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# SHABBAT BULLETIN

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## Parashat Tazria

**TRAVEL JEWISHLY TRAVEL COMMUNALLY**  
Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

Spring is in the air and Passover is upon us. For many Montrealers winter and spring is a time for travelling. There are many sunny destinations that when accessed make the long winter tolerable. Many of those destinations are exciting and even provide a Jewish touchstone. The old synagogues of the Caribbean or Rangoon are just a few examples. Of course, there are destinations which are exotic and have very little Jewish history or connection to our peoples past. These journeys are certainly fun and informative.

But there is nothing like a journey to a foreign, enchanting land which provides insight to a Jewish world that many of us know little about accompanied by tens of Jews from a variety of walks of life representing the Jewish tapestry of Montreal.

In past years, many joined my wife Muriel and I as we led glamorous and colorful trips to Morocco. Both my wife and I were born in Morocco, but these

trips are much more than a home-coming. It is an opportunity for Jews of Ashkenazi and Sephardi descent to learn and discover this corner of the world that to this day remains a jewel of Sephardi Jewry.

One of the participants saw the trip as “not only an opportunity to renew some acquaintances but also to visit and tour the amazing country of Morocco.” Another participant wrote about her trip: “the highlight of the trip was being with 39 likeminded travelers and spending time in Synagogues with the remaining Jews of Morocco. Praying with them was the epitome of Am Yisrael Chai.” A member of the group recalls the trip as an eye opener. He writes: “the trip opened my eyes to the fact that Morocco was not only a place where these great sages, kabbalists and teachers had lived, but also a place where Jews fleeing persecution elsewhere had been able to come despite the considerable difficulties involved.”

The King of Morocco, Muhammed V was reported to have told the Nazi commander demanding a list of the Jews living in Morocco, “We have no Jews in Morocco only Moroccan citizens.” This is the background to a

country which has hosted Jews for over a thousand years. The group will share not only the beauty and splendor of the country but experience the lives of Morocco’s remaining 1500 Jews through their eyes. Morocco has taken wide-ranging steps to preserve Jewish heritage. Many synagogues and Jewish cemeteries have been refurbished and declared National Historic sites. Projects like the Moroccan Jewish Museum in Casablanca, keep sites and memories of Jewish life alive and safe. From Casablanca to Fes, Marrakesh to Essaouira, through the Atlas Mountains to the blue city of Chefchaouen the group will experience the eclectic sights, sounds and tastes of one of the most intriguing countries of North Africa. From eating fresh sardines in the ports of Essaouira, to praying the evening service at sundown in the Sahara Desert to the casbah, to the Kings palace and more, the country calls us from afar. From goats that stand on branches to carpet shopping and camel rides in the desert, Morocco awaits us.

But in the end, we will create our own memories and experiences and discover what it really means to travel Jewishly and travel communally.

Shabbat shalom

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#### ROSH HODESH NISSAN

**SHABBAT**  
**APRIL 2 AVRIL 2022**

#### WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

**Shabbat**  
Shahrit: 8:30 a.m. Minha: 6:45 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
Shahrit: 8:30 a.m. Minha: 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
Shahrit: 7:30 a.m.  
Minha: 6:00 p.m.

#### CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

**SHABBOS, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
Schachris 9:30 a.m.  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
Schachris 8:00 a.m.



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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Worry does nothing about the future, but it destroys today's peace of mind.

| Aish HaTorah

### OPINION

## Chevra Shaas

**Words From**  
**Rabbi Menahem White**  
**TAZRI'A / HA-HODESH 5782**

This week we read from 3 Torah scrolls: the regular parasha Tazria, the portion for the new Month of Nissan, and “parashat ha-hodesh” from Shemot, chapter 12.

The reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Torahs is a wakeup call to all of us: Pesach is fast approaching. In the selection we read from the 3<sup>rd</sup> sefer (Shemot/Exodus chapter 12), Moshe is telling the people to prepare themselves for the Paschal sacrifice and for leaving Egypt.

The selection begins: “this month is the first of all the months.” The great 13<sup>th</sup> century Spanish commentator Nachmanides (Ramban,) in his comments on Exodus chapter 12, points out that the month names with which we are familiar do not appear in the Torah. Rather, the months are

simply numbered beginning with the first month, which we know as Nissan. Thus, Rosh HaShanah, the beginning of the year, is in the 7<sup>th</sup> month! Go figure! You need a yiddish kop to figure this out!

