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# SHABBAT BULLETIN

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## Dvar Torah Parashat Tetzaveh Summary & Questions!

By: Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

Parashat Tetzaveh is the 20<sup>th</sup> weekly Torah portion in the annual Jewish cycle of readings. It begins with Hashem's commandment to Moses to gather pure olive oil to light the menorah, which is a seven-branched candlestick that was to be placed in the Mishkan, the portable sanctuary that the Israelites built during their wandering in the desert.

The parasha then goes on to describe in great detail the garments that Aaron and his sons, the priests, are to wear during their service. This includes the ephod, a special garment made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet yarns, and fine twisted linen, which is adorned with precious stones. The breastplate,

which is to be worn over the ephod, is also described, with its twelve precious stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel.

The parasha also describes the robe that the high priest is to wear, as well as the turban, the sash, and the linen breeches that are to be worn by all the priests. The intricate details of these garments are given to emphasize the holiness and importance of the priestly service.

Towards the end of the parasha, instructions are given for the consecration of the priests and the altar, which involved the offering of various sacrifices and the anointing of Aaron and his sons with oil. This consecration ceremony was necessary to set the priests apart and sanctify their service to Hashem.

### Discussion questions:

1. Why do you think Hashem gave such detailed instructions for the clothing of

the priests? What significance do you see in the use of specific colors, materials, and adornments?

2. The concept of consecration involves setting something or someone apart as holy and dedicated to Hashem. How can this idea of consecration apply to our own lives? Are there specific practices or rituals that we can engage in to deepen our connection with the divine.

3. The Parasha emphasizes the importance of the priesthood and their role in facilitating the Israelites' relationship with Hashem. How does this emphasis on a specific group of people serving as intermediaries between Hashem and the community affect our understanding of spirituality and religious practice? Are there ways in which we can all serve as priests in our own lives and communities, or is this role reserved for a select few?

Shabbat shalom & Purim Sameah

## Message from Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo

Dear Congregants and Friends,

As the holiday of Purim approaches, I find myself reflecting deeply on the story of Esther and Mordechai, as told in the Megillah. This remarkable tale reminds us that even in the darkest of times, hope and courage can shine through and bring salvation.

The Megillah tells us of a plot by the wicked Haman to destroy the Jews of Persia, and of Esther's bravery in revealing her identity as a Jew to the king in order to plead for her people's salvation. Her actions were guided by her faith in God, as she declared, "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Shushan, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:16)

Through Esther's courage and faith, the Jewish people were ultimately saved from destruction. This story serves as a powerful reminder that no matter how difficult the circumstances, we must hold fast to our beliefs and strive to do what is right.

Another important lesson from the Megillah is the concept of "Na'aseh V'Nishma," which means "we will do and we will listen." This phrase was spoken by the Jewish people in response to the commandments given to them

at Mount Sinai, and it emphasizes the importance of taking action before fully understanding the reasons behind it. This concept is exemplified in the story of Esther, as she takes action to save her people without fully understanding the consequences of her actions.

As we prepare to celebrate Purim, we are reminded of the importance of community and tradition. The joyous holiday of Purim is a time for us to come together and celebrate our shared history and faith. Although I might not be able to be with you in person this Purim, I will be joining you in spirit as you celebrate.

As your Reverend Hazan, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to lead you in prayer and song throughout the year. It is an honour and a privilege to witness the strength and resilience of our community and to be a part of your lives in this way.

May this Purim bring us all renewed faith, hope, and courage, and may we continue to support and uplift each other in the years to come.

Wishing you all a Purim Sameah

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Chers fidèles et amis,

À l'approche de la fête de Pourim, je réfléchis profondément à l'histoire d'Esther et de Mordechai, telle qu'elle est racontée dans la Méguila. Ce récit remarquable nous rappelle que même dans les moments les plus sombres, l'espoir et le courage peuvent transparaître et apporter la paix.

