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The Executive, Board of Trustees, Clergy and staff extend to all our members and friends best wishes for a Shanah Tova.  
Le Comit  Ex cutif, le Conseil d'administration, le rabbinat et l'administration souhaitent   tous ses membres et amis Shanah Tova.

DEAR FRIENDS AND CONGREGANTS,



The March of the Living program, established in 1988 takes place annually for two weeks around April and May, immediately following Passover. The International March of the Living is “an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.” I was privileged to chaperon this emotional and life-altering trip a few years back. We also sent all our children to see and witness the ravages of anti-semitism.

I want to share with you what I believe to be of great significance, the duty and responsibility of each one of us to remember. The Baal Shem Tov (the founder of Chasidism) taught “Forgetfulness leads to exile while remembrance is the secret of redemption.”

It is memory that has allowed the Jewish people to last through thousands of years of history. Our religion and our people are founded on the collective memory of revelation at Sinai. The Torah commands us to : Remember the Sabbath day, recall the Exodus from Egypt and keep in mind what the evil Amalek did. All those memories define us as a people in our quest of a better tomorrow.

Each of my children gave a poignant speech to our congregation and local Jewish Federation upon their return. My daughter Shira, following in her sister Eve's footsteps, was one of the participants. Therefore, I turn over my column to Shira so she may share with you her thoughts and feelings about this remarkable journey.

Dear congregants!

It is incredibly difficult for me to explain what the March of the Living truly means to me in just a few words.

But I will do my best.

You can watch Holocaust movies and look at photos of concentration camps, but until you witness the marks of desperation on the walls of the crematorium at Auschwitz, until you lay your eyes on the mountain of ashes at Majdanek, until you see the anguish through the eyes of a survivor reliving the past, the Holocaust is black ink on a white piece of paper.

I knew before my departure that this trip would have a powerful impact on my life, but I could not have imagined it would have such an influence on my perception of life years after my return. What my friends and I saw and experienced during this trip will forever be inscribed in my soul.

As far as I can remember, I always took my father's camera and loved to take pictures of everything and anything. On every family trip, I am the designated photographer. It was the same in Poland. Although we had a photographer assigned to our group, I took pictures faster than she could blink. It was a powerful feeling to witness the concentration camps through my lens.

Let me introduce you to Robert “Robbie” Waisman. Robbie was born in 1931 in Skarzysko, Poland, to a family of six children. His parents were religious. He told us how he remembers the Shabbat as a very special time when his father would tell him stories of the great rabbis and stories of Sholom Aleichem. He told us how he was pampered and how he felt that everything revolved around him. His early memories are full of warmth and love.

One of his main regrets is that he does not have any photographs of his family. He is always envious of people who have pictures of their parents. His pictures and his loved ones were forever taken away from him at the hands of the Nazis.

Here is our story: Robbie and I became very close. I followed him and took pictures of him near his house, in front of his synagogue and on the cobbled streets of Skarszysko. My passion for taking pictures was obvious to everyone. I was humbled

when I was asked to accompany him into his childhood home that he hasn't seen in 73 years. Robbie had me videotape the whole experience. It was one of the highlights of my trip.

Once in Israel, something awful happened; I lost my camera with all the hundreds and hundreds of pictures in it. I was devastated.

On any other day, I would have cried, panicked, and made a scene, but somehow, after having met Robbie, all these material belongings had a different meaning. I kept on imagining Robbie relive the destruction of his town, the deportation of his parents, the ruins of his synagogue, and the pain that still lingers in his heart, and somehow, the camera and MY pictures seemed of no importance.



Today, I am a changed person. Although the pictures taken through the lens of my camera are lost, the images I witnessed are permanently with me. As we get ready to enter Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I believe more than ever in the sanctity of life, the need of community, the sacredness of family, and the power of good over evil.

Shira

My wife Muriel, my children Jonathan (Lea), Eve (Adam), Shira and Michael, our grandchildren Liel Daniel, James, and Axel join me in wishing you, our S&P family, a Chag Kasher v'Sameach!

Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Charles Shemie, President



Dear Friends and Congregants,

As we are approaching the holiday of Pessah, the hope of going back to our normal activities is looking brighter. Covid 19 is slowly giving place to other variants that science is ready to control.

The reopening of our Sanctuary is a sign of better days to come. Our clergy and Office team are all excited to see life coming back to its usual pace. My compliments to them as well as to all the members of the Executive and Board who continued, regardless of all the restrictions, to keep our Congregation functioning to the highest spiritual and cultural level.

It is in this very spirit, that at every solemn event and Shabbat, standing in front of the holy Ark we all sing as we put the Sefarim back to their place *Hadesh Yameynu Kikedem* - Bring us back to You Hashem and we shall return and renew our days as of old.

This hope and prayer is always in our mind, it's the credo of our people. Never loose hope against adversity.

Unlike the past three years, our Seder table, hopefully this time around, will host our families and friends with songs and joy. The *Ma Nishtana* will not look like the past three Pessahim, done in the confinements of our homes.

Pessah is the *Zman Heroutenu*, the reminiscence of the time of our freedom, that I wish you all, Dear Friends and Congregants, to celebrate in good health and joy with your loved ones.

My wife Lucie joins me in wishing you *Hag Casher Ve Sameyah*.

Chers Amis et Fidèles,

Alors que nous approchons de la fête de Pessa'h, l'espoir de reprendre nos activités habituelles devient plus prometteur. Le Covid 19, laisse peu à peu place à d'autres variantes, que la science est prête à maîtriser.

La réouverture de notre Sanctuaire est le signe de jours meilleurs à venir. Notre clergé et les membres du Bureau sont tous ravis de voir la vie reprendre son rythme habituel.

Mes compliments à eux ainsi qu'à tous nos membres du Comité exécutif et du Conseil d'administration qui ont, malgré toutes les restrictions, continuer à maintenir notre Congrégation au plus haut degré spirituel et culturel.

C'est dans cet esprit même qu'à chaque événement solennel et shabbat, debout devant l'Arche sainte, nous chantons tous en remettant les Sefarim à leur place *Hadesh Yameynu Kikedem*, « Ramène-nous à Toi Hachem et nous reviens, renouvelle nos jours comme autrefois. »

Cet espoir et cette prière sont toujours dans nos esprits, c'est le credo de notre Peuple. Ne jamais perdre espoir face à l'adversité.

Contrairement aux deux dernières années, notre table du Seder, espérons-le cette fois-ci, accueillera nos familles et nos amis avec des chansons et de la joie. Le *Ma Nishtana* ne ressemblera pas aux derniers Pessahim, réalisés dans l'enceinte de nos maisons.

**Pessa'h;** est aussi nommée *Zman Heroutenu*, réminiscence du temps de notre liberté; Chers Amis et Fidèles, je vous souhaite tous de la célébrer en bonne santé et dans la joie, avec vos proches.

Mon épouse Lucie se joint à moi pour vous souhaiter **Hag Pessa'h Sameah**.

# RABBI'S MESSAGE

By Rabbi Dr. Menahem White

“When circumstances forced us to sell our building on Lavoie, the membership was in a quandary for many months as to where we should go...”



I felt a special kinship with Rabbi Joseph z"l, as we both had studied at Yeshiva University (although he was a couple years ahead of me) and we were both students of the “Rav,” Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Since I came into the practicing rabbinate rather late in my career, after becoming Rabbi of Chevra Shaas, I would on occasion call Rabbi Joseph, and ask him how he would handle a certain situation. I was impressed by his knowledge, his scholarship, and his sensitivity in applying it.

When circumstances forced us to sell our building on Lavoie, the membership was in a quandary for many months as to where we should go. Many possibilities were looked into, and all were rejected. Until.... I called Rabbi Joseph and asked if we could rent space in the Spanish.

The Rabbi asked me to wait a week, and promised to get back to me. Which he did. A week later, he called me and said that the synagogue is interested

in us, but does not want to have a landlord/tenant relationship with us. Rather, we should become part of the Spanish, yet maintaining our own Ashkenaz services. So, we brought the proceeds of the sale of our building to the Spanish, and we became part of this great synagogue: Shearith Israel.

ha-shir yiheyeh lakhem ke-leil hitqadesh he-hag (Isaiah 30) Our classical sources connect Passover with shir, “song.” We sing our traditional tunes around the seder table, we sing hallel, we are inspired by beautiful tunes in shul. Yet shir in Hebrew can also mean “poetry.” The scholar known as the Netziv, whom Rabbi Joseph was often fond of quoting, said that the Torah is like poetry, as it contains allusions to the unsaid, and that it lends itself to deeper levels of meaning.

Rabbi Joseph, who himself wrote poetry, understood and conveyed the shades of meaning and allusions in the Torah. He was a precious jewel for the Montreal Jewish community. Shearith Israel was blessed with such a person. haval 'al de'avdin ve-lo' mishtakchin (“So sad for those who have left us and cannot be replaced.” Talmud Bavli Sanhedrin 111a.) His memory is certainly for a blessing.

Best wishes for a happy and kosher Passover,

Rabbi Menahem White, Chevra Shaas

## PESSAH SCHEDULE

**Shabbat**  
**April 16, 9:30am**

**Sunday**  
**April 17, 9:30am**

**Shevi'i shel Pesah**  
**April 22, 9:30am**

**Aharon shel Pesah**  
**April 23, 9:30am**



# A WORD FROM OUR PARNASS

By Marc Hadid, p.Eng, parnass



Hello everyone, i hope all is well by you and your families and friends.

The shutdown in dec. 2021 And jan 202 was not an easy one for all congregants and especially for those who comes on shabbat as no virtual services allowed, but thks. Hashem our kahal was resilient and manage b.H. To pass through these difficult time.

First i would like to give a big thank you to our faithful members who participated in our services on shabbat and weekdays , as you know that 2020 and 2021 were not easy years because of the pandemic covid19 but thanks to hashem we kept our synagogue open and providing shabbat and weekdays prayers services continuously by following the sante quebec health protocols and government confinement and deconfinement rules and regulations.

In fact we established our opening protocols and guidances , mostly we kept our strict zero tolerance policy to safeguard the health and safety or our kahal, we thank all who attended our services and our staff members for their vigilance and adherence to these protocols and collaborations to keep our synagogue safe and a perfect place to gather and pray

“ [...] thanks to hashem we kept our synagogue open and providing shabbat and weekdays prayers services

We have been offering in person services all week including our beautiful services on shabbat with the beautiful services , and torah reading and singing by our hazan reverend cantor danny benlolo our baal koreh benji, torah reading on shabbat. Pls. Join us for this big mitzvah of minyan and this is a great way to honor your family members or relatives and friends on special or regular occasions.

Our clergy will be calling some members , especially those on the yertzeit list, as a courtesy call reminder for aliyot reservation and virtual haftarah or parasha portion reading to honor your loved ones or a habby occasion, pls. Be generous for this great of a mitvah.

Also pls. Join us on zoom for our virtual weekdays services and motzeh shabbat beautiful havdalah prayer and singing services , we hope to see you on zoom with our growing number of participants and number of attendees.

Pls. Note that international travellers and local persons with symptoms are not allowed in the building and should stay home for the quarantine period of time, they can come after this period of time if all is in compliance and fully acceptable.

We always kept in touch with spvm and federation for security updates and we requested that our security services be extra vigilant and double up their surveillances, we also requested from spvm to upgrade their security watch and frequent rounds.

I am happy to announce that we are beefing up our security team as we will be joined, on a trial basis,

by the csn protection team as our security committee and executive has approved, in fact 2 extra persons volunteers will be touring the building during shabbat services . This program is also about to recruit and train more volunteers to share this beautiful activity and it is you opportunity to give back to your community and having a safe prayers.

Our upcoming purim, pessah and shavuot prayers and activities are fast coming, pls. Read the office emails for more details and contributions as you wish. Also you can reserve your aliyot in person or virtual as well as having the clergy doing it on your behalf.

Be part of the action and join us for beautiful services and events as we strive to make your presence in our synagogue of most enjoyable and rewarding experience as we would like you to come back and again. Pls. Reach out by calling or writing to the office, clergy or to me (email mhadid@mvapower.Com or call me 514 609 0093) if you need any aliyot reservation assistance and if you have any question.

On a brighter note, we have celebrated many beautiful happy occasions of bm and others as we use to do prior to covid19 .

Be part of the action and celebration, come to the spanish.

Marc Hadid, p.Eng, parnass.

## SPANISH & PORTUGUESE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We are happy to introduce to you members of the Spanish & Portuguese Education Committee: **Rachel Gabbay, Lisette Shashoua, Moe Schwartz, Raphael Uzan, Rose Simon Schwartz, Chair**

We are very excited about a new learning centre “Passport to Learning”, created by the S&P Education Committee. We are starting with a series of 4 classes given by Rachel Gabbay, beginning on March 24, 2022.

1st class: Are science and religion compatible? What does the Torah tell us about our world ?

2nd class: Is religion still relevant? Do we still need religion / G-d? What for?

3rd class: Is freedom a real thing? Are we ever really free? What kind of freedom are we celebrating?

4th class: Born to lead...A slave, a prince, a holy man. The magic of Moses. How can one change a world.

We are also working on a lecture by a prominent member of the Montreal Jewish Community, lecture which will be the 1st lecture as part of the Rabbi Howard Joseph Memorial Fund. This project is still in its embryonic stage

and further information will be shared with you at a later date

This is only the beginning! Stay tuned for more programs to come

Hag Pessach Kasher ve Sameach to all our friends of the Congregations!

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES BY OUR REVEREND HAZAN

Good evening, everyone. Here are a few details on the activities and events that I have planned and that have taken place or that are coming up since our last executive and board meeting.

As some of you may know, February is JDAIM in North America and in other parts of the world. JDAIM stands for Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month. This celebration and movement is very dear to my wife Muriel and myself and we organize many events in honour of JDAIM each and every year. Since February 2020, after starting my role as your Hazan, I have partnered with the synagogue and other agencies around Montreal as well as other cities to bring awareness to this important month and celebration.

This year is no different. Although we were closed and unable to get together, Muriel and I were busy planning several events and projects.

■ **In collaboration with Muriel, Rabbi Pinto and Gali, we are hosting a DRIVE THRU MUSICAL HAVDALAH** on Saturday, February 12th, 2022 at 7 pm. The community and members' response has been amazing, and we have over 100 people including 45 kids attending. This initiative is a collaboration, in partnership with the Montreal Shira choir, Federation and many Federation leaders and community members were in attendance. We have secured a pianist and Rabbi Pinto had a drummer on board. Both musicians accompanied us during the Musical Havdalah and

lead all the guests in music and dancing after the Havdalah ceremony is completed. Federation is featuring the event on their website and on social media next week and Ellin Bessner from CJN, has included the event and highlights in this coming Monday morning's The Canadian Jewish News daily podcast.

■ **Muriel and I are excited to share with you another amazing and first-of-its-kind initiative that we are very proud of.** This year for the first time in Montreal and Canada, Jewish high school students have participated in a weeklong JDAIM program. We prepared a shorter happier version of the Shira Choir Documentary entitled Just As I am. All the kids from Grades 9, 10 and 11 saw the documentary and had an initial talk with their teacher on Disability and Inclusion. During the week, Muriel planned with the help of Callie Gruber, Educational Consultant for Federation CJA, Bronfman Jewish Education Center, 6 zoom Q&A sessions. Students in Grade 9, 10 and 11 from Bialik, Herzliah and Hebrew Academy took part in the sessions. The Q&A sessions included Daniel, Evan, Director of the documentary, Marvin, Producer of the documentary, Noah, Videographer of the documentary, Rhonda, Rebecca and Lenore, Volunteers of the Montreal Shira Choir, Callie from the Bronfman Center, Ayush, Choir member and his mom Anoma, Cynthia, Jonah's mom and Rabbi Pinto joined me in the morning with the

Bialik grade 10 students. The students were engaged by asking interesting questions. The feedback from the teachers and principals was positive and rewarding. Overall, an extremely well-received project that paved the way for other organizations. The goal is to acknowledge February as the JDAIM month where high schools will assemble to have programs and discussions in each class.

■ **I was a guest speaker for a 6-part series in collaboration with the Spanish and Portuguese and a Victoria BC synagogue.** The title of my presentation was: Building Bridges: Celebrating Diversity in Jewish Life – The Power of Music with Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo.

■ **I met with Rabbi Bernath, Joe Sasson and Nadia Nachtigail on Monday, January 31 to discuss a collaboration with Rabbi Bernath and the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue** using funds from Joe Sasson to help make shiduchim. For those of you who don't know Rabbi Bernath, he runs a program/app called JMontreal that is basically a dating app but with live matchmakers.

■ **Now that the shul is opened,** we will meet in the days to come to revisit the programs and initiatives that we started to plan at the end of last year and before the shul closed due to the pandemic. We will report on the progress and initiatives at the next meeting.



Junior Hebrew School is our latest educational initiative directed by Gali Pinto.



Children ages 3-5 of members and young families from Or Sheli enjoy a once-a-week after-school learning program at our synagogue. At JHS, we learn the Hebrew ALEPH-BET and about the Jewish holidays and values.

We also sing a lot of songs in Hebrew. Our first session of 6 weeks was a great success. Kids and parents are looking forward to the next one.

We hope to continue with another exciting session after Pesach.