Well, according to Nahmanides, the answer is simple. We count the months from Nissan, in order to remember the great event of the Exodus, which happened in Nissan. This is modelled after the fact that there are no names for days of the week in Hebrew. Unlike English or French or Yiddish, which call the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the week “lundi,” or “Monday,” or “Montog,” the Hebrew speaker says simply *yom sheni*, “the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.” That is, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the week, which will culminate in Shabbat!

The names of the months that we use nowadays appear only in the later books of the Bible, such as Zecharia, Ezra, Nehemia, and, of course, Esther. Why is that? Nahmanides quotes the Jerusalem Talmud that after the destruction of the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple, and the

subsequent return to Zion, we call the months by their Babylonian names, in order to always be reminded how HaShem brought us out of the Babylonian exile and returned us to the Land of Israel.

May we merit a full redemption, speedily in our days!

P.S. Here are the names of some of the Babylonian months. Note the similarities to the Hebrew names with which we are familiar.

1. nisanu 2. ayyaru (Hebrew iyyar) 3. simanu (Hebrew sivan. As our Iraqi friends know, the Hebrew letter v was originally pronounced w. And these two letters could interchange, since both letters are pronounced with the lips (bilabials.) 5. abu (Hebrew ‘av: the sounds b and v are similar.) 6. ululu (think of elul.) 7. tashritu (think tishrei) etc.

Anyhow, whatever you call this month, have a kosher and happy Pesach, and may there be peace in the world.





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Mazal Tov To



**Amy & Elie Hadid**, on the engagement of their daughter,  
**Amanda** to **Shai**, son of **Penina & Shalom Sasson**.



**Juliana Khayat**, who took first place for the category of 5<sup>th</sup> &  
6<sup>th</sup> graders for the **Montreal regionals Chidon Hatanach Bible  
Contest**.



COMMUNITY

Jewish Wisdom

HALAKHA  
WHAT REQUIRES BEDIKA  
*Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo*

Any place where one took or one's children possibly took chametz into, requires a bedika even if one took chametz there on an occasion (SA 433-3, MB 433-13, Kaf Hachaim-30). Examples: basement, office, car, attic, pantry, furniture, clothing, etc.

Many sages are of the opinion that those rooms that one sells to a non-jew do not require a bedika (MB 436-32).

**HOTEL:** One who goes to a hotel for Yom Tov is required to check his room. A bracha is recited only if one is there on the eve of the 14<sup>th</sup> (SA 437-1).

**IF ONE FORGOT TO PERFORM THE BEDIKA AT NIGHT** or was unable to perform the bedika on the eve of the 14<sup>th</sup> is required to perform the bedika with a bracha during the day when one remembers (SA 435-1, Shulchan Aruch Harav-1, MB-2). One may not engage in any work etc. as stated above prior to the bedika (MB 431-5,433-5).

The bedika is performed in the same manner as on the eve of the 14<sup>th</sup> (e.g. Bread, candles, etc.) (MB-4). The Kol Chamirah should be recited after the bedika is finished (Shulchan Aruch Harav-1)

If one realized that the bedika was not performed, the morning one must make the bedika but the Kol Chamirah is not said (MB 435-1).

If one recited the Kol Chamirah on erev pesach but remembered on Yom Tov that the bedika was not performed, on Chol Hamoed the bidika must be done even by day with a bracha. However, if the Kol Chamirah was not recited, one must perform the bedika on Yom Tov with a candle (MB-3). The chametz should be covered for it is muktzah **"separated"**, or **"set aside"**. (Shulchan Aruch Harav-2).

Got A Question for Reverend/Hazan Daniel Benlolo?



THE VISIT

École Polyvalente Saint-Joseph planned a visit to the Holocaust Museum and had a one hour window before their visit. Their professor Louis-Jean Pelletier contacted the Spanish Office and arranged a tour of our synagogue. The school bus pulled up in front of the synagogue and our 45 visitors were transferred to our Reverend Benlolo's capable hands. First he explained about having to put on a kippah for the male students when entering the Iny Chapel and its significance. Next they headed to the Mashaal Sanctuary (pictured above) where they delved and weaved the intricate web of Jewish history, customs and artifacts.

