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Shabbat Shalom

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Welcome to our Synagogue

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פרשת כי תצא Shabbat Ki Tetze

Shabbat August 26th 2023, ט' אלול תשפ"ג / 9 Elul 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Minha (Main Synagogue)	6:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Early Shabbat	7:10 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Standard	7:47 p.m.
שחרית מניין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shahrarit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:30 a.m.
שחרית Shahrarit (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim	6:05 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:50 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:20 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:50 p.m.



Shabbat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:35 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:56 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 8:04 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shahrarit Sunday	שחרית Shahrarit Weekdays
ותיקין Vatikim 5:55 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikim 5:55 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim 8:00 a.m.	מקדימים Makdimim 6:30 a.m.
קבוים Kebuim 9:00 a.m.	קבוים Kebuim 8:00 a.m.
	מנחה Minha 6:20 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Minha

Mazal Tov

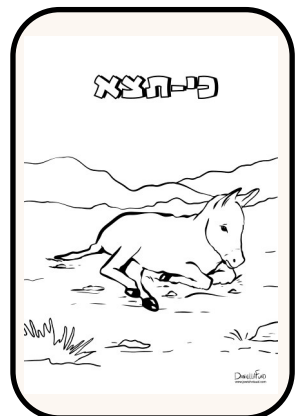
Mr. & Mrs. Isaac and Rena Cohen on the birth of a baby boy
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Tany Cohen & Dr. Alan and Elaine Fink

Happy Anniversary

•Jack & Laurence Cohen •Ze'ev & Helene Saban •Max & Mercedes Keslassy
•Matthew & Cynthia Schlar •Max & Estrella Benaim

Happy Birthday

Asher Reboh, Esther Ohana, Avi Kadoch, Syd Anidjar, Nissim Nacson,
Reuth Abraham, Yehuda Lalou, Albert Nacson, Yosef Concister,
Yehuda Aboudi, Yehonatan Bohbot, Jacob Hadida, Dalia Shayo,
Aliya Sara Willinger, Sara Hadida, Avrom Gal, Yona Gal



Nahalot

Mercedes Serruya ז"ל 9 Elul / Sunday August 26th
Esther Azoulay ז"ל 12 Elul / Tuesday August 29th
David Menahem Nacson ז"ל 13 Elul / Wednesday Aug. 30th
Adell Totah ז"ל 15 Elul / Thursday August 31st

Nahalot for the following week

Armand Sabbah ז"ל, Clara Edery ז"ל 16 Elul / Shabbat September 2nd
Joseph Afriat ז"ל, Biba Assayag ז"ל, Juda Lalou ז"ל 19 Elul / Tuesday
September 5th
Alegria Benzaquen ז"ל 21 Elul / Thursday September 7th

Synagogue News

Selihot

Beginning Sunday, Selihot begins 45 minutes before each minyan. Please make every effort to attend to ensure minyan. Tizku LaMitzvot

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 Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by
Mr. & Mrs Joe and Esther Azoulay in memory of his mother,
Esther Azoulay Z'L
and in loving recognition and farewell to
Rabbi & Mrs. Bensalmon
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. Sam and Clara Serruya, in memory of his mother
Mercedes Serruya z"l
Everyone is Welcome**

Mesilat Yesharim

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.

Special Ladies Shiur this Shabbat

Ladies are invited to attend a special shiur this Shabbat afternoon delivered by Rabbanit Ruth Afriat. It will take place at 6:50pm in the office boardroom, immediately following the Rabbi's Mesilat Yesharim shiur.

Shabbat Kids Program - On Hiatus For Summer

The Shabbat program for children will be on hiatus during the summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year when everyone comes back from their summer activities.

Upcoming Events @ the SKC

Wednesday September 13th 8:30pm

- Pre-Rosh HaShanah Young Adult Shiur

Motsae Shabbat September 23rd (Sunday 12:30am)

- Community Selihot

Monday October 2nd

- City-wide Simhat Bet HaShoeva Party

Tuesday October 3rd

- SKC Sukkah Party

Synagogue Cleanliness

Over the last few months, we have witnessed a number of people attending Tefila on Shabbat who bring water bottles, coffee cups and glasses of water into the main sanctuary. Not only have we have seen examples of people spilling liquids on siddurim and on the carpet of the sanctuary; but our staff is constantly pulling bottles and cups out of book holders where they can cause damage. While it is best to leave all liquids outside the main sanctuary (and prayer areas), we ask people to be respectful of the environment and to clean up after themselves and their children, if they do bring liquids into the sanctuary.

Membership Update

Thank you, members and friends, for your membership and commitment to our community and shared goals in enhancing our culture and worship for current and future generations. It's that time of year where we ask you to reinforce that loving commitment by renewing your membership before the upcoming High Holidays. In the next few weeks, we will be sending out statements to all members with the dues for the year coming 5784. We ask you to be proactive in making arrangements to pay any outstanding pledges along with next year's renewal in order to receive High Holiday tickets. We Look Forward To Bringing In The New Year Together. If you have any questions, please call Yitzhak in the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or email at yer@kehilacentre.com

Weekly Shiurim

Midrash by Night - Tuesday and Thursdays following Arvit

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)

Ki Tetze 5783 - Squashing the weak

Rabbi David Kadoch

Amalek is often associated with hostility towards the Jewish people. The term is also used metaphorically to represent the embodiment of evil or a persistent adversary. At the end of this week's parasha, we have the commandment not only to remember what Amalek did to us when we left Egypt but also an additional mitzvah to obliterate their name and any remembrance of their nation.