# THE HOUSE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Emil Shiri, Chair

OLD BUSINESS:

■ Path of exit for the women’s seating area in the Main sanctuary.

This was discussed again , the decision was tabled until a meeting could be held with the architect and Marc Hadid to identify the best design with further discussion and design changes .

Fire Panel , after a discussion on the need for a new fire panel allowing proper fire alarms for the third floor and the fact that the existing panel is outdated...We advise the Board to proceed with the replacement of the Fire panel. The new fire panel would not just serve the 3rd floor but rather the whole building.

■ Roof repairs

Some minor repairs were done, however the entire roof will need to be replaced at some time in the next 5 -7 years  
We suggest that proper budgeting for this major expense be discussed.

■ Sprinkler system in boiler room,

This discussion was unresolved at the moment, pending further review of the need and urgency.

■ Furnace

This was discussed as needing some attention and will be in our agenda in the future

■ Security

Based on the recent events we felt that we need to review the basic internal and external protective measures we currently have, in order to adequately protect our members. We decided to have a meeting with the CSN ( Community Security Network).

This is an international organization committed to the protection of Synagogues and Jewish institutions against Attacks from a variety of potential threats.

Danny Shahrabani, a volunteer in the organization, was our liason helping to organize an introductory meeting .

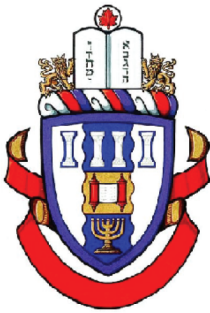
This meeting was held on January 31st, 2022.

We identified that we need to reinforce the protective measures already in place. Maybe some sort of drill or Mock attack could be conceived to help identify weaknesses or improve preparedness.

Their main focus was in the possible recruitment of volunteers who would be trained and then called upon to provide an additional layer of surveillance for other synagogues as well as our own.

It was resolved that we need a plan to help organize our clergy, office staff and members alike, on the safety protocols in place and on WHAT IF scenario’s.

We have asked the CSN to help us with a framework and a proposal on what they can provide.



# SPANISH & PORTUGUESE Business Network

## Speakers Series

Come join our network of entrepreneurs and professionals to learn, share, and grow!

We are pleased to present our Speakers Series that will include interesting topics by accountants, lawyers, bankers, wealth managers, insurance brokers and business persons from our community to share their stories.

We will begin with 4 sessions on Zoom per the schedule below.

Please register using the following link:

<https://www.thespanish.org/form/SP-Business-Network-Speakers-Series.html>

### Schedule

#### April 13 at 12:00 noon

**Speaker:** Lorne Steinberg – **LSWM**  
**Topic:** Economic update, investor positioning, asset allocation  
**Introduction:** Oren Gabbay – **Argus Transport**

#### April 26 at 12:00 noon

**Speakers:** Tasso Lagios & Alana Geller – **Richter**  
**Topic:** Transforming your family business  
**Introduction:** Ron Gabbay – **RG Coffee**

#### May 11 at 12:00 noon

**Speakers:** Jonathan Raymond & Angie Hall – **HSBC**  
**Topic:** Sustainable financing  
**Introduction:** Ronald Reuben - **Medicom**

#### May 25 at 12:00 noon

**Speakers:** Tasso Lagios & Justine Delisle – **Richter**  
**Topic:** Establishing your family office  
**Introduction:** David Nathaniel - **Ascot Capital Group**





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Thank you to my Executive, board, my dear mom **Simha Peress** and countless others for their constant advice, help and support. It has been a successful 3 years and I am thankful to all who gave so much of themselves for contributing to this great journey. We are nearing that time to establish a nominating committee to help me pass the baton and with our support the New President, Executive and Board will succeed. We extend our deepest gratitude to our Members and Friends who have partnered with us to strengthen our community's ties. We accomplished all this and raised money. Together we all made a difference.

Hag Pessach Sameach, Grace Peress Lawee, Sisterhood President

S&P SISTERHOOD PURIM BASKET  
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FIRST TIME EVER A SOLD OUT PURIM BOX DRIVE!  
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Over 200 sold in record time plus donations made after we were sold out. We Thank the office staff for their unwavering support and dedication.

We thank our committee of callers lead by **Andree Haim, Edna Anzarut, Evelyn Shahin, Esther Diwan, Gracy Corin and Vicky Shemie.** We thank the assembly volunteers lead by **Edna Anzarut, Sandra Moghrabi, Andree Haim, Evelyn Shahin, Simha Peress, Shella Chahine, Mariam Mintz, Joyce Isaac, Esther Diwan, Vicky Shemie, Connie Oiknine, Shani Pinto Sebag, Nina Rabih, and Sari Greenberg.** A Big Thank you to Santos Munoz for coming with me to pick up all the goods, and delivering the Mishloah Manot to the Charities and recipients. Thank you to my advisors **Sandra Moghrabi and Edna Anzarut.** This year our baskets went mostly to **Mada, The cummings Center, The Jewish General Hospital, and Maison Shalom.**

God bless and Purim Sameah  
Grace Peress Lawee, Sisterhood President



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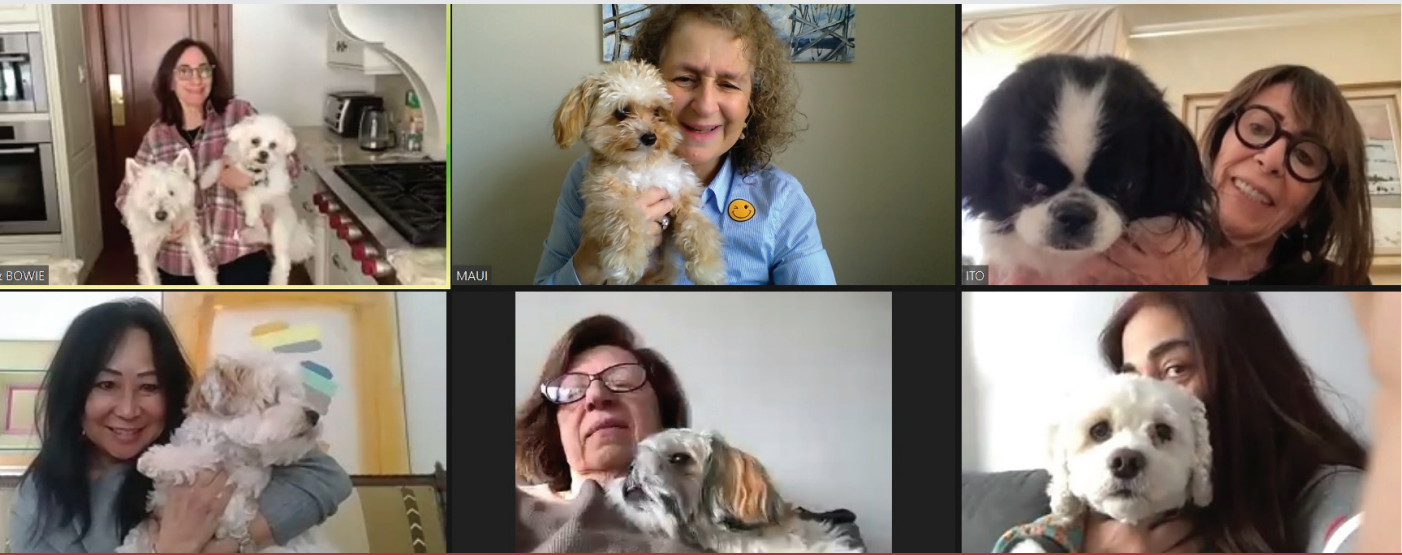
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# A WOMAN OF VALOR

## THE SISTERHOOD OF THE SPANISH & PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE OF MONTREAL

Submitted by Yvonne Saleh and Joyce Peress

“During Rabbi Joseph’s zl’t illness, Norma was an amazing, loving, and selfless caregiver. Her dedication was more than words can describe.

Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph is indeed a woman of valor whose high standards of scholarship and effective dissemination of research was awarded The CJS Louis Rosenberg Service Award 2019. However, Dr. Norma Joseph’s accomplishments and accolades are too numerous to detail in our tribute to her.

Dr. Norma Joseph is a valued professor to both undergraduate and graduate students at Concordia University and she is also a revered lecturer. It should be mentioned that her work in film and in particular an NFB documentary “Half The Kingdom” focuses on Jewish women and on the challenges and rewards of being both a feminist and an Orthodox Jew.

Norma advocated for the creation of a prayer space for women at the Western Wall among International Jewish Organizations. She participated in the film “Untying The Bonds: Jewish Divorce”, produced by the coalition of Jewish Women for the Get in 1997. Her voice in Jewish Feminist Studies and her knowledge of Halacha became an impetus for her academic work in “Canada Troubling Orthodoxy.” “A Study of Jewish Divorce in Canada.”

In addition to being a highly respected academic, Norma’s scholarly books and articles in journals attest to her expertise in feminist studies. Notably, as a leader

in the movement for the “Get”, she was successful in working with the Canadian Government to pass a law that would protect Jewish women who wanted a “Get”.

As an anthropologist, Dr. Norma Joseph immersed herself in the history of Iraqi Jews in Canada, including a study and publishing of a book “Iraqi Jewish Food, From Bagdad to Montreal: Food, Gender, and Identity.” This has certainly put the little known history of Iraqi Jewish Food on the stage of international cuisine. What a lovely recognition.

It is important to note that Norma went to Russia to meet Jewish people when those were dangerous times. She formed a movement to facilitate emigration of Russian Jews.

Needless to say, Norma has been a vital force in the life of our synagogue. She gave unlimited support to Rabbi Joseph zl’t throughout his ministry. As a proud and devoted mother and grandmother, she shared with us her childrens’ joys and sorrows. She was always a constant presence in our synagogue and a source of kindness



and compassion. She has been very involved in the Sisterhood where she regularly gave well attended lectures.

During Rabbi Joseph’s zl’t illness, Norma was an amazing, loving, and selfless caregiver. Her dedication was more than words can describe.

We are grateful for all the time she has given to everyone of us at our most crucial times of need.

Submitted with thanks,

Yvonne Saleh and Joyce Peress

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# HAVDALAH NIGHTS

by Daniel Schonholzer

We are all pretty tired of this pandemic. No restaurant nights. No gatherings. No Havdalah nights. Wait, hold on, there are Havdalah nights, and they are awesome! I attended many of these virtual Havdalah nights and honestly, they warm my heart. To see all these beautiful faces gathered around on a Zoom call, smiling, happy and welcoming, is heartwarming. Rav Pinto offering a few words of wisdom, Reverend Benlolo singing beautiful songs, and everyone else joining in to say shalom to yet another amazing Shabbat. We are pretty lucky during this pandemic, if you think about it: thanks to modern technology, we are still able, with a simple click of a mouse, to gather and sing songs together. I think that is pretty incredible! If you haven’t attended one of these Havdalah nights, I strongly recommend that you do. Although they are short (10-20 min), they are well worth that small click of a mouse.

See you there!

# SOIRÉES HAVDALAH

par Daniel Schonholzer

Nous sommes tous assez fatigués de cette pandémie. Pas de soirées au restaurant. Pas de rassemblements. Pas de soirées Havdalah. Attendez, attendez, il y a des soirées Havdalah et elles sont géniales! J’ai assisté à plusieurs de ces soirées Havdalah virtuelles et, honnêtement, elles me font chaud au cœur. Voir tous ces beaux visages réunis sur Zoom, souriants, heureux et accueillants, est réconfortant. Le Rav Pinto offrant quelques sages paroles, le Révérend Benlolo chantant de belles chansons et tous les autres se joignant à eux pour dire shalom à un autre extraordinaire Shabbat. Nous sommes plutôt chanceux pendant cette pandémie, à bien y penser : grâce à la technologie moderne, nous sommes encore capables de nous rassembler en un clic de souris et de chanter des chansons. Je pense que c’est inouï! Si vous n’avez jamais assisté à l’une de ces soirées Havdalah, je vous le recommande vivement. Bien qu’elles soient courtes (10-20 minutes), elles valent bien ce petit clic de souris.

Au plaisir de vous y voir !

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# WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP

Fall 2021 Series # 25

An impassioned talk on the rise of anti-Semitism and on the Covid-19 outbreak informed **Anthony Housefather's** presentation, the first of the fall 2021 series. In the second session **Dr. Assaf Bar-Moshe's** subject, the Iraqi Judaic-Arabic language, garnered dozens of Zoom participants from around the world whose attendance proved their concern for the future of their once thriving language. The results of Dr. Bar-Moshe's work assures us that the language will remain alive for posterity if only on paper and on taped material. In fact, a course on the language given by Dr. Bar-Moshe, is being offered at Oxford! We are grateful to Vice-President **David Nathaniel** for having introduced the WLG to this dedicated researcher.

Because of the suggestion made by WLG member, **Irina Guilman**, we welcomed McGill Jewish history professor, **Dr. Christopher Silver** to be our next presenter. **Rabbi Orenstein** invited Dr. Silver who spoke about the vital contribution of North African Jews in all aspects of the production of North African music and, later, of its preservation. A significant member of that musical Jewish world was a former hazan of the Spanish & Portuguese, the famous **Samy Elmaghribi**, whose voice we were privileged to hear once again.

In our fourth session **Rabbi Orenstein**, a recent recipient of a Master's in Jewish Studies, spoke on the thesis offered in Dr. Micah Goodman's relevant new book, *The Wondering Jew*. Dr. Goodman explores the developing Israeli fascination with Judaism in which Jews are learning, often in outdoor and very relaxed settings, about the religion of their forefathers. This movement toward Jewish spiritualism, however, rejects the traditional control that rabbis and rituals have exerted over believing Jews.

Joining the WLG in the fifth session were members of a few American dance groups who wished to participate in the Jewish world dance tour offered by global folk dance icon, **Maurice Perez**.

Lastly, our very own hazan, **Reverend Danny Benlolo**, made grandfather for the second time just before capping the fall series with another well-prepared musical program, left the audience eager for more.

As always, the WLG is indebted to the staff of the Sp. & Port., most especially to **Viola Tulchinsky** for recording, editing, and putting our sessions on the synagogue website. We also thank our clergy, **Rabbi Maimon Pinto** and **Rev. Benlolo** for their unfailing support and constant contributions to our sessions. While Rabbi Pinto gladly offers us a Dvar Torah at the beginning of each new session, Rev. Benlolo adds comments and an occasional song towards the end.

The WLG extends a great thank to MNA David Birnbaum, who officially designated **Gladys Peress Mooallem** on International Women's Day as one of three empowering women, citing each for "strength, perseverance, and impact".

The WLG looks forward to the spring series when another six appealing sessions will be offered.

Gladys Peress Mooallem  
Co-ordinator of the WLG  
Women's Learning Group)  
of the Sp. & Port.



## PROGRAM SESSIONS Spring 2022 Series

**01 Tuesday May 3rd at 10:00 am**  
Speakers: Consul General of Israel: PAUL HIRSCHSON, Member of Parliament: ANTHONY HOUSEFATHER, Member National Assembly: DAVID BIRNBAUM US Cantor: EYAL BITTON & wife MICHELE, Reverend: DANIEL BENLOLO HOSTED BY RABBI SCHACHAR ORENSTEIN



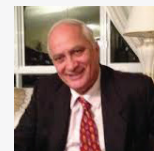
**02 Wednesday May 11th at 10:00 am**  
Speaker: Dr. ALFRED BILBUL



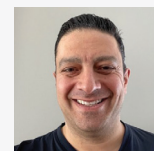
**03 Wednesday May 18th at 10:00 am**  
Singer-Musician: SAMANTHA BORGAL  
Dance Instructor: MAURICE PEREZ -  
Dancers La Joie, Dancers Israel



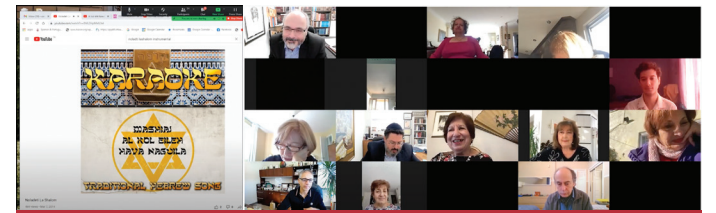
**04 Wednesday May 25th at 10:00 am**  
Speaker Dr. DAVID BENSOUSSAN  
Topic: A VIRTUAL TOUR OF JEWISH SPAIN



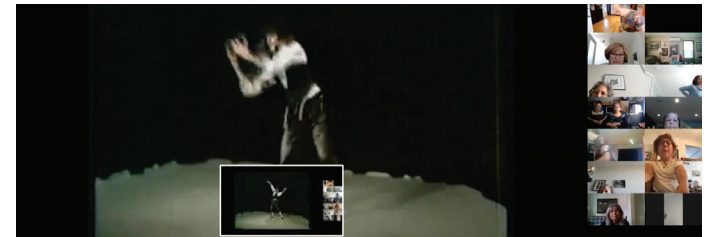
**05 Wednesday June 1st at 10:00 am**  
Speaker: Me ALAIN MURAD



**06 Wednesday June 25th at 10:00 am**  
Musical session celebrating the final by Reverend Hazan DANIEL BENLOLO



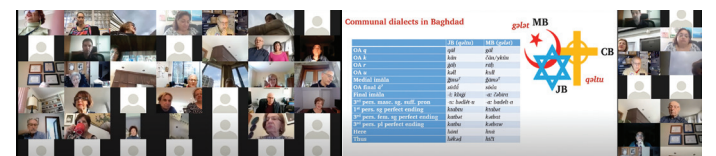
WLG: STAY TUNED PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY  
WITH REVEREND HAZAN DANIEL BENLOLO



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MONDE ET JUSQU'AUJOURD'HUI AVEC MAURICE PERETZ



WLG: NORTH AFRICA'S JEWISH MUSICAL PAST: A  
HISTORY IN RECORDS WITH DR. CHRISTOPHER SILVER



WLG: THE UNIQUENESS, HISTORY, AND FUTURE  
OF THE JEWISH ARABIC DIALIECTS OF IRAQ

### Kindly reserve the dates.

We look forward to enjoying the Spring sessions together on ZOOM. Enjoy the rest of the winter and be safe.

