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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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Shabbat Emor פרשת אמור

Shabbat May 6th 2023, טו' אייר תשפ"ג / 15 Iyar 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	6:45 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Early Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Standard	8:06 p.m.
שחרית מניין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:25 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:30 a.m.
שחרית Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim	6:30 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	7:15 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	7:45 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	9:15 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:04 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:38 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:26 pm

Weekday Services

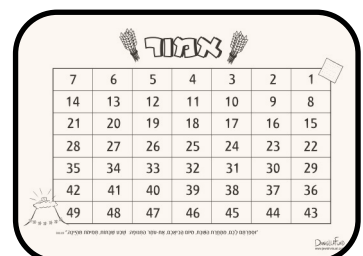
שחרית Shaharit Sunday	שחרית Shaharit Weekdays
ותיקין Vatikim 5:45 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikim 5:45 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim 8:00 a.m.	מקדימים Makdimim 6:30 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim 9:00 a.m.	קבועים Kebuim 8:00 a.m.
	מנחה Mincha 6:45 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

Happy Anniversary

♦ Mr. & Max Assayag & Louisa Assayag

Birthdays this week

Michelle Melul, Shaily Halioua, Idan Halioua, Stephanie Bensimon, Yoad Elmaleh, Sivan Shayo, Vivian Benmergui, Miriam Essebag, Rena Cohen



Nahalot

Rasel Azuz ז"ל, Chana Assayag Levy ז"ל, Nissim Edery ז"ל, Shimon Darvishpour ז"ל **15 Iyar** / Shabbat May 6th
Sultana Keslassy ז"ל, Jane Esther Benisti ז"ל **17 Iyar** / Monday May 8th
Freha Zrihen ז"ל **19 Iyar** / Wednesday May 10th
Abraham Kozai ז"ל, Alicia Hassan ז"ל **20 Iyar** / Thursday May 11th

Nahalot for the following week

Maryvonne Esther Bittan ז"ל **22 Iyar** / Shabbat May 13th
Hortencia Farache Levy ז"ל **24 Iyar** / Monday May 15th
Simha Lugassy ז"ל **25 Iyar** / Tuesday May 16th
Elie Reboh ז"ל, Salomon Nassimov ז"ל **27 Iyar** / Thursday May 18th
Shoshana Rose Dallal ז"ל **28 Iyar** / Friday May 19th

Synagogue News

Pirke Avot

This week's Perek Revi'i will be recited by **David Ohayon**.
Hazak U'Baruch!

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.

This week's congregational Kiddush is sponsored by **Mr. & Mrs. Adam and Esther Ohayon in honour of their son David reciting Perek Revi'i and**

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob and Venessa Benarroch in honour of their son Adam who recited Perek Shelishi

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. Ovadya Gulerson in memory of his mother-in-law Rasel Azuz Z'L and**

Mr. Eli Revivo in memory of his brother Moshe Revivo Z'L
Everyone is Welcome

Mesilat Yesharim - Back for another summer!

Men and women are invited for another summer to hear words of inspiration and Torah values from the book Mesilat Yesharim. Join Rabbi Kadoch every Shabbat, 45 minutes before Tehilim, to absorb the profound words of this masterpiece.

Begins this week at 6:30 pm in the main synagogue.

Early Risers, Early Gainers

Rabbi Kadoch's Shabbat morning Shiur prior to Shaharit continues this Shabbat at 8:30am.

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.

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)

Bar Mitzva Club

Learning and sports
with Rabbi Pinto
Tuesday nights
6:10 - 7:45 pm

Sephardic Kehila Centre
Lower level midrash

Sponsorships Available



Emor 5783 - Respecting the Title

Rabbi David Kadoch

Parashat Emor begins with a bunch of laws pertaining to the Kohen in a circumstance when one of his relatives die. Given the special status of the Kohen and the fact that he works in the Mishkan, he must abide to slightly different laws compared to his fellow brethren when dealing with avelut. In verse 10, the Torah describes a few mitzvot pertaining to the Kohen Gadol who lost a close family member. He is commanded not to let his hair grow and not to tear his clothing (et rosho lo yifra, uv'gadav lo yifrom). Generally, when a person is in mourning, he lets his hair grow for at least thirty days and tears his clothing when hearing the news of a deceased close relative, however the Kohen Gadol cannot do this and must cut his hair before the thirty day point plus he doesn't tear the holy clothing. In fact, we can deduce from this pasuk that the Halacha teaches that a non-Kohen may not shave or get a haircut for at least 30 days.

