

SHABBAT BULLETIN

May 13, 2023 | 22 Iyar, 5783



Dvar Torah Behar Behukotai 5783

By: Rabbi Yehoshua Ellis

Rabbi Ellis has graciously offered to share his Divrei Torah with us starting this week. We are looking forward to getting to know our future Rabbi and learning from him.

This week we finish Vayikra, the third book of the Torah, and not on the happiest note. This week's double section is best known for its end, which is a list of forty-nine curses that are bound to befall Israel when we stray from the path of Torah, Mitzvot and an equitable society. The curses are horrible and though we do our best to

read them as fast as possible, when it comes to thinking about the Parsha almost all of our attention is devoted to them. This makes sense as the curses are spelled out in excruciating detail while the blessings that proceed them are given only in generalities. We all rubber neck the car crash while barely noticing how well traffic proceeds the other ninety-nine percent of the time.

Upon rereading the blessings, I noticed an interesting detail. In one of the verses of blessing, 26:6, we are promised peace in our land and immediately in the next two verses, 26:7-8, we are told that we will be successful at war. G!d's blessing does not preclude war, it merely keeps it from crossing our borders. After living for more than a year with a war on our eastern border this verse takes on a different relevance. I understand why being blessed entails that we

have peace in our land, but why not everywhere, why does the part of the blessing have to keep war in our world?

A friend recently complained to me that after spending a day doing everything his kids asked for, they were unappreciative and uncooperative, as if they deserved all the privileges that were showered upon them. The human psyche has the unique ability to normalize almost any experience. Anything repeated often enough becomes normal and then banal. A life of privilege and access can become a burden if we don't have the ability to contextualize it. G!d's promise at the beginning of our Parsha is not just a life full of blessing, but as well a world that gives us the context to understand just how great our blessings are.

Shabbat Shalom!

SHABBAT SHALOM

Start/Debut End/Fin 7:56 p.m. 9:09 p.m.

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SHABBAT SERVICES
SHAHRIT: 8:30A MINHA: 7:45P

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WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday

Shahrit: 8:30A Minha: 6:00P

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Shahrit: 7:00A Minha: 6:00P

CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, May 13TH Schachris 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY, May 14TH Schachris 8:00 a.m.



Message from the President Charles Shemie

Dear Members and Friends

I am delighted to announce that **Rabbi Yehoshua Ellis** will be joining our community as our spiritual leader. We are excited to welcome him and his family, and we know that he will bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to our synagogue.

Rabbi Ellis was born and raised in Kansas City. He completed his Rabbinical studies at the Shehebar Sephardic Center in Jerusalem. He is a seasoned pulpit Rabbi, an accomplished administrator, an innovative educator, and an inspiring leader. Rabbi Ellis has served communities in the United States, Israel, and Poland, and we are confident that his experience, expertise and compassion will be a tremendous asset to our synagogue.

While Rabbi Ellis will officially begin his duties on July 16th, we will be sharing his Divrei Torah in our bulletin and introducing some of his programs over the coming weeks. He will be offering classes and workshops throughout the year and something specific to each holiday. His programming ideas are innovative and relevant. Though young adults and their families are his focus, he is committed to making sure that we have something for everyone. He plans on drawing on the many resources our synagogue and broader community to make the programs comprehensive and meaningful as possible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our search committee and our Board

of Trustees for their support during the engagement process. Their guidance and input were invaluable, and we are grateful for their contributions.

I think we can all agree that the past year has been a very memorable one at the Spanish. Our Shabbat services are beautiful and very well attended. Our events have been by all measures a huge success. We are very grateful to Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo for his effort and incredible energy. We also want to thank Hazan Sheni Benjamin Harrouch for his commitment and passion. Hazan Benlolo expressed his excitement about having Rabbi Ellis as part of our team and is looking forward to working closely with him.

During the interview process, Rabbi Ellis expressed not only his honour at being considered for such a position but also his deep excitement to be part of our tight knit, storied, and special community. His sentiment serves as a powerful reminder not to take our incredible community for granted. Let us continue to build, nurture, and support our synagogue. Let's continue to do everything in our power to ensure that our children and grandchildren feel the same sense of pride and comfort when they walk into their synagogue as we do.

Please join me in welcoming Raissa, Rabbi Yehoshua, their children, Daniel, and Hannah Ellis to the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue family.

Brukhim Haba'im v'B'Hatzlakha.

Chers Membres et Amis

Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que le **Rabbin Yehoshua Ellis** rejoindra notre communauté comme notre chef spirituel. Nous sommes ravis de l'accueillir, lui et sa famille, et nous savons qu'il apportera une richesse de connaissances, d'expériences et d'enthousiasme à notre synagogue.

Le Rabbin Ellis est né et a grandi à Kansas City. Il a terminé ses études rabbiniques au Shehebar Sephardic Center à Jérusalem. Rabbin en chaire expérimenté, il est également un administrateur accompli, un éducateur innovateur et un leader inspirant. Le Rabbin Ellis a servi des communautés aux États-Unis, en Israël et en Pologne, et nous sommes convaincus que son expérience, son expertise et sa compassion seront un atout considérable pour notre synagogue.