Gladys Peress Mooallem  
Women's Learning Group Coordinator (WLG)  
Spanish & Portuguese synagogue, Montreal

You are welcome to visit our synagogue website and enjoy our last sessions on YouTube:

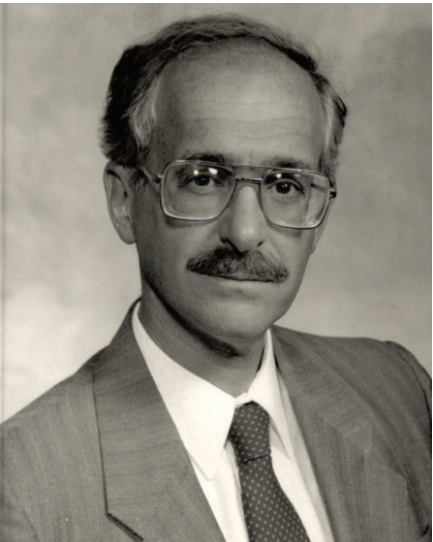
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# TRIBUTE TO RABBI JOSEPH ZT'L

## RABBI JOSEPH'S POETRY

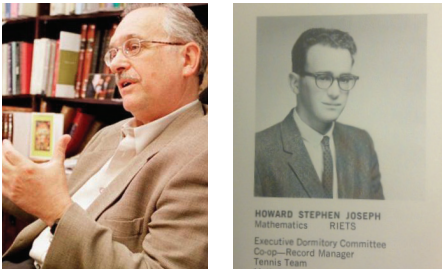
He really loved our community. For my father, love was an interpersonal reality that made him affable, and opened his heart to the discovery and joy of friendships and people. He would often come home and tell me about someone from the community: "Ami, today I met with a couple who met and married while each on their way to marry someone else. They settled here and had 12 children!" "Ami, today I met with a man who came here from Iraq with nothing and built a shoe empire". "Ami, today I learned Torah with a man who has received the highest honors in engineering in Canada". And so on. This love also had an important place in his view of Shamayim and Torah.



### From "Mourning"

I mourn the loss of life  
As I hurtle down the road  
To an inevitable end.  
I will miss the love and loyalty  
Of family and friends.  
Their mourning will begin as mine ends.  
Let them be comforted by memories.

I mourn the loss of life that has been mine forever  
Knowing that it is a brief moment of time-  
My time and yours  
You who have shared it along the way.  
My thanks to you for all you gave  
My regrets to you when I am gone  
For what I can give you will no longer have.



### From a poem called "My Community"

My community comes from all over the earth  
They come together to pray  
But I have also seen them come together  
To sing and dance the night away.

When one is tired or forlorn  
Or must sit down to mourn  
They rally round each other  
And lift him off the ground.

When fortune smiles on one  
Who will now celebrate?  
They rally round each other  
And smile and laugh all night.

I know that if I should fall  
I will not be alone, - I know that I belong -  
They will be there with me so that once again  
We can come together  
To sing and dance the night away.

### sample from a poem called "Broken Tablets"

*Who picked up the pieces of the tablets that were broken?  
Who mourned the freedom that they brought?*

*Broken tablets for a broken world  
Their sparks of light escaping into the night*

*From the voice sublime and light supreme  
Bring down a new regime  
To order our fractured world.  
Now descend  
Through cloud and fog again  
To guide, to teach and our world redeem.*

*The crowd below in shadows could see  
Flashes of light and muddled voices  
But sensed enough to know that  
There would be limits on their choices  
No longer could their needs  
Alone guide their deeds  
Discipline they must achieve  
In order to be free.*

*Broken tablets for a broken world  
Their sparks of light escaping into the night*

*Who will pick up the pieces? Who will hide them away?  
Lest they be found - what would they say?  
"Steal", "kill", "idolatry", "adultery"  
Let chaos continue its sway.*

*Why must we live in shadows?  
Never certain, never sure  
Important questions remain obscure  
On probabilities we endure  
A foundation often poor.*

*If for truth we rely on these  
For love it's very different  
There we know with certainty  
Through kindnesses and gracious deeds.*

*In these we trust  
For they are clear  
So live with love and you will see  
The shadows they will quickly flee.*



## CONTEXT BY AMI JOSEPH

The concept of broken tablets and fragments of divinity in our world is common Kabbalistic one, and one the great first chief Rabbi of Jerusalem Rav Kook employed in his philosophical works. My father was raised and taught in what us vuzvuzim call 'Litvish' which relied on much more rational, logical, and legal binaries of thought. But, my father's father William Joseph z"l studied for one year in the yeshiva of Rav Kook in 1929, and I think we can see the influence from father to son.

My father often spoke about the structure of mitzvot, the limits on personal needs fulfillment, as creating freedom. This was counter intuitive, and I struggled to understand how being cloaked in obligations was free, until I reached an older age and became a father and member of a community, and now I understand that the woven magic of mitzvot being observed in concert can really unleash the spiritual potential of a group of people in ways that an individual him or herself cannot achieve. Let's read a little more from Broken Tablets.

This is a central piece of my father's thinking. For understanding and logically piecing together things like philosophy and theology, maybe the best we can do is to rely on mathematical principles of probability, a factor that is maybe just 'good enough', but, the basis of our tradition is acts of kindness at the heart of who we are, and the basis of kindness is Love, which as my father wrote, is much more certain because it can be experienced between people.

Preparing for 1969 Rosh Hashana services at Congregation Beth Israel in Schenectady are Rabbi Howard S. Joseph, left, and cantor Israel Shubowitz, right. Members of the male choir also stand ready. From left in the front row are Jerry Ziffer, Scott Grayman and David Bibliowicz. From left in the back are Bruce Verdrager, Jay Bibliowicz, Charles Hoorwitz and David Aftergut. Services marking the Jewish holy days began Sept. 12.



# TRIBUTE TO HOWARD JOSEPH

“ We are fortunate to have his books that will ornate the Rabbi Joseph Library and many of his torah commentaries...

“Good morning. Its nice to see you all. Thank you for joining us with our tribute to Rabbi Howard Joseph.

I am honored to join Dr Norma Joseph and her family to pay a warm tribute to Rabbi Howard Joseph, who served our congregation for well over 40 years, with dignity and distinction.

Joining me in this homage are our congregants of the Spanish and Portuguese, together with our Executive and Board of trustees. I’m quite sure that there are many other rabbis and close friends of the community who have joined us virtually as well.

Seldom a conversation amongst our

Clergy deviates from the contribution of our illustrious Rabbi Emeritus to our synagogue and community at large.

We are fortunate to have his books that will ornate the Rabbi Joseph Library, and many of his torah commentaries, which will be available to all.

On a personal note I had known rabbi Joseph since my childhood . I have fond memories coming to shul with my father and seeing our rabbi. I always looked upon him with admiration.

Rabbi Joseph left an impact of kindness, spirituality and dignity that will remain with us forever.

May his Memory be blessed.



I call on our past president Edmond Elbaz to address us with his tribute.

Thank you.”

Charles Shemie, President

“ [...] with determination, intelligence and an open mind, brilliantly succeeded in leading our sephardic and mizrahi congregation.

“Les amis, bonjour et bienvenu.

Good day everyone present here and all of you who are joining us on zoom, and welcome.

We are here all together in order to pay a special tribute to a great man, Rabbi Howard Joseph, may he rest in peace. Some of us know him for 40 years, some of us know him for a shorter period of time, some of us know him through our parents and grandparents, but one thing for sure that we all share, we have all been touched by him in one way or another.

Rabbi Joseph was the spiritual leader of the Spanish & Portuguese synagogue for close to 40 years, an Ashkenazi Rabbi who found himself swimming in a sea of sephardism, who, with determination, intelligence and an open mind, brilliantly succeeded in leading our sephardic and mizrahi congregation.

Just before we go on with our event, as most of you know, we have created a trust fund in honour of Rabbi Joseph, it is called Trust Fund in Memory of Rabbi Howard Joseph. Monies deposited in this fund will be used for a year lecture

by either a Torah scholar or a prominent member of the Jewish community. His love of teaching and his love of torah will therefore be perpetuated inside the walls of this synagogue. People have already started to make donations to the fund and I encourage all of you who plan on making donations, to think about directing them to this very important fund.”

Rabbi Pinto and Reverend Daniel Benlolo lead us into this program, followed by the President address at which time he remembered attending the synagogue as a young man and listening to Rabbi Joseph.

Edmond Elbaz, président sortant de notre synagogue, a rendu hommage au Rabbi Joseph par son allocution très touchante.

Rose Simon Schwartz welcomed Norma to the podium with the following words: “Norma Joseph.....we miss you Norma, we miss your talks, we miss your conferences, in other words, we miss you! But thank God, here we are, we have one more opportunity to listen to you.”

Ami and Josh planned on being present



at this event but because of renewed covid restrictions and risks, they both honoured their father via zoom. Ami started with Rabbi Josh Joseph following with an amazing dvar Torah honouring his father.

Rose ended the ceremony with those words: “Thank you Norma, Ami and Josh for your inspiring words. Your husband and father will forever remain in our hearts and in our thoughts.”

Guests were invited to a l’haim followed by a luncheon.

Rose Simon Schwartz, Secretary

# TRIBUTE TO HOWARD JOSEPH

By Edmond Elbaz, Immediate past president



The first image that comes to mind when I think of Rabbi Joseph Z”L is “Of a MENCH”.

Rabbi Joseph was a mench in every sense of the term: warm, humble, friendly and an intellect with no pretence or arrogance,. He was accepting and welconing to everyone who come through the gates of our synagogue.

I recall vividly the first shabbat in 1970, when Rabbi Joseph took over the pulpit of the legendary Rabbi Salomon Frank.

What a shoe size he had to fit, and not only figuratively! He was young, enthusiastic and ready to face the immense challenge of a Rabbi to the oldest sephardic synagogue in Canada.

After a few years, he succeeded well in integrating the new culture. His sons learned to read from the Torah in the sephardic tune to the admiration of the congregants.

I recall his teaching sessions on the Talmud, his Dvar torah on shabbat quoting Rabbi Solovetchik, Rabbi Naftali Yehuda Berlin, philosopher Gershon Sholem and many others, like Shai Agnon and the talmudic scholar Saul Lieberman. He shared with us their ideas, their sparks of love of the Torah and their studies of Kabbalah.

Rabbi Joseph opened for us a window of knowledge and inspiration for which we will be always grateful.

Le Rabbin Joseph présida aux destinées de la Congrégation durant quarante ans. Années qui virent à la fois le passage des générations et celui du changement démographique de ses fidèles dont la majorité était à l’époque ashkénazes. Le rituel fut sépharade, transmis par les pères fondateurs de « Shearith Israel » Les rescapés d’Israël, réfugiés à Amsterdam et Londres, après l’expulsion d’Espagne, qui trouvèrent un havre de paix dans ce sanctuaire.

Les vagues d’immigrants fuyants les persécutions dans le monde arabe modifièrent notablement le profil de la Congrégation.

Accueillies chaleureusement par le Rabbin Joseph, ces communautés irakiennes, libanaises, marocaines et autres, se sentirent immédiatement à l’aise, chacune célébrant ses traditions sous le même toit.

Le Rabbin Joseph a accueilli de même il y a une quinzaine d’années la Congrégation Ashkénaze Hevra

Shas à laquelle s’est jointe plus tard la communauté éthiopienne.

Cette diversité religieuse a enrichi notre Congrégation, rajeunie par la diversité des rites qui composent notre peuple.

En tant que disciple du Rabbin Joseph Solovetchik, à la Yeshiva University de New-York, sa devise était « Torah Ou Mada », cette devise accorde une égale importance à l’acquisition d’études religieuses et à l’apprentissage d’une profession. Ce dont ses enfants ont bénéficié et qui font d’eux aujourd’hui des leaders dans leurs domaines respectifs.

Le Rabbin Joseph a maintenu ce fil conducteur de Torah ou Madah dans ses sermons s’inspirant à la fois de nos sages sépharades et ashkénazes.

Much like Hillel Hatzadik, Rabbi Joseph was humble, warm and admired. He was involved in many community organizations and activities.

In my years at this shul, I have never seen him lose patience with anyone nor in dealing with the challenges of our multicultural Congregation with different cultures, needs and interests.

Over the last years, in spite of his frail health and mobility limitations, he would still show up on Shabbat and Holydays accompanied by his dear wife, Norma. All those who new him, remember warmly his kind personality and friendliness.

The tribute and the homage that we pay to Rabbi Joseph today is a celebration of a lifetime, devoted to the service of our kahal and community.

May his Memory be a source of blessings to his family and to Am Israel. Amen

Edmond Elbaz

Immediate Past President



# HOWARD JOSEPH, Z”L, LIVES ON

By Josh Joseph

“We continue the spirit of those who came before us, by encouraging those around us

The spirit of our father and teacher lives on.

The Talmud in Taanit (5b) states: *יָקֹב בָּקָה וְנִבְּא בָקָה*, that Jacob, our ancestor, did not die. But we know from reading the Torah, that he indeed did pass away! What does this mean?

When Jacob heard that Joseph was still alive, the verse tells us: *וַיִּחְיֶה יַעֲקֹב*, that Jacob's spirit revived. And Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehuda Berlin (Netziv) explained that specifically at that moment, through Joseph's existence, Jacob too was sustained. The Netziv points out in various places that Joseph was the true spiritual heir of his father. Jacob, he explains, aspired to peace, to live and dwell and appreciate those around him, even in terrible and difficult circumstances: from his struggles with his brother Esav, his travails with his father-in-law Lavan, Shechem's assault

on Dina and the subsequent revenge taken by Shimon and Levi.

Yaakov sought peace, but it eluded him. Rashi shares that *בָּקָה שָׁקֵט*, that Jacob wished to dwell in tranquility, but the trials of Joseph overtook him, demonstrating that our righteous ones will only find peace in the World to Come. But when Jacob hears about Joseph and sees that he has succeeded to live and dwell and even lead among the other nations, his spirit was prolonged, and in that sense, he did not die. Rabbi Joseph taught us this aspiration: to live with others, other nations, other people; to find the unique spirit in each one of them, and each one of us.

As Jacob's own life story moves to conclusion, he gives a blessing to every one of his children, and even to his grandchildren, Ephraim and Menashe.

Every Friday night we repeat that blessing providing the opportunity not only to repeat the words, but to declare the unique gifts, abilities, and experiences in each one of our own children as well. “You acted so responsibly this week,” or “you showed such kindness when you did that act.” In this way, we continue the spirit of those who came before us, by encouraging those around us, and recognizing their specialness.

This, too, was the blessing of my father: to seek and find peace with and among others, to recognize their gifts and bless them when we have the opportunity. In this way, we continue the spirit and story not only of our ancestors of old, but also of our father, our rabbi: *yehi zichro baruch*, may his memory be a blessing.



# TRIBUTE TO HOWARD JOSEPH

By Ami Joseph

“The importance of humility lies not only in the interpersonal sphere. It is a theological quality as well, a category of thought...

Humility is an important element of our tradition and particularly as we observe the personhood of Moses as it reaches out to us from the scrolls of the Torah. Moses was called “anav mekol adam” which either means the most humble person alive or maybe the most humble person ever. In a modern setting, the word humility is often synonymous with self-effacing. As we encounter the story of Moses, there is a boldness to his actions that belie the modern definition as applied in this context. I have my own understanding in the sense that Moses removed his ego from the equation and put Service to Hashem's purpose as the only guiding vector that drove all his actions and minutes. He never said, “I need some downtime” or “I need a new car”. My definition can be summed up as “all in” for the purpose of Serving, a life spent moving uniformly with one purpose and a great purpose at that. But I don't think that was my father's understanding of Moses' humility. For my father, Anav was an ability that stemmed from love. Moses loved the people. Not just as a group, but as individuals, and was accepting of each person. Humility became a centerpiece in my father's philosophy that bridged the gap from the certainty of love in our interpersonal lives and theological probabilities.

In 2006 my father wrote and published a long essay called “Theological Humility” that was based on High Holiday speeches he had given in 1992.

He wrote:

“Humble persons avoid both extremes, displaying neither arrogance nor excessive self-effacement unworthy of a creature in the Divine image, who can be addressed, challenged and commanded by the loving Creator. They are secure in their humility and

trust in it as an essential disposition to the world around them.

