

## PARASHAT BESHALACH

February 4, 2012–11 Shevat, 5772

### Friday Evening Service:

Before 4:57 PM: Candle Lighting.

4:50 PM: Minha

5:05 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat

### Shabbat Morning Service:

8:30 AM: Shahrit

9:30 AM: Mahazike Torah Youth Minyan – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME.

Latest time to read the Sh'ma (Shabbat): 8:55 AM (Magen Avraham); 9:36 AM (Tanya).

**Kiddush is sponsored by Menahem and Leah Iny in commemoration of the Shloshim of Menahem's beloved father, Eliahou ben Reuben a"h.**

12:15 PM: *Post Kiddush Tehilim (3<sup>rd</sup> floor for our kidnapped soldiers).*

12:40 PM: Early Minha.

2:00 PM: Class given by Marc Hazan: **Various Torah Topics.**

3:45 PM: Class given by Rabbi Benchimol: **Weekly Parasha.**

4:30 PM: Minha.

5:00 PM: **Seuda Shlishit is sponsored by the synagogue in honor of the congregation.**

**Dvar Torah given by Judge Yaakov Hornbliss.**

5:50 PM: Arvit

5:59 PM: Shabbat ends.

**Next Shabbat we read Parashat Yitro– February 11 – 18 Shevat, 5772**

**Friday, February 10 – Candle lighting: 5:05 PM**

**Minha 5:00 PM followed by Kabbalat Shabbat. Shabbat ends 6:07 PM**

#### Daily Services:

##### Shahrit

Early Minyan (Monday – Friday): 6:15 AM (Fifth floor)

Regular Minyan (Monday – Friday): 6:45 AM

Late Minyan (Monday – Friday): 8:15 AM

Shabbat & Sundays - 8:30 AM.

##### Minha & Arvit

5:05 PM (Sunday – Thursday)

(Late Arvit) 7:00 PM (Sunday – Thursday)

#### FOR SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP:

**PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE.**

**Family Membership: \$500 - Single \$250 (From January 2012 to December 2012).**

For announcements, Brit Mila, baby naming, weddings, Refuah Shelema, Azkarot... please contact Rabbi Benchimol on the Tuesday preceding Shabbat. The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Email addresses: [rabbi@sepharad.org](mailto:rabbi@sepharad.org), [info@sepharad.org](mailto:info@sepharad.org), [donations@sepharad.org](mailto:donations@sepharad.org) and [members@sepharad.org](mailto:members@sepharad.org).

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*Please do not carry this newsletter with you on Shabbat.*

## DAILY TALMUD CLASS

**Mondays - Fridays - 8:15 AM Talmud – Yoma (Chapter 3).**

## 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 Wed. at 7:30pm. Refreshments served.**

## LADIES LUNCH & LEARN

**Wednesdays: 12:00 noon to 2:30 PM:** "Weekly Parasha the Way You like It, Plus..." with Mrs. Tamar Tessler, sponsored by MSC and Aleph Learning Center. **Suspended until mid-February.**

## 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. **Please note: There are two Kollel sessions – the first, from 9:45 AM – 12 pm, and the second from 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm.** 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. Please take advantage of this Kollel by coming and learning with a rabbi on any Torah subject. To participate and/or sponsor, please speak to Rabbi Benchimol, or email at [kollel@sepharad.org](mailto:kollel@sepharad.org).

## MANHATTAN KOLLEL ON TWITTER & SKYPE

**Follow us on Twitter at @ManhattanKollel!** The Manhattan Kollel has established a new Twitter account in order to provide the MSC community with real time updates regarding the activities of the Kollel, including notifications regarding upcoming shiurim and what topics are being learned and in what language. Follow us and stay connected!

