



Congregation Spanish & Portuguese

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Parashat Ki Tisa

פָּרַשַׁת כִּי תִּסָּא

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REALITIES AND FALSEHOOD: THOUGHTS FOR PARASHAT KI TISA.

By: Rabbi Marc D. Angel

A jazz pianist complained to the club owner about the piano, but the owner did nothing. Angry and frustrated, the pianist announced that he would not show up for work until the piano was repaired. A week later, he received a call from the owner that the piano was now fine. The pianist returned to work but found that the piano was still out of tune. He confronted the owner: "I thought you told me the piano was now fine; but it is not fine at all." The owner replied with a surprised look. "I did have the piano fixed. Don't you see that it has been freshly painted?"

This story epitomizes a massive and ubiquitous problem that faces human beings. We are confronted with items, individuals, and institutions that are seriously flawed. Instead of analyzing the problem and coming to a reasonable solution, there is a tendency to seek superficial cover-ups that merely serve as camouflage. We think that if we paint the piano or put make-up on an individual...we thereby have solved the problem. But, of course, we have left the core problem intact; it will surface soon enough in spite of the artificial cover-up job.

In this week's Torah portion, we read the truly startling story of the Israelites and the golden calf. Moses had ascended Mount Sinai and the people were awaiting his return at a certain time. In their calculation, the time had elapsed. Immediately they panicked and compelled Aaron to make a golden calf for them to worship. When Moses came down from the mountain and saw the Israelites worshipping the golden calf, he cast the Tablets of the Law to the ground and shattered them. The Israelites suffered great punishment for their foolishness.

When Moses failed to appear at the expected time, how did the Israelites evaluate the situation? What options did they have? They could have waited another day or two to see if Moses would return? Or they could have appointed Aaron or Hur to become their leader in place of Moses. But instead they sought a quick fix. They wanted a golden calf, even though the idol surely

could not replace Moses, nor could it provide proper leadership.

Sometimes people are simply perverse or misguided. Sometimes they are fearful or confused. In desperation, they may turn to a physical entity that they think is "good luck" or to which they attribute magical powers--even divinity.

What is the essence of idolatry? It is the attribution of false value to an object. Idolaters think that if they worship an idol, bow to it, bring it offerings--then it must be god! They convince themselves that a falsehood is actually true. The evil of idolatry is: believing in falsehood, abandoning truth. The Torah warns us not to fall into this trap. This applies not only to idols, but to everything and everyone. Demagogues and p.r. experts try to make us believe things we know to be wrong or unnecessary; a great many people succumb to these falsehoods. The Torah commands us to cling to truth, to reject lies.

In our society, there are many who foster an idolatrous worldview. They attempt to convince us that a painted piano is fixed, even if it is out of tune. They seek to make us fall into line with the crowd, so that we suspend our own clear judgment. The Torah warns us: do not be an idolater, do not veer from truth, do not falsely evaluate things or people.

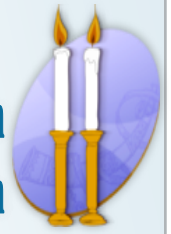
The Talmud (Hagigah 14b) tells of four great sages who entered the "pardes" i.e. the world of profound speculation. Rabbi Akiva, one of the four, warned the others: "when you reach the domain of pure marble, don't call out 'water, water'; as it is written (Psalms 101:7), one who speaks falsehoods will not be established before My eyes." Rabbi Akiva knew how easy it is to mistake clear marble for water, a metaphor for how easy it is to succumb to falsehood instead of clinging to truth. The marble looks so much like water: but it is not water, it is cold stone. If you wish to pursue truth, you need to evaluate people and things as they really are--not as they appear to be.

Golden calves do not bring redemption. Fakes and demagogues cannot lead us to a promised land. If we succumb to falsehood, we will surely pay the consequences.

Shabbat Shalom

Start/Début 6:40 pm

End/Fin 7:44 pm



Services Schedule

Horaires des Offices

SHABBAT, MARCH 14TH, 2020

SHAHRIT: 8:30

Afternoon/Evening Services:

Minha 6:30

Seudah 7:00

Arvit 7:30

Havdalah 7:44

Week Day Services

March 15 - 20, 2020

	Shahrit (שחרית)	Minha/ Arvit
Sunday/Dimanche	8:00	6:45
Monday/Lundi	7:00	6:45
Tuesday/Mardi	7:00	6:45
Wednesday/Mercredi	7:00	6:45
Thursday/Jendredi	7:00	6:45
Friday/Vendredi	7:00	6:45

KIDS'
PROGRAM

EVERY SHABBAT
10 - 12 NOON



No Cell Phones

Quote of the Week

Learn from yesterday,
plan for tomorrow and
live each moment today.