The importance of humility lies not only in the interpersonal sphere. It is a theological quality as well, a category of thought that describes tendencies already present in theological reflection. Once defined as such it can become a more useful concept, guiding us as we consider religious questions.”

How can we maintain a high level of Judaic observance and commitment without declaring principles of certainty in philosophy and theological belief? This is the part I did not understand when he initially spoke the words in our Shul, nor when he wrote the essay in 2006.

But I have some hints at it now, a few years later with a couple of gray hairs that I have earned. The first is that the Talmud tells us that ‘He who wishes to become a Hasid (saint) let him observe the teachings of Nezikin’ (B.K. 30a). Nezikin?! Nezikin is the tractate of Damages, what we call Civil Laws related to property ownership, theft, and disputes over wealth, fees, and inheritance. Another hint is that Nezikin was called by the Talmud ‘Seder Yesu'oth’, the ‘Order of Salvation’.

The interpersonal is the centerpiece.

Other highlights from the essay Theological Humility: “Deeds catch up with words and eventually the process of dehumanization can lead to destruction.

“Pluralism can be derived from the general commandment of love for others that is the basis of the religious ethical attitude. That love is challenged to extend not only to our neighbor who shares our beliefs and values but also to the stranger in our midst.

“Overcoming the fear of the otherness of the other and replacing it with respect, care and love would certainly be a lofty accomplishment, an example of love at its highest.

“Ultimately, we are dealing here with the challenge of reason to revelation. For pre-moderns the issue remained on the intellectual-theological plane. For us, the issue has filtered into the fabric of modern social experience, frightening many into withdrawal from the encounter. For some, it is a constant source of enrichment and renewal on the perpetual road to understanding of the mystery of God and the complex majesty of Creation.

“Theological humility generates other forms of humility as well. The truly humble avoid arrogance and leave room for other perspectives; they learn from others because they know they do not have the whole truth; and they leave room for God's mysterious majesty to express itself in the world in ever new and unexpected ways. The truly humble have enough self-esteem to take human life seriously and try to accomplish whatever possible in helping heaven and earth to meet more often in moments of grace manifest in our lives; they believe that despite their inability to complete the task they are not free to desist from it; and they believe that God has confidence in their worthiness for the tasks.”

Abba, you have guided us for many years. Your soul is far from us now, but we study your words and input to this world together so that we may build happy, constructive Jewish lives, with love and humility at their center.



# TRIBUTE TO HOWARD JOSEPH Z'L

By Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

“ We are fortunate to have his books that will ornate the Rabbi Joseph Library

A mentor comes into your life and fundamentally changes the direction of your path.

While we were originally brought together many years ago as his Hazan, I soon began to learn from his views and perspectives and his wealth of knowledge. That will always be fundamental for my understanding of the world.

The Baal Shem Tov used to say “If a righteous person wishes to raise a man up from the depths of his despair, he must descend to his level. To what can it be compared? To a man trying to lift someone who has fallen into a muddy pit - he cannot do so by remaining above and stretching out a hand. He must climb into the pit itself, into the mud, hold him firmly in his arms and carry him up into the light”.

That was Rabbi Joseph zl't.

As for me, I will remember Rabbi Joseph for all of the selfless acts

of kindness he did for others; I will remember Rabbi Joseph for greeting me with enthusiasm accompanied with his signature smile at our every encounter; I will remember Rabbi Joseph because he empowered everyone around him; I will remember Rabbi Joseph because he treated everyone with respect and admiration; I will remember Rabbi Joseph because he made it easy for me to call him a friend!

I hope that everyone, who was blessed to know him or cross his path, never take individuals like our Rabbi Joseph for granted. I certainly never did, and never will.

“You carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you”

Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo



# THE SISTERHOOD TRIBUTE

“ [...] education was the Rabbi's most foremost priority

As a compassionate and generous leader of our community, Rabbi Howard Joseph extended these qualities into his unrelenting support of the Sisterhood. He made this more precise by attending every event that the Sisterhood sponsored.

Evidently, education was the Rabbi's most foremost priority and hence this centered on his regular lectures on the theme. He was very open to our ideas and customs which he embraced.

When the 75th anniversary of the Sisterhood came up, Rabbi Joseph was both extremely supportive and involved. He participated in all the parties organized by the Sisterhood such as Purim, Simha Torah, Chanukah and all such events.

Most importantly, Rabbi Joseph upheld women's roles in Judaism and helped give voice to the crucial role women play in all aspects of the religion.

Notably, our Rabbi was totally non judgmental and open to ideas. This

was very evident as his door was always open to listen to our concerns and to offer us advice.

May his memory be blessed.

Submitted with thanks,

Yvonne Saleh and Joyce Peress



# IN MEMORY OF MY FATHER, RABBI HOWARD S. JOSEPH

By Naphtali Joseph

Balance. Who do you know that could excel in so many roles - spiritual leader, community leader, championship softball pitcher, legendary stock market investor, teacher, comedian, and father. I remember when I used to learn Talmud with him - don't get excited - we would sit down twice a year - once for each high school semester, literally the night before final exams. In one hour we would cover the entire semester. Anyways, I remember we studied once about a tannery where “bad” people hang out. My Abba taught me that you can't avoid running into these people. They're all around us from time to time. He stressed to me the need to balance your interactions with all types of people and keep your own conduct above reproach. One time in elementary school half of my grade was sent home for a massive snowball skirmish in the school yard, including

me. I was quite anxious to come home as a suspended student and hear what my parents would say. My mother was at work, so my Abba greeted me in the middle of the afternoon as I walked in, joking “how is my little snowball thrower today.” His ability to balance humor with serious topics always eased my anxiety; bringing levity to such serious topics showed his ability to balance out emotions in important moments and help others with his leadership...I was very appreciative of the balance in actions and emotions that he consistently both learned, taught, and exemplified. For those of you who remember the movie City Slickers, where Curley had that ONE THING that was the key to life - after living and learning from my Abba all of these years, this was it for me. Balance was and remains the key to the universe.

Remember my Abba, OUR RABBI, and practice his teachings of kehillah, compassion, and balance. I recently turned 45 years old, and in my tenure here on earth I have endured my share of loss. I have learned that photos, videos, stories and other memories are extremely important in grieving and living with loss. As a personal favor - I ask that you all make sure you remember him at his best, when he was standing up here in his prime, cracking jokes and balancing them with an intense and intellectually beautiful interpretation of our culture, heritage and customs. That was his legacy.

Naphtali Joseph





# TRIBUTE TO HOWARD JOSEPH

By Dr. Norma Baumel Joseph

In the summer of 1970, we came for our official interview with the Board of Directors of the Spanish and Portuguese Corporation of Montreal. I knew when we arrived that he would want this job. And they knew that they wanted him as their rabbi, your rabbi. I knew I was not going to be able to stay in the USA.

HE LOVED BEING YOUR RABBI.

He cherished all the events he celebrated with you. He valued all the times you came to him for help, he appreciated your trust, he listened to your stories and asked your advice.

He never imposed his ideas of a uniform or standardized Judaism on you. Always he asked: Tell me how you did it in your country, and then he figured out a way to include and encompass the diversity of traditions present in our congregation.

When some members wanted to hold a separate service, he found a way to enable that practice. Five services on Rosh Hashannah sounded great to him. A new song in Ladino, reflected a cherished heritage. How proud he was of this legacy and birthright. He also loved the culinary diversity: eating your food was an understandable pleasure.

HE LOVED BEING YOUR RABBI.

At our interview, Leon Brownstein, the president at that time, asked me: What will you do for our congregation? I answered with all the bravado of a young wife: You don't get two for one in our case. I will take care of your rabbi, anything else will depend on a contract you and I sign. Much later, Leon told me he loved that answer, he loved that I was there to take care of Howard and that Howard would take care of the congregation. He thought that presented a well-ordered system. Over the years it worked. I was active in different parts of the congregation's life, but mostly, I watched over Howard's immense talent for taking care of and being involved with you. His great joy in participating in all aspects of your lives involved me with him and gave us all delight. He listened and taught, he shared and enjoyed. He loved being your rabbi!

He understood that coming to Canada would involve challenges, becoming

aware of local needs and realities of life in Montreal and Quebec. Like learning French. When we first arrived, we both knew college level French. I still cannot speak properly, but he wanted to be your rabbi. So, he said, I will give sermons in French and make mistakes and you will correct me. He wasn't afraid. He worked hard and became fluent. So fluent that he taught Introduction to Judaism in French at Universite de Montreal, and also in Quebec City to students training to become priests at the university there. You didn't know, he never boasted or flaunted what he did or accomplished. He was humble, but gifted. He did it as part of his resolve to be your rabbi, the best rabbi he could be.

Lately we have been reading in the Torah/parsha the Joseph cycle. My Joseph, Howard Joseph was a special kind of Joseph also. Joseph of the Torah, the favourite son of Jacob, was a striking leader and a visionary. God worked through Joseph to bring Israel to a position of redemption, a critical moment in our national narrative. Joseph went from having dreams to interpreting others dreams; from seeing his own role in his dreams, to listening to others and helping them see the meaning in their dreams. This is important.

Rabbi Howard Joseph taught us the value of being present in the moment, of being receptive and responsive. He learned from and leaned on the Torah's word/concept: HINENI-- I am here. It appears at critical moments in the Torah, when certain courageous individuals stand up and accept their place, their role, their mission. It is not easy. Avraham says it. Moshe says it. What does it mean and how do we understand it? It portends preparedness and faithful commitment.

In the previous cycle of heroic stories, we hear of Isaac, perhaps one of the often neglected or unseen Hineni advocates. Young Isaac "blindly" follows his father, the great Avraham, prepared to be sacrificed. Perhaps we can understand Isaac's heroism and dedication at this moment. Did he realize and go along willingly? Dedicated and able to be present, to exhibit Hineni. He is blind, but is it our blindness, our inability to see that

blind people are not lacking in the ability to understand and "see". When he offers a blessing to his son Jacob, Isaac says, " Hakol kol Ya'acov v'ha yadayim y'day Esav" (The sound is the voice of Jacob, but the hand is that of Esau). Is he voicing the doubt of someone who doesn't see or issuing words of wisdom, a vision? Jacob beware, you will need both attributes; my blessing is that you will cultivate voice and hands, wisdom, and strength so that your hineni will last and give our people a future. Perhaps, then, Isaac has a hineni here and at the Akeda. We the people of Israel, the inheritors of this legacy, need to appreciate this lesson. Rabbi Howard S. Joseph tried to teach us a way to be present in our moments of history, a way to gather around our own heritage and be present in our own moments of consequence.

Rabbi Howard Stephen Joseph said to all of you HINEINI: I am here! Howard showed up. If you asked for a special consideration, a membership, a conversion, a lesson, a bar mitzvah, anything, he stood by you even if there was pressure on him to deny or reject or play the political game. He never abandoned the individual for the politically wise moment. He always stood by you the individual with your needs and traditions.

A story:

In January 1981 I went to the Soviet Union. Some of us were trying to help the refuseniks, Jews who wanted to leave, who wanted to live as Jews but were restricted or jailed because they were Jews. We organized random visits to bring them help and hope. I went to teach and initiate interactions of a ritual nature. I needed Howard's advice. A group of young Jews wanted to increase their Jewish commitment and ritual observance. Going to synagogue on Shabbat had become a lifeline for them in this process. But they lived very far out of town so that it was necessary to take the train into Moscow on shabbat. But of course, that is forbidden on shabbat. What to do? The organizers of my trip told me to come up with a solution. I turned to Howard and asked for advice. He remembered an old Iraqi custom, told to him by both Anwar Shahin and Hakham Hillel. Anwar's memory came

with details and substance. In Baghdad, there was a public transportation system that used a bus pass. One could hang the pass on a string around your neck. No funds exchanged hands, no one carried, no special act was performed for the Jew. The system was public and worked for the non-Jewish public. If a person showed the pass they got on and off. No special stop is made for them. Just like a train in a metro system. Howard thought this Baghdadi legal case could be used as a legal opportunity, a response for these refuseniks. This Ashkenazi group in Russia, in need of special circumstances help in Jewish law, an in extremis if you will, could rely on this Iraqi reliable witness, and use their bus passes. Howard was prepared to decide and offer a way to put Judaism forward in this case. It is not for all and not for today. But for then and for them. It was a hineni moment for both of us. I went and had to prove to this suspicious group that I was ok and could bring them a way out of their conundrum. We talked and tested each other. I passed their test and they welcomed Howard's solution. Two communities met and connected and didn't even know it. Hineni.

Rabbi Howard. S. Joseph facilitated, attended, regarded, advised, advocated, included, noticed, and absorbed. He was your rabbi.

He was here and built up this shul with its diverse communities. Now it is up to you to continue that legacy. Will you say HINENI?



## The Ink Rest

A season takes time.  
Spring hugs time.

Thanks for your hug.  
Glad for your sunshine.  
Very soon I get to meet you.

I'm still, working  
on grounding  
and stretching mine.

How glad I am for sunshine,  
and water,  
the privilege of flowy ease,  
the taste of balance and warmth,

the day I overtly touch the space that makes me  
flesh gap between my internal  
and external freedom,  
and present my new high.

A big part of me is hibernating still, but not rested,  
a bit lost and maxed out at times in an unexpected cave,  
an unexpected experience,  
some uncomfortable lingering, on a stream,  
sometimes in mud, thick, oozy,  
unsettling or dull,  
then water,  
and it can get loud, yet it trickles.

The cave is not always cozy and there's a split in the emptiness  
between me and the earth and my electricity  
and the taste of outside light,  
not feeling flower rooting sure just yet,  
hoping for green shoots, that kind sprouting,  
something i know i can give it,  
trying to find that great tree inside of me,  
wonderful, filled, and full.

Experiences are said to shape you. I'm looking for my grounding.  
I've been in a truly strange space of physical and emotional adjustment the last big few—  
Lots of impactful stuff going on.  
Something to make a soul journey understand growth.  
It's had some pain. Some great moments with plenty  
of what I guess then becomes a spiritual fracturing.

So many punctuation marks.

Trying to figure out I'm intact.

Got some more climbing to do,  
tracing for honey.  
Oh strange experience.  
Oh, growth. Oh bless you, Life.

Sorry for my poetry of stuff.  
My January, February, March —

A season can have rest,  
and still be at times an insufferably strange.

But one day again we all come to recognize and merge  
experience to what then is "your possible".

So yes, my ink is not feeling ink just yet,—  
Trying to define my pen, dry off  
the energy of a submersion,  
find my page, my next sure write.

**Marina Mashaal:** Marina is a poet, prose writer, playwright, teacher and wellness coach. Some of her creative work has been published as well as performed for the stage. She is a dedicated healing arts practitioner who specializes in the power of calm and has over 50 blog posts on her non profit "kindness project" website called My HeartSpeak. Her reflections are a toolkit to serve for the good in others and help hearts connect a life of kindness, love, and calm with happiness and health. Marina is also trained in Jewish Spirituality and Tikkun Middot. Her passions are kindness and supporting others. Marina strongly believes in the principle of Aleinu, "it is up to us", very much.





# HONOURING IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT EDMOND ELBAZ, B.Sc. M.ED

Hopefully, by the time you get to read this article, Covid 19, masks, testing, curfews, confinement and isolation will be behind us and for the history books. So, what better way than to celebrate our synagogue reopening and return to normalcy in a big way? How about a gala? And not just any gala, a very special gala. A gala to take place on June 13, 2022, to honour our special Past President, Edmond Elbaz.

And while we're celebrating, why not give recognition as well, to our major donors who contributed so generously to our fundraising campaign which took place during those dark days of closures. Together with a large number of other donors they helped sustain our synagogue over three years, thus ensuring its financial stability, viability and vitality.

Of course, most, if not all of us have seen, met, heard, or have spoken with our dear past President, Edmond. But who exactly is Edmond Elbaz, the man who presided over our synagogue for an exceptionally extended four-year mandate and a few more years before that, as Executive Vice-President and holding other functions on the Executive and Board of our Synagogue? We did a little digging and this is what we discovered about this gentle and humble man who devoted many years to the service of our synagogue with his time, his knowledge and experience.

Edmond was born in Safi, Morocco to a large observant family who immigrated to Canada in the 70's. He is married to his charming wife Suzanne Leffell. They have two adult children, Andrew, married to Rebecca and Jonathan, married to Mandy, who together with their children, live happily in Toronto.

Edmond est détenteur d'un Baccalauréat Es-Sciences et d'une Maîtrise en Éducation de l'Université de Montréal. Son parcours académique et communautaire, porte aussi sur son implication en tant que Délégué Général pour le Canada, au sein du réseau de l'Alliance Israélite Universelle, dont la mission principale est dirigée vers l'Éducation et le Droit de la Personne. En 2011 il recevait le Prix de reconnaissance de l'Alliance Israélite de Paris. En 2012, il fut médaillé Officier

de l'Ordre des Arts et des lettres, par le ministère de la Culture et de la Communication de la République Française.

Ses activités communautaires ont contribué au bien-être et au progrès de plusieurs de nos institutions. Sa carrière professionnelle a été axée sur l'importance de l'apprentissage de la langue et de la culture française dans le réseau de nos écoles juives.

While Director of French studies at J.P.P.S. and Bialik High School for many years, Edmond was, and still is a member of the Board of Magen David Adom, a worthy cause which he holds close to heart.