**Can't make it to the Kollel? Study with Rabbi Chetrit via Skype!** Can't break away from work in time? Stuck at home? Out of town? Well, if you have a WIFI connection and a webcam, you can study with Rabbi Matatia Chetrit virtually via Skype for free! Rabbi Chetrit is available most weekdays in the afternoon and early evening to learn whatever you wish. Just add "Torah2618" as a Contact on your Skype account and you will be ready to learn remotely at your convenience!

## 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 R. Benchimol.

## WEEKLY CLASSES

In addition to the Kollel classes every night, you can also join us Monday nights at 7:15 until 8:15 pm, Rabbi Benchimol gives a class on the book of Tanya.

## 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.

## NEW DAILY MINYAN

MSC is pleased to announce the start of a third Shahrit Minyan, beginning at 8:15 AM, Mon– Fri. This is the latest weekday Sephardic Minyan in Manhattan. Tefilah is followed by Breakfast.

## EARLY SHABBAT MINHA MINYAN DURING WINTER MONTHS (TRIAL)

MSC is organizing an early Minha Minyan Shabbat afternoon in the main sanctuary after the Kiddush (this week at 12:40 pm). This minyan is catered for those people who live far from the synagogue and normally do not return for the regular Minha service (at 4:30 pm). We encourage all others to join the regular (later) minha minyan (together with the Torah classes and Seudah Shlishit). This early minyan, which is now on a trial basis, is scheduled to go on throughout the winter months.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mazal Tov:** To David Saida on his engagement to Dana Kannel.

**Condolences:** To Jean Marc Perez on the passing of his beloved brother, Menahem ben Malka z"l.

**Bikur Holim:** Please pray for Meyer ben Aisha, Clara bat Susan, Yakot bat Aziza, Rabbi Meir ben Rachel, Noah ben Miriam, Zev Meir ben Yael Sarra, Yaakov ben Dora, Elisheva Nicole bat Sarah, Avraham Yaakov ben Bracha, Ezra ben Elisheva, Shimon Ben Simha, Sara Merkava bat Elisheva, Haya Ruth bat Yehudit, Gavriel Hanania Haim ben Misoda, Oded Ben Rutzy, Aharon ben Reina, Shimon Ben Aziza Sulam and Noam ben Moran for a complete and speedy recovery.

## TU B'SHVAT SEDER AT MSC

Our annual Tu B'Shvat Seder will take place on **Tuesday, February 7, at 7:15 PM** on the third floor. We will enjoy luscious fruits as we learn about the different customs of Tu B'Shvat. The event is sponsored by **Sidney & Tammy Cohen in honor of Sidney's birthday.**

## FRIENDS & FAMILY SHABBAT DINNER

Join Manhattan Sephardic Congregation and Aleph Learning Center for Shabbat Dinner on February 10, 2012. \$45 Adult/ \$20 Child (ages 4-11). Minha, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat @ 5:00 PM, Dinner @ 6:15 PM. RSVP @ [www.alephlearning.org](http://www.alephlearning.org) or 646.827.9181.

## MEMBERSHIP

We have begun our membership drive for the year 2012. Membership prices are \$500 (family) and \$250 (single). Please fill out all the information sent to you by mail (including email addresses, cell# and fax#) as we are trying to update our database. We invite you to become a member and take part of the greater family of MSC.

## SYNAGOGUE ELECTIONS

We are pleased to inform you that MSC will hold a membership meeting to elect board members on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 8:00 PM. A Steering Committee is being organized to select and nominate potential candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 7 board members. Until then, as per the bylaws, any voting member of the congregation in good standing may nominate any qualified member in good standing as a potential candidate by submitting the nomination in writing or by email ([info@sepharad.org](mailto:info@sepharad.org)) to the Steering Committee no later than Friday, February 24, 2012. Every name will be seriously considered by the committee.

Please remember that only members in good standing will be permitted to attend and vote at the membership meeting. Membership for 2012 is renewed in January and information will be sent to you shortly. May our unified efforts bring our congregation to the next level, and may we all see the fruits of our labor materialized in every possible way.