The Hizkuni explains that although the Kohen is in mourning for the family member, he has no permission to make himself ugly in this situation. As a non-Kohen escapes social circles during the period of his avelut, the result means that he is kept unkempt and refrains from doing normal activities that include personal hygiene. But why is the Kohen Gadol different? Leaders and heads of organizations should not dress unkempt because their appearance and attire can have a significant impact on how they are perceived by others. Dressing in a professional and well-groomed manner conveys a sense of responsibility, competence, and attention to detail, which are all important traits for leaders to exhibit. When leaders dress unkempt, it can send the message that they are not taking their role seriously, which can erode confidence in their leadership abilities. It can also create a negative impression on clients, stakeholders, and employees, who may view unkempt attire as a lack of respect for the organization and its values. They are often looked up to as role models, and their behavior can set the tone for the entire organization. By looking professionally, they can inspire the people below them to do the same and help create a culture of professionalism and excellence. The Kohen Gadol was required to dress in specific garments, which were designed to convey his elevated status and the sanctity of his role. His attire was not just a matter of personal preference or style, but was an essential aspect of his role and responsibilities. It was designed to convey his status, sanctity, and connection to Hashem, and to enable him to perform his duties in a manner that was respectful and appropriate. Hence, when the unfortunate time came to mourn for one of his relatives, his way of dress was not compromised.

Parashat Emor- Keter Shem Tob 'The Crown of Good Reputation'

Rabbi Shimon and the "Keter Shem Tob"
Rabbi Eli J. Mansour

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai teaches us in Pirkeh Abot (4:13), "There are three crowns: the crown of Torah, the crown of Kehuna, and the crown of kingship. But the crown of a good reputation exceeds them." What exactly is meant by the expression "Keter Shem Tob" ("the crown of a good reputation"), and in what way does it "exceed" the other three crowns?

One simple explanation is that Rabbi Shimon here does not speak of the "Keter Shem Tob" as the fourth crown, but rather as a necessary prerequisite for the three crowns. Torah scholarship, the work of the Kohanim, and the rule of the king have no value if the scholar, Kohen or king does not conduct himself properly. If he acts dishonestly, inappropriately, or discourteously, in a manner which people find distasteful, such that he is unlikeable, then he cannot effectively serve the role that he is supposed to serve. According to this reading of the Mishna, Rabbi Shimon is teaching us that a scholar, or a person holding an important leadership position, must conduct himself with proper Middot (character traits) in order for his scholarship or his position to be meaningful.

There might, however, be an additional understanding. The three "crowns" of Torah scholarship, the Kehuna and the kingship are alluded to in the Bet Ha'mikdash, which included three furnishings that featured a "Zer," a decoration resembling a crown: the Aron (ark), the Mizbe'ah (altar), and the Shulhan (table). The Aron contained the original Sefer Torah, and thus symbolizes Torah; the altar, where the Kohanim offered the sacrifices, represents the Kehuna; and the gold-plated Shulhan, which contained bread, signifies the wealth and prestige of royalty. The "crowns" that adorned these furnishings represent the three "crowns" of scholarship, Kehuna and kingship. The question, then, arises, where is the "Keter Shem Tob" alluded to in the Bet Ha'mikdash? If the other three "crowns" have allusions in the Bet Ha'mikdash, then we would naturally expect that the greatest of all the crowns, the "Keter Shem Tob," would also have an allusion.

The answer might be that the "Keter Shem Tob" is symbolized by the Menorah, which the Torah discusses in this week's Parasha, Parashat Emor. Although the Menorah did not feature a "Zer," it had a series of lamps that stood at its top, which were kindled and thus provided light. The lamps were the

"crown" of the Menorah. The Torah describes the kindling of the Menorah with the term "Le'ha'alot" (Vayikra 24:2), and Rabbi Shimon similarly says about a good reputation, "Oleh Al Gabehem" (literally, "rises above them"). Rabbi Shimon is teaching us that the "Keter Shem Tob," a good reputation, shines like the Menorah. It is "Oleh" – just like the lamps of the Menorah are kindled ("Le'ha'alot"). Even in English, we use the expression "shining example," referring to the way a person who conducts himself properly sets an example that "shines," that illuminates the world around him. A person who earns a "Shem Tob," a good reputation, through his upstanding conduct illuminates his surroundings, having an impact upon the people around him who look up to him, admire him, and learn from his example. King Shlomo teaches in Kohelet (7:1), "Tob Shem Mi'shemen Tob" – a good reputation is better than "good oil." A good reputation shines even brighter than the lights of the Menorah that are kindled with oil. When we conduct ourselves properly, earning a favorable reputation among our peers, then we are able to illuminate our surroundings and uplift the people we come in contact with. This is the unique power of the "Keter Shem Tob" – the ability to positively influence our surroundings and have an impact on other people.