During an interview, Edmond expressed how honoured and flattered he was to have been President of what he termed, "the most prestigious Sephardic Synagogue, and the first Synagogue in Canada". He humbly added that he had "functioned on the shoulders of all past presidents who presided over the synagogue throughout its past 252 years". His stated goal was "to be inclusive and to work in harmony with all the various groups who make up the membership of the Spanish and Portuguese". He reiterated that the synagogue is open to everyone who wishes to join. He was guided by the verse in Psalms: "Thou shalt not sleep nor slumber-the Guardian of Shearith Israel".

He is particularly proud of the fact that the synagogue had somehow been able to operate during the pandemic. "La pandémie nous a forcé à devenir plus créatifs, et nous avons appris à faire fonctionner la synagogue autrement." He was particularly happy that the fundraising effort that was undertaken by the congregation had raised enough funds to sustain our operations during and after the pandemic crisis.

Et voilà, cher(e)s ami(e)s, l'homme, notre Président sortant qui mena notre synagogue avec diligence et dévotion, pendant quatre ans, et que nous honorerons sous peu.

So let us all join together in celebration, at the Gala on June 13th, to honour Edmond Elbaz and to recognize our generous major donors.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Religious Services Committee, its Executive Liaison, Edmond Elbaz and on my personal behalf, let me wish each and every one of you and your families, this year, gathered in person and in good health, a Chag Pessach Kasher Vesameach.

Albert Herscovitch, Eng, MBA  
Chair,  
Religious Services Committee



Edmond Elbaz élevé au grade d'Officier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres de la République Française



Edmond and Suzanne Elbaz



# GALA dinner

HONOURING

**Edmond Elbaz, B.Sc., M.Ed.**

*Immediate Past President of  
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue*  
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# 10 PATHS TO GOD

We completed a yearlong monthly learning program in 2021 by Honouring the memory and teachings of the late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt'l, who passed away on November 7, 2020. Thank you to Rabbi Maimon Pinto, our wonderful staff, our leaders, and our amazing panelists. We also extend heartfelt thanks to our viewers who joined us via ZOOM nationally and internationally.

## Unit 1: IDENTITY...On Being a Jew



**Carole Basri**, Visiting Law Professor, an Iraqi native, delivered a compelling case for safeguarding Jewish identity through various mediums, even cooking, not to mention her intensive efforts to safeguard the Iraqi Jewish archives discovered in Saddam's palace during the Iraq war. **Sami Sourani**, our History Scholar, also an Iraqi Native, shared his knowledge on numerous little-known aspects of the history of Iraqi Jewry.

## Unit 2: PRAYER...Speaking to God



**Reverend Cantor Daniel Benlolo**, O.C., brilliantly sang, among others, Leonard Cohen's HALLELUJAH with the Montreal Shira Choir. **Cantor Eyal Bitton & Chazzanit Michèle Tredger** joined us from Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland, Oregon, wowing the crowd with Jewish songs and Michèle's poignant interpretation of a song from Les Misérables.

## Unit 3: STUDY...Listening to God



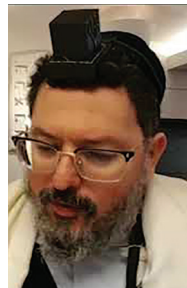
**Edmond Elbaz**, B.Sc, M.Ed Immediate Past President, S&P Montreal; JPPS-Bialik High School Administrator; 30 years Canadian Délégué général to l'Alliance Israélite Universelle; Order of France in Arts and Letters; Moroccan native. He cited various titles for further reading and concluded with the notion that God delights in our showing up with enthusiasm, saying 'HINENI!' (I'm here!). The lecture was a mix of English & French Content.

## Unit 4: MITZVOT...Responding to God

**Rabbi Maimon Pinto**, Spiritual Leader of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue of



Montreal, spoke about the importance of following God's commandments as a way to connect to Creation and our fellow human beings. He contrasted our Jewish worldview to that of the Greeks of antiquity. **Charly-Marco Hadid** of S&P's Young Adults and a member of the Lebanese Congregation Maghen Abraham engaged in robust conversation with his fellow panelist, where they both challenged each other on various aspects of responding to God through the 613 commandments.



## Unit 5: TZEDAKAH...Love as Justice

**David Nathaniel**, President of the S&P Babylonian (Iraqi Jewish) Community;



V-P, S&P of Montreal, and our Hatan Bereishit 5782, practices Tzedakah through giving to 50 charities, and meeting others with kindness. **Steve Maman**, known as the 'Jewish Schindler', shared his riveting story saving Yezidi women and children from ISIS terror, citing his native Morocco's inclusive culture for the motivation to show up at scenes of tragedy and suffering.

## Unit 6: CHESSED...Love as Compassion



**Ariela Cotler**, Social Worker and Educator, spouse of Former Justice Minister, Canada; National President CFTAU (Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University) joined us in the wee hours of the night from Israel, to share

deep insights into the Jewish way...the way of loving kindness. Ariela was secretary to Prime Minister Menachem Begin. She initiated and organized bus transport from Jewish schools for the annual Yom Ha'Aztmaout celebrations in downtown Montreal to commemorate Israel's independence.

## Unit 7: FAITH...Love as Loyalty



**Sandra Koukou**, Member S&P Babylonian Community & Iranian Native; Co-Author & Editor of her father's memoir, "THE BOOK, A Humble Quest Into The Hebrew Scriptures," showed a film of Rabbi Friedman entitled "Khomeini and the Rabbi." As Eshet Hayil 5782 and moderator of the 10 Paths to God @ The Spanish, she spoke about the clinging faith of her co-panelist, the first Ethiopian to be ordained Rabbi in Israel and that of his fellow compatriots of BETA ISRAEL. She pointed out that the Ethiopian Jews cried upon discovering that the Holy Temple of Solomon stands no more. **Rabbi Sharon Shalom** shared a pre-recorded account of the rich spiritual history of the Ethiopian Jews, his harrowing trek across the desert to arrive in Israel and finally be joined with his family. Rabbi Shalom was recently seen on ZOOM with co-panelist Natan Sharansky. He believes that society does not define the individual; rather, it is the individual who strives to make a difference.

## Unit 8: ISRAEL...The Jewish Land



**Ephraim Heiliczer**, Lawyer; son of Carole Basri (Panelist Unit 1); made Aliyah and served in the IDF. Prof. Heiliczer made a powerful connection with listeners through a passionate appeal to honour ones Jewish identity by supporting the Jewish State, as a citizen ideally. It is in Israel that he, a husband and father of 3,

found he could best live out his mission to be true to the faith into which he was blessed to be born. He now leads dvar Torah sessions for his community in Israel.

## Unit 9: KIDDUSH HASHEM...The Jewish Task



**Rabbi Dr. Emanuel (Menachem) White**, Spiritual Leader of Chevra Shaas Ashkenazic and Ethiopian Congregations of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, Montreal; Longstanding Educator at Azrieli Herzliah High School & Talmud Torah; Honoree of the Orchestre Classique de Montréal (O.C.M.) Concert at the Spanish in 2019; native of the United States. His description of Abraham's hospitality toward the visitors in the aftermath of circumcision in the heat of a summer day was deeply felt by viewers.

## Unit 10: RESPONSIBILITY...The Jewish Future

**Arlene Madar-Abitan** is a Tunisian-Moroccan leading member of our Community, Philanthropist, National 2nd Vice President, Canadian Magen David Adom (C.M.D.A.); Recipient of the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award given



by the Jewish Federations of North America and Canada, which honoured her at the International Lion of Judah Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in

January 2022. Sa trajectoire fulgurante dans les coulisses de la Fédération CJA est un véritable témoignage de persistance motivée par le sentiment de responsabilité envers autrui. **Alice Becker-Lehrer** M.A.J.S. (Master Jewish Studies); '10 Paths to God' Study Group Leader; Author of "If We Could Hear Them Now - Encounters with Legendary Jewish Heroines;" Teacher at Federation CJA, Weissman Institute; Community Volunteer for 50+ years - presently Board Member and Volunteer at Hope & Cope. She highlighted Moses's refusal to let God off the hook, taking responsibility to plead for the fate of the Jewish people who had committed the sin of the golden calf at the foot of the mountain.

## COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM with a Dvar Torah on the YAHRTZEIT OF RABBI SACKS zt'l

**Torah Study in the Merit of the Elevation of the Soul of Rabbi Jonathan Sacks zt'l**

André Rotchel is a Torah Scholar and an Iranian Native; President S.E.C. (Sephardic Educational Centre - Montreal) Sephardic Jewish Center. The session began with a video of Rabbi Sacks of blessed memory denouncing the culture of shaming prevalent in the virtual world today. His dvar Torah on the week's parshah Chayei Sarah, coincided with Rabbi Sacks's Yahrzeit, by which he compared these two important Jewish personalities from whose stories the lasting lesson of the importance of education emerges. The Chief Rabbi's insistence on education of the young mirrors Sarah Imeinu's intense desire to perpetuate Abraham's lineage through the birth of a child.

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# FROM BAGHDAD TO ISRAEL TO CANADA

Written by Gladys Peress Mooallem

“Great Article, brilliantly read by Lisette Shashoua



The year was 1951. We were living in Baghdad. I had just finished my matriculation exams, but the dreams I had and those of my family were shattered by a new political climate. The Iraqi government was accusing Jews at random of being either Zionists or communists and imprisoning them, torturing some with the most horrible means, and hanging them in public. This was all done in front of their families and was used to spread fear and terror throughout the 175,000 members of the Jewish community in Iraq.

“*In my time, the Jewish community had several schools for both boys and girls, like the prestigious Alliance Israelit, where I studied together with my friends and younger sisters.*

Life was not normal anymore! We were all scared, worried, confused. We all found that people we knew were disappearing, prominent Jews, influential people in our society. No one knew to whom we could turn. Nobody felt safe, especially since neither the Iraqi government nor the British Authority did anything to protect the Jewish citizens.

The Baghdad Jewish community was an ancient one. It had started 2600 years ago with the destruction of the first Temple when Jews were taken captive to BABYLON. The community quickly established itself and built famous yeshivot (Academies) that produced the Babylonian Talmud between 500 - 700 C.E. The Major among them were located in NEHARDEA and MAHUZA.

In my time, the Jewish community had several schools for both boys and girls, like the prestigious Alliance Israelit, where I studied together with my friends and younger sisters. We also had Jewish sports and social clubs.

While most Jewish communities in Europe and in much of the Arab world suffered at the hands of the majority, our history was generally comfortable. For centuries, we were left alone to have our own schools and neighbourhoods, we ran our own businesses. We were very proud of what we have done and our place in society.

But suddenly there was panic, we were mistreated, terrorised and not wanted in our own country.

It seemed unthinkable yet we were beginning to realize that we had to leave the land of our birth and ancestors.

The German propaganda of World War 2 that led to the FARHUD in 1941 and other attacks, mistreatment, murder, looting and torture had made life unbearable for Jews. Now with the creation of Israel in 1949, life has become impossible. Everybody needed desperately to find a way out. Some people tried to escape, others did not dare. Where to go? and how? Very few Jews were allowed to obtain a passport, and even if they did, other countries accepted very few. At last, through international pressure, the Iraqi authorities allowed Jews to leave. However, they had to renounce their Iraqi nationality.

This was followed, unfortunately, by freezing all properties and money in the bank.

In June 1951, El-Al landed in Baghdad and carried our family to Israel, among 120,000 who went to Israel during 1950-1951. We were stripped of all our properties by the Iraqi Government and were allowed with only one suitcase each and 50.00 Dinars (British pounds). We were considered traitors and would never be allowed to return.

Following the 1967 war with Israel, when only 3,000 Jews remained in Iraq, the mistreatment and torture of Jews started again with various false accusations. They were not allowed to work, their money in the bank was frozen, schools were closed, many of them were killed, 9 were hung. Many of them tried to flee through the Kurds in the north or through the south. Only

the lucky ones succeeded in ending their journey safely. In the early 70's the Jews were finally allowed officially to leave Iraq. Most of them went to Israel. Presently, there are no Jews in Iraq.

Back to the people who arrived in Israel with El-Al in 1950-51, Israel was very poor. We arrived in a deserted area and lived in a tent in Maabarrah near Petah-Tikva.

We lived six months - a family of seven people - without electricity, water or facilities inside.

Then we were moved to a wooden shack of one room, also with no electricity, no facilities, and water. After seven years, we got our shikun, a small apartment with all the facilities.

Work was scarce. We had to work in anything to secure our living. My parents were desperate.

I took the lead, spending long hours working in Tel-Aviv and studying at night. I remember having to walk through dark alleys to get home, which I did with tears in my eyes. Life was so hard and yet here I was not afraid to walk alone, in the dark, without worrying that someone would follow me. I could not have done that in Baghdad. At home, my four younger sisters never gave up. They had to study with the help of kerosene lamps.

Israel opened its arms for us. Nobody remained a refugee. We were fed and sheltered. We were given the opportunity to educate ourselves and gradually rebuild our lives.

After 18 years in Israel, where my husband, JAMIL-JOSEPH MOOALLEM z"l contributed to two wars, we moved to MONTREAL, CANADA with our two little children. Though we were received warmly by the Iraqi Jewish community, we had to meet new challenges.

We are thankful for the peaceful rewarding life and the high education that my children enjoyed at McGill University, with Masters and honours degrees by my son JEFF MOOALLEM and Pediatrics in Medicine by my daughter RONIT MOOALLEM.

We continue to enjoy the blessings of our beloved grandchildren.

I always had Israel at heart where I visited very often.

It makes me very joyful to know that many of these refugees from Iraq occupy high positions in politics, science, social positions and mainly High-Tech. We are proud of our community and of Israel for helping us to be an important factor in that flourishing country.

We look forward to a continuing strong Israel with our hearts within and God overhead.

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Please watch the event on YouTube.  
It was watched by a big crowd all across Canada.

[www.bnaibrith.ca/eventssa/jews-from-arab-lands/](http://www.bnaibrith.ca/eventssa/jews-from-arab-lands/).  
Delivered by Lisette Shashoua, as per YouTube above.



# MUSIC MEETS ITS MUSE

Book Reviewed by Sandra Koukou



Riveting is too modest a description of Maverick Maestro, Maurice Peress' memoir of a breathtaking trajectory through the "mysterious embrace of the art (of music) we serve." (p. ix)

Throughout the book, the reader can only cling ever so tightly onto the conductor's shirtsleeves, as he cannily brings to life, with astonishing eloquence, an account of some of music's finest moments.

In the Opera House center box sits the conductor's wife, Rose Kennedy, and the composer, Leonard Bernstein. Maurice is conducting Bernstein's Mass for the inauguration of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. It's a star-studded night on September 8, 1971, when "Lenny by my side whispers, 'You can throw out your CV'" (p. 3), while onstage a team of tearful musicians face an audience's roaring applause.

For Peress, music started with his Dad, Heskell-Ezra Moshé, born in Baghdad "ca. 1902" (p. 4) into a large family of traders going back to the 17th Century. Formed by the Alliance Israélite where Jews were educated by French intellectuals in the modern European way — which displeased the Babylonian Rabbinate — he was fluent in French, Arabic, and Hebrew, and "could scribe a formal letter in Victorian English" (p. 4). When the senior Peress (Henry in America), a clerk who worked for

the British sovereigns of the "land between the two rivers," took note of non-Muslim clerks being slowly let go — that was when Faisal came to power — he patiently waited for a visa, and in 1926, landed on American soil with only \$1,000 to his name.

On Sunday mornings, the elder Peress would sit with his oud on a low cassock on a Kashani carpet (a city in Iran), "...his entire being given to the music, the notes, the sound. We were risen up together, two souls joining. This was my first real music." Maurice would be mesmerized by the "mysterious sounding Arabic words" unintelligible to him, as they melded with the rhythms, transporting father and son. (p. 8)

Maurice Peress's mother, Elka (Elsie) Frimit Tiger, a Polish Yiddish-speaking beauty who spoke a modest English, lost most of her family in the Holocaust. She assiduously provided the wherewithal for her son's music training in his growing years. She is pictured on a centerplate next to Bernstein looking proudly at her son at the Kennedy Center inauguration, while another picture shows a beaming Jacqueline Kennedy surrounded by composer Bernstein and her famous conductor son.

Maurice's memoir encompasses many facets of a life richly lived, insightfully exploring the panorama of artistic genius of the American musicians with whom he worked: Morton Feldman's Rothko Chapel, Ellington's Black, Brown and Beige, Leonard Bernstein's Mass, Antheil's Ballet Mécanique, Whiteman's Birth of the Rhapsody

in Blue, Earl Robinson's Lonesome Train, Amran's Splendour in the Grass, Langston Hughes, Jose Limon, Francis Ford Coppola, Aaron Copland, John Corigliano, Benny Goodman, MJQ Jon Lewis, and the Modern Jazz Quartet.

A member of the first generation when it was okay to be Jewish in America, Peress's mission was to enjoin the music of black and white, Jazz and classical, folk and concert, Native American and European; in so doing he strove to bring people together and build bridges through faith...in music.

