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Shabbat Shalom *Welcome to our Synagogue*

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Shabbat Vayechi פרשת ויחי

Shabbat January 14th, 2017, ט"ז / טבת תשע"ז / 16 Tebet 5777
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Shabbat Prayer Times

שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	4:35 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:50 p.m.
קבלת שבת Kabalat Shabbat	5:05 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	4:46 p.m.
שחרית מנין החייד"א (וטיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	6:50 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue) Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
תהלים Tehilim	3:50 p.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:20 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabat Ends	5:52 p.m.

Ereb Shabbat, Friday January 20th, 2017

Shir Hashirim 4:45 p.m. (Candle Lighting 4:55 p.m.)

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:49 am, Keriat Shema- קריאת שמע- 9:32 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 5:05 pm

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shacharit Sunday

וטיקין Vatikim	7:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

שחרית Shacharit Weekdays

וטיקין Vatikim	7:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Mincha	4:50 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	5:30 p.m.

Mazal Tob

Mazal Tob to Adam and Leat Mishan on the birth of a baby boy.

Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Pinhas and Kathy Mishan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Alla Volfson

Mrs. Sandra Winitsky and Mr. Gerry Volgyi on the Bar Misva of their son Eric Samuel.

Proud Grandparents: Mr. Simon Sabbah and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff and Frida Volgyi

Kiddush

This Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Leon & Sandra Winitsky in honour of the Bar Misva of their son, Eric. Everyone is welcome

Seuda Shelishit

This Shabbat Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by Mr. Ney Bendayan in memory of his beloved father, Mr. Jacob Bendayan ז"ל, Mr. Yaacob Medina in memory of his beloved father Mr. Abraham Medina ז"ל and Mr. Paul Senechal in memory of his beloved mother Mrs. Ribka Sara Pinto-Senechal ז"ל
Everyone is welcome.

Nahalot

Simon Elfassy ז"ל 17 Tebet/ Sunday January 15th
Abraham Medina ז"ל 19 Tebet/ Tuesday January 17th
Jacob Bendayan ז"ל 20 Tebet/ Wednesday January 18th
Rivka Sara Pinto-Senechal ז"ל 22 Tebet/ Friday January 20th

Nahalot for the following week

Isaac Assayag ז"ל 23 Tebet/ Shabbat January 21st
Sarah Ruth Michael ז"ל 25 Tebet/ Monday January 23rd
Hillel Edery ז"ל 26 Tebet/ Tuesday January 24th

Condolences

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Ribka Nezry ז"ל mother of our dear friend and member Mr. Salomon Nezry Our sincere condolences to the family. May Hashem console the entire family and may her neshama rest in Gan Eden, Amen.



Abir Yaakob News

Kiddush Group

Due to the generosity of some members during Simchat Torah last year, our Kiddush Club was well funded and we had the pleasure of enjoying wonderful kiddushim all this time.

Shabbat Kiddush is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our friends, meet new members and enjoy great food!

The fund that was started last year is now near depletion.

Please help us continue this wonderful tradition by becoming a Kiddush Club Sponsor.

Please contact the office at 905-669-7654 ext. 253 or maurice@kehilacentre.com

Bnei Akiva

A reminder that Bnei Akiva is restarts this week, 20 minutes after Minha until the end of Shabbat:

Keep a look out for the Bnei Akiva bulletin in the shul showing future programming!

Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakob

Avot U'Banim - Saturday Nights at 7:15 pm

In conjunction with Kollel Yismah Moshe, Abir Yaakob conducts a Father-Son learning program every Motsae Shabbat at 7:15 pm. In addition to the learning of Torah, the boys get to learn a Sephardic piyut (song) and hear a story from Rabbi Kadoch. It culminates with food and prizes. Skating following the learning. Sponsorship opportunities available at \$150 and \$250. Contact Rabbi Kadoch for more information. This week's sponsor is Mr. & Mrs. Moise Benedit.

Hazak U'Baruch

Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10am (following Shaharit)

Join Hacham Assayag every Sunday morning at 10AM for a special breakfast and open-ended learning session.