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Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai The Abir Yaakob Congregation Cordially Invites the Entire Community to the Hilula of Ribbi Shimon Bar Yochai

18th of Iyar - Monday, May 8th, 2023
Mincha 7:30 followed by Steak Dinner and Desert

\$50 Registration/pp Without Purchase of Raffle Ticket

Raffle Ticket Purchase Includes Registration to Hilula

LagBaomer Raffle

Tickets: \$125 3 for \$350
Max tickets sold 400

1st Prize (Approx. over \$1000** value)
Airfare for 2 to Israel on El Al Airlines
with 3 night hotel stay!

2nd Prize (Approx. \$800** value)
Airfare for 2 to Miami with dinner
for 2 at Fuego!

3rd Prize (Approx. \$200** value)
Enhance your simcha with a Flesta
Bar and Eddy Shimonov Music!

4th Prize (Approx. \$100** value)
Free Family Abir Yaakob Membership!

SOLD OUT

Raffle purchase and/or to Register - RSVP @ <http://www.kehilacentre.com/event/hilula25>

SKC Sisterhood

BOOK CLUB

Join us for weekly discussions
on the learnings from
Life Is a Test
by Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis

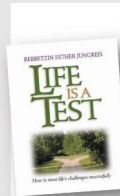
Saturdays May 13, 2023 - July 1, 2023 (5:00pm)

(Note: No classes will be held on May 27th and June 10th)

Sephardic Kehila Centre
(Ohr Haemet School Office, Boardroom)

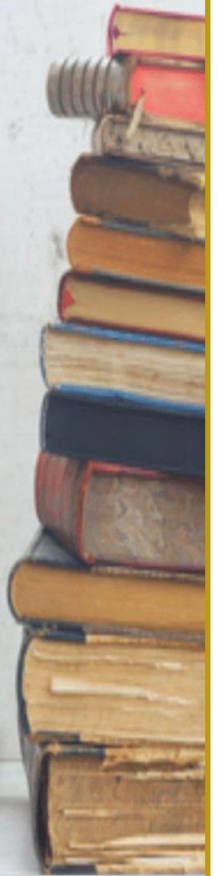
Book purchases are available through your local
bookstore or Amazon. There is no requirement to
read in advance. Chapters will be summarized at the
beginning of each class.

Light refreshments will be served.
Followed by Rabbi Kadoch's Shiur
(6:20pm for anyone that would like to stay).



For over forty years, Rebbetzin Esther Jungreis has been a globetrotting spokeswoman for Judaism. Whether counseling a searching soul or addressing a packed house in Madison Square Garden, her message is elegantly universal, while simultaneously addressing the specific needs of contemporary Jews. In *LIFE IS A TEST*, the Rebbetzin's uncompromising convictions, her insights on faith, her soul-stirring wisdom, and her palpable love of all people saturate every word.

Weekly discussions will also reflect Rav Tzadok HaKohen's teachings.



Womans Wellness Program

Music Movement & Meditation

Get ready to feel energized and inspired as Esther Willinger, a life coach and breath-work instructor, guides us through a transformative experience. We'll explore the connection between our mind, body and soul through music, body and breath-work. Take some time for yourself and join us for a rejuvenating evening.



Sunday May 7th 8:00-9:30 pm
Sunday May 28th SKC SOCIAL HALL
Monday June 5th Members: \$5
Monday June 19th Non-Members: \$10

This program is designed to be enjoyed by women of all ages. We look forward to see you there.

Note: Dress comfortably to move your body. Bring water, and a Yoga Mat if you have one (but not necessary to participate). Eye masks are also an added enhancer if you wish.



Register at



Cheesecake Challenge 2023

Hosted by the SKC Sisterhood in honour of Rosh Chodesh Sivan (and just in time for Shavuot!)

Join us for an evening of cheesecake tasting and vote for
SKC's Best Cheesecake 2023!

Everyone is welcome! Bring the whole family!

1st Prize: \$150 and bragging rights!

Runner up prizes

Monday, May 22, 2023 @ 8:00pm

Lower Level Social Hall

Cost: \$10 per person

Register at

www.kehilacentre.com/event/cheesecake

