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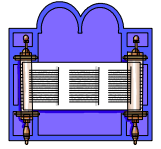


פרשת ויחי Vayehi

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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.

Shabat Shalom שבת שלום

Shabat Prayer Times

שיר השירים	Shir Hashirim	4:20 p.m.
הדלקת נרות	Candle lighting	4:33 p.m.
מנחה	Minha	4:35 p.m.
קבלת שבת	Kabalat Shabat	4:50 p.m.
Shaharit Ha'Hida Vatikin (Medrash) 6:50 a.m. (ותיקין)		
שחרית	Shaharit (Main Synagogue)	8:30 a.m.
שחרית צעירים	The Learning Minyan	8:45 a.m.
תהלים	Tehillim	3:35 p.m.
מנחה	Minha	4:05 p.m.
שבוע טוב	Shabat Ends	5:40 p.m.

Ereb Shabat, Friday January 8, 2009.
Shir Hashirim 4:30 p.m. (Candle Lighting 4:40 p.m.)

Weekday Services at Medrash Torah Vehayim

שחרית Shaharit Sunday

ותיקין	Vatikin	7:10a.m.
קבועים	Kebuim	9:15a.m.

שחרית Shaharit Weekdays

מקדימין	Makdimin	6:30 a.m.
ותיקין	Vatikin	7:10 a.m.
קבועים	Kebuim	8:15 a.m.

מנחה	Minha	4:40 p.m.
ערבית	Arbit	5:15 p.m.

Shabat Zemanim- Netz- נץ- 7:51 am, Keriat Shema- שקיעה- 9:31 am, Shekia- שקיעה- 4:51 pm

Perashat Vayehi by Torah.org

1st Aliya: In the year 2255, Yakov was 147 years old and Yoseph was 56. Yakov had been living in Mitzrayim for 17 years. (Note that Yoseph was 17 years old when he was sold into slavery and that the numerical value of the word "Vayichi" is 34.) Yakov summoned Yoseph to his bed-side. Yoseph came with his 2 sons. Yakov greeted them and appointed Menashe and Ephrayim to the status of "Tribe". Yakov then insisted that Yoseph "swear" that he would bury him in Canaan, and not in the land of Mitzrayim.

2nd Aliya: The parsha relates the famous scene of Yakov crossing his arms in order to place his right hand on the head of Ephrayim (who was standing to Yakov's left) and his left hand on the head of Menashe. Yakov blessed his grandchildren with the renown blessing of Hamalach Hagoel. (48:16)

3rd Aliya: Yoseph attempted to straighten Yakov's hands. Yakov resisted and told Yoseph that, although Menashe was destined for greatness, Ephrayim would be even greater. The classic blessing of a father to his son is stated. (48:20)

4th & 5th Aliyot: Yakov summoned his twelve sons and blessed each one.

6th Aliya: Yakov instructed all of his sons to bury him in Canaan, next to his wife Leah, and then passed away. Mitzrayim mourned Yakov for 70 days. Yoseph arranged with Pharaoh to bury Yakov in Canaan. After sitting Shiva (50:10) and the burial, the 12 sons returned to Egypt. Following Yakov's death, the brothers expressed their concern to Yoseph that he would now take revenge against them for having sold him into slavery. Yoseph cried as he heard their concerns and assured them that he bore no grudges against them.

7th Aliya: Yoseph ruled over Egypt for another 54 years. He made his brothers promise that at the time of their exodus from Egypt his bones would be transported for re-burial in Canaan. Yoseph died in the year 2309 at the age of 110.

Hilchot Shabat –Preparing for Shabat 6

1. As a general rule, a person may not walk more than three parsot (a distance which the average man will traverse if he walked until one third of the day has elapsed) after day-break on Friday in order to ensure that the traveler arrives at his destination in good time to have his Shabat meals prepared for him.
2. Given the availability of modern methods of communication and transportation, the above restrictions will not often be applicable but in any event:
 - A. One must plan one's journey carefully to be certain of reaching one's destination in good time before Shabat.
 - B. One must make allowances for the possibility of unforeseen delays and
 - C. One must avoid placing oneself in a situation where one might risk violating Shabat or Yom Tov.

Congregational and Community Events

Hilula of Rebbi Yaacob Abuhatzira zy"aa

Date: Tuesday, January 5th, 2010 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** Sephardic Kehila Centre

Cost: \$25.00 per person **RSVP to:** Maurice Benzacar at (905) 669-7654 X 253 or maurice@kehila.com

Deadline: No later than Sunday January 3rd, 2010 by 11 A.M.

