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ברוכים הבאים שבת שלום  
Shabbat Shalom—Welcome to our Synagogue

**Shabbat Parashat Shemini**  
April 22, 2017 - 26 Nisan 5777  
Parasha page 588, Haftara page 1168 in Artscroll  
Rosh Chodesh Iyar is Wednesday (April 26) and Thursday (April 27)

<i>Shabbat Prayer Times</i>		
Shir Hashirim	6:15 pm	שיר השירים
Minha	6:30 pm	מנחה
Kabalat Shabbat	6:45 pm	קבלת שבת
Candle Lighting	7:05 pm	הדלקת נרות
<b>Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin</b>	<b>5:25 am</b>	<b>שחרית החיד"א (ותיקין)</b>
Netz	6:23 am	נץ
<b>Shaharit (Main Synagogue)</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>שחרית</b>
Latest Shema	9:14 am	שמע
<b>Tehilim</b>	<b>6:55 pm</b>	<b>תהלים</b>
<b>Minha</b>	<b>7:25 pm</b>	<b>מנחה</b>
Shekia	8:10 pm	שקיעה
Shabbat Ends	8:56 pm	שבוע טוב

<i>Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim</i>		
<i>Shaharit Sunday שחרית</i>		
Vatikin	5:40 am	ותיקין
Makdimin	8:00 am	מקדימים
Kebuim	9:00 am	קבועים
<i>Weekday Tefillot</i>		
Vatikin	5:40 am	ותיקין
Makdimim	6:45 am	מקדימים
Kebuim	8:15 am	קבועים
Minha	7:55 pm	מנחה
Arbit	8:35 pm	ערבית
<i>Next Ereb Shabbat, Friday April 28, 2017 Shir Hashirim 6:15 pm (Mincha 6:35 pm)</i>		

**MAZAL TOB**

Mazal Tob to our friends and members **Daniel & Yael Amar** on the birth of their grandson, born to their daughter Audrey Batel and her husband Michael Mordechai. Proud great grandmother is Mrs. Alia Serfaty of Jerusalem.

<b>NAHALOT</b>	
Miriam Ohayon ז"ל	27 Nisan/ 23 April
Stanley Hersh ז"ל	27 Nisan/ 23 April
Lily Benshabat ז"ל	27 Nisan/ 23 April
Nolan Jacobs ז"ל	28 Nisan/ 24 April
Abraham Hassan ז"ל	29 Nisan/ 25 April
Vida Benoudiz ז"ל	29 Nisan/ 25 April
Clara Assayag ז"ל	30 Nisan/ 26 April
Blaine Stein ז"ל	1 Iyar/ 27 April
Avraham Elfassy ז"ל	1 Iyar/ 27 April
Esther Ebidia ז"ל	2 Iyar/ 28 April
Monique Hanna Sibony ז"ל	2 Iyar/ 28 April
<i>Nahalot for Next Week:</i>	
Haya Messodi Zrihen ז"ל	4 Iyar/ 30 April
Yomtob Leon ז"ל	4 Iyar/ 30 April
Simon Melul ז"ל	5 Iyar/ 1 May
Meny Abikhzer ז"ל	5 Iyar/ 1 May
Tuba Kissati ז"ל	7 Iyar/ 3 May
Aaron Bensimhon ז"ל	8 Iyar/ 4 May

**SPONSORSHIPS**

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by **James & Limor Keslassy** in honour of their son, **Jonah**, reading the first Perek at Shaharit this Shabbat.

This week's Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by **Syd & Hanna Ohayon** in commemoration of the nahala of Syd's mother, Miriam Ohayon ז"ל.



## Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakob

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

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*. Tefilla 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 one hour before Mincha.

**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 bi-monthly. For more information, contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson in person.

**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 Benatar in person.

**Kehila Boys' Mishmar Program - Grades 5-8!**

Boys grades 5-8, come out for a great time and see your friends from all schools! Every Wednesday we'll be meeting in the Red Room at 7:00 pm for some learning, snacks, and prizes, followed by our own basketball league in the gym! For any questions or for sponsorship opportunities, please contact [yosazulay@gmail.com](mailto:yosazulay@gmail.com)



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On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Consulate General of Israel is holding its annual Yom Hazikaron Memorial Ceremony. This day is the official Memorial Day in Israel where we remember the fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

This year the Consulate will hold the ceremony at Beth Tzedec Congregation at 1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Doors will open at 6:45pm and the event will start 7:30pm.

On Monday, May 1, all are invited to join the Toronto Jewish community for a celebration and commemoration of Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom Hazikaron through the eyes of history. Keynote speaker is Dr. Yitzhak Yifat, one of the first paratroopers to reach the Kotel in 1967. The program will take start at 6:45 pm at Shaarei Shomayim.