La Méguila nous parle d'un complot du

méchant Haman pour détruire les Juifs de Perse, et de la bravoure d'Esther en révélant son identité de Juive au roi afin de plaider pour le salut de son peuple. Ses actions étaient guidées par sa foi en Hashem, alors qu'elle déclarait : « Va, rassemble tous les Juifs qui sont à Shushan, et jeûne pour moi. Ne mange ni ne bois pendant trois jours, ni nuit ni jour. Quand cela sera fait, j'irai vers le roi, même si c'est contraire à la loi. Et si je péris, je périrai. (Esther 4:16)

Grâce au courage et à la foi d'Esther, le peuple juif a finalement été sauvé de la destruction. Cette histoire nous rappelle avec force que, quelles que soient les difficultés des circonstances, nous devons nous accrocher à nos convictions et nous efforcer de faire ce qui est juste.

Une autre leçon importante de la Méguila est le concept de « Na'aseh V'Nishma », qui signifie « nous ferons et nous écouterons ». Cette phrase a été prononcée par le peuple juif en réponse aux commandements qui lui ont été donnés au mont Sinai, et elle souligne l'importance d'agir avant d'en comprendre pleinement les raisons. Ce concept est illustré dans l'histoire d'Esther, alors qu'elle agit pour sauver son peuple sans comprendre pleinement les conséquences de ses actes. Alors que nous nous préparons à célébrer Pourim, nous nous rappelons l'importance de la communauté et de la tradition. La joyeuse fête de Pourim est l'occasion pour nous de nous réunir et de célébrer notre histoire et notre foi communes. Bien que je ne puisse pas être avec vous en personne ce Pourim, je vous rejoindrai en esprit pendant

## SHABBAT SHALOM Shabbat Zakhor

Start/Debut 5:25 p.m. End/Fin 6:30 p.m.

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

### TSOM de ESTHER

Monday / lundi March 6 mars  
Begins / début 5:08A  
Ends / fin 6:18P

### WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday  
Shahrit: 8:30A Minha: 5:30P

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Shahrit: 7:00A Minha: 5:30P

### CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, March 4<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, March 5<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

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que vous célébrez.

En tant que votre révérend Hazan, je suis profondément reconnaissant de l'opportunité de vous guider dans la prière et le chant tout au long de l'année. C'est un honneur et un privilège d'être témoin de la force et de la résilience de notre communauté et de faire ainsi partie de votre vie.

Puisse ce Pourim nous apporter à tous une foi, un espoir et un courage renouvelés, et puissions-nous continuer à nous soutenir et à nous élever mutuellement dans les années à venir.

Je vous souhaite à tous un Pourim Sameah.



### S.&P. Shabbat Kiddush Sponsor:

Lori Anne & Edmond Fhima, in memory of his father, Simon Fhima z'l.

### S.&P. Seudah Shlishit is Sponsored by:

The Congregation

### C.S. Shabbos Kiddush is Sponsored by:

Ayanaw & Avishalom Dawit, in honour of their son, Naor Sntayehu Dawit's Bar Mitzvah.

## Mazal Tov To



We are proud to announce to our S&P family the arrival of our new grandson. Both mother & baby are doing well and his older brother **James**, can't wait to meet him.

Delighted parents, **Eve & Adam Caplan**.  
Older brother, **James W. Caplan**.

Thrilled grandparents, **Wendy & Michael Caplan** and Reverend Hazan **Daniel & Muriel Benlolo**.

Proud great grandparents are **Albert Suissa** and **Sandra Caplan**.



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## Community

## Congregation Maghen Abraham

PERASHA TETZAVEH - PURIM: TZAV  
*Thoughts: Mayer Sasson*

"The paupers' eyes are lifted up to the Megillah reading"

**The time of Megilah reading is auspicious to livelihood and blessings**

In the sefer Ateret Yehoshua of the holy Rabbi of Jikov it is brought down that the Megillah reading is auspicious to a good livelihood The Rabbi explains this according to what our Sages said "The paupers' eyes are lifted up to the Megillah reading".

