

PARASHIOT NITZAVIM - VAYELECH

September 4, 2010 – 25 Elul, 5770

Friday Evening Service:

Before 7:06PM: Candle Lighting

6:45 PM: Minha

7:00 PM: Shir Hashirim followed by Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat Morning Service:

8:30 AM: Shahrit

This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the synagogue in honor of the congregation.

12:15 PM: *Post Kiddush Tehilim (3rd floor).*

3:30 PM: Class given by Marc Hazan: **Various Torah Topics.**

6:00 PM: Class given by Rabbi Benchimol: **Weekly Parasha.**

6:45 PM: Minha.

7:15 PM: **This week's Seuda Shelishit is sponsored by the synagogue in honor of the congregation.**

Dvar Torah given by Judge Yaakov Hornbluss & Gregory Ostier.

7:55 PM: Arvit

8:05 PM: Shabbat ends.

Monday September 6 (Labor Day) - Selihot 7:45 AM Shahrit 8:30 AM

Next week is Rosh Hashana and Shabbat Shuva

September 8-11, 2010 – 1-4 Tishre, 5771.

See schedule in insert.

Daily Services:

Selihot - Mondays-Fridays - 6 AM. Sundays 7:45 AM.

Shahrit: Mondays – Fridays – 6:45 AM - Sundays 8:30 AM.

Minha & Arvit: Sundays - Thursdays 7 PM.

FOR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP:

PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE.

Family Membership: \$500 - Single \$250 (From January 2010 to December 2010).

For announcements, Brit Mila, baby naming, weddings, Refuah Shelema, Azkarot... please contact Rabbi Benchimol on the Tuesday preceding Shabbat. The 3rd Floor is available for rent to celebrate your next event.

MSC has restored the memorial plaque in the Synagogue where the names of your departed loved ones may be inscribed eternally. The contribution for the plaque is \$750. Please call the office for more info.

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*This newsletter contains thoughts of Torah and should not be desecrated.
Please do not carry this newsletter with you on Shabbat.*

SELIHOT

Selihot (forgiveness) are special prayers for forgiveness that are recited before the morning service (Shahrit) throughout the month of Elul and Aseret Yeme Teshuvah (days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). Selihot reminds us that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are approaching and it is a call for repentance and preparation for the New Year. We also have the custom to sound the Shofar during the Selihot services for the same reason.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Selihot services: Mon. - Fri. at 6:00 AM, Sun. at 7:45 AM.

Join MSC for its annual Super Sunday Selihot Service, on Sunday September 5 beginning at 7:30 am. Shahrit follows at 8:30 am. Special breakfast served after Shahrit. This service will feature our very own Mark Hazan together with Rabbis Gavriel Suissa and Michael Kakon. Sunday September 5 is special since Jews from all backgrounds are joined together in the recital of Selihot (Ashkenazi Jews begin Selihot earlier that morning). Breakfast is sponsored by Jacob Naim and Family in memory of his beloved father, Victor ben Yaakov z"l Naim.

DAILY TALMUD CLASS

Mondays - Fridays - 8:15 AM Talmud – Shabbat (Chapter 11).

FRENCH TORAH CLASS

MSC together with Centre Communautaire Francophone de New York (CCFNY) are hosting a Torah class in French with **Rabbi Mikhael Cohen**. On **Wednesday Sep 15**. 7:30 pm. Refreshments served.

WOMEN'S LUNCH & LEARN

The next class will take place on Wednesday Sep 15: Jewish History, 12-1pm, followed by Parasha, 1-2:30 pm, taught by Mrs. Tamar Tessler, sponsored by MSC and Aleph Learning Center.

TEHILLIM CLASS

Join us at MSC for a special Tehillim (Psalms) class Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM (for 1 to 1 1/2 hours). This class will explore the depth and meaning of each chapter of Tehillim and how it is related to King David's life and to our lives.

MANHATTAN KOLLEL AT MSC

Manhattan Sephardic Congregation & Aleph Learning Center are proud to present an important project that is adding tremendous Kedusha to our community and entire neighborhood; "The Manhattan Kollel" (A project of Aleph Learning Center), consisting of rabbis who are devoted to the needs of our community, available every afternoon and evening to study with the members on any Torah topic you desire. Hours of Kollel are from 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

And a very important aspect of this program is to reach out to the children of our community, especially targeting Jewish children from the local public & private schools to provide them with free after school classes on Judaism and Torah, including Bar/Bat Mitzvah lessons. Currently our children's program runs on Wednesday, from 4:15 to 6 PM. Also, this project guarantees a Sephardic Minyan for Minha & Arvit every day (including winters), the only one in our neighborhood. Be a part of it. Take advantage of this Kollel and come and learn with a rabbi on any Torah subject. To participate and/or to help sponsor, please speak to Rabbi Benchimol, or email at kollel@sepharad.org.

