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Dvar Torah

Parashat Nasso
Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

This week's Torah portion describes at length the offerings of the Nesi'im (the leaders of the tribes) on the day that the Mishkan (Temple) was inaugurated. Every Nasi offered the same offering. The Torah describes each Nasi's offering separately in virtually identical verses. Why could the Torah not simply mention the offerings the first time and then just say that the other Nesi'im brought the exact same offerings?

A man was once on a speaking tour and prepared long and hard for his first speech. The speech was entertaining and engaging - a big success. The next night he was scheduled to speak in another town, and he planned on giving the same talk. He was about to begin speaking when he noticed that some of the people present had heard him lecture the night before! He couldn't possibly give the same speech, so he quickly put a couple of ideas together and came up with a new one. However, it didn't compare to the previous night. After the speech he approached the repeat customers and apologized for not giving them a well-prepared speech. Disappointed, they replied, "You don't understand. We enjoyed last night so much that we came back to hear the same exact speech; we didn't want to hear a different one!"

The Torah is telling us that each

Nasi who brought a sacrifice - even though it was identical to the previous Nasi's - in God's eyes it was like the first one he received. The sacrifice of every single Nasi was special to Him.

Sometimes we may feel that we are constantly doing the same exact thing repeatedly, whether the prayers that we say day in day out or the mitzvot that we perform, and we may lose that initial enthusiasm. However, we must realize that every time we perform our duty God takes pleasure in it as if we had never done it before.

La partie de la Torah de cette semaine décrit en détail les offrandes des Nesi'im (les chefs des tribus) le jour de l'inauguration du Mishkan. Chaque Nasi (prince) offrait la même offrande. La Torah décrit l'offrande de chaque Nasi séparément dans des versets pratiquement identiques. Pourquoi la Torah ne pouvait-elle pas simplement mentionner les offrandes la première fois et ensuite simplement dire que les autres Nesi'im apportaient exactement les mêmes dons?

Voici une histoire pour éclaircir cette question :

Un homme était en tournée de conférences et s'est préparé longuement et durement pour son premier discours. Le discours était divertissant et engageant - un grand succès. La nuit suivante, il devait parler

dans une autre ville et il prévoyait de donner le même discours. Il était sur le point de commencer à parler quand il remarqua que certaines des personnes présentes l'avaient entendu parler la veille! Il n'oser pas prononcer le même discours, alors il a rapidement rassemblé quelques idées et en a proposé une nouvelle. Cependant, celui-ci ne se comparer pas à la nuit précédente. Après le discours, il a approché les clients réguliers et s'est excusé de ne pas leur avoir donné un discours bien préparé. Déçus, ils ont répondu : « Vous ne comprenez pas. Nous avons tellement apprécié la nuit dernière que nous sommes revenus pour entendre exactement le même discours ; nous ne voulions pas en entendre un autre!

La Torah nous dit que chaque Nasi qui apportait un sacrifice - même s'il était identique au Nasi précédent - aux yeux de Dieu c'était comme le premier qu'il avait reçu. Le sacrifice de chaque Nasi était spécial pour Lui.

Parfois, nous pouvons avoir l'impression de faire constamment la même chose, encore et encore, que ce soient les prières que nous disons jour après jour ou les Mitsvot que nous accomplissons, et nous pouvons perdre cet enthousiasme initial. Cependant, nous devons réaliser que chaque fois que nous accomplissons notre devoir, Dieu y prend plaisir comme si nous ne l'avions jamais fait auparavant.

Shabbat shalom

SHABBAT SHALOM

Start/Debut 8:24 p.m. End/Fin 9:41 p.m.

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WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Shabbat
Shahrit: 8:30 a.m. Mincha: 8:15 p.m.
Sunday
Shahrit: 8:30 a.m. Mincha: 6:00 p.m.

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

CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, June 11TH
Schachris 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, June 12TH
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

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Meet & Greet Guest Rabbi Mark Fishman

SHABBAT, JUNE 10 & 11

Rabbi Fishman is originally from London, England. He completed his Rabbinical studies in Israel and was appointed Rabbi of Congregation Beth Tikvah in 2013. He holds a B.A. Honours in Philosophy and is also the Spiritual Advisor to Hebrew Academy School in Montreal. Rabbi Fishman will be welcomed with his wife Dr. Sarah Fishman, Clinical Psychologist. They are the proud parents of four beautiful children.



