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Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue

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Shabbat Miketz פרשת מקץ

Shabbat December 16th 2023, טבת תשפ"ד / 4 Tevet 5784
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Shabbat Prayer Times

מנחה Mincha (Main Synagogue)	4:25 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:23 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:45 a.m.
Shiur Hilchot Shabbat	8:15 a.m.
שחרית Shacharit (Main Synagogue)	8:45 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	3:30 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:00 p.m.
שבת שבוט Shabbat Ends	5:30 p.m.



Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:46 am, Keriat Shema- שמע- 9:59 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 4:41 pm

Weekday Services

שחרית Shacharit Sunday	שחרית Shacharit Weekdays
ותיקין Vatikim 7:05 a.m.	ותיקין Vatikim 7:05 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 Mincha 4:30 p.m.
	ערבית Arbit Arbit immediately following Mincha

Mazal Tov

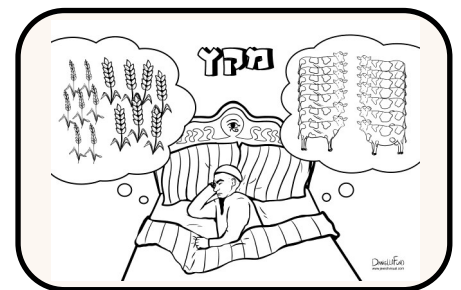
Kobi Abraham on the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah
Proud parents: Mr. & Mrs. Shalomi and Devra Abraham
Proud grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Weitzman and Offra Abraham and Mr. & Mrs. Merrick and Cheryl Jackson

Happy Anniversary

♦Jack & Biba Benquesus ♦Adam & Esther Ohayon

Happy Birthday

Elena Levy, Elias Toby, Ruchama Ahula, Eliete Yael Bensimon, Meir Cohen, Isaac S. Oziel, Bryna Abtan, Ayelet Hyams, Michael Benarroch, Talya Concister, Puli Shulman, Judith Ahren



Nahalot

Yaakob Totah ז"ל **5 Tevet** / Sunday December 17th
Yaakov Roditi Gulerson ז"ל **6 Tevet** / Monday December 18th
Rica Nezry ז"ל **7 Tevet** / Tuesday December 19th
Rabbi David Benguigui ז"ל, Camille Benchetrit ז"ל, Abraham Benchetrit ז"ל
10 Tevet / Friday December 22nd

Nahalot for the following week

Dina Youssefian ז"ל, Moise Nahmany ז"ל **11 Tevet** / Shabbat Dec.23rd
Joel-Yoel Malinowicz ז"ל, Armando Essebag ז"ל, Iech Elmaleh ז"ל **12 Tevet**
/ Sunday Dec.24th
Malka Shemesh ז"ל, Zohra Kadoch ז"ל, Moshe Vered ז"ל **13 Tevet** /
Monday Dec.25th
Shlomo Esseis ז"ל **14 Tevet** / Tuesday Dec.26th
James Dayan ז"ל, Hanna Trojman ז"ל **16 Tevet** / Thursday Dec.28th

Synagogue News

Fast Asara B'Tevet

The fast of Asara BeTevet is this Friday, December 22nd.
Fast begins at 6:38am
Fast ends when Kiddush is recited.
Kiddush may be recited as early as 5:03pm.

Avot U'Banim

Avot U'Banim continues this Motsae Shabbat

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. Shalomi and Devra Abraham in honour of their son Kobi Abraham's Bar Mitzvah
Everyone is Welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by:

- Mr. & Mrs. Ovadya and Elvira Gulersen in memory of his father Yaakov Roditi Gulersen z"l
- Mr. & Mrs. Prosper and Robyn Benchetrit in memory of his mother Camille Benchetrit z"l

Everyone is Welcome

Early Risers, Early Gainers

Since October 2021, a group of men have been coming to the synagogue 30 minutes before Shaharit on Shabbat to study the Laws of Shabbat. This past Saturday, the group completed Hilchot Shabbat from the sefer Peninei Halakha by R' Eliezer Melamed. It was a huge accomplishment!

Beginning this week, Rabbi Kadoch and the group will delve into a new subject "The Laws of Tefila" using the same book Peninei Halakha. If you're awake early, consider joining us on Shabbat morning. It's big zechut to start your day off with Torah learning!

8:15am (winter)/8:30am (summer).

Hazak U'Baruch to everyone who finished!

Tefilot and Piyutim

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!

Security Update

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
If you see something, say something.

PARASHA PRISMS

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, this insightful gathering promises to be a source of inspiration and spiritual growth. Discover the timeless wisdom embedded in our sacred parashiyot and learn how to apply it to your everyday life. Let's come together to explore, reflect, and strengthen our connection to our Torah and Jewish values. (See flyer below)

Hanukah Celebrations All Week Long @ SKC

Hannuka Bingo Night: Thank you to the organizing and volunteer committee of Rabbi Kadoch, Enny Cohen, James Keslassy, Isaac Cohen for terrific a Motzei Shabbat Hannuka Bingo Night with 130 attendees who enjoyed Pizza, Prizes and Sufganiot. A Very Special Thank You to Mr. & Mrs. Sydney and Michelle Benchetrit for sponsoring the amazing prizes and give a ways for all who attended. Chazak U Baruch

Breakfast Morning Sponsors: Thank you to Oren Dishy, Avi Azuelos, Samuel Toby, James Keslassy, David Bensimon, Michael Harris and Weitzman Abraham for sponsoring delicious breakfasts throughout the week.