**YOM HAZIKARON & YOM HA'ATZMAUT**  
**THROUGH THE EYES OF HISTORY**



**QUESTION:** Why is it that when the Shaliah says "Modim" in the Hazara of the Amida, the Kahal recites a different "Modim," especially since a similar procedure does not occur anywhere else in the Amida?

**ANSWER:** The Amida is composed of 19 Berachot which are categorized in the following manner: 1. The first three Berachot are blessings of praises to the Almighty which culminate with the Kedusha in the third Beracha. 2. The following thirteen Berachot are those through which one asks Hashem that He provide all his needs, both material and spiritual. 3. The last three Berachot are composed as follows: a) In the first, one asks Hashem that He rebuild the Bet Hamikdash where He again will accept our offerings and our service; b) The second one is "Modim"—in this Beracaha we offer thanks to Hashem for all the good He grants us; c) In the last one we ask for Hashem's complete blessings, crowned with peace. Taking into consideration that all Jews are not able to read Hebrew fluently, and many of them do not understand everything they read, the Hachamim established that the Kahal appoint a messenger—a "Shaliah," who is a learned man, to present the prayers and Tefilot before the Almighty on behalf of those that are not able to do so. For this reason, the Shaliah repeats the Amida aloud for the Kahal. However, our Hachamim tell us that there is one part in the Tefila that cannot be said through a messenger: Giving thanks to Hashem. This must be done by each one individually. For this reason, it was established that when the Shaliah recites the "Modim" every individual must add words of thanks besides those that were already said in their respective Amidah. In order to facilitate this, the prayer we know as the "Modim DeRabanan" - the Modim of our Hachamim, was created. It is called the "Modim DeRabanan" because it was not composed by one Hacham but by a group of many. This group consisted of: Rab Shemuel, Reb Simai, Rab Aha Bar Yaacob and Rab Papa. May their zechut be always with us and ours "amen."

## TORAH BITES

*By Rabbi David Kadoch*

There are many reasons attributed to the sudden death of Nadav and Abihu, the two sons of Aharon HaKohen. Reasons include, teaching a law while in the presence of their rabbi (Moshe), bringing a fire from outside the Mishkan to ignite the Ketoret, or their wish to take over the duties of Moshe and Aharon by stating "When will these two old people die so you and I can run this congregation?" If fact, there is even an opinion that states that their death was attributed to Aharon's involvement in the Golden Calf. In truth, all four of his sons were supposed to die, but due to Moshe's heartfelt prayer, the decree was cut in half and two of his sons remained.

Yet, Rashi brings another reason for their death; i.e. they entered the Mishkan very much under the influence of wine, in other words, drunk. This is strange since the actual command not to enter the service of God while under the influence wasn't stated until later in the Torah. Nevertheless, the effect of wine showed its ugly face and they did not think about what they were doing and its eventual consequence. As a result, they lit the Ketoret when they weren't supposed to (since it was the job of Moshe and/or Aharon) and as a result they had to die. One does not need to go into length about the negative effects of too much wine and how it can impede in one's thought process. We just celebrated the holiday of Purim, so we know all too well what that means. But we're talking about Nadav and Abihu, two of the holiest men to ever step foot on Earth and still, it caused them to lose sight of what was important. For us, being under the influence can mean missing the time for Keriat Shema, Tefila, excessive inappropriate talk, and many more sins too numerous to count.

However, I learn a totally different lesson from this episode; namely the importance of treating holy places with utmost respect. Simply by reading between the lines, Nadav and Abihu were punished because of the lack of honour they displayed to the Mishkan. You can't come to the Mishkan drunk. PERIOD! Each one of us must introspect and ask ourselves how we treat our own Mishkan; the "synagogue." You're right, we don't enter the shul drunk, but very often, the jokes and ridicule that are spoken within the walls of the Bet Knesset undermine the holiness that the sanctuary possesses. It goes without saying, when such nonsense takes place during times of prayer or during the repetition of the Amida or the reading of the Torah. Politics, sports, and even community issues have no place in the Bet Knesset. Currently, the leaders of our generation are on a mission to stop the dishonour displayed in synagogue. They are stating that it is the NUMBER ONE cause for the recent troubles among Klal Yisrael. While we may not enter synagogue inebriated, the lack of respect towards our "mishkan" is very apparent. Looking at the fallout from Nadav and Abihu's story, we must ask: "Is it worth it?" Let the words spoken in shul be ONLY the words printed in the siddur and with that merit, our prayers will be answered and we will be redeemed speedily in our days, Amen.

Shabbat Shalom.

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation, or if you have a change of address or other changes in your family, please contact our Administrator, Jennifer Alexandroff at (905) 669-7654 x 253, or email her at [jennifer@kehilacentre.com](mailto:jennifer@kehilacentre.com).

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