Among the many takeaways from this fine memoir of a master musician writing in his 84th year, his reflection on the encroachment of the digital age offers a compelling perspective: "I remember thinking the Gay/Straight, Jewish/Gentile, Left/Right, Harvard/City College, Paris/New York, Black/White, Words and Music generation, which so illuminated the twenty years between the World Wars, and in whose lingering light my own generation still basked, was coming to an end." (p. 174) The author shares his passion for Virgil, who alone procured him the focus to deliver a story such as Maverick Maestro. As readers, we stoically join the maestro to lament on a digital age's osmosis onto yet another art form.

Peress, Maurice, Maverick Maestro. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2015. [225 pages]

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# WELCOME BACK: THE ARAB WORLD IS RE-EMBRACING ITS JEWS

Changing attitudes and self-interested leaders are behind a surprising religious revival.

**The slogan of the Houthi rebels, who control northern Yemen, is blunt. "Death to Israel, curse on the Jews," it reads in part. So it was no shock when the group chased Jews out of its area of control. What might be surprising is where some of those Jews ended up. Yusuf Hamdi and his extended family were rescued in a mission organised by the UN, America, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (uae) in 2021. Mr Hamdi and company then passed up a chance to go to Israel, instead becoming the first Yemenite Jews to settle in the uae.**

**The uae offered inducements: a rent-free villa, fancy car and monthly welfare cheques. It is all part of an effort to seed new Jewish communities in the country. Since the government declared 2019 the year of tolerance, and officially recognised the existence of Jews in the uae, new kosher restaurants and a Jewish centre have sprung up. During the festival of Hanukkah last year the state erected large menorahs in city squares (pictured). It plans to open a state-financed synagogue later this year. "Jews are back in the Middle East," says Edwin Shuker, an Iraqi Jew who fled to Britain, but resettled in Dubai last year.**

From Morocco to the Gulf, a surprising number of Arab countries are welcoming back Jews and embracing their Jewish heritage. The reasons vary. The failures and excesses of Arab nationalism and Islamism have forced many countries to rethink chauvinist dogmas. Modernising autocrats have jettisoned communal tropes and pursued multicultural agendas. And the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is no longer seen as a priority in the region. "The Arab world has too many problems to still care about Palestine," says Kamal Alam, an expert on Syria and its Jewish diaspora. "Instead they begrudgingly look at Israel and Jews as models for running a successful country that feeds itself without oil."

Before the establishment of Israel in 1948, more Jews lived in the rest of the Arab world than in Palestine. At least a quarter of Baghdad's population was Jewish. So was Iraq's beauty queen in 1947. But after the creation of Israel and its displacement of Palestinians, Arab rulers turned on their Jewish subjects. Many were stripped of their citizenship and their property. State media and school textbooks promoted anti-Semitism, and the sermons of Muslim preachers fanned the flames. Arab states chased away all

but a few thousand of the region's non-Israeli Jews.

In recent years, though, the mood has drastically changed. Most Arabs have no memory of the big Arab-Israeli wars of last century. Milder opinions have been encouraged by leaders who see the Jewish state as a potential trade partner and ally against Iran, and who seek more acceptance in the West. The rulers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the uae, for example, host multicultural gatherings and often muzzle clerics who step out of line. Sympathetic portrayals of Jews have appeared in Arab films and tv shows; documentaries have explored the region's Jewish roots. Some Arab universities have opened departments of Jewish history. Such is the change in attitude that when four Arab countries—Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan and the uae—agreed to normalise relations with Israel in 2020, there were no big protests.

Saudi Arabia has not formally made peace with Israel. But the kingdom—once one of the world's most closed and intolerant countries—now welcomes Jews, even Israelis (if they are travelling on foreign passports). Hebrew can be heard at fairs and festivals. An Israeli psychic performed at a recent royal party. Anti-Jewish calumnies have been culled from Saudi textbooks. To the consternation of some, an Israeli rabbi called Jacob Herzog is a frequent visitor to Riyadh, the capital. He sits in cafés wearing ultra-Orthodox garb and distributes prayer books. Sometimes he posts pictures of himself dancing with merchants in the bazaar. "Jews used to be afraid of saying they were Jews in the kingdom," says Mr Herzog, who calls himself the chief rabbi of Saudi Arabia. "Now we're getting embedded."

This goes hand in hand with Muhammad bin Salman's push to attract tourists and investment. The crown prince and de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia has defied the clerics by sponsoring archaeological digs of Jewish sites in the hopes of one day attracting Jewish sightseers. In November an Israeli opened Habitas, a luxury hotel in Al Ula, an ancient rock city. Prince Muhammad has located one of his pet projects, a planned \$500bn high-tech city called Neom, on the kingdom's north-west coast—the better to attract Israeli expertise, say his advisers. " Saudis are becoming closer to Jews than to Palestinians and Lebanese," says Sultan al-Mousa, the author of a bestselling Saudi novel about a Jewish revolt against the Roman Empire.

In Egypt the government of Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi is renovating Jewish

cemeteries and what was once the biggest synagogue in the Middle East. This may, in part, be an effort to charm America, which gives Egypt heaps of aid. Elsewhere, the motives are clearer. The blood-soaked regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria is restoring synagogues and has reached out to the many Syrian Jews in New York, hosting a delegation of them in Damascus. "Syria is engaging with its Jewish exiles in order to buff up its image as a protector of religious minorities and to connect with communities who might possibly give it some political leverage in Washington at a time when it has very little of it," says David Lesch of Trinity University in Texas.

Mizrahi Jews from Israel are also driving change in the region. With roots in the Middle East, many of them feel marginalised in Israel, where schools tend to focus on European Jewish history. Large numbers of Mizrahim have gone to Morocco, some hoping to build a new housing complex for Jews in Marrakech. Others pack dozens of flights each week between Tel Aviv and Dubai. Those who stay put are more open about their heritage. In contrast to their grandparents, who listened to Umm Kulthum, an Egyptian diva, in secret, young Mizrahim blast Arabic music in public. In 2015 three sisters of Yemenite origin released Israel's first Arabic chart-topper. "Coldness is turning to curiosity about the region," says Liel Maghen, who runs the Centre for Regional Initiatives, a think-tank in Jerusalem. "There's an Arabisation of Israeli culture."

Some take a cynical view of all the bonhomie. "I'll imprison you [Palestinians] at checkpoints. And then take a selfie in [Dubai's] towers," croons Noam Shuster-Eliassi, an Israeli comedienne, in her satirical song "Dubai, Dubai" (which is in Arabic). Others fear Jews could be targeted in the event of a popular backlash against the region's despots. But the trajectory of Morocco suggests that the improvement in relations could endure. The kingdom began reaching out decades ago. Jews of Moroccan origin are able to reclaim their citizenship. The country has a Jewish museum and a new Jewish study centre and has restored dozens of old Jewish sites, notes Avraham Moyal, a rabbi of Moroccan descent. "We've smashed the taboo."

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*The Arab world is re-embracing its Jews | The Economist (mcgill.ca)*



# SHARON LETTER TO SAUDI KING REVEALED AS CROWN PRINCE SLAMS ISRAEL AT UN

By Herb Keinon - Published: 09/22/2016

"In light of Saudi Arabia's central status in this region, and your Majesty's political wisdom and foresight, we believe that your country can make an immense contribution to the success of this [peace] process," Israel's prime minister wrote the Saudi king in reference to the diplomatic process with the Palestinians.

Amid all the current talk in Jerusalem about a unique confluence of interests between Israel and Saudi Arabia, one could think that this letter was written in recent days by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Saudi King Salman.

But one would be mistaken.

These words were written on November 27, 2005, by Ariel Sharon, and given to a Jew born in Iraq who lived abroad named **Maurice S. Peress, member of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue**, who delivered them to then Saudi King Abdullah, thanks to a good relationship he developed with the king's brother-in-law.

Peress turned to the Prime Minister's Office and offered his services in relaying a message to the king. On December 3, 2005, the king's brother-in-law-called Peress and said the letter was personally delivered.

A framed copy of the letter was presented to the Babylonian Jewry Heritage Museum in Or Yehuda at a ceremony earlier this month.

The letter was written three years after the Saudi led Arab Peace Initiative of 2002, and puts to rest the popular notion that Sharon never responded to the Saudi plan. The letter was written just over three months after the Sharon-led withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, and just three weeks before he was felled by his first stroke.

"As a peace-seeking nation, Israel has been known to make painful decisions and take far-reaching steps in the interest of peace," he wrote. "We believe that our recent

disengagement from Gaza and Northern Samaria introduced a new and historic opportunity to advance the peace process.

Sharon stated that this was a sensitive and critical period in the region, "as we struggle to preserve the momentum created by the disengagement.

"It is our hope that Saudi Arabia, under your Majesty's strong leadership, will exert its power and influence to encourage the moderate forces in this region and advance the prospects of peace, stability and prosperity," he wrote.

"I offer my hand in friendship and hope to have the opportunity to cooperate and work with you personally to advance our mutual goal of peace. I look forward to receiving your response."

A response never came, and Sharon was soon incapacitated by his two strokes.

At a ceremony at the museum early in the month, Yitzhak Levanon, who served previously as Israel's consul in Boston and ambassador in Egypt, called the letter an "important historical document," and proof that Israel worked behind the scenes to move the peace process forward. He also said the letter confirms that there were ties with the Saudis.

The spirit of those ties, and of reports of a growing but still discreet relationship between Jerusalem and Riyadh was in no way evident, however, when Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef addressed the UN General Assembly on Wednesday.

Before discussing the situation in Syria, Yemen or castigating Iran, the crown prince first excoriated Israel.

"The Palestinian issue remains an ongoing challenge to the United Nations since its inception," he stated. "Israel continues in its military occupation, terrorist practices and acts of aggression, including its



siege and other serious violations of international law, without fear of retribution or accountability."

He called for an end to "the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territory, along with the rest of the occupied Arab territories, including the Syrian Arab Golan, southern Lebanon, which should happen in accordance with the provisions of the relevant United Nations resolutions and the Arab peace initiative, which aims to achieve comprehensive and lasting peace to this conflict."

According to bin Nayef, progress in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict "seems impossible in the light of the continuation of the Israeli settlement policy, the tampering with the holy city of Jerusalem, ruining the Arab, Islamic and Christian identity of the city, and the heartless policy of repression practiced against the Palestinians people."

Only after reading off the litany, did he mention the Syrian crisis, which has cost the lives of more than a half million people.

*Note: The only peace process that picked up the momentum was that initiated by his Majesty King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz. Three trips to Riyadh and One to Israel with revised Arabic Draft Letters.*

Our Synagogue is proud to have taken an active part in it.

## JDAIM 2022 By Muriel Benlolo

"Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) is a unified effort among Jewish organizations worldwide to raise awareness and make a commitment to foster acceptance and inclusion so people with disabilities and mental health conditions, and those who love them, feel a sense of belonging. JDAIM is a call to action to each one of us to act in accordance with our Jewish values, honoring the gifts and strengths that we each possess. Established in 2009 by the Jewish Special Education International Consortium, JDAIM is observed each February. Its mission is to unite Jewish communities worldwide to raise awareness and champion the rights of all Jews to be accepted and included in all aspects of Jewish and community life like anyone else." Shelly Christensen, Co-founder of JDAIM

Since Reverend Benlolo and I joined the Spanish and Portuguese family in Fall 2019, it has been our mission to raise awareness and affirm that inclusion and belonging are essential to the well-being and quality of life of all people, including people with disabilities, mental health conditions and those who love them. We are committed to the acceptance, inclusion, and support of all our members to find that incredible and universal sense of belonging when walking through our synagogue doors and when participating in life cycle events and programs. Organizations must also acknowledge and build upon those attributes that promote a diverse, equitable and inclusive culture. The Torah teaches us that everyone belongs simply because we are human. We don't include some people and leave others behind. Yet there are many people who long to belong, people who are shut out because there are still doors in our communities that are guarded. We can do better, and we are doing better. Since February 2020, the S&P has participated in several initiatives and programs in honour of JDAIM and is now one of the leading organizations in Montreal paving the way for others to follow. Through these initiatives, the S&P has welcomed the Montreal Shira Choir, which is now an integral part of the S&P family. I am very proud of our clergy, executive and board members who have embraced and participated in this global initiative to support participation and involvement in all aspect of Jewish life for people with disabilities and mental health conditions. This past February was no



exception. We had several events and initiatives planned and organized, but when the province shut down all the places of worship, we were forced to adapt. Although we couldn't hold some of our planned events, we were adamant in making sure that we celebrated and participated in JDAIM, this year being the 13th anniversary of this incredible movement. On February 12 at 7pm, the S&P hosted a musical drive through Havdalah that took place in the semi-covered indoor parking lot of the Decarie Square Mall, thanks to the generosity of the Levy family. Over 100 people registered including close to 45 kids. The joy was palpable, the laughter could be heard throughout the parking lot, and it didn't take long for people to start dancing and singing. Each family received a "Havdalah care package" that included everything they needed to participate in the Havdalah service, snacks, and drinks as well as a fun and yummy loot bag for all the kids. A big thank you goes out to Gali Pinto for her help in preparing all the loot bags and to Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo, Yo Aisenstark, Ilay Afriat and members of the Montreal Shira Choir for the Havdalah service and musical entertainment. A huge thank you goes out to the office and support staff of the S&P and Bertie and Jimmy Levy and their team. I couldn't have done it without them.

Please click on the links below to view our picture and video gallery.

[https://www.thespanish.org/photo\\_gallery.php?album=16765](https://www.thespanish.org/photo_gallery.php?album=16765)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyV8R8bMv5o>

On February 13 at 2 pm, the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, in collaboration with the Kolot Mayim Congregation, participated in their speaker series entitled, Building Bridges. This small congregation is based in Victoria, BC and reached out to Reverend Benlolo after a few of their

members viewed the Montreal Shira Choir documentary entitled "Just As I Am" on CBC. They wanted him to be the guest speaker of their February program. The talk was entitled "Celebrating Diversity in Jewish Life - The Power of Music with Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo". With over 80 household from both congregations registered and present on ZOOM, the talk was a huge success, and the feedback was overwhelming. Here are a couple of testimonies that we received.

"David and I want to thank you most sincerely for the wonderful presentation on Cantor Daniel Benlolo and the Montreal Shira Choir. It was so inspirational to watch the joy on the faces of the choir members and to witness the rapport that he has with the participants." Yvette and David Freeman

"Today's talk was wonderful - inspiring, genuine and heartfelt. Many people were moved to tears, including me. The touching videos added a lot to the experience. What a wonderful presentation! Thanks to you both for all you did to make it happen." Marilyn Wolovick

After the talk, Sam Margolis wrote an article about Hazan Benlolo's talk in the Jewish Independent Newspaper and did a great job capturing the highlights of his presentation.

To access the full article, please click the link below.

<https://images.shulcloud.com/1345/uploads/Hazan-Benlolo/2022/Jlpg01-20feb25smallsz.pdf>

Although JDAIM is an annual opportunity to reflect, to learn, to grow and to change, we need to make sure that the inclusion discussion continues every month. "Inclusion" is not simply an issue to discuss once a year, it's a shift in our mindset about what it means and how we can all make a difference.



# L'ONU ET SES AGENCES CONTRIBUENT À L'ANTISÉMITISME

Written by Hon. Jacques Saada  
First Appearance in LVS December 2021

Le 21 juillet dernier, le premier ministre Trudeau a convoqué un Sommet sur l'antisémitisme codirigé par l'hon. Bardish Chagger et l'hon. Irwin Cotler. Le président de la CSUQ, l'hon. Jacques Saada, y a été invité comme panéliste. Voici, en substance, le texte de l'allocution qu'il a prononcée en présence de nombreux ministres, dignitaires et représentants de la société civile.



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Mesdames et Messieurs,

Je tiens tout d'abord à vous remercier, M. le Premier ministre, de vos paroles d'ouverture. J'y ai senti la profondeur et la vérité de votre engagement à combattre l'antisémitisme.

Je veux aussi remercier les hôtes, l'hon. Bardish Chagger et l'hon. Irwin Cotler, de m'avoir invité à participer à cet important sommet sur la lutte à l'antisémitisme et à la haine. Irwin Cotler, que je félicite de sa récente nomination comme envoyé spécial pour la préservation de la mémoire de l'Holocauste et la lutte contre l'antisémitisme. Je salue mes collègues panélistes. C'est pour moi un honneur de partager cette tribune avec eux.

Dans ma présentation, j'aurais aimé aborder de nombreux sujets touchant, par exemple, le besoin de responsabiliser les exploitants

de réseaux sociaux, vecteurs d'antisémitisme et de haine. J'aurais voulu parler du besoin d'augmenter les investissements du gouvernement canadien pour la protection des populations victimisées, du renforcement des pouvoirs judiciaires de la Commission des droits de la personne et d'autres mesures législatives, de l'appui aux organismes de rapprochement interculturel.

J'aurais voulu parler d'éducation, seul instrument de portée réellement universelle pour lutter contre l'antisémitisme et la haine. À ce propos, j'aurais insisté sur le rôle majeur que joue le Musée de l'Holocauste de Montréal et sur le besoin pour le gouvernement canadien de soutenir financièrement le nouveau musée. Monsieur le premier ministre, vous avez fait référence à la mission essentielle de ce musée.