The simple explanation is that the paupers wait for a long time for the Megillah reading because at that time Jews give them charity which is the custom of the day – to give gifts to the poor. The Rabbi of Jikov explains the Gemara according to what the ARIZ'L wrote : We know that when we say the verse of "Ashrei Yoshvei Beitecha we have to have intentions for the angels' names who are in charge of livelihood "פנאי" who come from the initials of the words Poteach et yadecha פתח את ידך – You open Your Hand and "חתך" – that come from the last letters of those words "פנח את ידך".

The Rabbi of Jikov adds that the words of the blessing on reading the Megillah "על מקרא מגילה" add up to 519 which is exactly the sum of the two angels of livelihood "פנאי" and "חתך" (519).

This is the intention of the Gemara "The paupers' eyes are lifted up to the Megillah reading"- The paupers can rise in wealth and leave their poverty by reading the Megillah because by reading the Megillah one is blessed with a prosperous livelihood and and all the best from the names "פנאי" and "חתך" that are alluded to in the Megillah.

The holy author of the Tiferet Shlomo added that through the Megillah reading blessings of children, life and livelihood are brought down to Israel. He added: Therefore, it is a mitzvah to spread out the Megillah like a letter, as it says in the Shulchan Aruch, so that the good blessings are spread over the entire world, Amen. SHABBAT SHALOM!!

## Chevra Shaas

Words From  
**Rabbi Menahem White**  
**TETZAVEH 5783**

We celebrate this week the bar mitsvah of Naor Dawit. I regret that it is impossible for me to attend.

Naor's father was the first person of the Ethiopian community that met me back in '95, when I first became the Rabbi of Chevra Shaas. He spoke passionately about the Beta Israel community, and the difficulties they were facing. Naor's mother has been a great friend to me and to CS. His uncle is Yair, whom we all loved when he was working here, before his return to Erets Yisrael. And we all know of Wudi's great devotion.

The name Naor appears in Psalms chapter 76, verse 5. "'na'or 'attah 'addir." In the name, we see the letters of the word meaning "light." We pray that Naor will be a light for the Jewish people.

This week is Shabbat Zachor: "Remember." It refers to remembering the evil acts perpetrated by Amalek upon our people. But remembering evil is not healthy, unless we also remember good. We are certain that Naor's parents will teach him about all of the glorious history of Beta Israel, and he will learn in school and from his parents the laws of Judaism, and as his name implies, he will grow to be a light to his fellow students and to the Jewish people.

Mazal tov to Naor and to his great family.

Shabbat shalom and happy Purim to all



## PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

**SHABBAT 11 ADAR - MARCH 4**  
Simon Fhima, à la mémoire de Rachel Fhima ז"ל

**SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 12 ADAR - MARCH 5**  
Martha Lawee, à la mémoire de Nicole Landsman Pollack ז"ל

Famille Chemtob, à la mémoire de leur mère Camille Chemtob ז"ל

**MONDAY/LUNDI 13 ADAR - MARCH 6**  
Famille Chemtob, à la mémoire de leur père, Nagi Chemtob ז"ל

**TUESDAY/MARDI 14 ADAR - MARCH 7**  
Armand Mamane, à la mémoire de Isaac Abergel ז"ל

Ouri Ohayon & Famille, à la mémoire de leur grand père, Albert Edery ז"ל

Selim Sasson, à la mémoire de sa soeur, Stella Sasson Perez ז"ל

Tilly & Selman Khazzam, in honour of the birth of their grandson, Davide Jake Khazzam.

**WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 15 ADAR - MARCH 8**  
Rouben Family, in memory of their father & brother, Ovadia Rouben ז"ל and Ezra Rouben ז"ל

**THURSDAY/JEUDI 16 ADAR - MARCH 9**  
Tilly & Selman Khazzam, in honour of their grandson, Olivier Ness Khazzam.

Linda, Max, Eric & Daniel Amzallag, in memory of father, father-in-law & nonno, André Supino ז"ל

Penina & Claude Helwani, in honour of the birth of their grandson, Walter Meir Helwani.

