

# SEPHARDIC KEHILA CENTRE

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### ברוכים הבאים שbat שלום Shabbat Shalom Welcome to our Synagogue



**פרשת תרומה Perashat Terumah**  
Shabbat February 17th, 2018 / ב' אדר תשע"ח 2 Adar 5778  
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#### Shabbat Prayer Times

Shir Hashirim	5:20 p.m.
Minha	5:35 p.m.
Kabalat Shabbat	5:50 p.m.
Candle Lighting	5:31 p.m.
Shaharit Mainin haChid"ah (ותיקין)	6:15 a.m.
Shaharit (Main Synagogue/Barechu:9:35)	8:30 a.m.
Tehilim	4:35 p.m.
Minha	5:05 p.m.
Shabbat Ends	6:34 p.m.

**Ereb Shabbat, Friday February 23rd, 2018**  
**Minha 5:45 p.m. (Candle Lighting 5:40 p.m.)**

#### Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שבת Shaharit	Sunday
Vatikin	6:30 a.m.
Makdimim	8:00 a.m.
Kebuim	9:00 a.m.

#### שבת Shaharit Weekdays

ותיקין Vatikin	6:30 a.m.
מקדימים Makdimim	6:45 a.m.
קבועים Kebuim	8:15 a.m.
מנחה Minha	5:35 p.m.
ערבית Arbit	6:15 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- ע- 7:14 am, Keriat Shema- קריית שמע- 9:17 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 5:50 pm

#### Mazal Tov

Mazal Tob to Isaac Nacson and Tiffany Halioua on their recent marriage.

Proud Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Shabtai & Michelle Nacson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy & Kitty Halioua

#### Kiddush

This weeks Shabbat Kiddush is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Anita Chai in honour of his granddaughter's birthday Ariela.

Everyone is welcome.

#### Seuda Shelishit

This weeks Seudah Shelishit is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob and Arona Shemesh in loving memory of his grandfather Rav Yoel Siman Tov ל"ז, by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin and Luna Igelman, Mr. and Mrs. Alex and Dina Igelman in loving memory of their father David Igelman ל"ז, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Lawrence Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac and Rena Cohen in loving memory of their father Mair Cohen ל"ז, by Mr. Leon Sibony in loving memory of his father Rahamin Sibony ל"ז, by Mr. and Mrs. Shabtai and Michelle Nacson in loving memory of their daughter Chaya Nacson ל"ז and his mother Rachel Nacson ל"ז, and by Mr. and Mrs. Yves and Sarah Nahmias in loving memory of his father Yitzhak Nahmias ל"ז.

Everyone is welcome.

## Synagogue News

### Nahalot

Chaya Nacson ל"ז, Isaac Medina ל"ז, Albert Benzacar ל"ז, Yitzhak Nahmias ל"ז 2 Adar/ Shabbat Feb.17th

Joseph Anidjar ל"ז, Shimon Mashiah ל"ז 4 Adar/ Monday February 19th

Rahel Nacson ל"ז 5 Adar/ Tuesday February 20th

Mair Cohen ל"ז 6 Adar/ Wednesday February 21st

David Igelman ל"ז, Victor Totah ל"ז, Simy Benarroch ל"ז 7 Adar/ Thursday February 22nd

Rahamin Sibony ל"ז, Aharon Assor ל"ז, Juliette Ohayo ל"ז 8 Adar/ Friday February 23rd

### **Nahalot for the following week**

Renee Weinberger ל"ז 9 Adar/ Shabat February 24th

Yehuda Edery ל"ז, Elyahou Abisror ל"ז 10 Adar/ Sunday February 25th

Rahel Benzacar ל"ז 11 Adar/ Monday February 26th

Marc Soberano ל"ז, Myriam Benadiba ל"ז, Leah Nair ל"ז 13 Adar/ Wednesday February 28th

Haim Edery ל"ז 14 Adar/ Thursday March 1st

### Mishmara

The Mishmara (Shloshim) for Mrs. Rachel Esses ל"ז, mother of Jack, Albert, Moshe Esses and Grace Ankry, will take place Wednesday February 21st. at 5.40 p.m. in the main Sanctuary

### Social Hall Update

We would like to inform the entire community that we have that the Social Centre will be opened for all, from Tuesday to Thursday, from 6 PM to 11 PM, Sundays from 2 PM to 11 PM. The Centre will be closed during all Jewish holidays.

## *Weekly Classes at Abir Yaakov*

### ***Avot U'Banim***

Community wide Avot U'Banim, Father and son learning continues this Motsae Shabbat in the midrash from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Great Raffle Prizes, Pizza, Skating, Snacks and more! For more details and information please speak to Rabbi Kadoch.

### ***Brunch and Learn - Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM***

Join Hacham Assayag every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM 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, following Arvit.

### ***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 Wednesday beginning at 8pm. Special activities and trips take place bimonthly. For more information contact Yossi Azulay or Isaac Nacson.

### ***Life Matters - Thursdays at 8:00 PM***

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.

