh Leib Alter of Ger, 1847-1905) as explaining the symbolic significance of this aspect of the plague. He writes that Beneh Yisrael sensed the "stench" of the land of Egypt, and recognized that they could no longer remain there. Earlier, when Moshe had conveyed to them G-d's promise of redemption, they did not listen (6:9). But now they began realizing that they could not live in the decadent society in Egypt, and this is the meaning of

"Va'yib'ash Ha'ye'or" - that they could no longer tolerate the "stench" of the impurity of the society among which they resided. Rav Schorr added that fish are sometimes used as a symbol for physical desires. When Beneh Yisrael were in the desert and complained about the manna, longing to enjoy a variety of food, they reminisced about the fish that they were fed in Egypt ("Zacharnu Et Ha'daga" - Bamidbar 11:5), and the Sages explained that Beneh Yisrael on that occasion were also complaining about the Arayot

(restrictions on intimate relationships). Fish, then, are a symbol for unrestrained indulgence in physical pleasures. As the plagues began, the "fish" of Egypt "died" in the eyes of Beneh Yisrael. The people began to realize that the pleasures which the society around

them celebrated and pursued were just a mirage, that the joy they bring is temporary and not real, and that the decadent lifestyle the people around them lived was actually "malodorous," and not something to be embraced. Rav Schorr explained on this basis the Midrash's depiction of Beneh Yisrael and Egyptians drinking during the plague of blood.

The Midrash relates that even if someone from Beneh Yisrael was drinking from the same cup as an Egyptian, he would receive water, but the Egyptian would receive blood. Rav Schorr writes that this symbolizes Beneh Yisrael's changed perspective. They now viewed wanton physical indulgence differently than the Egyptians did; although they lived with the Egyptians, they had a very different outlook a very different attitude.

The Yeser Ha'ra (evil inclination) seeks to mislead us by showing us a mirage. Forbidden activity appears to us as something valuable and important, as something we need to indulge in, which will

bring us joy and satisfaction, when in truth, it is valueless and even harmful. We need to try to change our perspective, and regard forbidden pleasures as "malodorous," as something to reject and stay away from, so that we, like our ancestors in Egypt, will be worthy of our final redemption, speedily and in our times, Amen.

## PESAH DERASHOT

by: Rabbi David Kadoch



**Apr 1** THE RABBINICAL MITZVAH OF MAROR  
*Shabbat HaGadol (afternoon)*

**Apr 6** BIBHILU YATZANU - THE SOURCE  
*1st Day of Pesah*

**Apr 7** EVIL SPEECH?  
THROW IT TO THE DOGS!  
*2nd Day of Pesah*

**Apr 8** THE LIGHT OF PESAH  
*Shabbat Hol HaMoed - Reuben Benquesus*

**Apr 12** GOD OF THE IVRIM: "AVAR YAM"  
*7th Day of Pesah*

**Apr 13** BITYA - THE GIRL WHO SAVED THE SAVIOR  
*8th day of Pesah*

**Apr 13** GARDENING OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL  
*Between Minha and Arvit*



## Pesah Schedule (1st Hag)

*Wed April 5th*  
*Erev Pesah*

11:18 Finish eating Hametz by  
12:21 Eliminate Hametz by  
6:50 Minha  
7:10 Arbit  
7:31 Candle Lighting before  
8:09 **Kiddush MUST be after**  
1:20 Midnight/Finish Afikoman by

\*Keriat Shema must be repeated after nightfall (8:09pm)

*Thurs April 6th*

6:00 Shaharit Vatikim  
9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
7:25 Minha  
8:00 Arbit  
8:10 Sefirat Ha'Omer after  
8:34 Candle Lighting **after**  
1:19 Midnight/Finish Afikoman by

*Fri April 7th*

6:00 Shaharit Vatikim  
9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
6:15 Minha  
6:30 Arbit\* (repeat Shema)  
6:45 Candle Lighting  
8:11 Shema/Sefirat Ha'Omer **after**

*Sat April 8th*

6:00 Shaharit Vatikim  
9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
6:40 Tehilim  
7:10 Minha  
Seuda Shelishit in synagogue  
8:20 Arbit  
8:37 Shabbat Ends

*Hol HaMoed (9-11)*

6:10 Shaharit Medrash  
6:40/8:00 Shaharit L/L Synagogue  
8:00/9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
6:20 Minha  
6:35 Arbit  
8:15 Shema/Sefirat Ha'Omer **after**

## Pesah Schedule (2nd Hag)

*Tues April 11th*

6:20 Minha  
6:35 Arvit  
6:50 Candle Lighting  
8:16 Sefirat Ha'Omer/Keriat Shema **after**

*Wed April 12th*

5:55 Shaharit Vatikim  
9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
6:10 Minha  
6:35 Arbit  
6:50 Candle Lighting **after**  
8:17 Sefirat Ha'Omer/Keriat Shema **after**

*Thurs April 13th*

5:55 Shaharit Vatikim  
9:00 Shaharit Main Synagogue  
7:45 Minha  
Shiur  
8:30 Arbit  
8:44 Nightfall/Hag Ends

## SKC DROP IN PROGRAM FOR KIDS!

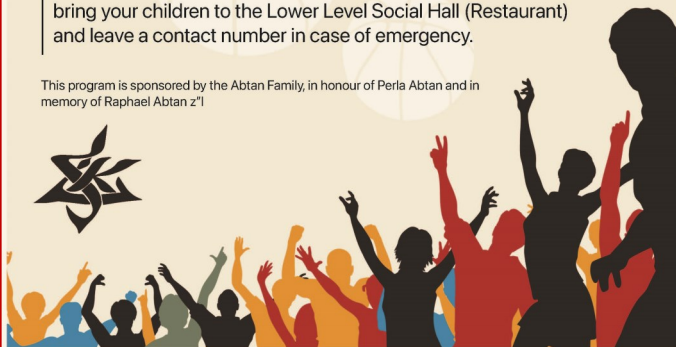
ד"ר

Are you looking for a fun and exciting way to keep your kids entertained while you prepare for Pesah? Look no further than our upcoming event on **Sunday, April 2nd!**

From 10am to 2pm, your kids can join us for an action-packed day filled with sports, movies, and other exciting activities. They'll have access to delicious drinks, snacks, and Centros pizza!

This program is available at no-charge to SKC Members and is only available to children of SKC Members. We only ask that you bring your children to the Lower Level Social Hall (Restaurant) and leave a contact number in case of emergency.

This program is sponsored by the Abtan Family, in honour of Perla Abtan and in memory of Raphael Abtan z"l



## SHABBAT HAGADOL

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### THE RABBINICAL MITZVA OF "MAROR & HAROSET"



מרור וחרוסת



RABBI DAVID KADOCH  
SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE  
SATURDAY APR. 1ST 6:00PM



MEN & WOMEN – MAIN SYNAGOGUE