Aish HaTorah

Sisterhood Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue Canasta/Mahjongg/Bridge Backgammon



GAME DAY Bring Your Games

Wednesdays
January 22 – April 1, 2020
1:00pm – 4:00pm

\$5 per session Sisterhood members
\$7 non members



L'Dor Vador Challah Bake

...Just Us Girls...

Women's Health Prevention

Guest Speaker

Jennifer Abdulezer Mashaal

Dietitian & Nutritionist



Thursday May 7, 2020

19:00-21:00

4894 St-Kevin, Montreal

\$36 age 26 plus

\$30 Sisterhood Members

\$18 18-25

10% of all proceeds will be donated to Hope & Cope
Bake 2 Challahs – 1 for you and
1 for Hope & Cope's meal program (Kerry's Kitchen)

Must be 18 to register. Follow the link to register and/or sponsor
<http://www.thspanish.org/sisterhood/challah-bake-2020>
or call the Spanish & Portuguese at 514-737-3695 ext 109
Deadline to register is Tuesday April 21st 2020



Sisterhood of the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue of Montreal BOOK CLUB

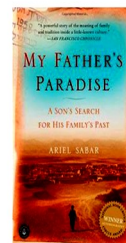
Fourth meeting of our Book Review
Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome !

Reviewer: **Lisette Shashoua Ades**

Title: **"My Father's Paradise"**

By Ariel Sabar



RSVP: sisterhood2020@hotmail.com

\$5 fee per participant



Tea & Coffee will be Served

COME JOIN US
THE SPANISH & PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE

ADULT MEN'S CHOIR

— IS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS —
**REGISTER
TODAY!**

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AGES 7-12

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• SINGING AND LEARNING NEW SONGS AND PRAYERS •
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Every Monday 5:00-6:00pm

Directed by Cantor Daniel Benlolo
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Show your Solidarity & Support to the State of Israel

**Tuesday
April 28
2020
8.00 P.M.**

Hebrew Culture
Organization of Canada

In collaboration with
The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

Invite you to join us to salute
Israel's 72nd anniversary
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Gala Concert

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue
4894 Avenue St Kevin at 8pm
Admission \$25 - \$35

For tickets and more information
please call
514-739-7300 ex. 3104

Canadian Zionist Federation
The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue

The Global Nação: Spanish & Portuguese Global Jewish Community



May 11-13, 2020
Center for Jewish History
15 W 16th St.
New York, NY 10011

The ASF Institute of Jewish Experience's 3rd annual conference will focus on Western Sephardi (Spanish & Portuguese) traditions in their historical & modern-day contexts through an examination of the history, religious leaders, customs, liturgy, literature, arts and material culture.

- Day 1 | Liturgical concert - Congregation Shearith Israel
- Day 2 | Academic sessions & performance
- Day 3 | Academic sessions & Tour of Shearith Israel's cemetery

For those interested, contact Rabbi Maimon Pinto at:
rabbipinto@thespanish.org who will direct you to the
right person & register directly.



Beit Hamidrash Helwani

בית המדרש הלואני
Parnass Hashana - פרנס השנה
Joseph & Betty Nezri
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In Honour of Rabbi Cantor Yehuda Abittan

PROGRAMME DU BEIT HAMIDRASH

שיעור יומי

PROGRAMME QUOTIDIEN - HOK LEISRAËL

COURS DE TORAH

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

MARDI SOIR 19h30 - RABBI MAIMON PINTO

PARNAASS HAYOM פרנס היום

Shabbat 18 Adar - 14 mars

Famille Nezri, à la mémoire de leur mère, Simi Nezri ז"ל.

Sunday/Dimanche 19 Adar - March 15 mars

Edna Mashaal, in memory of her father, Albert Gareh ז"ל.

Rita & Victor; Sasha & Samantha; Tania & Adam Guindi,
à la mémoire de Meir Zilkha ז"ל.

Wednesday/Mercredi 22 Adar - March 18 mars

Peress Family, in memory of their mother, Naima Peress ז"ל.

Famille Tauby, à la mémoire de Yaacov ben Latifée Tauby ז"ל.