### ***Halacha and Mussar***

Thursday nights at 9:00 PM - Join Rabbi David Kadoch in an informative class on Hilchot Shabbat and Character Development. Each class will end with a thought on the Parasha. Men of all ages invited.

### ***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)

# Shiur Bites

By Rabbi Kadoch

"משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה"

"When Adar enters, we increase our happiness."

Remember the days when we were young? Chanting the line of MiShenichnas Adar over and over again and we never got tired of it. I used to think there was actually a word in Hebrew called "MiShe." This song has become the staple for the month of Adar, but what many people are unaware of, is the source of the line. It comes from the Gemara Ta'anit which states: כ"ש שמשניכנס אדר ממעטין בשמחה - כך משניכנס אדר מרובין " – *Just as we decrease our happiness when the month of Av arrives, so too we increase our happiness when Adar arrives.*

I once heard an interesting question. Why does the Gemara need to give the comparison between Av and Adar? If it wanted to send a message about happiness, it could have simply stated the line of Adar, omitting the part of Av. The Gemara could have just said: "When Adar enters, we increase our happiness." It's simple question with a thought provoking answer.

The Gemara wanted to teach us the proper way to be happy. The purpose of happiness stems from the purpose of sadness. Nobody is said because they want to be sad. People feel sorrow because of an external event that took place that brought about this emotion. This event could be something in the present or in the past. In the case of Av, it's about something that happened in the past. God decided that the month of Av be a month of mourning and sadness for the destruction of the Bet HaMikdash. Every year, during this month, Jews practice customs of mourning because we are sad LeShem Shamayim. Nevertheless, to be sad for the sake of heaven is much simpler than being happy for the sake of heaven.

When a person is in a state of happiness, he attributes it to his success at work, his social surroundings, his vacation, or even nahat from his family. Rarely does a person attribute his joy to the Almighty. So the message of Adar is not just to be happy, but to be joyous in the same way that we are sad in Adar, for the sake of Heaven. This is why the Gemara needed to preface the statement of Adar with the statement of Av; because in the end, all of our emotions should be felt as a direct result of God's will. It's a deep idea that needs to be dwelled upon and then ask yourself: Why, indeed, are you happy?

## Halacha Corner

By Rabbi Eli Mansour

### The Special Month of Adar

The Gemara teaches in Masechet Ta'anit (29), "Mi'shenichnas Adar Marbim Be'simha" – "When Adar comes, we increase our joy." Rashi explains, "Because of the miracles that were performed for Israel – Purim and Pesah." According to Rashi, then, the special joy of Adar is due to two miracles – the Purim miracle, and the miracle of the Exodus which we celebrate on Pesah. It thus emerges that the obligation to be joyful applies not only during Adar, but also during Nissan, in which we celebrate the miracle of Yesi'at Misrayim.

Our Rabbis explain this observance on the basis of the concept of "Hazaka." When something happens once, it could be just a fluke, and does not necessarily reflect a consistent pattern. But when it happens twice (according to one view in the Gemara), then this establishes a "Hazaka," a pattern. And thus if the Jewish people experienced great miracles on just one month, this would not necessarily prove that we are blessed with good Mazal (fortune). But once we have two consecutive months of great miracles, we have a "Hazaka" of favorable Mazal which warrants joy and celebration.

Besides the miracles of Purim and Pesah, there is also an additional reason for the special joy of Adar. Rav Levi Yishak of Berditchev (Ukraine, 1740-1809), in his Kedushat Levi (Parashat Mishpatim), notes that the month of Adar always begins immediately following the period of "Shobabim," the six weeks when we repent and seek to correct sins associated with the Berit. During this period, we attempt to retrieve the sparks of holiness that had been seized by the Sitra Ahara, by the forces of impurity associated with Esav. The Torah describes Esav at his birth as "Ke'aderet Se'ar" ("as though dressed in a cloak of hair" – Bereshit 25:25). And thus when the Sages teach, "Mi'shenichnas Adar Marbim Be'simha," it means that when we retrieve the sparks from "Adar" – from Esav, who is referred to as the "Aderet" – we are joyful. We celebrate in Adar because we have restored the sparks of holiness

through our repentance during "Shobabim," and we are thus able to serve Hashem with greater purity. Indeed, the month of Adar is associated with Yosef Ha'sadik, who embodies the ideal of Shemirat Ha'yesod, preserving the sanctity of the Berit. It is therefore written that one should be especially careful during the month of Adar to avoid wine (except on Purim day, of course), which could lead to inappropriate conduct, and to ensure that he does not stumble upon sin, Heaven forbid.

The constellation of the month of Adar is the fish (Pisces). The word "Dagim" ("fish") represents the phrase "Yod Gimal Mechilan De'rachameh" – the thirteen attributes of compassion. The month of Adar is a special month of mercy and kindness for the Jewish people, when we are able to receive direct influence from the highest levels in the heavens. This opportunity – to be at the level of Keter and receive blessings from the highest levels of sanctity – is normally reserved for Minha time on Shabbat, but we also have access to this power during the month of Adar, and especially on Purim day itself. This is a month that is especially well-suited for prayers, for striving for holiness, and for receiving Hashem's great blessings.