Hannuka Mishmar with the Youth: Thank you to Isaac Nacson for your weekly devotion to our teens and for your generosity in this week's teen gathering in celebration of Hannuka.

Oneg Shabbat: Thank you to Rabbi Kadoch and his family for hosting their annual Hannuka Oneg Shabbat at their house last Friday night. Everyone enjoyed light food/snack, songs, and enjoyed words of Torah. Thank you to all who attended.

Sisterhood Presents: Music, Movement & Meditation With Esther Willinger

Special Performance by Elena Levy

For the past two Sundays a terrific Women's Wellness program that combines SOMA Breath, Meditation, Music and Body Activation took place in our Social Hall. It uplifted, energized and elevated the attendees to heal within and send healing energy to those in need. It was a powerful wave of positive energy, love and inspired action.

Thank you to all who attended and to Esther Willinger and Elena Levy for dedicating their time to the Sisterhood

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

Miketz 5784 - Dream Interpretation to Leadership Counsel

Rabbi David Kadoch

After Yosef successfully interpreted Pharaoh's dream, he continued with another statement that, at first glance, seems like an "exceptional" request from Pharaoh. Pharaoh told him about his dream and said, "I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream, you can interpret it." Essentially, Pharaoh merely asked him for an interpretation of his unusual dream. After Yosef interpreted the dream, he also added advice on how to handle the situation, saying to Pharaoh, "Now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt."

Yosef was asked to interpret Pharaoh's dream, and he did so successfully and impressively. Beyond that, he was not asked for his opinion or advice by Pharaoh. The question arises: Why did he do it? Why did he find it appropriate to advise Pharaoh even though he was not explicitly asked?

The Ramban explains simply that Yosef saw it as part of the dream. After solving the dream, he added, "Now let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man and put him in charge of the land of Egypt," meaning: You need to appoint someone responsible for the operation. Yosef did not see this as additional advice but as part of the dream solution.

Similarly, the Hida (in his book *Nahal Kadmonim*) explained that after the first dream, it is written, "Then Pharaoh woke up; he fell asleep again and had another dream," indicating that it was a continuation of the dream. Therefore, Yosef said to him, 'Now,' interpret for yourself the dream of 'And Pharaoh awoke.' Yosef saw this as part of the dream and its solution, so he added, 'Let Pharaoh look for a discerning and wise man,' meaning: You need to wake up from your sleep, understand the situation, and prepare appropriately for the new reality. You need to find 'a discerning and wise man' promptly who will save Egypt from famine.

The Magid of Dubno (in his book *Me'or Enayim*) explained this allegorically. Imagine a king who fell ill, and his condition worsened. The best doctors had already given up, and while the king was getting worse and "counting the hours," a humble doctor came forward. He knew that if he expressed his opinion, all the senior doctors would oppose him and nullify his words. So, the humble doctor approached the king and said, "I have medicinal herbs that can cure your illness, but I don't know how to prepare them. I assume you have an expert who understands this field and can prepare them properly for use as a remedy." This way, the humble doctor assured the king that he would not undermine the dignity of the other doctors, and at the same time, he paved the way for the king's healing.

Similarly, Yosef was concerned about the Egyptian magicians and Pharaoh's advisers. He worried that out of envy for him solving the dream, they might try to diminish his solution and mock him. Yosef thought they might contradict his words and belittle him. Therefore, he said to Pharaoh: After I have revealed the interpretation of the dream to you, you need to find among those around you 'a discerning and wise man' who will lead the system. This way, he secured their agreement with his solution. Many of the magicians believed that they fulfilled the basic criteria, and none of them would oppose the possibility of being appointed to the prestigious and meaningful position. Indeed, when he finished speaking, "The matter pleased Pharaoh and his servants," and, no less importantly, "in the eyes of all his servants," i.e. they all agreed to Yosef's solution. This created support for Yosef's solution among the magicians, and, of course, it cleared his way to the senior position in Pharaoh's palace, even though he did not initially intend for that. Regarding such struggles, Shlomo HaMelech said, "For with good advice you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory." Everyone faces many challenges in their lives.

One must know how to navigate and act with wisdom and insight. Because life is like a complicated puzzle with lots of problems. These problems, whether they are about ourselves or the world around us, are like tests that check how strong we are and what kind of person we are. Figuring out how to deal with these challenges is not just about understanding what's happening but also about being smart and making good decisions. When we face difficulties with wisdom, we can turn them into chances to learn and grow. It's like finding a way through a confusing maze – by being clever and understanding, we can move forward with purpose and light. So, when life gets tricky, it's a chance to show how we can learn, adapt, and be smart.



MIDRASH BY NIGHT

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Following Arvit
(or 8:00pm in the winter)

*Torah learning opportunities for everyone
Learn with a havruta partner or at your own pace*

Various shiurim by R' David Kadoch,
R' Shemuel Pinto and others

Speak to Rabbi Kadoch to find the right class for you

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

Avot U'Banim

Father-Son Learning Program
Learning & Tehillim • Amazing Prizes • Pizza • Treats & more...



Sephardic Kehila Centre - Lower Level Synagogue
7026 Bathurst Street, Thornhill, Ontario

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Motzaei Shabbat During The Winter Months

For more information or to sponsor an Avot U'Banim Program please
contact Dr. Adam Ohayon at adamohayon@gmail.com



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PROTECT our soldiers
HEAL our injured
in the zechut of NOT TALKING IN SHUL

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EVERY MONDAY AT 7:30PM.

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