



Congregation Spanish & Portuguese

שארית ישראל

בראשית

Parashat Noah

פרשת נח

PARASHAT NOAH 5781 - 2020



Last week, my wife and I had a visitor. He was loud and rowdy, making inappropriate jokes. His presence was felt in an unpleasant way.

While I was trying not to judge, my impression of this individual was far from good. In the back of my mind, I was disapproving. Why does he talk so ostentatiously? Does he need to act so boldly? Doesn't he realize that his comments are so inappropriate? His dressing attire is so clumsy and dirty! I went on and on, jumping and seeking my own conclusions.

It was not until several days later that my wife learned something about him. "Did you know that he has a special-need's child who is severely disabled that he cares for?" he asked me. Of course, I had no idea.

I then understood that his "boisterous" manner was his way of coping with his challenge. His jokes and his comments were his way of staying above the pain that was his reality by keeping a positive and joyous mindset.

Suddenly, my perspective was turned on its head. This man was not the one who needed judging—it was *me*, for judging *him*!

In this week's Torah portion, we read about the tower, which was built in Babel to rebel against G-d.

G-d descended to see the city and the tower, which the sons of man had built.

Rabbi Shlomo Yitzchaki (Rashi) explains: Obviously, G-d

did not need to "come down" in order to see their crime; but He wished to teach all future judges not to judge a defendant until they see [the case] and understand it.

There comes a time in our lives when we need to intervene and share our negative feedback. But before doing so, we need to "come down" from our condescending positions to see the individual's reality. We also need to acknowledge that, rarely, can we fully understand the other person's circumstances.

Here are some questions we can ask ourselves before judging or criticizing:

- What am I trying to accomplish with my words?
- Am I having a bad day, and is this my way of getting it off *my* chest? Should I revisit this issue once I am feeling more positive?
- Do I want something specific changed or improved? Will my words accomplish that, or will they simply alienate?
- Do I understand and feel empathetic for what this person is going through? Am I talking down to or relating to his perspective?
- How can I strategize with this individual not only to focus on what is wrong, but to accentuate the results that we would like to see?

Our words and even our thoughts carry a tremendous amount of energy; if we have some forethought, let us make it positive.

Shabbat Shalom, Rabbi Maimon Pinto



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THOUGHTS FROM MAYER SASSON

"And Hevel he also brought from the firstlings of his flock and of the best thereof..." (4,4)

The nicest and the best

The Rambam learns from here that a person must overcome the temptation of his Evil Inclination and donate from the best possible – both in matters for Heaven and for the needs of the needy. The Rambam writes in the Laws of Prohibitions on the altar: "A person who wants to bring merits upon himself should overcome his Evil Inclination, expand his heart and bring his sacrifice from the nicest and best from that species that he brings.

It says in the Torah "And Hevel he also brought from the firstlings of his flock and of the best thereof and G-d turned unto... his offering." This applies to anything that is given for the sake of G-d – it should be from the nicest and the best. If he builds a synagogue, it should be nicer than his home. One he feeds a hungry person – should feed him from the best and sweetest on his table. One who clothes the unclothed – should cover him with his nicest garment. If he sanctifies something – he should sanctify from the best of his belongings, ..."

Shabbat Shalom

PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SAFE PLACES OF WORSHIP / MESURES DE PRÉVENTION POUR DES LIEUX DE CULTÉ SÉCURITAIRES



OR



2 metres/
6 feet



OR



Shabbat Shalom

Start/Début 5:36 pm.

End/Fin 6:38 pm.

Havdalah

Services Schedule

Horaires des Offices



Our Week Day Services

SERVICES SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

SHAHRIT: 7:30 a.m.

Everyday Monday through Friday

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening Services:

Minha/Arvit 5:15

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

LEARNING WITH RABBI PINTO

Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Siddur Study

Rediscovering the "Shema"

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Monday through Thursday
Mornings & Evenings

after Shahrit 8:25

after Minha/Arvit (check times)

DAILY THOUGHTS & HALAKHA

Zoom Meeting ID 914-650-9809

Lessons From Noah's Ark

Don't miss the boat.