J'aurais voulu pouvoir commenter cette citation de Frantz Fanon, qui écrivait : « Quand vous entendez dire du mal des Juifs, dressez l'oreille, on parle de vous. » Cette phrase illustre à merveille le fait avéré que l'antisémitisme ne touche pas que les Juifs. Il traduit une haine universelle dont il n'est bien souvent que le signe annonciateur.

J'aurais voulu pouvoir expliquer pourquoi, malgré ses caractéristiques uniques, l'antisémitisme doit nous faire réfléchir sur toutes les autres formes de haine, qu'il s'agisse de celles qui victimisent les Autochtones que l'on a violemment tenté d'acculturer ou de faire disparaître, ou qu'il s'agisse d'islamophobie ou d'asiatophobie. Bref, de toutes ces agressions qui victimisent des êtres humains qui ne sont coupables que d'être eux-mêmes.

Mais le peu de temps dont je dispose m'impose des choix. Je me cantonnerai donc à un sujet : le rôle du Canada à l'égard de l'antisémitisme qui s'exprime sous le couvert de l'antisionisme.

Toute tentative d'expliquer l'antisémitisme est vouée à l'échec. Il n'y a pas d'explication de l'antisémitisme. Il n'y a que des prétextes : l'héritage de l'antijudaïsme chrétien, puis au XIXe et au XXe siècle, les théories de la race, et enfin, depuis la création de l'État d'Israël, l'antisionisme qui cherche à légitimer le nouvel antisémitisme. L'antisémitisme n'a jamais disparu. L'antisionisme lui a redonné la liberté de parole. Comme disait l'historien Léon Poliakov, « l'antisionisme est devenu la permission de l'antisémitisme. »

Si l'on veut réellement combattre l'antisémitisme, il faut donc combattre les stigmatisations dont Israël est victime. Il faut combattre les manœuvres visant à démoniser ou à délégitimer Israël, ou à lui imposer un double standard.

On ne peut combattre un fléau que si on le définit. Je suis heureux que le Canada ait adopté la définition opérationnelle de l'antisémitisme de l'Alliance internationale pour la mémoire de l'Holocauste, définition qui se lit comme suit : « L'antisémitisme est une certaine perception des Juifs qui peut se manifester par une haine à leur égard. Les manifestations rhétoriques et physiques de l'antisémitisme visent des individus juifs ou non et/ou leurs biens, des institutions communautaires et des lieux de culte. »

Le Canada doit poursuivre ses efforts en vue d'élargir l'adhésion à cette définition auprès des États, mais aussi auprès du secteur privé et de la société civile.

Personnellement, je soutiens que l'esprit même de cette définition tend à démontrer que l'attitude obsessionnelle de l'ONU et de ses instances à l'égard d'Israël favorise l'antisémitisme.

Faut-il rappeler qu'entre 2012 et 2015, l'assemblée générale a adopté 97 résolutions, dont 83 dénonçant Israël? Il faut comprendre le ridicule et l'injustice de la situation.

Nous parlons d'une période où la guerre civile fait rage en Syrie, où plusieurs États africains sont en crise majeure, où Daesh, l'État islamique,

viole, pille, terrorise et assassine, une période marquée par la guerre

du Donbass en Ukraine et la crise de Crimée, où les talibans assassinent

de jeunes écolières. Où l'Iran et la Corée du Nord développent leurs capacités nucléaires sans cacher leurs velléités agressives. Sans parler de la Chine et du traitement inhumain de ses minorités.

Et dans ce monde chaotique, à quoi les Nations Unies consacrent-elles 86 % de leurs résolutions? À Israël.

Entre 2006 et 2016, le Conseil des droits de l'homme de l'ONU a adopté 135 résolutions, dont 68 dénonçant Israël. En 2016, l'UNESCO a adopté un rapport occultant totalement la présence juive sur le mont du Temple

à Jérusalem. Le seul pays visé par des résolutions de l'Organisation mondiale de la Santé et de l'Organisation mondiale du Travail, c'est encore une fois Israël.

Faut-il rappeler le sommet de Durban de 2002 où Israël a été déclaré pays d'apartheid et pays raciste?

Faut-il rappeler que, alors qu'elle disposait déjà d'un Haut-Commissariat aux Réfugiés, l'ONU a créé un organisme, l'UNRWA, voué aux seuls réfugiés palestiniens auxquels on accorde ce statut de façon héréditaire?

Un descendant de réfugié continue d'être considéré comme réfugié, quels que soient sa situation, son lieu de résidence ou sa citoyenneté actuelle.

Ce statut héréditaire est tout à fait unique dans les annales de l'ONU qui, par ailleurs, n'a jamais reconnu les réfugiés juifs de pays arabes et d'Iran. Deux poids, deux mesures.

Faut-il rappeler qu'après le dernier conflit entre le Hamas et Israël, conflit déclenché par le Hamas, cette organisation terroriste qui a lancé des missiles sur des populations civiles et utilisé des boucliers humains, c'est Israël que l'on veut poursuivre pour crimes de guerre et crimes contre l'humanité?

Le Canada a adopté des positions louables à tous ces égards. Il a dénoncé Durban et vigoureusement affirmé qu'Israël n'est pas un pays d'apartheid. Il a rejeté 88 % des résolutions onusiennes visant l'État hébreu refusant ainsi de tomber dans le piège de l'instrumentalisation de l'ONU. Il a mis le Hamas sur la liste des organisations terroristes, un Hamas dont la charte (notamment les articles 7, 17, 22 et 32) est truffée de références antisémites.

Le Canada a dénoncé le mouvement BDS. Faut-il d'ailleurs rappeler que ce mouvement est né à l'instigation de la Ligue arabe en 1945, soit avant la création de l'État d'Israël, pour en appeler au boycottage des commerces tenus par des Juifs? Il ne s'agissait donc pas d'un mouvement de soutien à la création d'un État palestinien, mais exclusivement d'un mouvement antijuif.

Si le Canada veut poursuivre son combat déjà louable contre l'antisémitisme, je l'invite à la plus grande fermeté à l'égard de l'Iran. Rappelons que c'est en 1935 que la

Perse est devenue l'Iran, qui signifie Royaume des Aryens, par décision de Reza Shah en appui aux thèses hitlériennes. On ne peut pas lutter contre l'antisémitisme si l'on ne dénonce pas les manifestations organisées par le leadership iranien où l'on scande « Mort à Israël! Mort aux Juifs! »

Bien entendu, il faut s'interroger sur le contexte du rétablissement de la contribution canadienne à l'UNRWA.

Foncièrement, j'appuie la décision du Canada de contribuer aux actions de soutien du peuple palestinien en matière d'aide sociale, de santé et d'éducation. Un peuple qui continue de souffrir en attendant une paix qui ne vient pas.

Mais l'historique de l'utilisation de ces fonds doit inviter à une prudence extrême. Allégations ou confirmation factuelle de corruption, de népotisme, d'incitation à la haine et à l'antisémitisme dans les écoles palestiniennes, ou de formation d'enfants-soldats dans les « Camps de paradis », etc. Il faut espérer que le Canada s'est doté de moyens rigoureux de vérification de l'emploi des fonds qu'il verse à l'UNRWA.

Le temps qui m'est imparti touche à sa fin. Je voudrais donc brièvement résumer mes recommandations au gouvernement du Canada :

1. Encourager une adhésion toujours plus large à la définition IHRA de l'antisémitisme.
2. Continuer de combattre l'instrumentalisation de l'ONU et de ses agences comme vecteurs d'antisionisme et donc d'antisémitisme.
3. Dénoncer, voire sanctionner les États qui incitent à l'antisémitisme et à la haine.
4. Isoler et sanctionner le Hamas et les autres groupes terroristes qui s'abreuvent d'antisémitisme.
5. S'assurer que l'affectation des contributions canadiennes à l'UNRWA ne favorisent pas l'antisémitisme.

Einstein disait qu'il est plus facile de désintégrer l'atome que de briser un stéréotype. Malgré la difficulté de la tâche, j'invite le

Canada, je nous invite tous, à poursuivre nos efforts en vue de briser les stéréotypes qui sous-tendent l'antisémitisme et la haine.

Merci.



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Our members, Lyson & David Haccoun on the birth of their granddaughter, Annette Rose (Hannah Sarah) daughter of Sophia & Laurent Haccoun.

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At the Sabbath morning services, we remember the departed kinfolk of our members whose yahrzeit-hazkarah anniversaries occur during the coming weeks. Those who wish for an aliyah should contact the Spanish in advance. \*Denotes a Memorial Plaque which is lit during the commemorative week in the Eliahou Iny Chapel.

The Clergy will visit Mount Royal Cemetery to recite Hashkabet & memorial prayers. Please advise the office or the clergy if you are interested in visiting loved ones as we need to form a minyan.

Rabbi Maimon Pinto & Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

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Our member, David Schemtob & Family, on the loss of his sister, Rachel Sleeman z'l.

To the family of our member, Naim Kattan z'l.

He was a writer, a man of friendship & building bridges between cultures. Husband of the late Gaetane Laniel & partner of the late Annie Goldmann. He will be remembered with love & affection by his son, Emmanuel Kattan, his daughter-in-law Valérie Monchi, his brother, Jacques Kattan. He was an officer of the Order of Canada, knight of the Order of Québec, officer of the French 'Ordre des Artes et Lettres' & knight of the Légion d'honneur.

à nos membres, Mickael et Andrea Bloch, à la mémoire de sa grand-mère, Annette Perez z'l - France.

On behalf of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue, we extend our deepest condolences to the Moghrabi Family on the loss of their patriarch, Selim Moghrabi z'l an esteemed member of the synagogue as well as past-president.

Norma Joseph & Joseph Family, on the loss of Rabbi Howard S. Joseph zt'l - revered long time Rabbi of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue and community leader for almost 40 years. The Spanish appreciates the service and guidance he gave the community since 1970 and welcomed his role as Rabbi Emeritus after his retirement.

Our members, Ovadia Shebath & Family and Karen & Oren Gabbay, on the loss of mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Klara Leah Shebath z'l - Israel.

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Marcelle Atraghji	*Matilde Rajzman	Marilyn Margolius	Henry Rosenberg
Abraham Ben David	Lina Rawas	Moe Nemeroff	*Moshi H. Wakil
Shoshana Dallal	Perla Rouah Malka	Leon Pinto	Lajos Weiss-Rupp
*Albert Gourdji	Ilona Vadasz	*Idamay Rosenthall	*Simon Amar
*Joseph Saul Mooallim	*Vassal	Gamalo Baghdadi Srour	Julie Erdstein
Simon Nahory	*Carl Brownstein	*Isadore Ward	Pearl Greenspoon
*Fanny Schwartz	Fiby Dahan	Shoshana Weissglas	*Nora Kramer
*Sydney M. Silverman	*Azar Goldin	*Solomon Zylber	*Osias Leckner
Asher Touaty	*Maurice Levy	Gloria Altman	Israel Levy-Bencheton
Joseph Zayan	*Ida Silverstone	*Juliette Baroukh	*Hannah Schiffmann
*Issie Bass	Yehuda Weissglas	Simon Fhima	*Pearl Bobrow
*Jacob Goldstein	Zvi Aryeh Weissglas	Rifka Gottesman	*Abraham (Abe) Hillel
Stanley Handman	*Harry Bellman	Nadra Ishayek	Georgette Meer
Hyman Hass	*Rubin Feldman	*Aboudi Mouzli Jiji	*Manoil Mendelsohn
Sam Klions	*Esther Genser Kaplan	Sarah Lebovits	Ernest Wiesel
Nessim Mizrahi	*William Hershenfield	Shmael Lebovits	
Sara Rabih	*Joshua Luterman	Yankel Lebovits	

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*Etty Esther Adut	*Marcelle Corin	Moshe Mordekai	*Sulman Lawee
David Bohbot	*Rachel Dahan	Violet Noonoo	Delisia Masri
*Rachel Grinwald	*Annie Donkner	*Gertrude Oubitz	Louise Sadaka
Naima Moulavi Lawee	Brandel Loshinsky	Ruchel Pajewaska	*Marcelle Solomon
*Jacques Henri Piha	*George Rabie	*Harry Henry Sambad	*Maurice Wendman
*Annie Samuels	*Zelda Waldman	Izza Suissa	Saul Yanow
Menashy Shashoua	*Yomtov Avrashi	*Alice Ades	*Isaac Yedid
Samuel Steinberg	Sam Baboushkin	Julia Mercada Cohen	Maurice Levi
Dorothy Tash	*Sion Betito	Abraham Cohen	Yitshok Tenovitch
*Wendman	Esther Malka Blech	Moses Friedman	Leah Bernstein
*Fannie Blitz	Solomon Blech	Eva Geasser	*Ezra Dangoor
Jacob Buchbinder	Messod Dahan	Aharon Isehayek	Chazonoff Dorothy
*Harry L. Colle	*Latife Yael El Sayegh	*Marcelle Ishak-Saleh	*Zohra Fhima



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Sema Goodis  
Martin Karniol  
Zakiyya Shami

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\*Rose Bloomberg  
Beatrice Cohen  
\*Hyman Cohen

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Helen Mekies  
\*Amanda Samra  
\*Eric Nessim Bendahan  
Simha Chemtob  
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Rachel Fredj  
Victorine Levy  
Annie Lonn  
Gertrude Mashaal  
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Heskel Sehayek  
Muzli Sigal  
Odette Azouri  
\*Thomas H. Caplan  
\*Samuel Greenspan  
\*Sam Markoff  
Chava Gitel Pajewska  
\*Anne Rother  
Leonie (Nina) Schemtob  
Raymonde Shamash  
\*Victoria Alika Abdoo  
\*Dora Ajzenberg Barrett  
\*Joseph H. Becker  
\*Saul Grossman  
\*A.Michael Jutrzenka

Israel Abraham Kaufmann  
\*Regina Nessim Khalastchy  
Salim Khamara  
Elizabeth Klein  
\*Abraham Albert H. Lewi  
Morris Szlez yngier  
Oren Bucker  
Murray Diamond  
\*Leah Katz  
\*Mollie Kishner  
\*Charles Lazarus  
Feni Rogovein  
\*Alter Rothstein  
Louis Simon  
Ida Stilman

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\*Joseph Amar  
Tewfick Chemtob  
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Rebecca Costom  
Rachel Esar  
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Biba Haboucha  
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\*Selim Aboudi Gurji  
\*Moise Fhima  
\*Sam August  
Gracie Khazzam  
Goldie Pearl

Abraham Wilk  
David Litner  
\*Solomon A. Samuels  
Moshe Azoulay  
Abraham Souery  
Yaacov Azoulay  
\*Joujou Perez  
\*Regina Shamash  
Sharron Myers  
\*Marion Pinsler  
\*Elizabeth K. Levine  
Hinda Shiber  
Gerson Wolfe Caplan

\*Sybil Sebag Montefiore  
Rachel Moses  
Messodie Amzallag  
Allan Greenstone  
Rosalind Radowitz  
\*Leah Baron  
\*Tema Efros  
\*Moses Fried  
\*Harry Sager  
\*Abraham Caplan  
Raizel Ostro  
Suzanne Kattan  
\*Renée Sheeri

Leonard Rogovein  
Phillip Shaffer  
Rahel Politis  
\*Moishe Shemesh  
\*Sarah Leba Rose  
Nathan Bicher  
Naji Daniel  
Katie Skolnick  
\*Gurdji Heskel Mashaal  
\*Hyman Silverman  
\*Joseph Nisseмбаum  
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Yeshaayou Levi  
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Joseph Chehadé Zeitouné  
Esther Mamane  
Raizel Fisher  
\*Rose Perez  
Abraham Moses Rosenblatt  
\*Amar Salomon  
Bernard Tash  
Helen Zingerman  
\*Ruth Bernstein Clark  
\*Muzli Gabbay  
Isaac Sananes

Nina Voinet  
Ancel Blaustein  
Leona Kirschberg  
\*Dina Riva Kwiat  
\*Aliza Rabie  
\*Jacob Joseph Samuels  
Annie Trachlenberg  
\*Sam Weinstein  
\*Yuda Pinhas Adato  
\*Jacques Ajzenberg  
\*Dina Liba Caplan  
\*Flora Hougui  
Salomon Medina

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Freda Nudelman  
Isaac Rosenberg  
Maurice Rosenthall  
Sylvia Stotland  
\*Nessim Zaccai  
Malvina Baboushkin  
Annie Goldman Kattan  
\*Najma Bellaiche  
Moshe Karpman  
\*Hinda Klugerman  
\*Gabriel Rother  
Ronia Silverberg

Yeshua Silverberg  
Max Winters  
Salim Darwish  
Werner Gehr  
Roger Hotter  
Violet Langsner  
Messod Ohayon  
Roland Shama  
David Suissa  
Sam Szalawetz

JULY 2 - 8, 2022 | 3 - 9 TAMMUZ 5782

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Abdulnabi Nabi  
Edward Haboucha  
\*Meyer Mamane  
\*Elise Marx  
Chaim Michael Rogovein  
Joseph Miller  
Irene Argoetti  
\*William Wendman  
\*Harry Bessner  
Shoul Chaim Ben Moshe  
Aklil Yehueleshet Wasie  
Joe Miller  
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Jean Schwartz

