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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kiddush Sponsor

Kiddush is sponsored by Menorat Hamaor

To sponsor Kiddush, contact Ron Weiss at 058-695-6300 or rw@zrwron.com.

Youth Shabbat Programs & Services

- ♦ Youth Mussaf Minyan in the plaza level Annex at ~ 9:30, followed by a shiur & kiddush in the plaza. Age 10 and older.
- ♦ Program for ages up to 6 begins after davening with Shimon Cohen in the plaza level annex (Caravan)
- ♦ Listen to Shabbat announcements for activities after davening for girls aged 8-12 with Tifferet Fish at the Kahn home
- ♦ Boys shiurim for grades 1-6, after Youth Minyan

Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30 PM in the shul. Please plan to attend

Maor Seniors

The Kehilla is invited to a Lag B'Omer Bonfire & Sing-A-Long with talented musicians from our shul. Bring a chair and a campfire snack on Wednesday, May 2 at 21:00 at the corner of Nahar HaYarden and Nachal HaYarkon. Call Edie Barr at 054 872 0424 for details; **Save the date: June 13** - Trip to Planetarium & Eretz Yisrael Museum in Tel Aviv.

Shabbat Davening Times

Early Shabbat

Early Mincha	17:30
Early candle lighting after	17:47
Early candle lighting before	18:05
K'ryat Sh'ma	19:45

Regular Shabbat

Regular candle lighting	18:42
Regular Mincha	18:50
Sh'kiya	19:07

Yom Shabbat

Shacharit	8:00
Mincha	13:30/18:10
Yom HaAtzmaut Drasha	16:50
Maariv	19:46

Daily Minyanim

Shacharit

Sun, Mon (Rosh Chodesh):	6:00
Tues/Wed (Yom HaZikaron)	6:15
Thurs (Yom HaAtzmaut):	8:00
Friday:	7:00

Mincha (Sun-Thurs): 18:30

Maariv (Sun, Mon, Tues, Thurs): 21:00

Maariv (Wed, Erev Yom HaAtzmaut): 19:15

IMPORTANT REMINDER

It is our shul policy to be nut, sesame and peanut butter free. This is important and a life-threatening issue for members with extreme nut & peanut butter allergies. Please do not bring products containing these ingredients such as Bamba into our shul. This is a serious health matter for some of our members.

Refuah Shleimah To:

- ♦ Chaya Yaakova bat Michla (Jackie Ehrlich)
- ♦ Hersh Tzvi ben Rachel Raizel (Hersh Leventhal)
- ♦ Gussya Freida Rachel bas Gitel (R' David Levin's sister-in-law)
- ♦ David Eliyahu ben Sara (David Lecy)
- ♦ Shabtai Haim Ben Ahuva (Mark Apfel's brother)
- ♦ Yonatan ben Antonia (Jacqui Taub's son-in-law)
- ♦ Yaffa bat Chana (Joyce Hurwitz -Julian's mother)

Shul Yom HaAtzmaut BBQ (Braai) Dinner

Our shul Yom Haatzmaut BBQ takes place Wednesday, April 18 at 20:00 after a festive Maariv in the Plaza Level, cooked on-site by the Meat Bar. Cost for members is highly subsidized: NIS 25 for the first ADULT family member (13 years of age and older) and NIS 20 for each additional ADULT family member; children under 13 are NIS 15. Member Family cap of NIS 90 "Family" refers to parents and their children only. Non-members NIS 35/30 with no cap. Reservations & payment due no later than **this Sunday** to Mort Barr at mortbarr@gmail.com, Nachal Maor 11/2.

