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Dvar Torah

BERESHEET
OUR HOLIDAYS AND MORE...
BY: JULIA PERESS ROSENFELD



Over the past two years, during the heat of the pandemic our president, Charles Shemie, together with David Nathaniel, Ron Mashaal, as well as and the executive worked tirelessly to help ensure a bright future for our synagogue. They did not know when things would get back to normal, or what that new normal would be. They did know one thing - when the time came to reopen, we would be ready with new ideas, innovative programming, more events and a bigger team. It's with that in mind that we applied to be part of the Shinshin Program. Our application was accepted and this September, we welcomed our first ever Shinshin **Ariel Levy** to our synagogue, with an Israeli themed Shabbat dinner. Around the same time, **Morah Maayan Avraham**, an educator from United Talmud Torah, also joined our team. Morah Maayan is currently running our Junior Hebrew school for kids 3-5 years old. Under the leadership of **Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo**, she and Ariel established our Shabbat kids club. Every week, our kids' club is filled with enthusiastic children aged 2-11. They sing songs, play games, practice their Hebrew, and have their very own mini Kabbalat Shabbat.

With our Shabbat program on track, we started to prepare for the high holidays. We were hopeful that after a two-year hiatus our congregants would be back, but we were not sure what to expect. Not only did they come back, they brought their families and friends with them!! We welcomed over 20 new families to our congregation over the summer. On Rosh Hashanah, there were five simultaneous services happening in five different halls. As you walked through the hallways, you could hear the distinct hymns from each service, the sound of old friends catching up, and the footsteps of the young children running from service to service to hear the mighty shofar one more time.

On the Saturday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we welcomed all of our congregants from our different minyans to join us for an inspirational Selichot service. Reverend Benlolo was accompanied on the bimah by **Meyer Sasson** and **Jack Korin** who represented their respective Maghen Avraham and Babylonian Iraqi Jews of Montreal communities with pride. We are grateful to **Zouki Lawi** and his family for sponsoring this beautiful evening.

This past Yom Kippur there was not a seat to be had in the Mashaal sanctuary. The synagogue was packed with members of all ages. Together we prayed, sang, and



repented. On erev Sukkot we hosted a dinner where we honoured our *Eshet Hayil*, **Grace Peress Lawee**, our *Hatan Torah* **Marc Ezerzer**, and our *Hatan Beresheet*, **Jack Isaac Sachs**. Over 180 of you joined us to pay tribute to three of our most dedicated members. Not to be outdone, our youth also had a Sukkoth party during Kol Hamoed. Captain Lolo, Ariel, Maayan, the children and their parents had a blast. This past week we came together once again to celebrate Simchat Torah. The synagogue was once again full, the adults supplied the candy, and the children the energy. Thank you to the **Kakon** and **Sequerra** families for their generosity and their hospitality. Though it would be nearly impossible to agree on what was the most special part of the past month, I think we can all agree that seeing the synagogue, full of children was a welcome and inspiring sight.

Thank you Reverend Benlolo for your leadership, energy, passion, warmth and your spirit. Over the past month you moved, inspired, blessed, and captivated this congregation like only you can. To say that you outdid yourself would be an understatement. Thank you to the adult choir and to our *Hazan Sheni*, **Benjamin Harrouch** for helping make the service that much more special. I would also like to thank **Francoise** and the office for their dedication and **Santos** and his team for their hard work. Without you none of this would have been possible. The Spanish and Portuguese is alive and thriving, the rouach is palpable and we're just getting started.

On a personal note: this holiday season was very special for my family and I. Our two youngest kids currently attend the Or Sheri daycare and our eldest graduated last summer. This synagogue is a second home to them. This year marked the first time we were able to attend the high holiday services as a family. Being able to see this synagogue, my synagogue, in all its glory, through my children's eyes, was something I will never forget.

Many of you approached Reverend Benlolo and I during the holidays with ideas and suggestions. The message was clear; we are happy to be back, we're enjoying the services and programming and we want more! It's with that in mind that I would like to introduce 3 events we have planned for the month of November. On November 12th we will be hosting a *youth Shabbat* where the children of the congregation will take over the service. On November 17th we will be hosting a *Family Challah bake*. Lastly, we are planning an evening for young adults before the end of the calendar year. We will be sending out an email with details in the coming days.

The Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue is so special to so many of us. The leadership of the synagogue is committing to do everything in its power to ensure that the future generations feel the same way. We are counting on your support. Please attend services when you can, volunteer, come to our events, and bring your friends and family. Your synagogue needs you. Let's work together to make sure our beautiful traditions and communities continue to thrive for years to come.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Shabbat shalom!

