



Sephardic Kehila Centre

יגדיל בתורת א-להינו ירבה בתוך הקהילה

Abir Yaakob Congregation

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Shabbat Parashat Vayakhel
 March 9th, 2024 | 29 Adar 1, 5784
 Parasha pg. 516 | Haftara pg. 1207

פרשת ויקהל
 כט' אדר א תשפ"ד

Shabbat Zemanim: Netz - - 6:40 am | Keriat Shema - - 9:34 am | Amida - - 10:32 am Shekia - - 6:17 pm

Shabbat Services

מנחה Mincha - Main Synagogue	6:00 pm
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting / Mizmor Shir	5:58 pm
שחרית מנין החיד"א (וטיקין) Shacharit HaHida Vatikim	5:40 am
Shiur Hilchot Tefila	8:15 am
שחרית Shacharit - Main Synagogue	8:45 am
תהלים Tehilim	5:00 pm
מנחה Mincha	5:30 pm
שבוע טוב Shabbat Ends	7:00 pm

Weekday Services

Sunday	
וטיקין Vatikim	45 min before sunrise
מקדימים Makdimim*	8:00 am
קבועים Kevuim	9:00 am
*Rosh Hodesh 7:45am	
Monday - Friday	
וטיקין Vatikim	40 min before sunrise
מקדימים Makdimim*	6:30 am
קבועים Kevuim*	8:00 am
מנחה Mincha	5:55 pm
ערבית Arvit	immediately following Mincha
*Rosh Hodesh 6:25am/7:45am	

Happy Anniversary

- Mr. & Mrs. Sol & Bella Benchetrit
- Mr. & Mrs. Dov & Dorrie Levy

Birthdays

Biba Benquesus, Laurence Cohen, Raquel Hyams, Daniel Abtan,
 Reuben Benquesus, Eny Kadoch, Yisroel Chaim Ahula,
 David Amirian, Malka Nahmad, Jacob Benchetrit

Nahalot This Week

Saturday 29 Adar1 – March 9th | Salomon Bitton ז"ל
Monday 1 Adar11 – March 11th | Victor Chaim Benisti, Jean Aronovici ז"ל
Tuesday 2 Adar11 – March 12th | Isaac Medina, Chaya Nacson ז"ל
Thursday 4 Adar11 – March 14th | Messod Saban, Moises Trojman ז"ל
Friday 5 Adar11 – March 15th | Rahel Nacson ז"ל

Nahalot Next Week

Thursday 4 Adar 11 – March 14th | Joseph Anidjar ז"ל
Saturday 6 Adar 11 – March 16th | Mair Cohen ז"ל
Sunday 7 Adar 11 – March 17th | Victor Totah ז"ל, Messodi Trojman - Bendahan ז"ל
Monday 8 Adar 11 – March 18th | Aharon Assor ז"ל
Thursday 11 Adar 11 – March 21st | Rahel Benzacar ז"ל

Synagogue News

Condolences

Baruch Dayan HaEmet

We are sad to announce the passing of our dear friend and member Mr. Albert Dayan z"l, husband to Mrs. Elisa Dayan and father to our dear friend and member Mr. Amram Dayan as well as to Mr. Moshe Dayan, Mr. David Dayan and Mr. Shlomo Dayan; Brother to our friend and member Mr. Isaac Dayan and to Mr. Marcos Dayan and Mrs. Emma Shkouri.
May his neshama rest eternally in Gan Eden and may we only hear Besorot Tovot. Amen.

Mishmara Notice:

Mishmara of Mr. Albert Dayan z"l will take place on Tuesday March 12th in lower-level sanctuary starting with Minha at 5:55pm. May we only hear Besorot Tovot

Rosh Hodesh Adar Sheni

Rosh Hodesh Adar Sheni will be on Sunday and Monday (beginning Saturday night).

Clock Change

Don't forget to move your clocks forward this Sunday morning at 2am.

Weekday Minha/Arvit Summer Scheduling

Beginning this Sunday, Minha will be recited before Pelag Minha followed immediately by Arvit.
 (Erev Shabbat will remain at winter scheduling until April.)

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 is asked to call the office at 905-669-7654 x200 or send an e-mail to social@kehilacentre.com.

