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Shabbat September 9th, 2017, יח' אלול תשע"ז / 18 Elul 5777

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Shabbat Prayer Times

שיר השירים Shir Hashirim	7:00 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:15 p.m.
קבלת שבת Kabalat Shabbat	7:30 p.m.
הדלקת נרות Candle Lighting	7:22 p.m.
שחרית מנין החיד"א (ותיקין) Shacharit Ha'Hida Vatikim	5:50 a.m.
שחרית (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35) Shacharit	8:30 a.m.
דף יומי Daf Yomi	5:00 p.m.
שעור רמב"ם Rambam Shiur	5:45 p.m.
תהלים Tehilim	6:30 p.m.
מנחה Minha	7:00 p.m.
שבת טוב Shabat Ends	8:22 p.m.

Ereb Shabbat, Friday September 15th, 2017

Minha 7:10 p.m. (Candle Lighting 7:10 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית <i>Shacharit Sunday</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	9:00 a.m.
שחרית <i>Shacharit Weekdays</i>	
ותיקין Vatikim	6:10 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	6:00 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	6:30 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 6:51 am, Keriat Shema- שמע- 9:27 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 7:39 pm

Mazal Tob

Mazal Tob to Mr. & Mrs. Alon and Helene Sadeh on the Bar Misva of their son, **Coby (Yaakob)**
Proud Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Jacques and Suzy Esseis and Mr. and Mrs. Asher and Geula Sadeh.

Mazal Tob to **Abigail Igelman and Mordy Meckler** on their upcoming wedding.
Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin and Luna Igelman and Mr. and Mrs. Ben and Malka Meckler
Proud Grandparents: Mrs. Molly Melul, Mrs. Alegria Igelman

Kiddush

This Shabbat, Kiddush is sponsored by **Mr. & Mrs. Jacques and Suzy Esseis** in honour of the Bar Misva of their grandson, **Coby** *Everyone is welcome.*

Seuda Shelishit

This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by Albert & Ruby Afriat in memory of his father, Joseph Afriat ז"ל; Jonathan & Betty Lalou in memory of his grandfather Juda Lalou ז"ל; Robert & Vivian Benmergui in memory of his aunt, Alegria Benzaquen ז"ל, Elias & Perla Azulay in memory of his brother, Joseph Azulay ז"ל; Joe & Esther Azoulay in memory of her father, Leon Cohen ז"ל and by David & Estrella Bensimon in memory of her father, Jacob Benchimol ז"ל.
Everyone is welcome.

New Members

We would like to wish a hearty baruh habba to Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Dayan and to Mr. Haim Moussadji for becoming members. Welcome to our kehila!

Nahalot

Joseph Afriat ז"ל, Juda Lalou ז"ל 19 Elul/ Sunday September 10th

Alegria Benzaquen ז"ל 21 Elul/ Tuesday September 12th

Joseph Azulay ז"ל, Leon Cohen ז"ל, Jacob Benchimol ז"ל 24 Elul/ Friday September 15th

Nahalot for the following week

Emma Bitton ז"ל 29 Elul/ Wednesday September 20th

Ruth Sabbah ז"ל, Shalom Attias ז"ל, ז"ל 1 Tishrei/ Thursday September 21st

Mercedes Essebag ז"ל, Freha Ben-Assor ז"ל 2 Tishrei/ Friday September 22nd

Synagogue News

Membership Dues Reminder - The High Holidays are almost here and we would like to remind our members that their contributions support the operations of our Kehila. Please settle your 5778 dues and any outstanding pledges ASAP so that we can concentrate our energies on elevating your experiences. If you want to find out your outstanding balance (if any), you can use our ShulCloud Membership portal to do so or just call the office and they will be happy to help you.

Selichot

As a reminder, Selichot begins 45 minutes before each respective Shaharit minyan.

The Makdimim minyan will pray upstairs in the main Synagogue at it's usual time beginning with selichot at 6 am.