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\*Bluma Shindel  
Harvey William Scharf  
Raphael Farhi  
Dave Goldstein  
Helen Morabia  
\*Ida Glassman  
\*Fanny Guttman  
Lalazer Elazar Goel  
Abraham Szpiczak  
Henry Lonn  
\*Mathilda  
\*Julius Kravitz  
\*Jack Ostroff

\*Ethel Kasnoff  
\*Bertha Remer-Miller  
Sam Lippman  
Claudine Shiller  
Zelda Baboushkin  
Shmuel Eskenazi  
Mesooda Rabie  
\*Fanny Cohen  
\*Alice Lawee  
\*Khazzam S. Iny  
Harold Murawnik  
Abraham Maymaran  
Bella Brodie Helfield  
Elie Benattar  
\*Max Schactman

\*David Bassal  
Salim Gabbay  
Moritz Hasen  
Bronia Cola  
Willie Rabinovitch  
Anna Sarah Herscovici  
Moshe Herscovici  
Zev Herscovici  
Bernard Tamler  
Jetta Tillinger  
Joseph Tillinger  
Jamile Battat  
Haron Shemie

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Victor Balass  
Yusuf David Boyaner  
\*Sami Chitayat  
\*Dr. Max Cohen  
Eva Raela Fainer  
Maurice Fox  
Pearl Herzberg  
Devorah Dorothy  
Lieberman  
\*Jamile Khatoun Gourgi  
\*Rose Lecker  
Nathan Levy  
Ausna Steinberg

Doris Vineberg  
\*Benjamin Emile  
Abouteboul  
Mireille (Zahia) Aintabi  
Joseph Daniel  
\*Bertha Goldenberg  
\*Isaac Kessner  
\*Abraham Kirstein  
Nathan Nessim Levi  
Aron Yarost  
Salha Zilkha  
\*Peter Alioff  
Haya Léa Benaich

\*Jacob Byk  
Camille Cohen  
Annette Pinto Joseph  
Renee Meir  
Rita Sperber  
Raymonde Abitbol  
Nessim Boucai  
Raina Chitayat  
Joseph Cohen  
Naima K. Iny  
Max Mateus Kosowatsky  
David Sebbag  
Joseph Trachlenberg

\*Clara Goodman  
\*Ihsan Samra  
Yolande Sassoon  
Marc Wazana  
Berel Bavitch  
Arlette Cohen  
Benny Fishman  
\*Hersh Leib Hershenfield  
Leah Moskovitz  
Amalia Niwes  
Rachel Ouazana Ohayon  
\*Leah Stotland

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\*Lucy Ashkenazi  
\*Sam Cherry  
\*Maurice (Morris) Gabbay  
Betty Lipsey Goldenberg  
Henry Katz  
\*Libby Lambersky  
Yeta Mass  
\*Abe Abba Perelmuter  
Maurice Amram  
Shlomo Argoetti  
George Chernofsky  
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Bouena Garfinkle  
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\*Arthur Rosenberg  
\*Simon Rothman  
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\*Dora Wolfe  
Simon Zuckerman  
Shirley Antecol  
Eugen Hauptman  
Isaac Levy  
Sarah Nessim  
Victor Parnass

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Rachel Sleeman  
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Gourdji  
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\*Meer Aharon Kattan  
Nina bat Sarah Levy  
\*Salim S. Nathaniel  
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David Zvi Rubenfeld  
\*Silver  
Marcelle Sofer  
\*Micheal Waldman  
Esther Chetrit

\*Harry Corber  
\*Seraphine Haim  
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Sarah Apel  
Luna Azencot  
\*Hannah Gold  
Naim Kattan  
Sion Korin  
Harry Lutko  
Flora Lawy  
\*Joshua Nathaniel  
Josef Rogel



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Vicky Chemtob

\*Abraham Eidinger

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Esther Guedj

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\*Masha Penn Martin

Louis Scheffer

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\*Isidore Goldman

\*Sarah Klein

Henry Rothbart

Chwalia Bas Tzvi

Harriet Cohen

\*Kopel Gold

\*Esther Halabi

\*Abraham Heft

Violet Lawee

\*Nouna Masri

Helen Starr

\*Hilda Wise

\*Gerald Zavalkoff

Rivka bat Aicha Abittan

Lenke Breiner

Stephen Goodman

\*Ezra Abraham Haya

Joory Lawi

Gertrude Simon

Esther Chabbath

\*Salim Moshi Cohen

Isaac Kazaz

Nessim Ohayon

\*Pinsky

Naima Sayegh

Magda Karijo Benedik

Vera Broder

\*Murad Gabbay

Max Goodis

Ovadia Raymond Harari

Minnie Kauffman

\*Abraham Kirschberg

Zev Sloim

Solomon Stotland

Abboody Tuwaig

\*William Wener

\*Jetti Edelstein

David Samra

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\*Esther Appel Priesler

Jamilee Diwan

Rina Gabbay

\*Jacob Rabie

Abe Rosen

Steve Rosenoff

Elie Barzilay

Phil Cohen

Mordecai Adrien Cohen

Zvi Saleh Gabbay

Hyman Geniele

Raymond Guedj

\*Charles Chalom Haccoun

Salim (Sam) Italia

\*Menasseh Sion Linyado

\*Hyman Rosenweig

\*Regina Saleh

Mary Szezyngier

Joseph Antebi

Salomon Dadoun

\*Libby Epstein

\*Joseph Hornstein

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Eliau HaKohen Lapidus

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Ahuda Borenstein

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\*Bahia Lisbona

\*S. Pantel

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\*Aaron Gedaliah Birnbaum

\*Makhlouf Max Dadouche

\*Alec Sivan Kaminsky

\*Eliahou K. Moshe

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\*Evie Arazi

\*Rose Flaxman

\*Shaye Gillick

\*Geraldine Rutenberg

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Ashkenazy

Aziza Aboody Basri

Percy Binsky

Moshe Murad Eliahou

Reba Fishman

Sasson Khazzam

\*Esther Levi

Mania Wittenberg

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AUGUST 6 – 12, 2022 | 9 – 15 AV 5782

\*Victoria Cohen

Charles Fogel

\*Kitty Solomon Isaac

\*Mollie Brucha Schechter

Aliza Shamash

Victor Smouha

Leo Kaufman

\*Arthur Kishner

\*Louis Magonet

Salim Haim Mislawi

Irving Schwartz

Ray Walker

Harry Bard

Joseph Battat

\*Angela Bibace

Harry Brumer

\*Alice Dahan

Shlomo Haziza

\*Max Inhaber

Bassia Marmerstein

Sarah Myers

\*Faygie Rabinovitch

Hermance Emsallem Cohen

\*Desiatnikoff

Eva Handman

\*Esther Levinoson

Salomon Mamane

\*Victoria Romano

Ezra Zilkha

Elvira Herscovitch

\*Sumra Moses Linyado

\*Naim Masri

\*Fortune Schinasi

David Segal

David Tawfik

\*Saleh Isaac Barzel

\*Gracia Gaon

\*Marcelle Yehouda Isaac

\*Morris Katz

Samuel Kunian

\*Louis Levy

Herb Paperman

\*Elie Rajzman

\*Louis Salsinger

Rahamim Zeituni

\*Roland Pinhas

\*Sulman Ezra Ishak Saleh

Irene Rachel Wolff

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\*Ba Ba Eliahu Amar

\*Moise Atlan

\*Niazi H.E. Benjamin

\*Freda Voss Kramer

Esther Lallouz

\*Nathan Schwartz

Rose Winstan

\*Albert Sion Aved

\*Oded Pinhas Fried

Lillian Geasser

\*Sam Hartman

Hayim Lawee

Eliza Singer

Abraham Erdell

\*Anna Miriam Fried

Suzie Schwartz

Henny Schwartz-Grill

Leib Zweigenberg

Yissachar Eliezer

Selim Moghrabi

Pauline Stromberg

Shevel Yagnyatinsky

\*Haila Abdoo

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\*Morris Ansel

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\*Rachel Luterman

David Moskovitz

\*Mary Sofin

\*Lazar Tikotsky

Dr. Michael Hal Antecol

Mendel Ben David

Camilia Cohen

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\*Menahem Benzacar

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Mario Modiano

Joseph Pearl

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Robert Aintabi

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Simha Benbaruk

Rose Gold

\*Sarah Gotfrit

Joseph Koukov

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\*Miriam K. Schapiro

\*Marlyn Rhoda Wainberg

Malka Zilberstein

Salim Faraj

Gilda Freedman

\*Edward Abdullah Hillel

Albert Nacawa

\*Ethel Rostrogovitch

\*Flora Sulman Gourdji

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\*Bension Douek

\*Simha Harroch

Aaron Keribar

\*Lenore Victoria Shahin

Haron Shasha

Rose Babins

Albert Elia

Lily Elia

\*Nathan Feldman

\*Ezriel Kramer

David Rabih

Claude Ascher

\*Benoit Baroukh

Gourgia Bekhor

\*Marcelle Ovadia

\*Harry Rosenstein

\*Sarah Yegar Stollow

Hanania Bensimon

Marie Dana

\*Khatoun Daniel

\*Muzly K. Lawee

Noor Rabie

Moshe Revah

Libby Rosen

\*Mark Baboushkin

\*Leon Bensimon

\*Abraham Hillel Braker

\*Estrella Elbaz

Victor Haim Gheriani

Kalman Kopolovitch

Chaim Kowalski

\*Jacob Pascal

Abraham Perley

\*Miriam Weigensberg

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\*Bath Sheva Gillick

\*Yacot Hatchuel

\*Leon Selman Lawee

\*Mortimer Levitt

Norma Mintz

\*Miriam Nickerson

Jacob Philip Simon

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Naim Bekhor

\*Anna Caplan

\*Abraham El Sayegh

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\*Shoul Flinker

Avraham Herzberg

\*Hugh A. Joseph

\*Muzli Karkoukly

Moshe Maslaton

\*Naima Mathalon

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Katy Shebath

Vladimir Sigal

Eva Tepper

Jacob Bitton

Bernard Isidor Fainer

Joseph Freeman

\*Albert Kay

Moe Roffman

Samuel Taffert

Claire Bibas

Rose Brott

Sophia Goldsmith

Lippe Gordon

Harry Kosowatsky

Samuel Nemetz

Abraham Sampson

Fischel Schwartz

\*Rosa Shahrabani

\*Boris Swersky

\*Manis Waldman

\*David Amiel

\*Abraham Bar Moshe

Moshé Ben Ami

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\*Samuel Borer

\*Harry Byer

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\*Eva Elslak

\*Shaoul Hadid

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Myer Joselefsky Myers

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Debora Bas Binyamin	*Meyer Bendahan	Shlomo Singer	*Aida Bitton
*Hilda Iny	Meyer Dahan	*Clara Weiss	*Fred (Fuad) Darwish
*Joseph Kirschberg	Rachel Ezer	Shlomo Borenstein	Ilana bat Mariam Gilan
Yehoshua Jacov Rosenfeld	Saul Kivenko	Sol Cohen	Kaduri
Jacques Bensimon	*Max Pinsler	*Hilda E. Khazzam	Max Michael Handman
Becky Brahimi	*Sarah Samuels	Haya Sarah Levine	*Naji S. Iny
Marck Gillick	Rebecca Claire Shalom	*Menashi Heskell Mashaal	*Sidney Kastner
Mac Nudelman	*Annie Wendman	Hamah Ann Zingboim	Leah Kimelfeld
Salomon Ohayon	*Abraham Dadoun	*Yechiel Fishman	Louis Leffell
Lilly Rottenberg	Charles Lahmy	David Friedman	*Minnie Naimark
*Benjamin Shulman	*Dora Levine	Ida Regenstreif Kastner	David Simon
Abe Silverberg	Minnie Lew	*Leah Letovsky	

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Martin Goldsmith	*Hannah Hempel	*Abraham Klein	*Sally Goldenberg
*Sulman Menashe Gourgi	*Rachel Oubitz	Ketty Samuel	Jossef H. Harrosch
*Albert Guindi	*Regina Jacob Shahin	Rebecca Schwarz	*Abraham Haupt
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Afram Khamara	*Marc Carolla	Isaac Suissa	Abraham Spector
*Lazarus Kirstein	Raffaele Dana	*Jacob Dahan	Dr Neil Trister
Reuben Moses	Marcelle Elmaleh	*Leah Gampel	Leon Cattani
*Denise Piha	*Goldie Gold	Hester Ruth Katz	*Rae Litwin
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*Samuel Silver	Miriam Mendel Mensher	*Mayer Levy	Robert Politi
*Charna Ziniuk	*Joseph Sidler	*M. Peters	*Max Rubin
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Henri Corcos	Zelda Cordovi	*Boruch Taviafin	Ida Goodis
Freha Dadoun	Meir Ezer	Armand Tobaly	*Ketty (Khatoun) Mashaal
Sara Gaipman	Rebecca Moghrabi	Michael Ben Leib Arye	Akerib
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Sarah Jakubovic	Ezra Rabie	Rachel Cohen	*Joseph David Rabih
*Victor Haim Levy	Matus Rozanski	*Sarah Cohen Elbaz	*Albert H. Saleh
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Saul Reisler	*Bracha Shaffer	*Fortune Nacawa	
Stanley Satz	Mary Tikotsky	Julia Sananes	
*Isaac Bensoussan	*Philip Bernstein	*Albert Shahin	
*Raphael Borenstein	*Rachel Byer	Marcelle Shashoua	
Andre Levy-Bencheon	*Hanna Cohen-Suissa	*Francine Smadja	

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*Abraham Daniel	Peche Murawnik	*Salim Shuker	*Soly Cohen
Isaac Gampel	Meyer Murawnik	*Maurice A. Wolkove	Bennie Cooperman
Miriam Korzenstone	Mariam Tauby	Nathan Zimelstern	*Elisabeth Esther Elharrar
*Samuel Mittenthal	*Victor Ascher Cohen	Elca Arinovitch Gold	Annie Fishman
*Elias Mittenthal	*Ralph Kantorovitch	Armand Coriat	Harry Geasser
Hanina Sadaka	*Bella Perlman	*David Donkner	*Isaac Ezra Guindi
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*Abraham Zusman	Solomon Salem	*Matthew Stollow	Haccoun
*Marie Afilalo	Seidman	Regina Chalom	*Kathy Korpner
Sarah Basha	Ted Sonberg	*Marc Chetrit	*Philip Arthur Levine
Jacques Battat	Max Weiner	*Lila Cohen Aved	Samuel Rosenberg
*Shaul Bilbul	*Frayda Wittenberg	Edith Gehr	*Salha Meir Shemie
*Max Brandt	Adrienne Alkallay	*Rachel Leah Lethovsky	*David Wolfe
*Annette Brownstein	Moshe Bar-Urian	*Abraham Livinson	
*Irene BuenaVida	Ben Zion Ben Yacov	*Edward Mashaal	
*Yasmina Dadoun	*Percy Genser	*Loulou Mashaal Gabbay	
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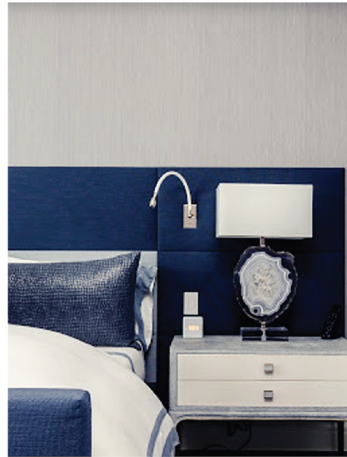
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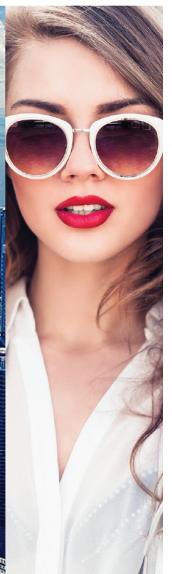
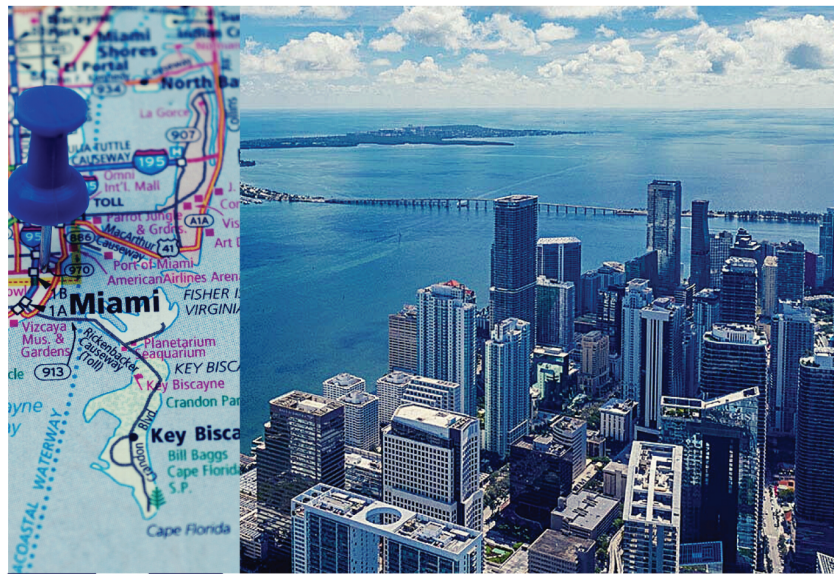
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