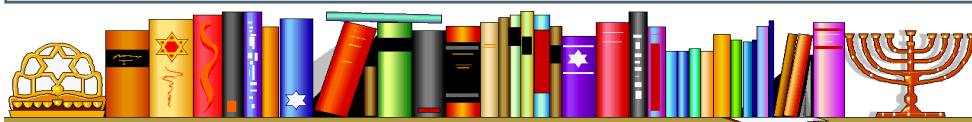
Thursday 23 Adar - March 19

Sylvia Shahin, in memory of her sister, Amal Akairib ז"ל.

Yael & Edmond Shahin, in memory of her father, Yaacov Zilkha ז"ל.

Vendredi 24 Adar - 20 mars

Famille Bensimon, à la mémoire de leur mère, Mazaltov bat Zohra ז"ל.



HALAKHA הלכה

THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO PESSAH

From Purim onward, one should learn and become fluent in the Halachot of Pesach. During these days, hametz should not be scattered in a manner that would make it hard to clean and remove before Pesach, or that would allow it go unnoticed before the holiday. One should give Maot Hittim and provide all the Pesach needs (including food and clothing) of the poor. Those with travel plans should ensure that they will be able to observe Pesach properly without relaxing any standards.

SHABBAT SHALOM, RABBI AVI ESKINAZI

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

SHABBOS, MARCH 14TH

Schachris 9:15

Afternoon / evening services:

Minchah 6:30

WEEKDAY SERVICES
March 15 - 20, 2020

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

SHABBOS KIDDUSH IS CO-SPONSORED BY:

Galia Dafni,

in memory of her grandfather,
Itzhak Dafni ben Chana & Chaim
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in memory of his dear wife,
Molly Erdstein z'l
and in memory of his dear father,
Joseph Erdstein z'l.

Sheila Wimisner,

in memory of her mother,
Hanna Wimisner z'l.



Shabbat Shalom
שבת שלום





NO OFFENSE - IT JUST MAKES SENSE! RIEN DE PERSONNEL - JUSTE DU BON SENS!

Wash your hands / Lavez-vous les mains ~ No Hand Shaking / Ne serrez pas la main

Do not apply your used cutlery to serve yourself.

N'utilisez pas vos couverts usagés pour vous resservir.



*Please observe decorum and wait until **after** "Adon Olam" to remove your **tallit**.*

happy 80th
birthday!

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY.
RABBI HOWARD JOSEPH**



KOL HAKAVOD TO:

Jim Archibald to chair ISO Committee on Terminology and Language Coding.

Join us for the Daf Hayomi Talmudic Class

Sunday - Thursday after evening services. Presented by **Rabbi Shalom Abish**
For more information contact Rabbi Pinto at rabbi@thespanish.org

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

DEAR FRIENDS, WE HAVE TAKEN UPON OURSELVES THE HOLY TASK OF VISITING *THE SPANISH & PORTUGUESE CEMETERY* MONTHLY. AT THIS TIME WE WILL RECITE THE KADISH & HASHCABA.

PLEASE JOIN US TO ASSURE WE HAVE A MINYAN. *SUNDAYS AT 10A.M. - SCHEDULED DATES:*
MARCH 15 - APRIL 19 - MAY 17 - JUNE 14 - JULY 12 - AUGUST 16 & SEPTEMBER 13 - **RABBI MAIMON PINTO**

VOUDRIEZ-VOUS VIVRE UNE NOUVELLE EXPÉRIENCE DE LA TORAH ?

Le *Rabbin Maimon Pinto* vous invite tous les mardis à 19h30 à une rencontre conviviale dans le confort du Beit Hamidrash. Ce cours informel abordera un ou plusieurs des sujets suivants :

Le mysticisme Juif, les idées de la Torah, la prière, l'étude du Talmud, la loi juive contemporaine & l'histoire juive. Les prochains cours auront lieu les: *Mardi, 17, 24, 31 mars.*

We Are Back! Join us for a *Torah Class* with **Rabbi Maimon Pinto** an hour before Minha on Shabbat.

TORAH CLASS

with **André Rotchel** - Shabbat after Kiddush - Beit Hamidrash 1- 2 p.m.

OUR SHABBAT KIDDUSH IS SPONSORED BY/EST OFFERT PAR:

Norma Joseph & Family and The Spanish & Portuguese Congregation,
in honour of Rabbi Howard Joseph's 80th Birthday
and will be held in **Aintabi Hall**.

OUR SEUDAH SHLISHIT IS SPONSORED BY/EST OFFERT PAR:

Joory Family, in memory Simha bat Salha z'l;
and will be held in **Battat Hall**.



OUR SHABBAT BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY/EST OFFERT PAR:

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Gladys Mooallem & Family, in memory of her husband, Jamil-Joseph Mooallem z'l.
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