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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

Shabbat Ki Tavo פרשת כי תבוא

Shabbat September 2nd 2023, ט"ז אלול תשפ"ג / 16 Elul 5783
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	6:15 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Early Shabbat	7:00 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting - Standard	7:35 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shahrar Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:35 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:30 a.m.
שחרית Shahrar (Main Synagogue)	9:00 a.m.
Shiur Mesilat Yesharim (final of season)	5:40 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:35 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	7:05 p.m.
שבת שבע טוב Shabbat Ends	8:37 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:43 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:59 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 7:52 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shahrar Sunday	שחרית Shahrar Weekdays
ותיקין Vatikim 6:05 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikim 6:05 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 6:20 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

Happy Anniversary

•Sam & Elvy Cohen •Mair & Rachel Azagury •David & Estrella Bensimon •Leon & Marie Benchabo
•Shimon & Lilly Assaraf •Robi & Mirey Bahar •Moshe & Michelle Hadida •Jimmy & Limor Keslassy
•Avi & Francine Azuelos

Happy Birthday

Miriam Ohayon, Yonatan Nacson, Patricia Benadiba, Nevee Abraham,
Nitzhia Savdie, Abraham Azagury, Yosef Amar, Ross Savatti,
Judith Kadoch, Keira Benquesus, Rena Azoulay



Nahalot

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

Nahalot for the following week

Joseph Azulay ז"ל, Ezekial Savdie ז"ל, Leon Cohen ז"ל, Jacob Benchimol ז"ל
24 Elul / Sunday September 10th
Hannah Benggio ז"ל, Messod Sultan ז"ל **26 Elul** / Tuesday Sept. 12th
Emma Bitton ז"ל **29 Elul** / Friday September 15th

Synagogue News

Selihot

Selihot begins 45 minutes before each respective 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
Jimmy & Limor Keslassy & Avi & Francine Azuelos
In honor of their 25th year anniversary**

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 Sephardic Kehila Centre**

Everyone is Welcome

Mesilat Yesharim (5:50 pm this week)

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.

Late Shabbat & Mincha/Arvit Begins Next Week

This will be the final week where we will conduct Early Shabbat and Early Mincha/Arvit.
Stay tuned for next week's bulletin for Winter Tefila times.

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.

Special Ladies Shiur This Shabbat

Ladies are invited to another special shiur this Shabbat afternoon delivered by Rabbanit Ruth Afriat. It will take place at 6:35pm in the office boardroom, immediately following the weekly Mesilat Yesharim shiur (5:50pm).

Upcoming Events @ the SKC

Wednesday September 13th 8:30pm

- Pre-Rosh HaShana 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

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 Tavo 5783 - Idolatrous Thoughts

Rabbi David Kadoch

Just prior to the blessings and curses that make up a significant portion of the weekly parasha, the Torah proclaims individual curses that will fall upon a person for transgressing certain sins. However, there is one small discrepancy that is noticed in the gram-mar of the curses. All of them are written in present tense except one, which is written in future tense. For example, some of the curses in present tense include: "Cursed be he who degrades his father and mother." "Cursed be he who moves back his neighbor's landmark." Yet, when it comes to idolatry, the tense is changed to future - asher ya'ase - "Cursed be he who will make a graven or molten image..." Why is this case?

Some wish to answer that from here we have proof that the sin of idolatry is looked upon differently by Hashem versus the other iniquities we perform. For all other transgressions Hashem doesn't combine the mahashava (thought) with the ma'ase (act). In other words, as long as the action of sin hasn't been performed, the thought of sin doesn't count. However by idolatry, it is considered iniquitous the moment that he thinks of worshipping or performing an act tantamount to idolatry. Hashem does combine the thought with the action. Therefore, when the Torah uses the future tense for the curse of idolatry, it's because it also wants to include the person who will think to perform Avoda Zara in the future, even though he hasn't committed the crime yet. In all of the other sins, the present tense is used to insinuate that one is only cursed when actually performing the act, but not thinking of it.