PROGRAM

Friday Night Services & Dinner 6:00 PM
Dinner RSVP Required - \$50/Adult | \$18/Child
Topic: How Does a Synagogue Last Forever?

Shabbat Services 8:30 AM
Topic: Sharing Our Gifts

Mincha/Arvit 8:15 PM
Topic: Israel and Global Jewry
50 years from now

[DINNER RSVP HERE](#)



Join us & get introduced to our Guest Rabbi Mark Fishman. Enjoy him through Shabbat services.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The emptiest people are the ones that are full of themselves.

| Aish HaTorah

OPINION

Chevra Shaas

Words From
Rabbi Menahem White

SOME POST-SHAVUOT THOUGHTS:

Shavuot is the holiday associated with Torah. I hope that we all have given thought to increasing our study of Torah: whether through books; through following such sites as YUTorah, the OU sites, and/or various Chabad sites; or through the various programs provided by our synagogue.

The Ashkenazim recite every year, before the reading of the Torah on the first day of Shavuot, the akdamot. This poem, composed in Aramaic, after describing

how impossible it is for human beings to describe the greatness of God, proudly explains how Jews have rebuffed the attempts of the Church towards tempting (or forcing) us to apostasy, chas ve-shalom.

Akdamot is sung in a special traditional melody, that cannot be changed, and that is used only on three occasions: for akdamot, for the Yom Tov kiddush, and for calling up of the special aliyot on Simchat /torah.

When my wife a"n'h and I were married, we traded presents: she gave me a 20-volume Vilna Talmud; I gave her a 5 volume mahzor, with Yiddish explanations, and with her name, Sarah Devorah, stamped on each volume.

I have promised that set to my great granddaughter, born a month after my wife passed away, and given her exact name.

This year, on the morning of the first day of Shavuot, before going to shul, I was glancing through that Mahzor. It contained a poem that I had never seen before: the reading of the 10 commandments were preceded by an Aramaic poem, called "arkhin."

This poem follows a midrash that HaShem, on the day of the giving of the Torah, bent the heavens down to the top of Mt. Sinai, and told Moses, his faithful one, "come and go up the mountain."

According to this tradition, Moses was afraid the angels would scare him, but HaShem assures Moses that there

would be nothing of which to be afraid, as Moshe's ancestor (i.e. Abraham,) had already survived the burning coals that, according to a well known midrash, had been prepared for him by Nimrod. (As we know from another midrash, the angels were jealous that the Torah would be given to Moses, and not to them.)

In general, midrash reads between the lines of the Torah. We can imagine that for an octogenarian, even as great as Moses, climbing up a mountain must have been a daunting request, and he needed HaShem's reassurance that he would have nothing to fear.

The mahzor is a repository of some fascinating material: always something new to learn!

Shabbat shalom



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Mazal Tov To



Grandparents, **Andrée & Selim Sasson** and proud parents, **Muriel & Mayer Sasson** and **Carla & Rick Mosseri**, on the upcoming wedding of their children, **Daniela Sasson** to **Joshua Mosseri**.

INSIGHTS

Jewish Wisdom

LESSONS FROM THE NAZIR
Rabbi Bernie Fox

And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his Nazirite vow are fulfilled: He shall bring himself to the door of the Ohel Mo'ed. (Sefer BeMidbar 6:13)

1. The laws of the Nazir Parshat Naso describes the mitzvah of the Nazir – the Nazirite. The Nazir is a person who takes a vow to separate oneself from material pleasures. The Nazir may not drink wine or cut his hair. The Nazir is also prohibited in defilement through contact with a dead body. The purpose of this removal from material affairs is to encourage greater devotion to Hashem and the Torah. The Torah does not specify the period for which a person must commit oneself to being a Nazir. In practice, the period of time is discretionary. A person may vow to be a Nazir for a year or for a number of years. However, thirty days is the minimum period for which a person may vow to be a Nazir. If a person vows to be a Nazir and does not specify the period for which the vow will be in-force, then it remains in-force for thirty days.

Upon completion of the period of the vow, the Nazir performs a series of activities in the Temple. These include shaving off the long hair that he has grown during the period of the vow and bringing a number of sacrifices. Shabbat shalom

Got a Question for Reverend/Hazan Daniel Benlolo?