Topic: *The underlying reasons behind the Minhagim.*

Tefila begins at 9:00 am. For more information contact Hacham Assayag.

Daf Yomi

Please join us daily for Gemara Daf Yomi with Haham Assayag, immediately after Arbit.

Tuesday Night LIVE with Tomer Malca

Please join Tomer Malca on Tuesday nights in the Midrash at 7:30 pm for a shiur on relevant halacha topics of the day.

Night Yeshiva - Wednesday Nights at 8pm

Attention high school and university boys: Come and enjoy a learning session followed by an intense game of basketball.

Every Thursday beginning at 8pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information contact in person Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson.

Ladies Shiur - Wednesdays at 8pm

Parashat HaShavua, Halacha and more. Ladies are invited to join Rabbi Kadoch every Wednesday at 8pm for an hour of Torah learning and discussion. For more information or for email reminders, contact Rabbi Kadoch at davkadoch@gmail.com

Life Matters - Thursdays at 9pm

Join Hacham Amram Assayag every Thursday night for a discussion on deep and profound insights on life and Torah values. Refreshments to be served. For more information contact in person Max Benatar.

Upcoming Events

In-House Kehila Girls Shabbaton - Grades 6-8 - January 20-22

Kehila Girls between Grades 6-8 are invited for an exciting in-house Shabbaton at the SKC. You will enjoy two delicious Shabbat meals with fun and games followed by a Motsae Shabbat activity and a Sunday RAPTORS GAME! To sign up, contact Rabbi Kadoch by December 24th 2017. Cost \$100/\$120 (non-member)

In-House Kehila Boys Shabbaton - Grades 5-8 - January 27-29

Kehila Boys between Grades 5-8 are invited for an exciting in-house Shabbaton at the SKC. You will enjoy two delicious Shabbat meals with fun and games followed by a Motsae Shabbat activity and a Sunday RAPTORS GAME! To sign up, contact Rabbi Kadoch in person by January 1st 2017. Cost \$100/\$120 (non-member)

Welcome!

We would like to welcome our new Administrator, Jennifer Alexandroff. Jennifer comes to us with several years experience in synagogue experience. Jennifer can be reached at x236, or at Jennifer@kehilacentre.com. If you have announcements for the bulletin, or if you need to book an event, please contact Jennifer. Jennifer looks forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation or if you have a change of address or email please call our Administrator Jennifer at (905) 669-7654 Ext. 236 or e-mail jennifer@kehilacentre.com

Please be advised that the cutoff time for insertion in the bulletin is Wednesday.

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Shabat Vayehi

From Adam Harishon and until Yaakob Abinu, we do not find the existence of sickness in those generations. People died suddenly without any previous warning. When death took place, the person sneezed and this was the indication that the neshama had departed the body. (This is the reason why it is our custom to bless the person that sneezes wishing him/her "Hayim Tobin" – a good life, as previously the only time one sneezed was at the time of death). Yaakob Abinu was of the opinion that it was not good for man to depart from this world suddenly, thus he prayed to Hashem that He announces to the person and relatives the possibility that death may take place, through weakening of the body, meaning sickness. For the first time we find in the Torah a sick person who is about to die: Yaakob Abinu.

Yaakob Abinu gathered all his children to bless them before his death. When assembled, he asked them whether their belief in Hashem was a complete one, a declaration he wished to hear before departing this world. His children confirm unequivocally their strong faith in Hashem with the expression: "Shema Yisrael Hashem Elo-henu Hashem Ehad" – Hear, Israel (a reference to Yaakob Abinu, who Hashem called Israel) Hashem is our G-d, Hashem is One". Yaakob Abinu moved by this confirmation, expresses gratitude to Hakadosh Baruch Hu with the words: "Baruch Shem Kavod Malchuto Le'olam Va'ed" – "Blessed His name and glorious sovereignty for ever and ever".

The sons of Yaakob were the ones to compose and first use what was to become the classic proclamation of faith of every Jew. It is with this Shema that the Jew lives. From the first moment of childhood when ones learns to utter words, and twice daily through the entire life, and to the last moment on this earth, when the neshama departs this world for its eternal rest.