I can think of a few reasons why it's treated more severely than the other sins. In Jewish law, intent is often given significant weight. While actions have more tangible consequences, the intentions behind those actions are also considered important. Thinking about engaging in idolatrous practices demonstrates a potential willingness to forsake monotheism, which is a core tenet of Judaism. Secondly, thoughts can influence actions. Engaging in idolatrous practices typically starts with contemplation and mental acceptance of the concept. If such thoughts are allowed to persist, they might eventually lead to actions that violate the prohibition against idol worship. Thirdly, Judaism places a strong emphasis on the internal spiritual and moral state of an individual. Engaging in idolatrous thoughts can have negative spiritual consequences and can erode the individual's connection to their faith and to God. Lastly, Jewish law often takes a preventative approach or creating a "fence." By prohibiting even thoughts of Avoda Zara, it aims to prevent individuals from sliding down a slippery slope that might eventually lead them to engage in actual idolatrous practices. Contemplating idolatry is profoundly serious as it challenges monotheistic beliefs and can erode one's spiritual foundation over time. To protect faith and ethical integrity, it's imperative to abstain from such thoughts, even if their immediate relevance in modern life seems limited. Upholding this restraint preserves the essence of monotheism and its principles.

Rosh Hashanah is Coming – Smile!

by Rabbi Joey Haber

The Torah states in Parashat Ki-Tavo, והלכת – בדרכיו "You shall follow His ways" (28:9). The Rambam understands this pasuk as establishing a Torah obligation to resemble Hashem, by following His example. Just as Hashem is רחום וחנון – compassionate and merciful – we, too, are to be compassionate and merciful to other people.

This mitzvah, I believe, is telling us something very important, and very profound. We need to be merciful to other people because we, too, need mercy.

We are all in the same boat. We all have struggles. We all do some things right, and do some things wrong. We all succeed in some ways, and we all fail in some ways. We all mess up on occasion. Every one of us, without exception, needs Hashem's mercy and compassion. And so when we see somebody else who is struggling, who needs help, who messed up, who failed – we need to show compassion.

So many of us silently relish other people's mistakes and failures. When we hear about other people who are dealing with some difficult problem or crisis, there is often a part of us that celebrates the opportunity to feel superior, to feel that we've got our lives more in order than that person. Of course, we would never

communicate these feelings, and, of course, we will certainly try to help if we can. We're not mean, and we're not bad people! But somewhere deep inside, we feel gratified to hear that somebody is struggling, because it allows us to feel that we're doing better than others. But this feeling of gratification is so fake. We all struggle, we all fail sometimes, we all have problems. מה הוא רחום, אף אתה היה רחום. We all require Hashem's mercy and kindness, so we should extend mercy and kindness to others, as well. When we hear of somebody who is struggling, we must remember that we struggle, too. We aren't necessarily any better.

Somebody once approached Rav Avigdor Miller and asked how he should prepare for the judgment of Rosh Hashanah. Rav Miller looked at him and said: "Smile!"

The fellow was startled. Smile? This is what we should do to prepare for our judgment? Few of us would ever have included "smile" in our list of 20 things we should be doing to get ourselves ready for Rosh Hashanah.

Rav Miller explained by way of an analogy to a businessman who owned a chain of retail stores that were losing business. He proceeded to review all the stores and take inventory, to determine which products should be sold at a discounted

price, which stores to close, and which employees to lay off.

As he spoke to the manager of one store, the manager told him that a certain employee needed to remain, and could not be fired under any circumstances. "This guy is so warm and friendly," the manager explained. "He greets every customer with a smile, and makes them feel welcome. People come into the store just because of him and his smile. He cannot be laid off."

If we smile and are friendly to all of Hashem's "customers," Rav Miller explained, we can't be "laid off." We are needed. If we make people feel good about themselves, if we uplift them, if we are encouraging and helpful, then we are worthy of a favorable judgment.

The best thing we can do to help ourselves going into Rosh Hashanah is to smile to everyone, to show everyone compassion and graciousness, to realize that we are all in the same boat, that we all struggle. If we smile and act kindly to others, then Hashem will smile and act kindly to us, and inscribe us for a happy, healthy, prosperous year, amen.



WHY ME? WHY NOW?

Knowing Ourselves and Who We Could Be
A Pre-Rosh HaShanah Shiur



Torah class for young adults 16-30 with Rabbi Kadoch
Wednesday Sept 13th - 8:15pm
Sephardic Kehila Centre
Downstairs social hall
Light Food to be served

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SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE VS. PETAH TIKVA

PLAYOFF SOFTBALL

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

TAILGATE AT 5:30PM WITH HOTDOGS, DRINKS, AND SNACKS!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

GAME START: 6:45PM

1ST ROUND ELIMINATION GAME

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Carpools leave at 5:30

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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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