## KIDDUSH CLUB

MSC thanks the past and current sponsors of the Kiddush Club. The sponsors of this year's Kiddush (Pesach 2011-2012) are: Anonymous, Anonymous, Dr. David & Alla Abayev, Mony & Karen Abergel, Michael & Daniel Abittan (in memory of Messod & Michal Wizman), Dr. Alvin Adler, Asher & Wendy Alcobi, Michael & Sara Avitan, Peri & Joy Avitan, Dr. William & Susan Bahary, Daniel Baum, Michel & Yvette Benarrosh, Olivier & Berangere Benatar, Moshe & Karen Benezra, Gadi & Victoria Ben Hamo, Avi Judas & Marni Benichou, Arlene Bergman, Elie & Sandra Cohen, Oren Cohen, Sidney & Tammy Cohen, Charly & Miriam Darwich, Isaac Fhima, Charles & Gili Glatter, Menahem & Leah Iny, Marko & Masami Issever, Dr. Marc & Sandra Kantrowitz, Laurent & Marcie Mastey, Adam & Ilanit Mukamal, David & Caroline Perez, Meir & Sara Rabbani, Irving & Regina Schild, Shimon & Ruby Shkury and Leonard & Heather Wolfe. The "Liquor" table is donated by Mr. & Mrs. Meyer Chetrit.

## TORAH THOUGHTS

*"All the diseases which I have brought upon Egypt, I shall not bring upon you, for I am G-d your healer" (15:26)*

I shall never afflict you with the intent to merely punish, as I did the Egyptians. Rather, "I am G-d your healer" -- if I do cause you suffering, it is only to a positive end, like a doctor who may, at times, cause pain to his patient in order to heal him.

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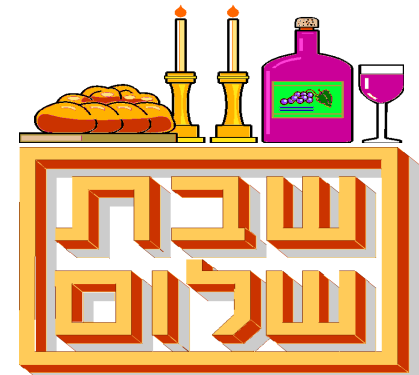
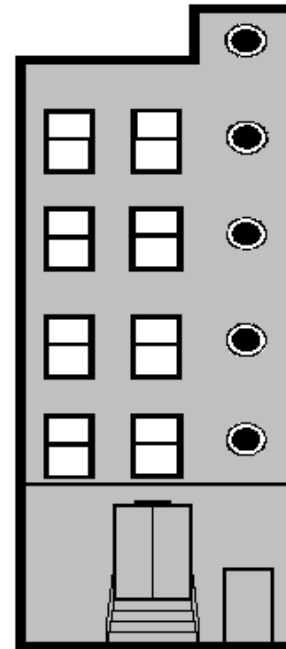
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## ALTERNATIVE NETWORKING WORKSHOP

Join Nissim Sade for an Alternative Networking Workshop on Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012, 7:00-10:00 PM @ MSC. This unpredictable creative workshop offers Hebrew speakers alternative ways to get desired results from networking. Kosher wine and fruit will be served. \$20 cover. For more information, contact Nissim Sade, Life & Business Coach, 917.225.8549/ [nissimsade@gmail.com](mailto:nissimsade@gmail.com)

## MSC AT AIPAC CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

With all that is developing in the world, Israel is truly under siege. During times like these it is imperative that **we** do all we can to ensure that American stands with Israel. This March, you have the chance to make a real difference for America and Israel. Rabbi Benchimol is organizing a delegation from the Manhattan Sephardic Congregation to attend AIPAC's Policy Conference in March.

Join the rabbi and your fellow congregants at AIPAC's Policy Conference! This blockbuster event is the largest gathering of the pro-Israel movement. Over 7,000 pro-Israel activists from all 50 states to take part in what the New York Times has called "three of the most important days affecting Israel's future." Presidents, Prime Ministers and Heads of State have keynoted the event in the past.