Captain Lolo invited children from *OrSheli* to come see the Sefarim as part of their *Shavuot celebration*. They had so much fun, and learned so much! What a perfect way to celebrate the holiday!!

PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

SHABBAT 12 SIVAN - JUNE 11
Tamy Aboubakary

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 13 SIVAN - JUNE 12
David Mashaal & Linda Mashaal, in memory of their mother, Gertrude Mashaal ז"ל.

Sampson Family, in memory of Esther Nachson Sampson ז"ל.

Isaac & Jacqueline Dana, in memory of their father, Raphael Dana ז"ל.

Sehayek Family, in memory of their father, Heskel Sehayek ז"ל.

Famille Khadoury, à la mémoire de Raphael Khadoury ben Adel ז"ל.

TUESDAY/MARDI 15 SIVAN - JUNE 14
Khamara Family, in memory of Selim Khamara ז"ל.

Sam Abdou, in memory of his mother, Victoria Abdou ז"ל.

THURSDAY/JEUDI 17 SIVAN - JUNE 16
Chella Safra, in memory of her husband, Moiese Y. Safra ז"ל.

Famille Moryoussef, à la mémoire de leur père, Chalom Éliyyahou ben Hanina ז"ל.

FRIDAY/VENDREDI 18 SIVAN - JUNE 17
Famille Sananes, à la mémoire de Solomon Sananes ז"ל.

Congregation Maghen Abraham

Thoughts: Mayer Sasson

"And they shall lay My Name on the children of Israel... I shall bless them." (6, 27)

The blessing of the Kohanim in love

The numerology of the initials of the words "ושמו את שמי על בני ישראל" add up to 389 which is the numerology of *אהבה שלום* – love, peace.

The Chatam Sofer says that sometimes a person is blessed by righteous people of his generation but nevertheless does not see his problem being solved. Why is this so even if the righteous, holy people blessed him?

We must know that certainly the blessings

PERASHA Naso

of the righteous help and that person's salvation was soon to be coming but in Heaven there were prosecutors (created from his bad deeds) and they stopped the blessing and salvation from reaching him.

However, by the blessings of the Kohanim this is not the case. By the Priests' blessings G-d destroys those bad prosecutors that prevent a person's salvation – and thereby the salvation can reach him without being obstructed.

We must therefore know that those moments when the Kohanim bless us are very

lofty and a person must take good advantage of them for his own benefit.

That is what is meant by "And they shall lay My Name" "ושמו את שמי" - Which Name? The Name of Hashem that adds up in numerology to 65 – and this Name shall lay "on the children of Israel" on "בני ישראל" which adds up to 603. If we add the word "אני" which adds up to 61, together (65 + 603 + 61) they had up to 729 which is the numerology of - "קרע שטן" - Tear Satan.

At the end of the verse it says "I shall bless them" "אברכם". The blessings shall lay upon G-d's children because "Satan has been torn" and the evil forces cannot hurt and prosecute against the blessings of the Kohanim who bless His children in love.

SHABBAT SHALOM!!



Upcoming Events



Sunday, June 12 | 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
BAR MITZVAH 101 - OLAMI MONTREAL, 5834 WESTMINSTER, CSL
Join Rev. Hazan Daniel Benlolo, Benjamin Harrouch & Rabbi Dov Harrouch for a fun afternoon. Learn about the meaning & content of tefilim & talith. Pizza lunch to be served!
RSVP & Info: Muriel, (613) 266-7984 before June 9.



Tuesday, June 14 | 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. (in the Sukkah)
SISTERHOOD CLOSING EVENT - BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER. Starring Musician Extra-ordinaire: Mel Amato Music and Light Supper (Sushi / Pizza).
Sisterhood member \$20/person -Non-members \$36/person
RSVP BY JUNE 10 AT 12 P.M. - LIMITED SPACE - MUST REGISTER.



Thursday, July 21 | 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. (in the garden in Hampstead) All are welcome!
Sisterhood Book Review: "From Mid East to Far East" by: Gabrielle Elia - Reviewer: Gabrielle Elia
RSVP: sisterhood2020@hotmail.com



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This Year, We are Celebrating!
We are our Heritage! ~ We are Celebrating our Heritage!
More than something of yesterday, heritage is something that drives tomorrow.
Today!

Your support is invaluable to us, thank you again! If you have specific questions about the **Annual Giving Campaign 2022** be sure to visit our **website** or reach out to **S&P Synagogue!**

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!
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