DON'T DELAY, RESERVE NOW

UPCOMING YAHRZEITS

- Stan Ehrlich's father, Aharon ben Chaim - 28 Nissan
- Dicky Fish's father, Moshe ben Reuven - 29 Nissan
- Miriam Cohen's father, Yerachmiel Dov ben Zisha Yona - 1 Iyar
- Livia Haddas' father, Yerachmiel Dov ben Zisha Yona - 1 Iyar
- Reuven Talmud's mother, Shoshana Esther bas Yitzchak - 2 Iyar
- Jeannette Schleimer's father, Dovid Yehuda ben HeChaver Osher Zelig - 4 Iyar
- Estelle Epstein's husband, Asher Reuven ben Chaim - 4 Iyar
- Gayle Gordon's father, Asher Reuven ben Chaim - 4 Iyar
- Ofer Strauss' grandmother, Yehudit bat Yisroel Chaim HaLevi - 4 Iyar
- Lionel Chime' mother, Chava Ita bat Yehoshua Hessel - 6 Iyar
- Shimon Cohen's father, Shabtai ben Shraga Feivel HaKohen - 6 Iyar
- Bernice Sultan's mother, Luba bat Dov Baer - 7 Iyar

Dvar Torah

Tazria (Leviticus 12-13)

Speech - Use It, Don't Abuse It by Rabbi Eli Scheller

"If a tzaraas affliction will be in a person... (Lev. 13:9)"

Lashon hara (negative speech) is a very serious sin and results in the transgressor being afflicted with *tzaraas*, a leprosy-like illness. Why is the sin of *lashon hara* so severe that it must be punished with *tzaraas*?

The Torah states, "And [God] blew into his nostrils the soul of life; and man became a living being." (Bereishis 2:7) Onkelos translates "a living being" as a "speaking spirit." Accordingly, it is the soul that gives a person the power to speak. Because the soul and the ability to speak are directly connected, great damage is done to the soul when someone sins through speech. *Lashon hara* is therefore punished severely and instantaneously.

Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel once sent his servant, Tavi, to buy "good food." Tavi, who was famous for his wisdom, brought back a tongue. Thereupon, Rav Shimon sent him to buy some "bad food." Again he returned with a tongue. Rav Shimon asked him to explain how the same food could be both good and bad. Tavi answered, "From a tongue can come good and bad. When a tongue speaks good, by complimenting or praising another, there is nothing better. But when a tongue speaks evil, when it tells *lashon hara* or makes fun of people, there is nothing worse. It can break up families and kill.

The verse states, "Death and life are in the hands of the tongue." (Mishlei 18:21) The tongue is mightier than the sword. A sword can only kill someone nearby, whereas words spoken on one continent can "hit the heart" of someone on another continent. The tongue, of all the limbs and organs, moves with the least difficulty and most speed. Consequently, *lashon hara* is one of the sins committed most frequently. It is for this reason that the mouth is guarded with two gates: the teeth and the lips. A person has to think twice before he says something once. A bird that escapes may be caught again, but a word that escapes will never return!



Please Check Out Our Updated Website

Please visit menorat-hamaor.org for access to our extensive shiurim library, to learn about daily and Shabbat davening times, to learn about the latest news and events of interest to our Kehillah. The site is updated each MOTSASH

SUPPORT OUR KIDDUSHIM

If you have an upcoming Yahrzeit or simcha, please consider donating any amount to our Kiddush Fund. No donation is too small, or too large. Or, please consider sponsoring a Kiddush.

Ways To Donate

Please consider a donation to one of our many funds; commemorate a simcha, yahrzeit or special occasion. Contact Stan Ehrlich on 054 593 5198 or email ehrllichstan@gmail.com:

Building Fund - To pay off the building loan.

Tzedakah Fund - Supports families in need on a case by case basis.

Kiddush Fund - Support our shul Shabbat Kiddush Shiur program.

Memorial Board Plaque - Remember the Yahrzeit of a loved one.

Shul Maintenance Fund - Supports building maintenance & expenses.

HELP WANTED

Yes, Menorat Hamaor needs YOU! Help wanted immediately to be the next editor of the Shabbat Newsletter. No prior experience needed, just a willingness to support and give to the Kehilla. Please contact Mort Barr as soon as



possible.