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The 2012 conference will be held March 4-6, 2012, in Washington, D.C. To register or learn more visit: [www.aipac.org/pc](http://www.aipac.org/pc) or call Yehuda Gross at 212-750-4110.

## FRANCE ELECTIONS 2012

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Julien Balkany, who is one of the candidates for the June 2012 legislative elections in the First Constituency of French residents overseas, including the United States and Canada, will be a guest speaker at MSC, **this Shabbat**. Mr. Balkany will be sharing important information that all French residents living here need to know.

For further information please visit the following web address:

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## NEW MSC MULTIMEDIA LIBRARY

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## CLAIMS CONFERENCE HARDSHIP FUND

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## 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.

Thank you to all those who prayed for Gilad Shalit's release. Please continue to pray for the other kidnapped Israeli soldiers and for the safety and security of Israel.

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.

## NEW COFFEE MACHINE TO SUPPORT OUR KOLLEL

MSC has added a new super automatic Espresso/Cappuccino machine in its premises to support our Manhattan Kollal. This machine offers superior high quality taste for espresso, Cappuccino, Latte, Chocolate milk and Chocolate Cappuccino, as found in Coffee shops. Additionally, the following benefits apply for every cup: Less expensive, saves you time, **Halav Yisrael**, gives you a Mitzvah by supporting our Kollal.

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## CHILDREN'S SERVICE & YOUTH MINYAN

### MAHAZIKE TORAH – MSC YOUTH MINYAN

"Jacob was left alone and a man wrestled with him until the break of dawn. When he perceived that he could not overcome him, he struck the socket of his hip". The 'man' who wrestled with Jacob was actually the archangel of Esav. Jacob is the patriarch who symbolizes the pillar of Torah. The angel who wrestled with him tried to weaken the power of Torah. But when he saw that he could not overcome Jacob, he tried the next best thing. He went after the future 'Mahazike Torah – Supporters of Torah', which, according to the Zohar, are compared to the thighs (hips) which support the body. He figured that without financial supporters there could be no Torah Institutions and thus no future for the Jewish People. But Jacob understood what this angel was trying to do, so he did not let go of him until he blessed him with the name Israel. That name signifies that Jacob would triumph over the angel's schemes.

Baruch Hashem, over the years the children of Jacob opened many Torah institutions to ensure that the next generation of Jews would flourish. But these institutions always needed the MAHAZIKE TORAH's support.

The same is true with our Youth Minyan, which represents our next generation. Without the financial support of the MAHAZIKE TORAH, there would be no Torah for our children. Therefore, in order to give the proper KAVOD (respect) to the supporters of the Youth Minyan, we are calling the Youth Minyan, MAHAZIKE TORAH.

**SPECIAL THANKS:** To Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gad for dedicating the fifth floor youth Minyan in memory of Michael's father Naftali ben Nissan Z"l and in memory of his nanny, Marcel Bat Rima, Z"l. To Mr. & Mrs. Gadi Benhamo for dedicating the Aron Kodesh in memory of his parents, Aharon & Hanna Benhamo Z"l. To Marko Issever and Ronny Marciano who are overseeing the children's program & Youth Minyan. Special thanks to Daniel Hazan and David Cohen, our Youth Directors.

Links to the prayers of the Shabbat morning service according to our Sephardic Nusach are available in the "Youth Programs" section of our website. We ask parents to play an active role in the services. Please encourage your children to attend and participate in the Youth Minyan and the classes. We also ask you to join them and be a part of that Minyan. Please make sure your children come on time for these programs (9:15am). We are confident that the services and programs will be both rewarding and enriching for our children. We are looking for sponsors to defray the costs of our Youth Faculty, which consists of three directors as well as other expenses. Please help us invest in your children.

