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# SHABBAT BULLETIN

December 24, 2022 | 30 Kislev, 5783



## SHABBAT SHALOM

Start/Debut 3:56 p.m. End/Fin 5:06 p.m.

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SHABBAT SERVICES  
SHAHRIT: 8:30A MINHA: 3:45P

**ROSH HODESH TEVET**  
SHABBAT 24 Décembre  
SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 25 Décembre

### WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday  
Shahrit: 8:30A Minha: 4:00P

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Shahrit: 7:30A Minha: 4:00P

### CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, December 24<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, December 25<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

## Dvar Torah

MIKETZ - HANUKKAH

### S&P HANUKKAH PARTY





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## INSIGHTS

# Chevra Shaas

Words From

MIQQETS 5783

Rabbi Menahem White

First of all, mazal tov to Simcha Foxman and Shulamit, on the engagement of his son Moshe Yehudah of Jerusalem

Since we are now in the festival of lights, we present a little light humor, that has been going around the internet in Hebrew. Here is the translation: It purports to present a conversation between a young boy, and his "litvish," Yeshivish" father. It is funny, but reflects a serious "kulturkampf" in Israel. "Tattie" is Yiddish for "daddy."

- Q. Tattie, how did we defeat the Yevanim?  
A. With Hashem's help!  
Q. So why did we need the Maccabim?  
A. They were just soldiers, Hashem helped them and Baruch Hashem we won.  
Q. The Maccabim were soldiers?!  
A. Yes, they were soldiers in the army of Hashem.  
Q. So they were Chabadniks?  
A. No, no! Chas v'shalom! They were yeshivish.  
Q. Did Yehuda Hamaccabi fight? With a weapon?  
A. Yes.  
Q. So Yehuda Hamacabi was a gentile or not religious?  
A. Chas v'shalom, why would you think he was a gentile or not religious?  
Q. Because only gentiles or non-religious Jews go to the army.  
A. No, no, in the past religious people also went to the army.  
Q. So why did the Maccabim go to the army and we don't?  
A. Because today our Torah protects us.  
Q. And then their Torah didn't protect them?  
A. I think it's time for you to go learn with Moishie.  
Q. Did the Maccabim learn Torah?  
A. Of course! They learned Torah all the time!  
Q. They didn't work for a living?  
A. Chas v'shalom!  
Q. So how did they have money?  
A. Well they worked a very little teeny bit.  
Q. Off the books in secret like Uncle Yanku?  
A. No!  
Q. So what did Mattisyahu do?  
A. He was a farmer.  
Q. So how did he work in the fields with his white shirt?  
A. How do you know he wore a white shirt?  
Q. Moishie told me that a real Jew only wears white shirts.  
A. You spend too much time with Moishie, but he is right.  
Q. What did the Maccabim want?  
A. They wanted an independent Jewish state that they would run.  
Q. Is this what we want?  
A. That is something that Zionists want.  
Q. Tattie, I want to be a soldier, a farmer and a Zionist!  
A. Gevalt!!! What happened to you?!

We pray for peace and understanding among Jews, and then between Israel and its neighbours.

Shabbat shalom, and Hanukkah sameah.

### Notice / Avis

In order to have your tax receipt for 2022, please pay by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Thank you for contributing to the Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue.

Wishing you and your family, a Happy Hanukkah.

## Mazal Tov To



Grandparents, Rita & Armand Elbaz and Émile & Evelyne Knafo and proud parents, Audrey & Emmanuel Knafo, on the Bar Mitzvah of **Ethan**, brother of Adam Knafo.



Doris & Eli Ambar and Yvette Battat & (the late Isaac Battat), on the engagement of their grandson **Alex Battat**, son of **Amanda & Mike Battat** to **Chloe Rasquinet**.



Doris & Eli Ambar, on the birth of their great grandson, **Jones Elijah Chitiz**, son of **Jana & Jeremy Chitiz** (Toronto) and grandson to **Randi & Ronnie Amber** (Toronto).

## Congregation Maghen Abraham

Thoughts: Mayer Sasson

### PERASHA MIKETZ

2025 words and times 5

"And it came to pass at the end of two full years..."(41,1)

In the end of Parshat Miketz the Sages of the Authorized Tradition counted not only the number of verses in this Portion, as is done by every Parsha, but also the number of words in it: 2025. Many Jewish sages wonder about this: Why did the Sages of Tradition note the number of words specifically in this Parsha, something that we did not see in the other Parshas of the Torah?

