

October 10, 2020

22 Tishrei 5781



Congregation Spanish & Portuguese

שארית ישראל

דבריהם

SHMINI ATZERET

שמיני עצרת

MAZAL TOV TO OUR HATANIM & ESHET HAYIL

HATAN TORAH: YOSSI SUISSA ~ HATAN BERESIT: RON MASHAAL
ESHET HAYIL ~ SANDRA KOUKOU

Come honour them this weekend for SHMINI ATZERET & SIMHAT TORAH



TRUST ME I KNOW WHAT I'AM TALKING ABOUT

All I can say so far about the Holidays; it has been a heck of a ride! I have been getting so many emails, phone calls, messages about the different challenges we face. Rabbi, a congregant asks, is Hashem upset with us? No, No, says the Rabbi. Do not worry, you have got to have *Bitachon*. *Bitachon*? what is that? Well, replies the Rabbi, that is a long answer. It is generally translated as "trust," *bitachon* is a powerful sense of optimism and confidence based not on reason or experience, but on emunah. You know that "Gid is good and He's the only one in charge," and therefore you have no fears or frets.

That sounds remarkably interesting. What more can you tell me about *bitachon*, Rabbi? Like emunah, *bitachon* is super-rational. The person who holds such an attitude will always be able to point out the positive side of life's experiences, but it is apparent that his or her *bitachon* is not based upon these experiences. It is not an attitude based on experience, but one that *creates* experience. It says, "Things will be good because I believe they are good."

On the other hand, *bitachon* is not a strategy to manipulate the universe. Your belief does not create good—the good in which you are so confident is already the underlying reality. Your belief only provides the means by which that reality can surface.

Unlike emunah, *bitachon* does not live inside a person in a uniform state. Most of the time it's fine sitting in the background: You go about your business the best you can, with perfect faith that "Gid will bless you in whatever you do," and therefore it's not your own

smarts or hard work that will provide success, but "Gid's blessing is what makes a man rich."

But then, situations arise from time to time when you cannot see any natural means by which you can get out of this. At that point, *bitachon* needs to wake up and step up to bat. Rather than saying, "Woe is me! Who can help me?" you say, "My help is from Gid, who makes heaven and earth—and therefore can do whatever He wants with them."

Bitachon carries with it a profound, albeit subliminal cosmology: Even a simple Jew believes that Gid can provide for our needs despite all odds—even contravening the natural order—yet without breaking a single law of nature. Healing will come through a good doctor; profit will come through better clientele—yet the doctor and the clientele are only channels for the real healing and profit straight from Gid's blessing. In other words, we find in *bitachon* a Gid beyond nature, within nature.

Which explains why when a Jew is in trouble, he or she first takes care of spiritual matters—such as checking *tefillin* and *mezuzah*, pledging charity or some other mitzvah, spending more time in Torah study—before dealing with the material urgency at hand. First get the blessings in place, then deal with the channels through which they will come.

For any person, *bitachon* can be a source of tranquility and happiness through the vicissitudes of life. By meditating deeply upon the deep relationship, we each have with the Source of All Good, and putting that conviction to work for you whenever necessary.

My dear friends I wish to see you all very soon together, united in camaraderie. Wishing you and your family a CHAG SUKOT & SHEMINI AZERET SAMEACH!

Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Maimon Pinto

Shabbat Shalom

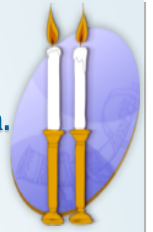
Start/Début 6:00 pm.

End/Fin 7:01 pm.

Havdalah

Services Schedule

Horaires des Offices



Our Week Day Services

SERVICES SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

SHAHRI: 7:30 a.m.

Everyday Monday through Friday

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening Services:

Minha/Arvit 5:45

Join on Zoom ID: 914-650-9809

SHABBAT SERVICES (RSVP)
MASHAAL SANCTUARY - 9:00 a.m.

Cemetery

Following Sunday services,
Rabbi & Cantor visit

MOUNT-ROYAL CEMETERY

to recite weekly hashcobot.

Send names of loved ones to:

rabbi@thespanish.org

Mercredi 14 octobre - 18h45

VIVRE AVEC LA PARACHA

avec Rav. M. Pinto

Thursday, Oct. 15 - 6:45 p.m.

