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Shabbat Haye Sara פרשת חיי שרה
Shabbat November 11th 2023, כ"ז חשוון תשפ"ד / 27 Heshvan 5784
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	4:40 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:39 p.m.
שחרית מניין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:05 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:15 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	3:40 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:10 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabbat Ends	5:41 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:06 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:34 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 4:56 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	שחרית Shacharit Weekdays
ותיקין Vatikim 6:30 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikim 6:30 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 4:50 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

Mazal Tov

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Joanne Azulay on the Bar Mitzvah of their son **Jacob**
Proud Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Jack and Bella Azulay & Mr. & Mrs. Vidal and Raymond Gabay

Mr. Yves Nahmias on celebrating his 70th Birthday.
We wish you lots of mazal and hatzlaha for many more years.

Happy Birthday

Yves Nahmias, Jonah Azulay, Gabrielle Benatar, Adi Barel,
Linoy Hazan, Judah Keslassy, Rafael Abecassis, Benny Dishy,
Menahem Azulay, Rivka Hadida, Licy Azulay,
Benyamin Nacson, Enny Azulay, Gabriel Sheps Douek,
Joe Dwek



Nahalot

Claudine Touboul י"ל 29 Heshvan / Monday Nov. 13th
Gisele Amar י"ל, Simha (Simi) Dayan י"ל, Moshe Aharon י"ל, Simha Hazan י"ל 2 Kislev / Wednesday Nov. 15th
Rica Assayag י"ל, Perla Beniluz י"ל, Joseph Assayag י"ל 3 Kislev / Thursday November 16th

Nahalot for the following week

Chemaya Keslassy Bar Mordechai י"ל, Rachel Bitton י"ל, Mordechai Kadoch י"ל 5 Kislev / Shabbat November 18th
Yosef Dayan י"ל, Amram Saaporta י"ל, Joseph Dayan י"ל 6 Kislev / Sunday Nov 19th
David Nissan י"ל 7 Kislev / Monday Nov 20th
Luna Ouaknine י"ל 8 Kislev / Tuesday Nov 21st

Synagogue News

Rosh Hodesh Kislev

Rosh Hodesh Kislev is Tuesday November 14th (Monday night)

Avot U'Banim starts this week!

The weekly father-son learning program begins this Saturday night starting at 7:00PM. Pizza and prizes. (See flyer on back)

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.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael and Joanne Azulay in celebration of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob Azulay

Everyone is Welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:
The Sephardic Kehila Centre

Everyone is Welcome

Early Risers, Early Gainers

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

Tefilot and Piyutim (postponed this week)

The young boys of the community, led by Adam Ohayon, continue learning the songs and melodies that make our services unique.

To have your child participate, bring him 30 minutes before Minha on Shabbat afternoon.

Special Shiur by Efi Palvanov

Now bi-weekly at the SKC

Join Efi Palvanov and his exciting series of classes every other week on Wednesdays in the Downstairs Synagogue. Next class is this Wednesday. See you there!

SKC Enhanced Security

Dear SKC Community,

I hope this email finds you well and that your able to find support and ways to cope with the current situation. We remain deeply concerned about the events in Israel. Many of our community members and families have family in Israel and we pray for their safety and well-being. We send our deepest sympathies to those who have suffered loss or who are missing loved ones.

Top of mind for us at the Sephardic Kehila Centre is the safety of our building attendees. The security team met this week and expect an on-going process of assessing the situation and making adjustments as necessary. Here is some more information about what to expect.

Heightened Security:

We have witnessed and have been informed of increased police presence in the area, nevertheless, during shabbat services for the next several weeks we've hired off-duty police to be present during services in addition to the security we currently have in place.

We ask for the SKC community to exercise a heightened degree of healthy vigilance and situational awareness.

Extra attention should be paid in ensuring all security protocols are being followed, particularly regarding entrances and doors that should remain locked.

Kids Program:

As always, we encourage parents to bring their children to the centre and feel comfortable that they are in a safe and healthy environment with programs and activities and ask you to reinforce with your children that they should always remain in the program until they are picked up by you or remain seated next to you in the sanctuary. We won't allow the wondering in the halls of any child unattended. Your assistance in the matter will be appreciated.

