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Shabbat Shalom - Welcome to our Synagogue

Shabbat Bo בא פרשת
February 4, 2017 - 8 Shevat 5777
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<i>Shabbat Prayer Times</i>			<i>Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim</i>		
Shir Hashirim	5:05 pm	שיר השירים			
Minha	5:20 pm	מנחה			
Kabalat Shabbat	5:35 pm	קבלת שבת			
Candle Lighting	5:14 pm	הדלקת נרות			
Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin	6:30 am	שחרית החיד"א (ותיקין)	Vatikin	6:50 am	ותיקין
Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:30 am	שחרית	Makdimin	8:00 am	מקדימים
Tehilim	4:15 pm	תהלים	Kebuim	9:00 am	קבועים
Minha	4:45 pm	מנחה	<i>Shacharit Weekdays שחרית</i>		
Shabbat Ends	6:18 pm	שבוע טוב	Vatikin	6:50 am	ותיקין
Ereb Shabat, Friday February 10, 2017 Shir Hashirim 5:15 pm (Candle Lighting 5:23 pm)			Makdimim	6:45 am	מקדימים
			Kebuim	8:15 am	קבועים
			Minha	5:20 pm	מנחה
			Arbit	6:00 pm	ערבית

Shabat Zemanim - Netz - 7:31 am, Keriat Shema - 9:25 am, Shekia - 5:33 pm

NAHALOT

Isaac Cohen ז"ל	9 Shvat / Sunday February 5
Joseph Amar ז"ל	10 Shvat / Monday February 6
Simon Serfaty ז"ל	10 Shvat / Monday February 6
Yaakob Cohen ז"ל	11 Shvat / Monday February 6
Ayouch Azulay ז"ל	11 Shvat / Tuesday February 7
Nissim Dadoun ז"ל	12 Shvat / Wednesday February 8
Moluf Ruah ז"ל	13 Shvat / Thursday February 9
Rab Shmuel Edery ז"ל	13 Shvat / Thursday February 9
Ami Yaakov Danieli ז"ל	14 Shvat / Friday February 10
<i>Nahalot for next week</i>	
Haim Toledano ז"ל	17 Shvat / Monday February 13
Fortuna Benisty ז"ל	18 Shvat / Tuesday February 14
Rebecca Abitbol ז"ל	19 Shvat / Wednesday February 15
David ben Amir Amiriam ז"ל	19 Shvat / Wednesday February 15
Jacob Benaim ז"ל	20 Shvat / Thursday February 16
Hasiba Dadoun ז"ל	21 Shvat / Friday February 17
Eliyahu Edery ז"ל	21 Shvat / Friday February 17

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This week's **Kiddush** is sponsored by the Kiddush Group. To donate to the Kiddush Group, please contact Jennifer in the office at 905-669-7654 x 253, or email jennifer@kehilacentre.com.

Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by **Sam and Elvy Cohen** in loving memory of Sam's father, Isaac Cohen ז"ל.

MEMBER REMINDERS

Please remember to send any mazal tob, condolence, or other messages to note in the bulletin to our new Administrator, Jennifer Alexandroff. Jennifer's e-mail address is jennifer@kehilacentre.com, and her phone number is 905-669-7654 x 253. The deadline for submitting an item to be included is Wednesday at 5:00 pm.



Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakob

Avot U Banim - Saturday Night at 7:30 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. Please contact Rabbi Kadoch for more information. This week's session is sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Adam Ohayon and Esther Ohayon for the Refuah Shleima of Adam Moshe Haim ben Olga.

Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am (following Shacharit)

Join Hacham Assayag every Sunday morning at 10:00 am for a special breakfast and open-ended learning session. The topic is *The Underlying Reasons for the Minhagim*. Tefila begins at 9:00 am. For more information please contact Hacham Assayag.

Daf Yomi

Please join us daily for Gemara Daf Yomi with Hacham Assayag immediately after Arbat.

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 - Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

Attention High School and University boys: Come and enjoy a learning session followed by an intense game of basketball. Every Wednesday night beginning at 8:00 pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information, contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson in person.

Ladies Shiur - Wednesdays at 8:00 pm

Parshat HaShavua, Halacha and more. Ladies are invited to join Rabbi Kadoch every Wednesday at 8:00 pm 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 9:00 pm

Join Hacham 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 Max Benetar in person.

Hazak U'Baruch

Hazak U'Baruch to **Mr. Michael Benarroch** who ran the Chai Lifeline Marathon in Miami last week. By completing the marathon, Michael raised funds for this important organization. *Chai Lifeline offers support, counseling, tutoring, family retreats, two summer camps for children who are seriously ill. All of these programs are free of charge to the families who need them.*

Upcoming Events at Abir Yaakob

Tu Bishvat Seder

Our Tu Bishvat seder will take place on Shabbat Beshalach - February 11. There will be delicious fruits, singing and more. All are invited.

Girls' Sleep Over Party

Girls in grades 3 - 6 are invited to a sleep over party on Motzei Shabbat February 11, starting at 8:00 pm. Reserve your spot at kehilakidz@gmail.com. We are looking for a female volunteer age 18 or older to act as a chaperone. Please contact Jennifer Alexandroff, Administrator at jennifer@kehilacentre.com or at 647-980-2154.

Youth Minyan-Led Shabbat Services

Please join us in in the main Sanctuary February 18 at 8:30 am as the Youth Minyan conducts Shabbat Services. The Youth Minyan meets to engage our teens and pre-teens in a lively teen-led services. This is an incredible opportunity for our teens to read from the Torah, lead services in our Sephardic tradition, share Divrei Torah, have a positive shul experience and be empowered to take greater ownership of their Tefillah. The Youth Minyan begins at 9:30 am on Shabbat and concludes with its own special kiddush.