For this reason, our Sages teach that if one has a court case against a gentile, he should try to schedule the trial for the month of Adar, as this is a special month of joy, blessing and good fortune.

## Insights on the Torah

By Haham Amram Assayag

### Shabat Teruma

Hashem speaks to Moshe and indicates to him that is now time to build a sanctuary, so He can dwell in the midst of the nation. With this purpose, Hashem orders Moshe that every member of the nation bring an offering to Hashem, as one's heart stirs him voluntarily. The gifts must be made up of any of the following items necessary to build the Mishkan and its utensils: gold, silver, copper, sky-blue wool, purple and scarlet wool, fine linen, goat's hair ram's skins, wood, oil for light, and spices for incense. Hashem describes to Moshe all the components of the Mishkan and how they must be built.

**THE ARON (ARK):** An ark of wood approximately 1.25m. x .75m. x .75m. overlaid with pure gold both inside and outside. On every one of its corners a gold ring was cast, through which were two wooden poles overlaid with gold. The Tablets of the Testimony went inside the Ark. The Aron had a cover of pure gold, from where two golden cherubim stood. From above the Aron, Hashem will speak to Moshe at specific times concerning all that must change the Jews.

**THE SHULCHAN (TABLE):** A table of wood covered with pure gold, which must measure approximately 1m. x .50m. x .75m. and must have a rim of a handbreadth all around. The shulchan must also have four rings of gold in the four corners, which form its feet. Its dishes, spoons, pillars and ventilation tubes, must be covered with gold. On this table, lay the bread, and the breads resting on individual plates.

**THE MENORA (CANDELABRUM):** A candelabrum of pure gold, which must be entirely formed out of one piece of gold as a sculpture: its foot, shaft, (which was considered as its middle arm), cups, knobs, and flowers. Out of the shaft were six arms. Each arm was decorated with three almond shaped cups, a knob and a flower.

**THE MIZBEAH (ALTAR):** An altar measuring 2.5m. x 2.5m. x 1.5m. with elevated corners on its four ends, and two poles to transport it, the entire piece overlaid with copper. Also the utensils needed for Mizbeah such as pots to clear away the ashes, shovels, basins, hooks and fire pans, are be formed from copper.

**THE PAROCHET (DIVIDING CURTAIN):** A curtain of sky-blue, purple and scarlet wool and fine linen. Which hung upon four pillars of wood, overlaid with gold, resting upon four silver sockets.

**THE MISHKAN (TABERNACLE):** Composed of curtains of fine linen and the various wools, woven in a way to form cherubim. Each curtain was to measure 14m. x 2m. This Tabernacle was covered with eleven curtains made from goat's hair, which measured 15m. x 2m. The Tabernacle is to have a courtyard formed by pillars. The courtyard measured 50m. x 25m. x 2.5m.

# Hilula Rav Hida

## Rebbi Hayim Yosef David Azulay ZYAA

Abir Yaakov Congregation cordially invites all the men  
And women, member and non-members to the

### Hilula of Rav Hida - Rebbi Hayim Yosef David Azulay ZYAA

on February 25, 2018 at the Kehila Centre.

Minha followed by Arbit at 5.45 pm. The dinner, following  
is graciously sponsored by Jacques and Biba Benquesus,  
and is free of charge.

Please RSVP no later than  
Thursday February 22nd , 2018,  
to Jimmy Dayan at 905-669-7654x253  
or [jdayan@kehilacentre.com](mailto:jdayan@kehilacentre.com)



### Kehila Kidz Shabbaton

Girls from grade 3-7

When? February 24

Where? Kehila restaurant after Kiddush

What? Shabbat lunch and lots of fun

activities

How much? \$35 per child

Following a fun Paint Night from

8:00-10:00

RSVP @ [kehilakidz@gmail.com](mailto:kehilakidz@gmail.com) and

feel free to ask any questions

## Women's Event

### FREE ADMISSION

Sponsored by: Sarit Masuri

Please celebrate with me the remarkable recovery of my son Chaim-Moshe, who battled Leukemia for over the past 3 years, and who with Hasdei HaShem, is now back to being a regular 6 year old boy [B"H]!

Join me as I thank HaShem for his kindnesses; an evening to share with you how thankful I am, how inspired I became, and all that I realized in the process.

### SEUDAT HODAYA

FOOD      MUSIC      DANCE      ENTERTAINMENT

Sephardic Kehila Centre  
7026 Bathurst St.  
Banquet Hall  
**7:30 PM**

**TUESDAY**  
**FEB 20, 2018**

INFO: 416.833.9318

#### Guest Speakers:



Rabbi ISRAEL YAKOBOV



Rabbanit Singer MORAN SABBAH



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 contact the office at (905) 669-7654 Ext. 1.

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