Volunteers Needed:

Security measures have been prepared for the safety and security of all who attend but we are asking for additional volunteers to help our current volunteer team. Now more than ever we need your assistance. Please reach out directly to one of our board members or security team members of your interest.

Wishing strength to Israel, and peace and security to us all.

SECURITY UPDATE:

THE SECURITY COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT A NEW SECURITY MEASURE FOR OUR MEMBERS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS OF THE BUILDING:

A FOB system has been installed at all Main Entrance points into the building. We encourage all active participants to collect from our office (mon-fri 9-5) their own personal registered FOB Key. This will allow you access into the building at set times during the day and night allowing for the consistent locking of our entrance doors.

Refundable Security Deposit Required

Security Committee & Board of Directors

Security measures have been prepared for the safety and security of all who attend but we ask you to be vigilant and be reminded to report any suspicious activity that you witness to a staff member, member of the board or member of security team.

Jean-Claude Abtan -- Elias Anidjar -- Mose Bendayan -- Sol Benchetrit -- Eric Benchetrit -- Isaac Cohen -- Oren Dishy -- Oren Hyams

If you see something, say something.

PARASHA PRISMS: New Shiur for men and women

Couples and/or singles of all ages and levels are welcome to join our brand new shiur focused on the weekly parasha and its profound life lessons delivered by our own Rabbi Kadoch.

Every Monday at 7:30pm

Weekly Shiurim

Midrash by Night - 8:00-9:30 pm Tuesday and Thursdays

Parashat HaShavua - 7:30 pm Monday / 8:15 pm Bilvavi-Mussar

Hilchot Shabbat - Shabbat at 8:15 am Main Synagogue

Gemara Sanhedrin - Sundays at 7:15 am Downstairs synagogue

Haye Sara 5784 - "Sure, I'll marry him."

Rabbi David Kadoch

The start of Parashat Haye Sara centers around the life and legacy of Sarah, the matriarch of the Jewish people. However, one of the most remarkable aspects of this portion is the introduction of Rivka, who is chosen by Hashem to become the wife of Yitzhak and to carry on the legacy of Avraham Avinu. Rivka's humility is a prominent and inspiring theme in this narrative which is clearly exemplified in her encounter with Eliezer, Avraham's servant, who is tasked with finding a suitable wife for Yitzhak. As Eliezer arrives at the well, he prays to God, asking for a sign to identify the right woman for his master. In response, Rivka appears and fulfills the very criteria Eliezer has asked for in his prayer. Her kindness, generosity, and readiness to draw water for both Eliezer and his camels demonstrate her selflessness and humility. While we can certainly focus on her selflessness in service, her modesty and recognition of Hashem's guidance and proof of her anava, it's another aspect of this story that really leaves me amazed; her ability to being open to unforeseen possibilities. Rivka's humility is seen in her readiness to accept a proposal to marry someone she has never met before, based solely on the account of a stranger. Her trust in Hashem's plan and her willingness to step into the unknown is a remarkable testament to her humility and faith.

When Eliezer, Abraham's servant, presents the proposal of marriage on behalf of Yitzhak, Rivka is faced with a life-altering decision. She recognizes that the circumstances surrounding her engagement to Yitzhak are out of the ordinary and unconventional. Instead of questioning God's plan or hesitating due to the unknown, she places her faith in His guidance. This bitahon reflects a profound humility, as she submits herself to a divine plan that surpasses her own understanding.

Let's not forget that in her time, arranged marriages were common, but this wasn't an everyday proposal. The fact that she accepts this arrangement without any preconceived notions about Yitzhak, his character, or appearance shows her anava and submission to the will of her family and, more importantly, to the ratzon Hashem. She doesn't insist on having things her way or pursuing her own desires, but rather, she places the greater purpose above her personal preferences.

Marrying someone she has never met is, without a doubt, stepping into the unknown. Rivka's humility is evident in her readiness to embrace this uncertainty. Instead of seeking to control her destiny, she accepts the unknown future with grace. Her humility in this situation reminds us of the importance of yielding control when it's necessary and acknowledging our limitations in understanding the bigger picture.

