

Congregation Spanish & Portuguese שארית ישראל



Parashat Shemot פְּרַשַׁת שְׁמוֹת

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Hollow at the Center: Thoughts for Parashat Shemot By Rabbi Marc D. Angel

"And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them" (Shemot 1:6-7).

As long as Joseph and his generation flourished, the children of Israel flourished. Amazingly, though, no sooner had that generation died off than the situation of the Israelites deteriorated dramatically.

We do not know the names of any Israelite leaders in the generation immediately after Joseph's death. We know nothing about the Israelites' communal organization, religious life, or social structure. The Torah gives us just a brief glimpse of that generation, and it only speaks of quantity: the Israelites multiplied tremendously... "the land was filled with them."

What happened? Why was there no smooth transition of leadership from one generation to the next? Why did no one emerge as a national leader? Why did this vast number of people so easily become enslaved by Pharaoh? Where were their leaders, their statesmen, their warriors?

The Torah does not give a direct answer to these questions. But it does give an indirect answer.

In describing that generation, the Torah speaks only of quantity, not quality. It uses many words to tell us how numerous the Israelites were; it says nothing about the inner life of the people.

The message: the Israelites saw themselves in terms of quantity, not quality. They were afflu-

ent; they were successful; they filled the land with their presence and their influence. As they became self-absorbed with their material status, they lost sight of their spiritual foundations. When a nation defines its success by its numbers, when it forgets its spiritual content—it is a nation on the verge of disintegration.

Sometimes, we see nations or communities or institutions that appear so very strong. They count many members. They erect great buildings. They issue glitzy press releases in praise of their numeric strength and their wealth.

But these same nations, communities or institutions have lost sight of their *raison d'être*. While their founders were idealistic and courageous, the new generations have lost that spiritual dynamism. They have sunk into the morass of quantity, and they have forfeited the demand for quality. They appear strong—just as the numerous Israelites appeared to Pharaoh. But they are internally very weak. They produce no visionary leaders to guide them; they produce no courageous leaders to wage their battles. They simply have forgotten why they came into existence in the first place...and they fall into slavery all too easily.

In "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand, there is a passage about a boy who loved a great oak tree. "He felt safe in the oak tree's presence; it was a thing that nothing could change or threaten; it was his greatest symbol of strength." But one night, lightning struck the oak tree, splitting it in two. The next morning, the boy saw the fallen oak which had been rotten from within. In place of its core, it had hollowed out and had become frail. "The trunk was only an empty shell; its heart had rotted away long ago; there

**Shabbat
Shalom**
Begins/Commence 4:21 pm
Ends/Se Termine 5:29 pm



Services Schedule

Horaire des Offices

Shabbat, January 18th, 2020

SHAHRIT: 8:30

Afternoon/Evening Services:

Minha 4:15

Seudah 4:45

Arvit 5:05

Havdalah 5:21

Week Day Services

January 19 - 24

	Shahrit (שחרית)	Minha/ Arvit
Sunday/Dimanche	8:00	4:30
Monday/Lundi	7:00	4:30
Tuesday/Mardi	7:00	4:30
Wednesday/Mercredi	7:00	4:30
Thursday/Jeudi	7:00	4:30
Friday/Vendredi	7:00	4:30

KIDS' PROGRAM
EVERY SHABBAT
10 - 12 NOON



No Cell Phones

Quote of the Week

Who you are tomorrow depends on what you do today.

- - Tim Fargo
Aish HaTorah

Parashat Shemot - Cont'd.

was nothing inside.... the living power had gone, and the shape it left had not been able to stand without it." Once the tree's core turned rotten, it was doomed to break when a storm would hit it.

There are countries, communities, institutions—and people—who are like the oak tree in this story. They have the appearance of grandness and power; but they are rotting within. They gradually erode and become hollow. When they fall, people suddenly realize how badly they had been deceived by relying on quantity rather than quality.

In our world, it can be confusing to distinguish between a solid oak and an oak which is rotting at its core. Yet, if we cannot tell the difference, we are destined to great suffering and disillusionment.

The Torah reminds us not to judge success or strength by external numerical standards. The Israelites were not strong even though they multiplied in prodigious numbers. A hollow oak tree is not strong even if it is ancient and massive.

No nation, community, institution or individual can be deemed to be strong unless the inner life is healthy.