Special Selihot Service

We will be having a special selihot service in honour of our dear friend and member Mr. Solly Levy on Sunday Sept.10th at 10:15 a.m., Cedervale Terrace. 429 Walmer Road (ST.CLAIR & SPADINA). RSVP MAX BENAIM 416 918 0676 "TO LIVE IS TO GIVE"

Lulav and Etrog Sets

We are ordering Lulav and Etrog sets for the holidays. A wide selection available for pre-order. Israeli, Moroccan, Hazon Ish, Yemenite. Orders must be in by September 20th. For questions and reservations contact Adam Ohayon or Joey Benedid at etrogreserve@gmail.com

The Kol Shmuel Shofar Program

If you know of anyone that is not able to attend Synagogue on Rosh Hashana or on Yom Kippur, the Kol Shmuel Shofar Program, organized by Max Benaim and his group of amazing volunteers will try to come by to blow the Shofar for them either on Rosh Hashana or between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Max Benaim can be reached at (416) 918-0676 or (416) 644-6561. Deadline to arrange this service is September 14. The Kol Shmuel Shofar Program is being offered to our Community for its 14th year in memory of Mr. Samuel Oziel ז"ל.

INSIGHTS ON THE TORAH By HAHAM AMRAM ASSAYAG

SHABAT KI TABO

QUESTION: Why are our Selihot recited so early in the morning?

ANSWER: The Hachamim tell us that it is important that a Jew wake up at midnight to cry over the destruction of the Temple, because also Hashem mourns the destruction and the expulsion of His children from His house. This service is called: "Tikun Hatzot" and is so important, that if one is forced to choose between "Tikun Hatzot" and "Selihot", one must choose to recite the "Tikun Hatzot" rather than the "Selihot". For this reason, it is customary among the Sefaradim to first say the "Tikun Hatzot" followed by the "Selihot".

Nevertheless, the Halacha states that if one is to say "Tikun Hatzot" it must be said at or after midnight, but once dawn breaks, one is no longer allowed to say even though there is still plenty time before sunrise. At this time of the year, dawn is approximately at five forty in the morning. Therefore, it is important to say a big portion of the "Tikun Hatzot" before this time (preferably until Kol Yisrael). For this reason, we begin "Tikun Hatzot" at 5:10 am even though the "Selihot" may be said at any time before Tefila.

However, one must understand why in circumstances when "Tikun Hatzot" will not be said for lack of time, must the "Selihot" be recited early in the morning as well. The Kabala tells us that the say is divided in two parts: From the time of Mincha, when the sun begins to set until midnight, these are moments of judgment in the world and no special prayer may be recited then.

However, after midnight and through the day, is time of mercy and Tefilot may be adequately recited. Nevertheless, the Hachamim tell us that G-d concentrates His presence in the other worlds through the night and only at the end of night, is His presence concentrated in this world and therefore ready to receive our Tefilot.

We ask Hakadosh Baruch Hu that He listens to our prayers, with mercy "amen".

SHIUR BITES By RABBI KADUCH

There's a fascinating midrash on one of the blessings found in this week's Parasha. The verse states - "ברוך אתה בעיר" - "Blessed are you in the city." The midrash writes that one will receive blessing and reward when he performs the mitzvot in his city. What exactly does this mean? What makes the "city" different than any other place in terms of reward and blessing? The homiletic explanation is as follows.

There are people that are quick to perform the mitzvot within the confines of their home. As long as no one is watching, he is fine practicing his Judaism. However, the moment he steps outside in the public eye, the moment he associates himself with the masses at large, he becomes embarrassed of his religion, lest his friends state that he's "too old fashioned" or that he's simply "not cut out for the modern day and age." Therefore the verse states "Blessed are you in the city." Reward and blessing come one's way when he doesn't shy from the public eye; when one is proud to call "Judaism" his own.

It's for that reason that the Rabbi Moshe Isserles, in his first statement in Shulhan Aruch writes that one should not be embarrassed of the general public who ridicule him because of his service of God. "Public service of Hashem causes a sanctification of God's name in addition to influencing his peers towards a closer, more intimate connection to Judaism. Why be a God-fearing individual only in private? Why not show the world how much the Torah and mitzvot mean to you? Shabbat Shalom.

HALACHA CORNER By RABBI ELI MANSOUR

Rosh Hashanah - Are Women Required to Hear the Shofar?