SHABBAT SHALOM

Start/Debut End/Fin
5:40 p.m. 6:42 p.m.

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SHABBAT SERVICES
SHAHRIT: 8:30A MINHA: 5:15P

WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday
Shahrit: 8:30A Minha: 5:30P
MONDAY - THURSDAY
Shahrit: 7:30A Minha: 5:30P
FRIDAY
SHAHRIT: 7:30A MINHA: 5:20P

CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, October 22ND
Schachris 9:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, October 23RD
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

ROSH HODESH HESHVAN TUESDAY/MARDI, OCT. 25 WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI OCT. 26

TORAH CLASS
Join **ANDRE ROTCHEL** in
Beit Hamidrash - Shabbat after
services - Refreshments

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SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

AGES 3-11
GARDERIE ORSHELI DAYCARE
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

PARASHA


STORIES

GAMES

CRAFTS


SONGS

PRIZES



7 FIRST MINUTES

Magen David Adom in Israel




A seminar in crisis and emergency response

NOT FOR CERTIFICATION
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Tuesday, October 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue | 4894 Ave Saint-Kevin, Montreal, QC H3W 1P2



**Raphael
Herbst**
MDA Senior
Paramedic and
Canada Desk
Representative

ADMISSION IS FREE
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Light refreshments
will be served
SPACE IS LIMITED

To register, please visit: www.cmdai.org/7-mins

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I am going to live till I die.
Frank Sinatra | Aish HaTorah



S.&P. Shabbat Kiddush is Co-Sponsored by:
Ruth Khazzam & Philip Khazzam, in memory of their parents,
Madeleine & Jack S. Khazzam z'l.

S.&P. Sehudah Shlishit is Sponsored by:
Evelyn Shahin, Jack, Gilda & Marvin Shahin & Families,
in memory of husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather,
Anwar Ouri Shahin z'l.

INSIGHTS

Congregation Maghen Abraham

PERASHA BREISHIT
Thoughts: Mayer Sasson

"And G-d spoke: Let us make Adam (a representative) in a form worthy of us...." (1, 26)

Why "Adam"?

A wonderful explanation why the first man created was called Adam was said by Rabbi Yehoshua Babad, the Rabbi of Ternopol: Amongst the thirteen basic principles of faith that the Rambam determined there are three basic principles that apply to G-d himself:

1. His unity – אחדותו He is the Only One in His world
 2. His image – דמותו He has no bodily image
 3. His existence – מציאותו He created the world and leads it forever.
- Since these three principles - that express more than anything else the difference between the Creator and His creations- were established when Man was created, they were alluded to in the name Adam "אדם" which are the initials for these three principles.

For this reason as well it has been determined that we say Kadosh kadosh kadosh three times in Kedusha because Kadosh means separated and reserved and we thereby declare that G-d is separated from us in the three major principles: His being the Creator and Leader, His being Single, and His not having a bodily image.

(The holy Alshich)

SHABBAT SHALOM!!

Jewish Wisdom

YOUR LULAVE AND ETROG AFTER SUKKOT
May 9, 2009 | by Joel Padowitz

REVEREND HAZAN DANIEL BENLOLO

Mitzvah Recycling! An item used for one mitzvah can be used for another. After the Sukkot holiday has ended, we are left with a variety of items that we used for mitzvot, but which no longer seem to serve any function. For example, the four species (Lulav, Etrog, etc.), the willow branches from Hoshana Rabba, and the s'chach which formed the roof of our Sukkah.

But we mustn't simply throw these mitzvah items out. Why not? The Torah says that after Abraham purchased a field for Sarah's burial, "the field rose up" (Genesis 23:17). In what way can a field ascend? Rashi explains that when a material object is used for a mitzvah, that object becomes elevated spiritually. The same applies to our elevated mitzvah objects which served to raise us up during the festival.

Items such as a used Lulav, torn Tzitzit, or broken Shofar -- though they no longer retain any intrinsic holiness -- must not be treated disrespectfully by discarding them in a filthy place such as a garbage bin (Mishna Brura 21:6). However it is permissible, according to the letter of the law, to leave the object in a clean place with full knowledge that someone else will come and dispose of it (Mishna Brura 21:7). People who demonstrate extra care take it upon themselves to bury such articles or put them into a geniza (Rama O.C. 21:1).

Our Condolences To



Joy, Lisette and Alain & Gloria Murad & Families,
on the loss of their mother & mother-in-law,
Juliet Menashi Murad (nee Yamein) z'l.

PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

SHABBAT 27 TISHREI - OCT. 22
Jack, Gilda & Marvin, in honour of their mother, Evelyn Shahin.

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 28 TISHREI - OCT. 23
Selim Sasson, à la mémoire de son père, Mayer Sasson ז"ל.

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

MONDAY/LUNDI 29 TISHREI - OCT. 24
Yoursfan Family, in memory of Sami Yousfan ז"ל.

TUESDAY/MARDI 30 TISHREI - OCT. 25
Max Myara, à la mémoire de son père, Meir Myara ז"ל.

Rosette Rossano, in memory of her mother, Gotha Revah ז"ל.

WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 1 HESHVAN - OCT. 26
S&P Community, in hounour of Dr. Sabah Bekhor.

THURSDAY/JEUDI 2 HESHVAN - OCT. 27
Familie Benaich, à la mémoire de Jacob Benaich ז"ל דועסמ וב בקעי ז"ל

Jacob Hazan, in memory of his mother, Freha Hazan ז"ל.

FRIDAY/VENDREDI 3 HESHVAN - OCT. 28
Fattal Family, in memory of their parents, Jacob & Josephine Fattal ז"ל.

Penina & Claude Helwani, in honour of their granddaughter, Kaia Dina Helwani.

COMMUNITY

Chevra Shaas Words From Rabbi Menahem White

BEREISHIS 5783

DEAR MITPALLELIM,

I trust that you had a good season of the yamim tovim. For someone like myself who hardly ever drove across the Decarie to Cote St Luc after Covid struck, I had quite a busy week:

I spent the first days of Sukkot with my son and family in Boca Raton, Florida, then flew with them to Passaic, NJ, for shabbat; and then drove back to my daughter's house in Teaneck for the end of Yom Tov. [For the time being, my son has to

maintain 2 homes, as his business is in Florida, but his children go to school in NJ, which is also where his wife works.]

For whatever reason, all three shuls where I davened keep their thermostats to produce a very low temperature.

On Simchat Torah, I was honoured with Chatan Bereishis. At first, I demurred, as, being the new boy on the block, I felt it to be inappropriate. However, upon reflection, I did accept, for I felt that

the reading of Bereishis should inspire me, 'im yirtseh Hashem, for a new beginning.

We enter the New year with high expectations and positive resolutions: we shall make every effort to have a good rapport with everyone. [Whenever we conclude the Amidah, we ask HaShem to watch us that we shouldn't say anything inappropriate.] And yet, in the very first parasha of the year, we read of blaming and fighting. HaShem asks Adam: why did you eat the fruit? Adam blames his wife for having given it to him, and then he blames Hashem for having given

him the wife! [asher natata `imadi] And his wife blames the snake!

That is followed by a case of fratricide, as Cain kills his brother Abel. According to one midrash, it all stemmed from an intellectual argument about reward and punishment in the world to come! Finally, as we shall come to the conclusion of the Book of Genesis, in another few months, we shall see the reconciliation of the sons of Jacob.

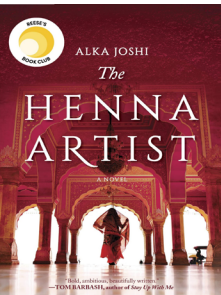
May this be a good, healthy year for all! tizku le-shanim tovo, ne`imot, u-veri'ot

Upcoming Events



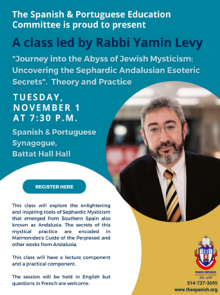
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10:00A - 12:00P
WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP
CLARIFICATION OF BILL 96 - WITH MAÎTRE ALAIN MURAD
Zoom ID 849 4697 5701 PW: WLG2022
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"POSTPONED" DUE TO LOSS IN THE FAMILY.



TUESDAY, NOV. 1 | 10:30P - 11:30P
SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: "THE HENNA ARTISTS"
BY: ALKA JOSHI - REVIEWER TO BE ADVISED.

More Information to Follow.



Tuesday, November 1 | 7:30P - 9:00P
Journey into the Abyss of Jewish Mysticism:
"Uncovering the Sephardic Andalusian Esoteric Secrets"
with Rabbi Yamin Levy
Registration required



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | 10:00A - 12:00P
WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP - A MUSICAL EXPLORATION OF UNITY WITH RABBI SCHACHAR ORENSTEIN

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