HEBREW AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT MSC

Now, thanks to our Manhattan Kollel, MSC is reaching out to all Jewish children ages 6-13 from all backgrounds, providing them with free after school classes on Judaism and Torah, including Bar /Bat Mitzvah lessons, basic Hebrew reading and hands-on projects. This program runs on Wed. from 4:15 to 6 PM at the premises of MSC. To register and/or to help sponsor, please speak to Rabbi Benchimol. REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2010/11.

20/20 PROJECT AT MSC

In honor of the 20th Anniversary of MSC we ask you to invest 20 minutes of Torah Study a week in our Kollel. Torah Study provides 20/20 vision and clarity in life! "You give us 20 minutes, we'll give you the world (Olam Haba)!" For more info, call 212-988-6085.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bikur Holim: Please pray for Meyer ben Aisha and Yakot bat Aziza for a complete and speedy recovery. We are asking people to visit Prof. Henri Kamri in his home. This is a great mitzvah.

Tehilim for Women: This monthly tehillim reading will be held at the synagogue after the selihot and morning services on Sunday Sep 5 - 9:30am

NIGHTLY CLASSES

In addition to the Kollel classes every night, you can also join us Monday nights from 5:00 to 8:30 pm for a series of Torah classes catered for both men and women. At 5:00 pm Rabbi Lasker will give a shiur on the weekly Parasha until 6 pm. Minha & Arvit follow at 7 pm. Then, at 7:30 until 8:30 pm Rabbi Benchimol will give a class on Tanya. **PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASS THIS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6 (LABOR DAY).**

KIDDUSH CLUB

B"H, thanks to the "Kiddush Club" sponsors, MSC is renowned for its "Best Kiddush in town!" Included in the Kiddush club is famed "Hamin Club". Additionally, there is a "Liquor and Bar" table generously donated by Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Chetrit. And if that's not enough... we have added another important element to our Kiddush. It is the Shabbat Dessert Club".

MSC thanks the past and current sponsors of the Kiddush Club. The sponsors of this year's Kiddush (Pesach 2010-2011) are: Anonymous, Dr. Alvin Adler, Michael & Sara Avitan, Boaz Bagbag, Dr. William & Susan Bahary, Daniel Baum, Michel & Yvette Benarrosh, Gadi & Victoria Ben Hamo, Arlene Bergman, Elie & Sandra Cohen, Oren Cohen, Sidney & Tammy Cohen, Charly & Miriam Darwich, Isaac Fhima, Charles & Gili Glatler, Menahem & Leah Iny, Marko & Masami Issever, Laurent & Marcie Mastey, David & Caroline Perez, Meir & Sara Rabbani & Eric & Stephanie Rabbani.

MINYAN

The daily & Shabbat Minyan is the core of all Synagogue functions. Let's all play an active role in strengthening and increasing the number of people in our Minyanim. Please commit to at least one day a week to ensure successful Minyanim for our congregants. Regarding all services, we ask all Men & Women to please dress modestly when coming to the Synagogue.

NEW TO MSC -Daily hot breakfasts.MSC thanks **Yuval Aroeti** for sponsoring all the bagels for the morning minyan. To sponsor breakfast in honor/ memory of someone, please call the office.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

If you did not receive your High Holiday invitation, please call the office so that your name can be added to the database. Tickets for MSC members are \$150 for men and \$100 for women. For non-members, tickets are \$200 for men and \$150 for women. As you know, our Synagogue gets very crowded during the High Holidays so we ask you to please respond at your earliest convenience so that you guarantee your spot for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. **Anyone not making a reservation will not be allowed in the main sanctuary this year due to the tremendous overflow we have experienced in the past years, creating a hazard.** Thank you for your consideration.

ROSH HASHANA DINNER

MSC will be hosting a **Rosh Hashanah dinner** at the Synagogue on **Wednesday, September 8**. Services begin at 6:50 pm. Dinner app. 7:45 pm. The cost for the dinner is **\$50 for adults & \$30 for children 4 - 11**. Please reserve at www.alephlearning.org.

YOM KIPPUR (CHILDREN)

For the convenience of the parents, we will be serving the children a light luncheon on Yom Kippur. If you would like to sponsor and/or help out in this project, please call the Synagogue.

SUKKOT

The Synagogue Sukkah will be available for our members to use throughout the holiday of Sukkot between the hours of 9AM - 9 PM. Please call the Synagogue first to make your arrangements.