This Weeks Congregational Kiddush is Sponsored by:

The Sephardic Kehila Centre in welcoming

TEHILAT YERUSHALAYIM CONGREGATION to the SKC

Everyone is Welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This Week's Seuda Shelishit is Sponsored By:

- Mr. & Mrs. Leon and Denise Elmaleh in memory of her father Jean Aronovici Z'L
- Shabtai Nacson in memory of his mother Rahel Nacson z"l

Everyone is Welcome

Early Risers, Early Gainers

Join Rabbi Kadoch Shabbat mornings at 8:15 am for an informative shiur on Hilchot Tefila using the sefer Peninei Halakha. Coffee and tea are available.

Tefilot and Piyutim

The young boys of the community, led by Dr. 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.

PARASHA PRISMS: Shiur for men and women

Parashat HaShavua Shiur by Rabbi Kadoch will take place this week on Monday at 8:00PM.

Open to men and ladies

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 Wednesday March 13th

See you there!

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 Tefila - Shabbat at **8:15 am** Main Synagogue

Gemara Sanhedrin - Sundays at **7:15 am** Downstairs synagogue.

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.

Divrei Torah - Perashat Vayakhel

By: Rabbi Kadoch

Vayakhel 5784 - Women's Hands and Heavenly Guidance

The Torah describes the quality of work that the women used to perform when weaving the threads in preparation of the Mishkan. "And every wise-hearted woman spun with her hands, and they brought spun material: blue, purple, and crimson yarns and fine linen." The oddity in the verse is that it begins in the singular, beyadeha (her hands) yet describes her work in the plural, tavu, (they spun).

One explanation suggests that the pasuk hints that it wasn't the women who did the work independently, but rather their hands were guided by angels sent by Hashem. No human could perform such intricate craftsmanship without Hashem's assistance. The angels influenced the women's hands to create the desired form, and the pasuk's wording implies that God considers the women as if they did the entire task themselves. In fact this is hinted in the word בִּידֶיהָ which can be split to read בִּיד-יה - in the hand of Hashem.

This concept is further illustrated by the construction of the Mishkan. On one hand, the command is given "ve'asu li mikdash" - to "make for Me a sanctuary," implying our obligation to build the Tabernacle. On the other hand, it is stated, "mikedash adonai konenu yadecha" "the sanctuary of the Hashem, which your hands have established," indicating that Hashem will build the Mikdash. Our duty is to create a dwelling place for the shechina through Torah observance and mitzvot in exile. However, we cannot achieve this without heavenly assistance. We do what we can, and Hashem helps and complements our efforts, infusing His Presence within us, as expressed in that pasuk.

The important lesson derived from here is the collaborative nature of our endeavors with the HaKadosh Baruch Hu. While we are tasked with fulfilling our responsibilities, it is crucial to recognize the role of siyata dishmaya in our achievements. Acknowledging our limitations and seeking support from Above ensures that our efforts are aligned with a higher purpose and ultimately lead to a harmonious partnership between human action and God's intervention. This teaches us humility, bitahon, and the importance of recognizing the spiritual dimension in our everyday pursuits.

By: Rabbi Mansour

The Definition of a Misva

Parashat Vayakhel tells of Moshe assembling Beneh Yisrael in order to tell them G-d's commands regarding the construction of the Mishkan. However, Moshe prefaces these instructions with the command to observe Shabbat. The Rabbis explained that Moshe began with Shabbat observance to underscore the point that the lofty undertaking of building a Mishkan, the place where the Shechina (Divine Presence) would reside, did not override the Shabbat prohibitions. The people might have assumed that given the importance of this project, and the nation's enthusiasm to bring the Shechina into their midst, they should do everything necessary to hasten the completion of the Mishkan, including working on Shabbat.

Moshe therefore prefaced the commands regarding the Mishkan with the command of Shabbat, emphasizing that as important and precious as the Mishkan of course was, its construction had to be halted each week for the observance of Shabbat. This concept conveys a critical message about our religious observance generally. It teaches us that only the Torah itself dictates for us what a Misva is. We cannot define for ourselves what a Misva is, what is good to do and what is not good to do. It made a great deal of sense to the people that the work on the Mishkan should continue on Shabbat, but this is not what G-d wanted. And so if the people had continued working to build the Mishkan on Shabbat, they would have been guilty of a grievous sin. Even though their work was idealistically motivated, they were sincere in their desire to bring G-d into their midst, and their activity certainly appeared and felt like a holy act, it would have been a sin. The fact something seems like a Misva does not make it a Misva. Only the Torah determines for us what is a Misva and what is not. There are numerous different applications of this fundamental principle. One is the grave mistake made by the non-Orthodox Jewish movements. Their leaders have taken the liberty to decide for themselves, based on their feelings and perceptions, what a Misva is. And thus, for example, they decided that driving to prayer services on Shabbat is acceptable, because otherwise many people would be unable to attend. It is clear to anyone with even the most basic familiarity with the Halachot of Shabbat that driving constitutes an act of Shabbat desecration, and that avoiding driving on Shabbat is thus far more important than praying with a Minyan.