Supino Family, in memory of André Supino ז"ל

**FRIDAY/VENDREDI 17 ADAR - MARCH 10**  
Famille Bensimon, à la mémoire de leur père, Hanania Nissim bar Messod ז"ל

Wilma Mashal, in memory of her husband, Morris Abraham Mashal ז"ל

## Jewish Wisdom HALAKHA

PURIM  
Shulchan Aruch

**1. Hear the Megillah** The Megillah, is the scroll that tells the story of Purim. Participate in the reading twice: once on Purim night, and again on Purim day. This year, that's Monday night, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7. For those of you who are not able to join us in person, we encourage you to watch the reading virtually. We will be sending out the links in Friday's email and again on Purim. When Haman's name is mentioned, you can twirl graggers (noisemakers) or stamp your feet to eradicate his evil name.

**2. Give to the Needy (Matanot LaEvyonim)** One of Purim's primary themes is Jewish unity. Haman tried to kill us all, we were all in danger together, so we celebrate together too. Hence, on Purim day we place special emphasis on caring for the less fortunate. Give money or food to at least 2 needy people during the daylight hours of Purim, March 7. In case you can't find any needy people, please give to our T'zedakah fund. For those of you who will be attending the readings, place at least two coins in the T'zedakah box.

**3. Send Food Gifts to Friends (Mishloach Manot)** On Purim we emphasize the importance of friendship and community by sending gifts of food to friends. On Purim day, March 7, send a package containing at least two different ready-to-eat food items and/or beverages (e.g., pastry, fruit, beverage) to at least 1 Jewish acquaintance during the daylight hours.

**4. Feast (Michte)** On Purim day, March 7, gather your family, maybe invite a guest or two, and celebrate with a festive Purim meal. Or better yet, join us at the synagogue for our annual purim party. Traditionally, this meal begins before sundown and lasts well into the evening. The table should be festively bedecked with a nice tablecloth and candles. Wash for bread or challah, and enjoy a meal featuring meat, wine and plenty of Jewish songs, words of Torah and joyous Purim spirit. Sing, drink, laugh, have fun together.

# Upcoming Events



**SUNDAY, MARCH 5 | 10:00A - 2:00P**

**FOOSBALL & PING PONG TOURNAMENT** - Come enjoy games & BBQ (1:00PM) and mingle with friends. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads & Soft Drinks!  
**\$10 MEMBER - \$12 NON-MEMBER**

Registration: <https://www.thespanish.org/event/fppt>



**TUESDAY, MARCH 7 | 7:00 PM**

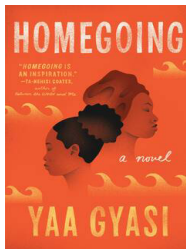
**PURIM GAME NIGHT | JOIN US FOR FUN & GAMES, BACKGAMMON, DOSA, PRIZES, MUSIC, COCKTAIL DINATOIRE & OPEN BAR - PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME.**  
**\$75 BY DEADLINE DATE: FEBRUARY 27 - \$85/ADULT AFTER.**  
VALET PARKING INCLUDED.  
Registration: <https://www.thespanish.org/event/PGN23>



**FRIDAY, MARCH 17 | 6:30 - 11:30P & SHABBAT, MARCH 18**

**MEET & GREET WITH OUR GUESTS, RABBI YEHOSHUA ELLIS & FAMILY.** Friday evening dinner, please join in welcoming Rabbi Ellis & his family, who have come all the way from Poland. "The View from Warsaw: Europe, Refugees & Jews One Year Into the Ukraine War"  
**\$36 ADULT & \$18 CHILD.**

Registration: [www.thespanish.org](http://www.thespanish.org) OR (514) 737-3695



**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 | 10:30A - 12:00P**

**SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: Homegoing**  
by: Yaa Gyasi - Reviewer: to be advised - Battat Hall

\$5 FOR SISTERHOOD MEMBER & \$8 FOR NON-MEMBERS

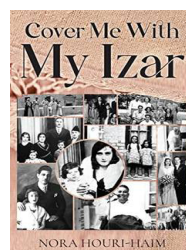


**SHABBAT, APRIL 1 | 10:00A - 1:00P**

**SPY KIDS SHABBAT HAGADOL 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.



**TUESDAY, APRIL 23 | 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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