The Reverend ended his talk with the story of Bet Shamay and Bet Hillel where a potential Jew by choice needed one more reason to convert. He asked Shamay to teach him the entire Torah while he stood on one foot. Shamay literally threw him out of his home. He proceeded to the house of Hillel asking him the same. Hillel responded "Veahavta Lere'echa Kamocha" - Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" - the rest is commentary. What a wonderful visit

Shabbat shalom!

Congregation Maghen Abraham

Thoughts: Mayer Sasson - PERASHA TAZRIA

"This is the teaching of the leper מִצְרַע on the day of his becoming pure...." (14,2)



Where's his Torah?

On the words "This is the teaching of the leper מִצְרַע on the day of his becoming pure" the Chovat Halivavot says that when a person talks slander about another person his mitzvahs are taken away and are credited to the person about whom he spoke. Moreover, the sins of the person about whom he spoke are transferred to him.

Accordingly, the Eretz Tzvi says, we can understand the Gemara that says, "He

who forgoes the slights he received has all his sins transferred away." In other words, if a person knows that slander was spoken about him and nonetheless holds himself back, all his sins are transferred from him and put on the account of those who spoke about him.

Consequently, a person who speaks slander loses all the Torah that he learned and toiled over, for everything, as has been said, goes to the person he spoke about.

However, the Torah says "This is the teaching of the leper מִצְרַע on the day of his becoming pure" – That leper מִצְרַע who exudes a bad name about his friend חֵבֵרוֹ שֶׁ רָע עָלָיו will have his Torah returned to him "on the day of his becoming pure" – on the day he repents and purifies himself from the sins of his slander.

SHABBAT SHALOM!!!

PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

SHABBAT 1 NISSAN - APRIL 2  
Albert Mann, in honour of his Family.

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 2 NISSAN - APRIL 3  
In honour of the Touaty Family.

MONDAY/LUNDI 3 NISSAN - APRIL 4  
Jim & Ariel, in memory of  
Claire Khazzam ז"ל.

Famille Emile Sayegh, à la mémoire de son frère, Isaac ben Avraham Sayegh ז"ל.

TUESDAY/MARDI 4 NISSAN - APRIL 5  
Leila Khamara Family, in honour of  
Drs. Sabah & Samia Bekhor.

Benisti Family, in memory of their  
father, Selim (Shlomo) Benisti ז"ל.

WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 5 NISSAN - APRIL 6  
Aintabi Family, in memory of their  
father, Yaacov Aintabi ז"ל.

THURSDAY/JEUDI 6 NISSAN - APRIL 7  
Jennifer & Menashi Mashaal, in honour  
of their Family.

Margaret & Jacques Hazan, in memory  
of their son, Albert Hazan ז"ל.



Upcoming Events



**Tuesdays, April 5 | 7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Improve your Arabic. Join our Tuesday night sessions  
Registration required: sisterhood2020@hotmail.com OR  
Grace at (514) 979-9779  
Meeting ID: 881 1057 1315 Passcode: SUPERSIS



**Thursday April 7 / | 7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Passport to Learning - Instructor: Rachel Gabbay  
*Exploring creation, the world we live in & ourselves, with a special twist through Biblical messages.*  
**Class 3:** Is Freedom a real thing? Are we ever really free? What kind of freedom are we celebrating?  
**Zoom ID:** 894 9032 5512 - **PW:** 55337



**Wednesday, April 13 | 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.**  
Come join our network of entrepreneurs & professionals to learn, share & grow!  
**Speaker:** Lorne Steinberg - LSWM "Economic update, investor positioning, asset allocation" - **Intro:** Oren Gabbay - Argust Transport *(More info consult our website)*



**Thursday April 21 / | 7:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Passport to Learning - Instructor: Rachel Gabbay  
*Exploring creation, the world we live in & ourselves, with a special twist through Biblical messages.*  
**Class 4:** Born to lead... A slave, a prince, a holy man. The magic of Moses. How can one change a world?  
**Zoom ID:** 894 9032 5512 - **PW:** 55337



**Tuesday, April 26 | 12:00 - 1:15 P.M.**  
Come join our network of entrepreneurs & professionals to learn, share & grow!  
**Speakers:** Tasso Lagios & Alana Geller - Richter  
Topic: Transforming your family business. c  
Intro: Ron Gabbay - RG Coffee -



**Tuesday, April 26 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm**  
Sisterhood Book Review: "Beneath A Scarlet Sky" By Mark Sullivan - Reviewer: Wilma Mashal  
RSVP: sisterhood2020@hotmail.com  
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