Build on high ground.

Two heads are better than one.

If you can't fight or flee - float!

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.

Don't listen to critics - do what has to be done.

If you must start over, have a friend by your side.

Plan ahead — It wasn't raining when

Noah built the ark.

Take care of your animals as if they were
the last ones on earth.

When things get really deep, don't complain-shovel!
Remember the woodpeckers. An inside threat is
often bigger than the one outside.

Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs
were on board but ... so were the snails.

Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone
might ask you to do something REALLY big.

Aish HaTorah

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PROGRAMME DU BEIT HAMIDRASH

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PARNASS HAYOM

פרנס היום

Shabbat 6 Heshvan - October 24 octobre

Albert Mann, à la mémoire de son père, Haim Mann ז"ל.

Sunday/Dimanche 7 Heshvan - October 25 octobre

Famille Malka & Sequerra, à la mémoire de Maryse Miriam Malka bat Hanna ז"ל.

Bernard Atlan, à la mémoire de sa mère, Fortunee Atlan ז"ל.

Carolla Family, in memory of their mother, Jeanne Carolla ז"ל.

Monday/Lundi 8 Heshvan - October 26 octobre

Karkoukly Family, in memory of their father, Naim Karkoukly ז"ל.

Rachel Archibald, in memory of her sister, Nadia Haim ז"ל.

Tuesday/Mardi 9 Heshvan - October 27 octobre

Karkoukly & Aintabi Families, in recognition of their support & generosity to BH & S&P.

Wednesday/Mercredi 10 Heshvan - October 28 octobre

Linda Aboody, in memory of her father, Joseph Rouben Aboody ז"ל.

Shahrabani Family, in memory of Gourji Shaoul Shahrabani ז"ל.

Thursday/Jendredi 11 Heshvan - October 29 octobre

Claude Helwani, in honour of Rabbi Abittan, spiritual leader of Helwani BH.

Friday/Vendredi 12 Heshvan - October 30 octobre

Hasson & Gaipman Families, à la mémoire de leur mère, Rachel Hasson ז"ל.

Iny Family, in memory of their mother, Rosa Iny ז"ל.

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CONGREGATION

SHABBOS, OCTOBER 24th

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

WORDS FROM RABBI WHITE
NOACH 5781

We read this week of the Tower of Babel. We are told that all the people spoke the same language and spoke unified ideas. *safah 'ahat u-devarim 'ahadim*. Sounds great. Reminds me of Dr. Zamenhoff's idea of a universal language, Esperanto. [He invented it in 1873, hoping that it could lead to a world without wars!!!]

But the lesson we learn from the story is that it is not so good when everyone speaks and thinks the same. Sadly, this has become a most contemporary issue. I noticed the other day an essay by Bari Weiss, a very articulate young writer. In criticizing recent ultra-liberalism, she wrote "by simply existing as ourselves, Jews undermine the vision of a world without difference. And so the things that make us different must be demonized, so that they can be erased or destroyed: Zionism is refashioned as colonialism;.. Jewish businesses can be looted because Jews "are the face of capital." Jews are flattened into "white people," our living history obliterated, so that someone with a straight face can suggest that the Holocaust was merely "white on white crime." This is no longer a fringe view."

Weiss quoted a philosophy professor from Portland, [riots site this summer] who has noted: "This ideology is the dominant moral orthodoxy in our universities, and has seeped out and spread to every facet of American life—...a fearless and zealous minority who can smear them as racists if they dare disagree."

Important to note that Ms. Weiss does not identify as a "conservative," but rather as a "centrist," who tries to understand the whole picture.

My wish to you, in Esperanto,
"bonan shabbaton, kaj restu sana."
(Shabbat shalom and stay safe.)



שבת שלום



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