Women are exempt from the obligation of Shofar on Rosh Hashanah, in accordance with the general rule exempting women from "Misvot Aseh She'ha'zman Gerama" - Misvot that apply only at a particular time. As the obligation of Shofar applies only on Rosh Hashanah, women are exempt from this Misva. Nevertheless, if a woman comes to the synagogue and hears the sounding of the Shofar, she is credited with a Misva.

Although she has no obligation to hear the Shofar, she is considered as having performed a Misva if she chooses to do so. And thus a man who has already fulfilled the Misva is allowed to blow the Shofar again for his wife or another woman. This is not considered a violation of Yom Tob by producing sounds, because the woman fulfills a Misva by hearing the Shofar, and thus it is permissible to blow the Shofar for her just as it is permissible to blow the Shofar for men. In such a case, however, no Beracha is recited over the Misva, neither by the woman nor by the man blowing the Shofar. Women who perform a Misva from which they are exempt - such as sitting in the Sukka or taking the Lulab - do not recite a Beracha over the Misva, because the Beracha is only for those who are commanded to perform the Misva (as indicated by the text of the Beracha - "Asher Kideshanu Ba'misvotav"). Therefore, when one blows the Shofar for a woman on Rosh Hashanah, no Beracha is recited.

One may carry a Shofar through a public domain on Rosh Hashanah for the purpose of blowing the Shofar for a woman. Carrying on Yom Tob through a public domain is permitted "Le'rech Ha'yom" - when this is needed for the Yom Tob - and carrying a Shofar so it can be blown for women is considered a need that allows carrying. Although women are exempt, they nevertheless fulfill a Misva by hearing the Shofar, as discussed, and therefore carrying the Shofar to a woman's home so she can hear the blowing is allowed. By the same token, it is permissible to carry the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah in a public domain to blow it for a child who has reached the age of Hinuch (training in Misvot), as this, too, is considered a legitimate need of Yom Tob.

Summary: Women are exempt from the Misva of Shofar, but they fulfill a Misva if they hear it blown. A man may blow the Shofar for a woman on Rosh Hashanah, even if he had already fulfilled the Misva, and he may even carry the Shofar through a public domain on Yom Tob for this purpose. However, neither he nor the woman recites a Beracha over the Misva, since she is not obligated in the Misva.

Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakov

Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10AM— POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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 9AM. For more information contact Hacham Assayag.

Daf Yomi

Please join us daily for Gemara Daf Yomi with Haham Assayag, one hour before Minha.

Tuesday Night LIVE with Tomer Malca

Please join Tomer Malca on Tuesday nights in the Midrash at 7:30 p.m. 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 Wednesday beginning at 8pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson.

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 Max Benatar.

Upcoming Events

Keheila Boys Mishmar Program- Grades 5-8 (ON SUMMER HIATUS)

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 p.m. 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

Shiur with Kollel Yismach Moshe Avrechim

NEW

Join us every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM in the midrash for a stimulating shiur with the Avrechim from Kollel Yismach Moshe.

For more information contact the office.

Shabbat with Kollel Yismach

Moshe Avrechim

We will be welcoming the Avrechim on Shabbat Nitzavim-Vayelech, September 16th, 2017

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Rabbi Dov Lipman was the chairman of Anglo & Diaspora Affairs for Yesh Atid, and was a member of the 19th Knesset for that party from 2013-2015. While in the Knesset, Rabbi Lipman served on several committees, including the finance committee, the immigration, absorption and diaspora affairs committee and the special committee for legislation drafting the ultra-orthodox into military and national service. He also chaired the task force to help haredim enter the work force.

Rabbi Lipman believes his taks to be a "conduit of tolerance and acceptance" between the haredi and secular world. Having made Aliyah with his family in 2004 to Bet Shemesh, he was motivated to enter politics when confronted by tensions between extremist religious elements and the broader Bet Shemesh population, to which the city's girls and women were particularly subject.

Rabbi Lipman received rabbinic ordination from Ner Israel Rabbinical College and a Master's Degree in Education from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. He is the author of four books about Judaism including his latest, "To Unify a Nation: My Vision for the Future of Israel."

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