### MSC TZEDAKA CAMPAIGN

MSC has made beautiful Tzedaka boxes for you to have, sponsored in memory of Shimon ben Moshe z"l Schnaider.

A Tzedaka box in our home is a daily reminder to share our good fortunes with others. It also reminds us that even small donations are important in the eyes of G-d, as the *Mishna* states, "The one who gives much and the one who gives little have the same merit, provided that the heart is directed to heaven."

Customary times to give tzedaka are during the prayer services and before Shabbat candle lighting...

As you know, we at MSC provide many programs for the community. Among them: Kollel, Hebrew After-School, Youth Minyan, Torah Lectures, Bikur Holim (visiting the sick), Helping the Poor, Women's Programs, Children's Programs, Holiday Programs, Daily Prayer Services, Daily Classes, One-On-One Learning, Shabbatons, Synagogue Multimedia Library... By taking part in our Tzedaka campaign, you are helping to fund for these programs. Please remember: **Every penny counts!**

To receive a Tzedaka box for your home and/or office, please call the synagogue at 212-988-6085, or email at Tzedaka@sepharad.org, and we will make sure that you receive one promptly. When your Tzedaka box is full, please call or email us to arrange for pickup.

Again, thank you for your help, and in the merit of your generous Mitzvah may you always be in a position to give. Our sages of blessed memory taught that "Great is charity, for it hastens the redemption". May it be that in the merit of giving Tzedaka we will usher in the arrival of Mashiach soon in our days, Amen!

### 20/20 PROJECT AT MSC

We ask all congregants 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.

### JEWISH FAMILY HOUR AT MSC

Every Sunday, from 5:00-5:45 PM there is Father-Son learning @ MSC. This Sunday, February 5, we will also have Mother and Daughter learning, which will include cooking lessons, video programs, and special lecturers! Both father/son and mother/daughter learning will be followed by Game-Room play, raffles, pizza, refreshments, and prizes. Claim prizes for tickets received @ Shabbat Youth Services and the Wednesday After-School Program!

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### MSC TZEDAKA CAMPAIGN

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A Tzedaka box in our home is a daily reminder to share our good fortunes with others. It also reminds us that even small donations are important in the eyes of G-d, as the *Mishna* states, "The one who gives much and the one who gives little have the same merit, provided that the heart is directed to heaven."

Customary times to give tzedaka are during the prayer services and before Shabbat candle lighting...

As you know, we at MSC provide many programs for the community. Among them: Kollel, Hebrew After-School, Youth Minyan, Torah Lectures, Bikur Holim (visiting the sick), Helping the Poor, Women's Programs, Children's Programs, Holiday Programs, Daily Prayer Services, Daily Classes, One-On-One Learning, Shabbatons, Synagogue Multimedia Library... By taking part in our Tzedaka campaign, you are helping to fund for these programs. Please remember: **Every penny counts!**

To receive a Tzedaka box for your home and/or office, please call the synagogue at 212-988-6085, or email at Tzedaka@sepharad.org, and we will make sure that you receive one promptly. When your Tzedaka box is full, please call or email us to arrange for pickup.

Again, thank you for your help, and in the merit of your generous Mitzvah may you always be in a position to give. Our sages of blessed memory taught that "Great is charity, for it hastens the redemption". May it be that in the merit of giving Tzedaka we will usher in the arrival of Mashiach soon in our days, Amen!

### 20/20 PROJECT AT MSC

We ask all congregants 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.

### JEWISH FAMILY HOUR AT MSC

Every Sunday, from 5:00-5:45 PM there is Father-Son learning @ MSC. This Sunday, February 5, we will also have Mother and Daughter learning, which will include cooking lessons, video programs, and special lecturers! Both father/son and mother/daughter learning will be followed by Game-Room play, raffles, pizza, refreshments, and prizes. Claim prizes for tickets received @ Shabbat Youth Services and the Wednesday After-School Program!