Hilula of Baba Sali

Or Haemet Sephardic School cordially invites the entire community to an evening of spiritual inspiration at the 26th Hillula of *Baba Sali* זצוק"ל Haadmor Rebbi Yisrael Abuhatzira

4 Shevat 5770, Monday January 18th, 2010

Cocktails at 6 p.m. • Dinner to Follow • Incredible Silent Auction

Shabaton

Join us for an intimate Shabat lunch on **January 23, 2010** with **Rabbi Noach Orloweck** from Yerushalayim. Rabbi Noach Orlowek is a renowned Jewish educator and author. He will be speaking about achieving peace of mind during stressful situations and teaching our children how to deal with life's challenges. He will address the following questions: How do we cope in stressful situations? How do we navigate through difficult decisions? And more importantly how do we as Jewish parents, living in North America, teach our children to deal with the stresses of everyday life.

To **RSVP** please call Mr. Benzacar at 905-669-7654 ext. 253 or email Amram at amlovesbat@yahoo.com by **Tuesday January 19.**

Cost: \$35.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child (12 years and under) or \$100 per family.

During the lecture childcare will be available.

Avot U'Banim

This program is open to fathers and sons of any age. There is nothing more precious than spending time with our child in a warm and loving environment. Bring your homework, review the parasha or chat on issues of Judaism one-on-one or in a group with other fathers.

Motzei Shabat @ 7:00pm in the Bet Medrash of the Sephardic Kehila Centre and every Saturday night following.

SKC Soccer

Soccer will be played on Monday evenings at 8-9 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 –8 p.m. in the Kehila Centre Gym.

The cost is \$ 5.00 per game. For more information please contact Avi Azuelos at 416-560-9205.

Bat Mitzvah Program

Are you a girl turning 12 soon? Join other girls your age in an exciting new bat mitzvah program. Filled with creative and interactive programming, you're sure to have fun and be inspired. Sessions run January through June, following by a women's luncheon to celebrate. For more information, please call Talia Osiel at 416.636.5876.

Ezrat Achim

Turn your shopping experience into a Misva by sponsoring a family for Shabat.

The cost is about \$50 per family per Shabat. We are looking for some volunteers to do deliveries.

For more info email ezratachimtonto@gmail.com or contact Luna Igelman at 905-731-6819

Announcements

Mazal Tob to:

Mr. & Mrs. Steve and Elisa Tesler on the birth of a baby boy
Proud grandparents: *Mr. & Mrs. Jaime and Rami Benayon and*
Mr. & Mrs. Alex and Betty Tesler
Proud great grandmother: *Mrs. Lucy Sahovaler*

Congregational Kiddush

This week's congregational Kiddush is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff and Maya Mechali in honour of the birth and baby naming of their daughter.
Everyone is welcome.

Seuda Shelishit

*This week's seuda shelishit is sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Ney and Mercedes Bendayan in loving memory of his father **Jacob Bendayan** ז"ל and Mr. Jacob Medina in loving memory of his father **Abraham Medina** ז"ל and Mr. Paul Senechal in loving memory of his mother **Rivka Sara Pinto-Senechal** ז"ל.*
Everyone is Welcome.

Nachalot

Hanna Trojman ז"ל -16 Tebet/ Shabat January 2nd
Samuel Faierman ז"ל -18 Tebet/ Monday, January 4th
Abraham Medina ז"ל -19 Tebet/ Tuesday, January 5th
Jacob Bendayan ז"ל -20 Tebet/ Wednesday, January 6th
Rivka Sara Pinto-Senechal ז"ל -22 Tebet/ Friday, January 8th

Shabat Children's Program

We encourage parents to send their children to the appropriate Shabat Program from 10am- 12pm. The children's program for ages 3-6 is located in room 204, boys ages 7-10 are located in room 205 and girls ages 7-10 are in room 206. A reminder to parents that your children must be supervised or in the appropriate children's program. If you wish to sponsor a Shabat Program in celebration of your child's upcoming birthday, please contact Mr. Benzacar at 905-669-7654 x 253. The cost of sponsoring a Shabat Program is only \$45.

Kiddush Sponsorship

"The Kiddush" has become a vital part of Abir Yaakob as it does much to create our friendships and community. We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer 3 options for those wishing to sponsor a kiddush. Basic (\$300.00), Classic (\$600.00) and Deluxe (\$1200.00).
If you wish to sponsor a Kiddush please call Mr. Benzacar at 905-669-7654 ext. 253

Fountain Dedication on Youtube

*The fountain dedication ceremony can now be viewed online at Youtube.com under the heading **Moroccan Fountain Dedication at the Sephardic Kehila Centre on December 10th, 2009.***
A special thanks to Rabbi David Kadoch for his efforts in producing this video.

If you have a Mazal Tob that you would like to share with the congregation
please call Maurice Benzacar at (905) 669-7654 Ext. 253 or e-mail maurice@kehilacentre.com
For confidential concerns, grievances, or suggestions please email the SKC President; Elias Toby at Elias.Toby@gmail.com
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