FROM OUR SAGES

with Rabbi Pinto

(watch emails for details)

Zoom Meeting ID 914-650-9809

Kol Hakavod To:

Philippe David Peress,

son of *Simha & Maurice Peress*, having been elected CHAIR, GENEVA UNITED NATIONS WATCH - effective Jan. 2021. Last year's speaker: past Prime Minister Stephen Harper with Ambassador Nikki Hailey in attendance.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SAFE PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Maintain 2 metres distance when arriving & leaving and 1.5 meters when in your place.
- Participants wear face covering (may be removed when you are in your place).
- Sneeze & cough into your elbow or tissue & discard immediately.
- Wash hands for 20 seconds before entering & as often as possible afterwards.

MESURES DE PRÉVENTION POUR DES LIEUX DE CULTE SÉCURITAIRES

- Respectez 2 mètre de distance de l'arrivée à la sortie & 1,5 mètre lorsque vous êtes à votre place.
- Portez un couvre-visage en tout temps.
- Éternuez et toussiez dans votre coude ou dans un mouchoir que vous jetterez aussitôt.
- Lavez vos mains pendant 20 secondes avant d'entrer & le plus souvent possible par la suite.

Beit Hamidrash Helwani

בית המדרש הלואני

פארנאס האבאד - Parnass Hakavod: Mayer & Muriel Sasson

PROGRAMME DU BEIT HAMIDRASH

שיעור יומי

PROGRAMME QUOTIDIEN - HOK LEISRAËL - DIM.-VEN. APRÈS SHAHRIT RABBI M. PINTO - ZOOM ID: 5264381158

PARNASS HAYOM פארנאס היום

Shabbat 22 Tishrei - October 10 octobre

Selim Sasson, à la mémoire de sa mère, Rosa Sasson ז"ל.

Yvette Marsh, à la mémoire de son père, Jacques Bensoussan ז"ל.

Sunday/Dimanche 23 Tishrei - October 11 octobre

Khadoury Family, in loving memory of Elliot Khadoury ben Ruth ז"ל.

Monday/Lundi 24 Tishrei - October 12 octobre

Raphael Ohayon, en l'honneur de ses Enfants & Petits Enfants.

Tuesday/Mardi 25 Tishrei - October 13 octobre

Edna & Victor Mashaal, in memory of her mother, Marcelle Gareh ז"ל.

Wednesday/Mercredi 26 Tishrei - October 14 octobre

CBIJ, in memory of Anwar Ouri Shahin ז"ל.

Penina & Claude Helwani, in honour of their granddaughter, Claire Penina Helwani.

Maurice Cohen & Famille, à la mémoire de leur père, Jacques Cohen ז"ל.

Thursday/Jendredi 27 Tishrei - October 15 octobre

Jack Gilda & Marvin, in honour of their mother, Evelyn Shahin.

Friday/Vendredi 28 Tishrei - October 16 octobre

Selim Sasson, à la mémoire de son père, Mayer Sasson ז"ל.

Evelyn Shahin, in memory of her husband, Anwar Ouri Shahin ז"ל.



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THOUGHTS FROM MAYER SASSON

THE THEME OF SUKKOT IS JEWISH UNITY

The sukkah is an all-inclusive structure; its four walls bring together regardless of how they look or act.

The other mitzvah unique to Sukkot, taking the Four Species, contains the same message. Each of the four kinds—the lulav, etrog, myrtle, and willow—represents a different type of Jew, yet we bring them together for the mitzvah. In fact, if any of the elements are missing or damaged, the mitzvah cannot be fulfilled. Even the etrog, which represents the most pious Jew, cannot be used alone. It needs the others.

We are also commanded to celebrate with joy during Sukkot, highlighted with Simchat Beit Hashoeva celebrations every night of the holiday, singing and dancing (socially distanced or with immediate family only, of course). If someone you know needs cheering up, Sukkot is the perfect time to do something about that.

May you have a most joyous and unifying Sukkot!

Shabbat Shalom & Hag Sukkot & Hag Simhat Torah Sameah.