Yaakob Abinu and his children taught this to us.

Shiur Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

"May the angel who redeems me from all evil bless the children...and may they procreate abundantly like fish within the land."

During the 7 days of creation, there were only three things that were blessed by God after they were created: A) The fish on Day 5 B) Man on Day 6 and C) Shabbat on Day 7. Hence, when Shabbat arrives, the custom is for man to eat fish to combine and exalt all three blessings together as one.

But here's another reason why, delving a little more deeper. The Talmud in Avodah Zarah 3b compares man to fish based on a verse from the book of Habakuk. The Talmud asks why is man compared to fish? The answer is to teach us that just like if the fish of the sea were to exit the waters onto the dry land they would die immediately, so too man, if they were to separate themselves from the Torah and the commandments they would perish immediately. (Torah is compared to water in many ways but not for this post). This is hinted in the aforementioned pasuk where Yaakov blesses Yosef's sons, Menashe and Efrayim. The word וידגו ("and may they procreate") which has the root word דג (fish) comes to teach us that just like the fish in the waters procreate in huge amounts and the Evil Eye doesn't affect them, so too shall it be to the sons of Yosef. In essence, when the Jews recall to themselves that they are compared to fish, who can't live without "water," which is the Torah, then the Evil Eye will have no power against them. That is why Moshe Rabenu, the Giver of the Torah, was born in the month of Adar, whose Zodiac sign is Pisces (aka Fish), for his soul and

therefore his entire existence stems directly from the Torah itself.

Now we can understand better why we eat fish on Shabbat; because fish in the sea is comparable to man and his Torah. The most opportune time to study Torah is on Shabbat. All the more so for the people who don't have the time to study during the week, they should find every opportunity to engage in Torah study over Shabbat.

With the winter upon us and the Friday nights being far too long, it is very tempting to just say "I'm going to bed" even though its not even 8PM. I think it's important for all of us to allocate at least an hour to God, by either reading some Jewish Law, picking up a Talmud or catching up on the week's Parasha. For those illiterate in Hebrew, we live in a world with an abundant of English options as well. If one is truly so busy during the week, that he can't find any time to learn some Torah, Shabbat is the best opportunity to make some of that time up. Needless to say, the same goes for the long Shabbat afternoons in the summer. Does one truly need to nap for 4-5 hours and not devote sometime to Torah learning? It's not just something to think about, it's something to act upon.

As a proud Moroccan Jew, I love my Moroccan fish on Friday night. I don't know a single Jew that has tried it and has a distaste for it. But whether it's Moroccan fish or gefilte fish, maybe, just maybe, the fish on Friday night has found a new meaning in our lives.

Shabbat Shalom

The Joe Dwek Ohr HaEmet Sephardic School
 Cordially Invites the Entire Community
 to the 33rd Hilula of

Baba Sali

Haadmor Rabbi Yisrael Abuhatzira זצוק"ל
 צדיק כתרמר יפרח

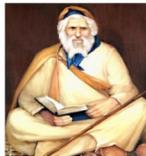
4 Shevat 5777
 Monday, January 30th, 2017
 Cocktails and Registration at 6:00 p.m.
 Dinner to Follow

Door Prizes | Incredible Silent Auction
 Raffles | Live Music

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Abir Yaakob Congregation

cordially invite the Men and Women of our Kehila to the
 Hilula of

Haadmor Rabbi Yaakob Abuhatzira ZTKL

20 Tebet, 5777

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Arbit at 6:30p.m.

Dinner Following

Dinner graciously sponsored by Jacques and Biba
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RSVP no later than Monday, January 16, 2017 @ 12 p.m.
 sharp

Maurice Benzacar 905-669-7654 ext 253

Or email: maurice@kehilacentre.com

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KEHILA CENTRE

Presents our
Sleepover Party

for Girls grades 3-6

Price: \$20

date **Motzei Shabbat February**

11th
Starts 8:00 PM pick up is

time **on Sunday February 12th at**

place **Sephardic Kehila Centre**

kehilakidz@gmail.com

rsvp **to reserve your spot!**