Coming in February: SKC is going Snow Tubing! Fun for the whole family. Please watch for further details.

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Please be advised that the cut-off time for insertion in the bulletin is Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

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Insights on the Torah by Haham Amram Assayag

Hashem tells Moshe to go back to Par'oh, because He has hardened his heart in order to set up His signs in order that the Jews may relate the miracle that G-d created in Egypt to their sons. Moshe and Aharon came to Par'oh to tell him that if he still refuses to let the people go, Hashem will send locusts that will cover the entire land. Par'oh's servants beg him to let the Jews go and worship their G-d, does he not realize that Egypt is destroyed? Par'oh then calls Moshe and asks him who would leave, Moshe lets him know that everyone will go from the young to the aged, men and women even their flocks. Par'oh tells them that only the men may go and drives them out from his presence. After the plague number 9 Hoshech – Darkness – Par'oh calls on Moshe again, and this time, he promises to send everyone away except the flocks, if he takes away the darkness. Moshe informs him that when they leave Egypt, Par'oh himself will give them flocks.

Moshe forewarns Par'oh that at midnight Hashem will go out in the midst of Egypt and will kill all the firstborn of the Egyptians families, including those of the animals. Then, when all his servants come down to him and they, will throw themselves down at his feet and will beg him to go out with the people.

As Hashem had forewarned Par'oh, He passed through Egypt killing all firstborn, on that night. Par'oh runs out looking for Moshe and Aharon and they go out from the midst of his people, with their children and flocks and asks them to bless him before he goes. All the Egyptians went out to rush the Children of Israel to leave the country, for they thought they would all die. The Jews found grace in the eyes of the Egyptians who gave them all they requested.

The Jews numbered about six hundred thousand, besides women and children, when they left Mitzrayim after galut of 430 years. Hashem teaches Moshe all the laws concerning the sacrifices for Pesah, to transmit to the nation. The Children Israel shall celebrate the Pesah when coming into the Promised Land and will relate the miracles of Hashem to their children, having the Mitzva of Tefilin as a sign on the arm and on the frontlets between their eyes.

Hashem speaks to Moshe and tells him sanctify all firstborns of the Jews, man as well as animal. A firstborn being male will be put aside for Hashem and these will be redeemed of the natural sanctify that is born with them.

Shiur Bites

By Rabbi David Kadoch

"ופסח ה' על הפתח, ולא יתן המשחית לבא אל בתיכם לנגף"

"And Hashem passed over the entrance and did not allow the Destroyer to come to your homes to smite."

Ask any Jew with a minimal Jewish education what this verse means and their answer is simple. "God passed over the homes of the Jews and only struck the firstborn of the Egyptians. And that's why this holiday is called "Passover." Yay! But if you've gotten a chance to read some of my Divrei Torah the last few years, you know that this explanation should not be the "be all end all" of this verse. Simply because God, Master of the Universe, DOES NOT need to skip over people's homes to have the opportunity to kill others. Because he knows who He will smite, He performs the action immediately. So, if you're ready to move on from grade school, read the rest of this Devar Torah and find out the true meaning of God passing over the "entrance" of the Jewish homes.

Our sages explain that in order for Hashem to provide salvation to a Jew or to many Jews for that matter, there must be spark, or an effort, from down below (the people) to earn that salvation. As the Talmudic dictum writes: God says to His people "Open for me a opening פתח the size of a needle through your Teshuva (repentance) and I will open for you an opening פתח the size where wagons can pass through." In other words, if you want salvation, show God you care. Begin the process of repentance.

This is the process 99.99% of the time. When it came to the exodus from Egypt, this wasn't the case. God chose to skip Step One, repentance, and proceed directly to Step Two: Salvation. If you reread the verse, it makes perfect sense - And God skipped over the פתח, the entryway of Teshuva and immediately disallowed the destroyer to smite them.

This idea is hinted to in the 15 steps of the Pesach Seder. The first two are called Kadesh, Urchatz, which literally mean "Sanctify" and "Cleanse." Using the normal procedure we mentioned, one must first refrain from bad (Cleanse) and then proceed towards the good (Sanctify). סור מרע ועשה טוב (Refrain from bad and do good) Therefore, it would have been apropos for the Seder to begin with Urchatz and then Kadesh. However, that wasn't to be because just as God chose to do the good, without the requirement of "refraining from bad," we therefore begin our Seder recognizing this extraordinary kindness of God's deliverance of the Jewish people out of the hands of the Egyptians.

Shabbat Shalom.

This past Shabbat the Kehila Boys between Grades 5-8 enjoyed a beautiful Shabbaton. It started out with a delicious lunch filled with singing and Divre Torah. It culminated with a strategic scavenger hunt and an intense game of DodgeBall in the gym. I would like to thank Mr. Isaac Nacson for accompanying me for the afternoon and Elys Fine Foods for the mouthwatering lunch.

Following shabbat, we trekked over to Putting Edge where we played 18 holes of glow in the dark mini-golf. After some arcade playing and pizza eating we played two thrilling games of Laser Tag which was the highlight of the evening. I would like to thank Mr. Yossi Azulay for joining me Saturday night for these two fun activities. Thank you to the boys and parents who signed up for this weekend and I look forward to creating more entertaining and adventurous activities in the future.