It is a Mitzvah to have your own Lulav & Etrog set for the holiday of Sukkot. You can place your orders through the Synagogue by speaking with Marc Hazan. \$36, \$55, or \$105 qualities are available. Orders and checks must be received by Tues. September 21.

PRAYERS

IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT WORLD SITUATION, WE HAVE BEEN RECITING TEHILIM EVERY SHABBAT FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN ISRAEL AND THE WORLD. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECITE TEHILIM EVERY DAY. YOU CAN JOIN US BY RECITING PSALMS 20,29,30,69,83,105,121,130,142 & 150.

Gilad Shalit's has been in captivity for 4 years, Hashem Yerahem. We ask everyone to please take on Mitzvah in his honor, for his release. Choose a Mitzvah such as charity, Torah-Study, lighting Shabbat candles...Please do your share to hasten his freedom from the hands of the enemies. To share with us your mitzvah, please call at 212-988-6085.

We ask all those who are reciting Kaddish to please include in your prayers the many Jewish martyrs who were murdered during these past years, simply because they were Jews. The Talmud (Bava Batra 10b.) states: No one can attain the place in heaven reserved for martyrs.

TORAH THOUGHTS

Our sages have said: "All Israel are guarantors for each other" (Talmud, Shavuot 39a). But a person cannot serve as a guarantor unless he is more resourceful in some way than the one he is guaranteeing. For example, a poor man obviously would not be accepted as a guarantor for a rich man's loan. So if the Talmud says that *all* Jews serve as guarantors to each other, this means that in every Jew there is a quality in which he or she is superior to all others.

It should also be noted that everyone has unique weaknesses. Hence, one should not look down on another because of his weakness, as he too has a weakness that the other person does not have. But G-d also gave each and everyone of us a unique strength to overcome those weaknesses. We must utilize those strengths to fulfill our full potential.

Haftara for Shabbat Nitzavim Vayelech (page 1202 in Artscroll Humash)

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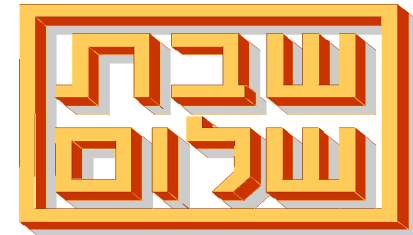
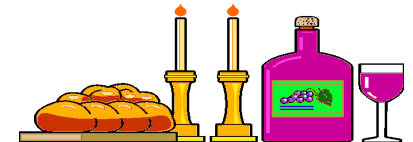
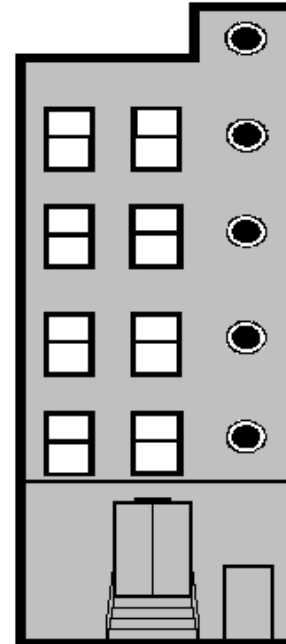
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Candle lighting	6:58 pm
Minha followed by Arvit	6:50 pm

Thursday, September 9 - First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shahrit	8:00 am
Auction of Mitzvot	9:30 am
Shofar	11:45pm
Minhah followed by Tashlih & Tehillim	6:10 pm
Arvit	7:45 pm
Candle lighting from pre existing flame	after 7:56 pm

Friday, September 10 - Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

Shahrit	8:00 am
Auction of Mitzvot	9:30 am
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Candle Lighting for Shabbat	6:55 pm
Minha followed by Kabbalat Shabbat	6:40 pm

Saturday, September 11 - Shabbat Shuva

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Friday, September 17 - Erev Yom Kippur

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Minha	2:00 pm
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Services of Yom Kippur	6:20 pm

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The blessings to be said for the Eruv are as follows:

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"Blessed are You, Hashem, Our G-d, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandment of Eruv".

"Through this Eruv may we be permitted to bake, cook, insulate, kindle a light, and prepare all that is needful on the festival for the succeeding Shabbat, (for ourselves and for all Jew living in this city)."

PRE EXISTING FLAME

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"Blessed are You, Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has enjoined on us the commandment to kindle the light of:

On Shabbat say: The Shabbat". - שבת

On Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot say: The Festival". - יום טוב

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"Blessed are You, Hashem, our G-d, King of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and has enjoined on us the commandment to kindle the light of:

On Shabbat say: The Shabbat". - שבת

On Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot say: The Festival". - יום טוב

On Shabbat & Yom Kippur say: Yom Kippur". - שבת ויום הכיפורים