The fact that some people might intuitively decide otherwise does not make their view correct. Only the Torah, and not people's intuition, determines what is a Misva. Another example is the observation made by Rav Yisrael Salanter (1809-1883) about students who are so passionate about attending Torah classes that they push and shove to get a front row seat. They might feel they're doing something "religious" or "holy" by excitedly rushing to be among the first in the room and get a seat close to their Rabbi, but what they are doing, Rav Yisrael Salanter said, is sinful. It is better not to attend a Torah class at all than to push people on the way to a Torah class. Another example is charity. Of course, charity is a wonderful and vitally important Misva. But there is zero positive value to giving charity with money which was earned dishonestly. A Misva performed by way of a sin is not a Misva. It might feel like a Misva, it might seem holy, and the donor might be sincerely motivated – just like building the Mishkan on Shabbat seemed holy – but in truth, there is nothing holy about it, because the Torah strictly forbids such conduct. Similarly, there are people who are involved in the otherwise noble effort to build a new institution, such as a synagogue or yeshiva, and in the process take the liberty to insult, embarrass or malign other people. They assume that the lofty ends – building a new institution – justify the means of hurting other people and instigating fights.

This assumption is in diametric opposition to the Torah. The Torah teaches us in no uncertain terms that the ends most definitely do not justify the means, and that a Misva performed by way of a sin is not a Misva at all. Let us remember that the Torah, and only the Torah, teaches us what is right and what is wrong. We need to consult with our Rabbis and receive their guidance, so that we ensure that everything we seek to do that seems like a Misva is, indeed, a Misva.

SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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WILD WEST PURIM

SUNDAY
MARCH 24TH
6 PM

ADULTS \$55
KIDS \$35

EVENING OF FUN!

GOURMET BUFFET & UNIQUE MELODIES!
WILD WEST COCKTAILS!
KAHOOT TRIVIA & MECHANICAL BULL RIDE!
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Unleash the Queen Within

In the spirit of Purim, tap into the wisdom of Queen Esther and unlock your hidden potential. Just like Queen Esther initially concealed her true identity, we may be hiding parts of ourselves. It's time to step into our truth!

Join us for a powerful breath work session to:

- Explore the story of Queen Esther and her journey to self-actualization.
- Reconnect with your hidden self and unveil your true essence.
- Align with your inner strength and courage to embrace your authenticity.
- Elevate your energy through rhythmic movement and guided breathwork.
- Prepare for the holiday of Purim with renewed empowerment and purpose.

Open to all women in the community.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024
7:45pm

Sephardic Kehilah Centre
7026 Bathurst St, Thornhill, ON
Downstairs Social Hall

\$5 for Members | \$10 non-members

All funds donated to Sisterhood Programming at Kehilah Centre

No prior breathwork experience necessary

Space is limited. Reserve your spot today

Unleash Your Hidden Self and Reclaim Your Power!

Your guide for this experience:
Esther Willinger
Certified Transformational Coach
Advanced SOMA Breath® Instructor



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CELEBRATE PURIM WITH THE RABBI

JOIN RABBI KADOCH AND HIS
FAMILY AND ENJOY DELICIOUS
FOOD AND WINE

Come together to share the joy of
the Purim Holiday with our
community.
Lots of delicious food and wine,
music, and lots of candy for the
kids.

FOR MEN, WOMEN AND KIDS
OF ALL AGES.

SUNDAY MARCH 24TH
1230PM TO 400PM
(MINHA AT 4PM)

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The SKC Sisterhood is pleased to offer a box of our favorite
Sephardic treats. Send as a Mishloach Manot or sweeten
your own Purim table.

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Limited supply. Order soon!

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and Mercedes Abecassis for preparing delicious treats. (Please
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Pick up date Sunday March 24th 9am - 12pm at the SKC
To order, <https://www.kehilacentre.com/event/Purimbox>