Sisterhood Events

Sisterhood **Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue** *Canasta/Mahjongg/Bridge* *Backgammon*



GAME DAY
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Wednesdays
January 22 - March 25, 2020
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Tu B'Shevat celebration

Monday February 10th at 2:00 PM in the Battat Hall
Presents



Enjoy an informative and entertaining presentation by Morris Zimelstern,
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An exchange of ideas and experiences to follow
Dried fruits, tea and cookies will be served.

\$5 Charge

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Sisterhood

L'dor Vador Challah bake

Save the date!
May 07,
2020
19:00h

 **Spanish & Portuguese**
Synagogue

בית המדרש הלואני **Beit Hamidrash Helwani** פארנאס-פארנאס השנה **Parnass Hashana** פארנאס-פארנאס הכבוד **Parnass Hakavod** *Joseph & Betty Nezri* *Mayer & Muriel Sasson*

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COURS DE TORAH

DIM.-VEN. APRÈS SHAHRIT - 45 MIN.-RABBI MAIMON PINTO

MERCREDI SOIR 19H30 - RABBI MAIMON

PARNASS HAYOM

פארנאס היום

Shabbat 21 Tevet - 18 janvier

Famille Kakon à la mémoire de leur père Joseph Kakon ז"ל.

Sunday 22 Tevet - January 19

Dr. Samia Bekhor & Amy Hadid, in memory of their mother, Selima Nissan Zubaïda ז"ל.

Sunday 22 Tevet - January 19

Sachs Families, in memory of Oscar Rahamin Sachs ז"ל.

Monday 23 Tevet - January 20

Michel & Lina Cohen, in honour of their Children.

Monday 23 Tevet - January 20

Rosette Rossano, in memory of her father, Rav. Jaïs Revah ז"ל.

Tuesday 24 Tevet - January 21

David Gabbay, in memory of his mother, Renée Gabbay ז"ל.

Jeudi 24 Tevet - 21 Janvier

Marie Miriam Benhaïm Schad, à la mémoire de sa mère, Rachel Benhaïm ז"ל.

Thursday 24 Tevet - January 21

Jane Kattan, in memory of her father, Sulman Y. Sheeri ז"ל.

Thursday 24 Tevet - January 21

Rina & Zion Totah, in memory of her father, Yosef Benisti ben Rina ז"ל.

Mercredi 25 Tevet - 22 janvier

Yaer Oliel, à la mémoire de sa mère, Mazal Tov Oliel ז"ל.

Wednesday 25 Tevet - January 22

Khazzam Children & Families, in memory of Ezra Khazzam ז"ל.

Thursday 26 Tevet - January 23

Nusbaum Family, in memory of their mother, Viviane Nusbaum ז"ל.

Thursday 26 Tevet - January 23

Linda Aboody, in memory of her mother, Flora Aboody ז"ל.

Friday 27 Tevet - January 24

Mr. & Mrs. Simantob Darwish, in memory of Sarah bat Mazal ז"ל.

CHEVRA SHAAS
ADATH JESHURUN
HADRATH KODESH
SHEVET ACHIM
CHAVERIM KOL YISRAEL
D'BET ABRAHAM
CONGREGATION

SHABBOS, JANUARY 18TH

Schachris 9:15

Afternoon / evening services:

Minchah 12:29

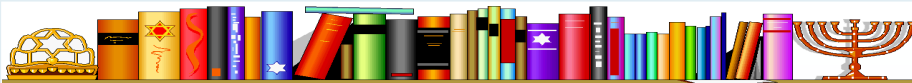
WEEKDAY SERVICES

January 19 - 24, 2020

	Shachris	Minchah Maariv
Sunday	8:00	4:30
Monday	6:45	4:30
Tuesday	6:45	4:30
Wednesday	6:45	4:30
Thursday	6:45	4:30
Friday	6:45	4:30

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HALAKHA

הלכה

When a man is called to the Torah, he is called by his Jewish name and his father's Jewish name. In Yemenite and some Sephardic communities, the name is not called out; rather, the announcement "Ya'amod Kohen" ("Kohen, please rise") is called out, and the man whom the gabbai had designated for this honour approaches the Torah.

When a man's mother is Jewish but his father is a gentile, he should be called up by his maternal grandfather's name. Some authorities say he should be called "ben Avraham," "the son of [our Patriarch] Abraham."

Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Avi Eskinazi



Shabbat Shalom
שבת שלום

MAZAL TOV TO:

Alisa Oiknine, on passing her CPA exam. Congratulations to proud parents, Meyer & Connie Oiknine.



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with special guest speaker
Sam Benamron
from Physio-Verdun

February 8th, 2020

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

4894 Avenue St Kevin, Montréal QC, H3W 1P2

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