Rabbi Baruch Epstein connects this matter with the fact that in most years the Portion of Miketz is read on the Shabbat of Chanukah. During all days of Chanukah we add an additional candle above the number of candles lit the previous night. The word candle "נר" in numerology is 250 and the total number of candles lit – 8 - times 250 for the word candle comes to 2000. If we add the number 25 – for Chanukah falls on the 25th day of Kislev – we reach the number 2025, which is the number of words in the Parsha of Miketz which is counted out for this Parsha.

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"...and Binyamin's portion was time times as much as all their portions. And they drank and were intoxicated with him. (43,1)

On the words "and they drank and were intoxicated with him" the Jewish Sages say: It is natural for Yosef to have been in an exalted happy mood upon seeing the dreams of his youth being fulfilled and he therefore drank wine with his brothers.

But what was the happiness of the brothers, suspected of being spies, to drink to intoxication at Yosef's table?

The answer lies at the beginning of the verse before us where the holy Torah says that Yosef gave presents to each of his eleven brothers – but to Binyamin, the son of his mother Rachel, he gave a present five times bigger than that given to his brothers.

Yosef thought about this before he did it, to test his brothers to see if they still had within them the trait of jealousy that they had in the past towards him in the episode of the Striped Shirt. When the brothers sat around Yosef's table they felt that this bad trait had been totally uprooted from their hearts and that they did not feel a drop of jealousy towards their younger brother Binyamin who received five times as much in presents. This aroused an inner happiness in their hearts and as a result they came to "they drank and were intoxicated with him".

SHABBAT SHALOM!!!

## PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

### SHABBAT 30 KISLEV - DECEMBER 24

Ann & Dan Sequerra, à la mémoire de sa mère, Sarah Sequerra z'l ז"ל

### SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 1 TEVET-DEC. 25

Zion Totah, à la mémoire de son père, Moshe ben Salha ז"ל.

Isaac Shemoly, in memory of his mother, Victoria bat Amouma ז"ל

Sylvia & Maurice Mashal, in memory of his mother, Mozly Haron mashal ז"ל

### MONDAY/LUNDI 2 TEVET - DECEMBER 26

Albert Mann, in honour of Rabbi Abittan, spiritual leader of Helwani B.H.

### TUESDAY/MARDI 3 TEVET - DECEMBER 27

Samia & Sabah Bekhor, in memory of his mother, Hadiya Bekhor ז"ל

Solly Arazi, à la mémoire de son père, Albert Mourad Arazi ז"ל

### WEDNESDAY/MERcredi 4 TEVET - DEC. 28

Fattal Family, in memory of their parents, Jacob & Josephine Fattal ז"ל

### THURSDAY/Jeudi 5 TEVET - DECEMBER 29

Fattal Family, in memory of their father, Jacob Fattal ז"ל

Joy, Lisette & Alain Murad, in memory of their father, Naim Moshe Murad ז"ל

### FRIDAY/VENDREDI 6 TEVET - DEC. 30

Ariele, Jessica & Audrey, à la mémoire d'une mère merveilleuse, Claire Gabizon Gozlan ז"ל

Corin Family, in memory of Ezra Yaacov Corin ז"ל.

Sananes Family, in memory of Joseph Sananes ז"ל.



### Notice / Avis

The S&P office will be closed on Monday, December 26 for legal holiday.

# Upcoming Events

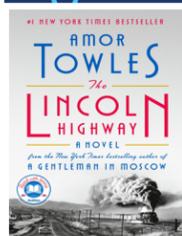


SHABBAT, JANUARY 28 | 10:00A - 1:00P

SPY KIDS SHABBAT TAKEOVER

Join us for a fun song filled, children led service. Followed by a kid friendly kiddush.

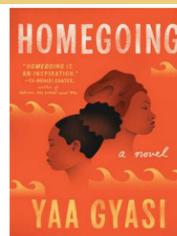
Please contact Julia Peress [julia@thespanish.org](mailto:julia@thespanish.org) if your child would like to participate in the service.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 10:30A - 12:00P

SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: The Lincoln Highway by: Amor Towles - Reviewer: Yvonne Saleh Battat Hall

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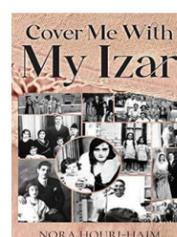


SUNDAY, MARCH 12 | 10:30A - 12:00P

SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: Homegoing

by: Yaa Gyasi - Reviewer: to be advised - Battat Hall

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4 | 10:30A - 12:00P

SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: Cover Me With My Izar

by: Nora Houri-Haim - Reviewer: Joe Menashe Battat Hall

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