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D'BET ABRAHAM
CONGREGATION

SHABBOS, OCTOBER 10th

FOR TIMES OF WEEKDAY SERVICES, PLEASE FOLLOW WITH SPANISH & PORTUGUESE

WORDS FROM RABBI WHITE

As I mentioned in shul this past Shabbat, it seems that we Jews, even in jest, have to disagree. So, I told two Sukkot jokes from Israel:

(1) the ministry of health has forbidden having "ushpizin" in your sukkah (i.e., the tradition to invite Biblical figures such as Avraham, Yitschak, etc. to the sukkah), since they are very old, making them at high risk, and also since they have been already to many homes.

But on the other hand, we have a joke reflecting a different approach: (2) someone took a picture of a sukkah, with a sign holding the names of the 7 ushpizin, and under each name a hook, and on each hook a mask to give to these ushpizin.

And then, there is a more neutral joke, more appropriate for Pesach: the 4 sons: the wise son wears a mask; the *rasha* refuses to wear a mask; the *tam* wears a mask, but it doesn't cover his nose; the *'eino yode' a lish'ol* wears the mask on his chin.

But, seriously, it is important to follow all of the health guidelines, and even to be *machmir* beyond the minimum. I was saddened to hear reports of "ultra-orthodox" in Brooklyn and in Israel openly flouting and challenging the gov't guidelines. On the other hand, Rav Yosef Yitschak, the renowned posek and chief rabbi in Israel, has said that whatever the Ministry of Health decides should be considered as "pesaq halacha," the rule that we must all follow.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday, and we pray that this "mageifah" should soon be over: with HaShem's help, and with our cooperation.

Shabbat shalom

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND TRUST OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021

In conformity with section 8.16 of the By-Laws of Corporation of Spanish & Portuguese Jews, Shearith Israel of Montreal, the Nominating Committee nominates the following members to stand for election as Officers, Trustees and Trust Officers at the General Meeting to be held on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, AT 7 P.M. FOR THE YEAR 2020/21.**

EXECUTIVE Eleven (11) officers

Charles Shemie	President	Members at Large:
David Nathaniel	Exec. Vice-President	
Shawn Korin	Vice President	
Ronald Mashaal	Treasurer	
Rose Simon Schwartz	Secretary	
Marc Hadid	Parnass	
Edmond Elbaz	Imm. Past President	
		Arlène Abitan
		Danielle Azoulay
		Marion Dana
		Jason Fattal

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Twenty (20) officers

Robert Abdulezer	Ronnie Gehr	Marc Perez
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Julie Cohen-Bacrie	Albert Herscovitch	Isaac Jack Sachs
Alan Daly	Selman Khazzam	Mayer Sasson
Avshalom Dawit	José Layani	Sami Sourani
Shawn Fried	Sandra Mashaal	Raphael Uzan
Oren Gabbay	Julia Peress	

Trust Officers - Two (2) officers: Henri Abitan & Philip Lawee

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee - September 25, 2020.

MEMBERS: CHAIR, RONY GABBAY, MULU DAWIT, SAMARA DAUD, GLADYS KATTAN, JACK KORIN, SANDY LAYANI, ALAIN MURAD, BURT SALEH, STÉPHANIE WEIZMAN.

The Spanish & Portuguese has recently begun a fundraising program whereby our goal is to raise \$1.5 Million over 3 years to help fund our activities, programs, and events.

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SIMCHAT TORAH

cerned about the honor of Heaven! Was I dancing before a king of flesh and blood? I was dancing wildly before the King of all kings!"

Our Sages stated: "One who has not seen the festivities in the Bet Hamikdash during the Sukkot holiday has never seen a true joyous occasion." However, this seems difficult since there are many joyous occasions in one's life, for instance, one's own wedding or the marriage of a child! What is it then that made the festivities in the Bet Hamikdash on Sukkot so special? Rather, the joy in the Bet Hamikdash was a spiritual joy from whence people drew *Ru'ach Ha'Kodesh*. On Simchat Torah, we are likewise rejoicing about the fact that Hashem has given us an Eternal Torah. May we merit drawing a spirit of sanctity and purity from this special joy, Amen! YALKUT YOSEF - REVISED BY: RABBI MAIMON PINTO

Shabbat Shalom & Hag Simhat Torah Sameah
Rabbi Maimon Pinto