Rivka's humbleness, particularly her readiness to welcome the unknown in her marriage to Yitzhak, offers us a profound lesson in trust and submission to Hashem's plan. It teaches us that humility is not just about modesty and selflessness; it also involves acknowledging our limitations and recognizing that there are greater forces at play in our lives. In our own journeys, we often encounter situations that are uncertain, ambiguous, and beyond our control. Rivka's example reminds us to approach these moments with a humble heart and a trust in the divine plan. Instead of resisting the unknown, we can learn to accept it with grace, knowing that sometimes, stepping into the unknown is an essential part of our spiritual growth.

Parashat Haye Sarah- The Reunion of Souls

by Rabbi Eli Mansour

The Torah in Parashat Hayeh-Sara tells of Abraham Abinu instructing his trusted servant to travel to Abraham's homeland, Aram Naharayim, and find a suitable spouse for Abraham's son, Yishak.

Abraham begins this instruction to his servant by mentioning G-d, referring to Him as "Elokeh Ha'shamayim V'Elokeh Ha'aretz" – "G-d of the heavens and G-d of the earth" (24:3). Rabbi Abraham Ibn Ezra, one of the great Spanish commentators (1089-1167), explains that Abraham spoke of Hashem in this way "because so-and-so for so-and-so on the earth originates from the heavens."

Meaning, the marriage of a man and woman here in this world has its origins in the heavens. As Abraham sent his servant to find a match for his son, he indicated that although we must, of course, make an effort to find a marriage partner, ultimately, the source of every Shidduch is in the heavens. It is Hashem, "G-d of the heavens and G-d of the earth," who brings people here on earth together for marriage.

This concept may underlie the Gemara's famous – but enigmatic – remark in Masechet Sota (2a) that the process of finding a match is difficult "like the splitting of the sea." Why would the Gemara compare this process specifically to the miracle of the splitting of the sea?

Certainly, many people can attest to the fact that finding a spouse can be an exceptionally difficult challenge. But why does the Gemara compare this challenge to Keri'at Yam Suf (the splitting of the Sea of Reeds)?

One possibility emerges from the Rabbis' description of how Beneh Yisrael crossed the sea. Contrary to what many assume, Beneh Yisrael did not cross to the other side. Rather, they traveled in an arc, ending up on the same side, and the Egyptians were drowned as they pursued Beneh Yisrael. Additionally, the Rabbis teach that each tribe traveled through the sea in a separate lane. It emerges, then, that some tribes traveled a longer distance in the sea than others, as those who were in the interior of the arc had a shorter distance to travel than those on the outer layers of the arc.

The Gemara points to this formation as a symbol for the different journeys that different people undergo in the process of finding a spouse. For reasons we will never understand, and we are not supposed to understand, some people have a longer journey than others. Some people find their soulmate with relative ease, whereas for others, this is a long, difficult process. The Gemara here teaches us to place our trust in Hashem, just as our ancestors did at the shores of the Yam Suf, and firmly believe that Hashem is leading each person along the journey that is right for him or her.

But there is also a deeper explanation of the Gemara's comparison between matchmaking and the splitting of the sea.

The scholars of Kabbala teach that G-d brings together the souls of every husband and wife in the heavens even before they are born. He later separates them, and sends them down into this world, where they must put in effort to find one another. It turns out, then, that when a man and woman unite in marriage, this is not a union, but rather a reunion. The souls had already been together, and they have now found each other once again. Therefore, the Gemara likens the process of matchmaking to the miracle of Keri'at Yam Suf – where the waters split, and were then rejoined together.

The lesson for us is to trust the process, to remember that Hashem has a plan for each and every one of us. He guides each person along his or her unique journey, ensuring that all souls will be reunited with their soulmate which was set aside for them even before their birth. Even when the process is challenging, we must remember that "the G-d of the heavens and the G-d of the earth" is leading every man and woman to their intended partners.

SHIURIM SCHEDULE

Monday

7:30pm - Parashat HaShavua
(Men & Women)
8:15pm - Bilvavi/Mussar
(Young Men)

Tuesday

8:00-9:30pm - Medrash by Night
(Open Havruta Learning)

Wednesday

8:00pm - Shiur w/ Efi Palvanov
(Men & Women)
*bi-weekly

Thursday

8:00-9:30pm - Medrash by Night
(Open Havruta Learning)

Shabbat

8:15am - Hilchot Shabbat

Sunday

7:15am - Gemara Sanhedrin



For more information on any of the
above shiurim, or to arrange a
Havruta (learning partner) for
Medrash by Night, please contact
Rabbi Kadoch directly.

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