Rabbi Sacks zt"l poses an interesting yet obvious question. If you look throughout the life of Moshe, there was only one instance where Amalek attacked the Jewish people. On the other hand, the Egyptians enslaved the Jews for hundreds of years and even murdered many of the male children. One would think that the nation attributed to total evil should be Egypt. Yet it is Amalek who we are commanded to erase and fight every generation which we don't find similar in regards to Egypt. The question becomes stronger when we read also in the parasha, the commandment to not oppress the Egyptian for we were a resident in his land. How can we explain the difference in attitude towards these two nations?

He answers that the Egyptians enslaved Bene Yisrael out of fear. The Jews were multiplying at enormous rates and they were become strong and mighty. And while that fear did lead to excessive slavery, it was founded by fear and nothing else.

Alternatively, by Amalek, the evil was in his name. They didn't deal with Bene Yisrael out of fear of their strength, rather they took advantage of the weak and the weary. Amalek's notoriety stems from its historical depiction as a nation that exploited vulnerability and weakness to its advantage. They attacked Bene Yisrael during their journey through the desert, specifically targeting the elderly, infirm, and stragglers who lagged behind - "kol hane'heshalim aharecha." This act of preying on the weakest members of society reflects a profound moral transgression. Exploiting vulnerability demonstrates a callous disregard for human dignity and compassion, undercutting the principles of empathy and solidarity that are integral to a just and ethical society. This type of behavior is considered deeply evil because it capitalizes on suffering, perpetuates cycles of oppression, and corrodes the foundations of trust and cooperation that are crucial for human progress and coexistence. Our Torah, on the other hand promotes building up the weaker individuals of society. The Torah, the central religious text of Judaism, emphasizes the importance of caring for and uplifting the weaker members of society. It provides several principles and commandments that guide this approach: such as Tzedaka, support for widows and orphans, laws against oppression and acts of kindness.

And hence, this particular nation, which lives by a totally different set of rules cannot live side-by-side with us.

Parashat Ki Teseh- Living With Sensitivity

by Rabbi Eli Mansour

One of the Misvot presented in Parashat Ki-Teseh is the prohibition against plowing a field with both an ox and a donkey (22:10). In ancient times, plowing was done by harnessing the plow to an animal, and then steering the animal throughout the field. The Torah forbids having an ox and donkey plow together.

What is the reason behind this prohibition?

The Rabbis explain that an ox, unlike a donkey, chews its cud. This means that after an ox chews and swallows its food, the food returns to its mouth to be chewed again. If an ox and donkey would plow together, the donkey would see the ox chewing well after they had both been fed. This would cause the donkey distress, as it would think that the ox is eating while it is being denied food.

The lesson of this Misva extends well beyond the limited context of plowing. We all know people whom, for whatever reason, we do not particularly like, perhaps for legitimate reasons.

However, it is highly improbable that those people are less than a donkey. And so if the Torah commands us to show sensitivity to the feelings of a donkey, then certainly, we must show sensitivity to other people, even those whom we are not particularly fond of. The Torah demands that we refrain from offending or hurting our fellow, regardless of how we feel about him. If sensitivity is required toward animals, then how much more so is it required when dealing with other people, and especially with our fellow Jews, the children of Abraham, Yishak and Yaakov.

The Rabbis noted different allusions to the month of Elul in Tanach, allusions which reveal to us the essence of this special month and our obligations as we prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The most famous allusion, of course, appears in the verse, "Ani Le'dodi Ve'dodi Li" - "I am for my Beloved, and my Beloved is for me" (Shir Hashirim 6:3), the first letters of which spell the word "Elul." A lesser known Biblical reference to Elul appears in Megilat Ester (9:22), where we read of the obligations of "Mishloah Manot Ish Le're'ehu U'matanot La'ebyonim" - sending food packages to one's fellow, and giving charitable gifts to the poor,

on Purim. The first letters of the words "Ish Le're'ehu U'matanot La'ebyonim" spell the word "Elul."

This allusion reminds us that repentance involves not only our ritual obligations toward G-d, such as Shabbat observance, prayer and Torah study - as critically important as all these of course are - but also our interpersonal conduct. Our work to improve ourselves during this month must focus on both realms - Ben Adam La'Makom (our obligations to Hashem) and Ben Adam La'habero (our obligations to other people). The phrase "Ish Le're'ehu U'matanot La'ebyonim" refers to our looking out for others, and our efforts to help them with whatever they need. As we strive during this month to grow and improve, let us heighten our awareness of "Ish Le're'ehu," of other people's needs and concerns, and commit to live with sensitivity to all people, no matter who they are.



MIDRASH BY NIGHT

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Following Arvit throughout the
summer

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Learn with a havruta partner or at your own pace*

Various shiurim by R' David Kadoch,
R' Shemuel Pinto, R' Yitzhak Hakak and others
Speak to Rabbi Kadoch to find the right class for you

7026 Bathurst Street - Downstairs Synagogue
(Coffee and tea available)



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MESILAT YESHARIM

With Rabbi David Kadoch

SHABBAT AFTERNOONS

The book that every
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Beginning Saturday April 29th
45 minutes before Tehilim - Main Synagogue

TEENS ONLY

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GO KART EVENT

MEET @5:00PM - PETAH TIKVA
Carpools leave at 5:30

LOCATION:

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575 CENTENNIAL PARK BOULEVARD,
ONTARIO, CANADA M9C 4V1

PRICE: \$30

KARTING AND FOOD IS INCLUDED

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RSVP BY: AUGUST 28

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