Quand le Rabbin Ellis entrera officiellement en fonction le 16 juillet, nous partagerons ses Divrei Torah dans notre bulletin et présenterons certains de ses programmes au cours des prochaines semaines. Il proposera des cours et des ateliers tout au long de l'année, ainsi que des programmes plus spécifiques à chaque Fête. Ses idées de programmation sont novatrices et pertinentes. Même si les jeunes adultes et leurs familles restent sa priorité, il s'engage à faire nous ayons quelque en sorte que chose pour tout le monde. Il prévoit de puiser dans les nombreuses ressources de notre synagogue et de la communauté au sens large pour rendre les programmes aussi complets et significatifs que possible.

Je profite de l'occasion pour remercier notre comité de recherche et notre conseil d'administration pour leur soutien au cours du processus de recrutement. Leurs conseils et leurs

commentaires ont été inestimables et nous leur en sommes reconnaissants.

Je pense que nous pouvons tous convenir que l'année écoulée a été très mémorable à la Spanish. Nos services de Shabbat sont magnifiques et très fréquentés. Nos événements ont été à tous points de vue d'énormes succès. Nous sommes très reconnaissants envers le Révérend Hazan Daniel Benlolo pour ses efforts et son incroyable énergie. Nous tenons également à remercier le Hazan Sheni, Benjamin Harrouch, pour son engagement et sa passion. Le Révérend Hazan Daniel Benlolo a exprimé son enthousiasme à l'idée d'avoir le Rabbin Ellis dans notre équipe et se réjouit de travailler en étroite collaboration avec lui.

Au cours du processus d'entretien, le Rabbin Ellis a non seulement exprimé son honneur d'être considéré pour un tel poste, mais aussi son profond enthousiasme de faire partie de notre communauté soudée, légendaire et exceptionnelle. Ce sentiment est un important rappel à ne pas prendre notre incroyable communauté, pour acquise. Continuons à construire, entretenir et soutenir notre Synagogue. Continuons à faire tout ce qui est en notre pouvoir pour que nos enfants et petits-enfants ressentent le même sentiment de fierté et de confort, que nous ressentons, lorsqu'ils entrent dans leur Synagogue.

Veuillez-vous joindre à moi pour souhaiter la bienvenue à Raissa, au Rabbin Yehoshua, à Daniel et à Hannah Ellis, dans la famille de la Synagogue Spanish & Portuguese.

Bruchim Haba'im v'B'Hatzlacha.

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PERASHA BEHAR
Thoughts: Mayer Sasson

Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai

Reviving the Dead

The Tzemach Tzedek of Lubavitch zy'o used to say: The day of Lag Ba'omer is a day that is auspicious for medical recoveries and salvation! The initials of the words "a king Who is a loyal and merciful Doctor" - "מלך רופא נאמן ורחמן" and in the merit of the righteous Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai who is buried in Meron G-d sends recoveries and salvation to Jews on this day.

Concerning this it is told of the Imrei Chaim of Vizhnitz that when he came to the graveside of RSHBY he said, "It seems to me that a person who travels to RSHBY in Meron feels elevation like a person who has water spilled over his body that cleans out his sins." He added: As evidence, the words "שמעון בר יוחאי" add up in numerology to 553 and this is the numerology of "מתים "who revives the dead. If a person learns the holy Zohar and spends time at the grave site of the righteous rabbi, he receives vitality – even those people who can be considered in the category of "reviving the dead."

SHABBAT SHALOM!!



Chevra Shaas Words From Rabbi Menahem White BEHAR BEHUKOTAI 5783

Dear mitpallelim

This past week my colleague for many years at Herz, Mme Leibovici, observed yahrzeit for her husband Marcel, who was professor of Semitic languages at U de M.

Mazal tov to Shulamit Foxman, whose daughter Rivka Baila, gave birth to a boy, Daniel Aharon.

And Mazal tov to Simcha Foxman, whose oldest grandson Moshe Yehudah was married and is learning Torah in a kollel in Ramat Shlomo.

Sadly, we keep on hearing reports of clashes in Israel. In this week's parasha, as we conclude the Book of Vayiqra', we read that if we follow the laws of the Torah "venatati shalom baarets" "I will give peace in the land" And in the shortest yet one of the most meaningful commentaries in the entire Torah, the great medieval Sephardi sage Ibn Ezra wrote on the word "shalom" "beineikhem" "among vou."

That is, the most important peace is peace among the different factions of our people.

Shabbat shalom





Noam Avraham Perez on his Bar Mitzvah!

Our Condolences To



Ilana & Ezra Chitayat & Family, on the loss of her mother, Andrée Wacks (née Sassoon) z'l.

Got a Question for Reverend/Hazan Daniel Benlolo?

Dear Danny, I've been considering keeping kosher at home, but I'm not sure where to start. Can you provide some guidance on how to begin this process? What are some basic rules or guidelines that I should follow, and how can I ensure that I am keeping kosher properly?

It's wonderful to hear that you are interested in incorporating this practice into your daily life. The basic principle of kosher is to follow the dietary laws outlined in the Torah. The Torah specifies that certain animals, such as pigs and shellfish, are not kosher, while others, such as cows, sheep, and chickens, are permitted. Additionally, kosher animals must be slaughtered and prepared in a specific manner to be considered kosher. Here are a few guidelines to help you get started with keeping kosher at home:

1. Separate your dishes: You should have separate dishes, utensils, and cookware for meat and dairy products. This means that you'll need to designate a set of dishes for meat dishes and another for dairy dishes. You should also have a set of dishes for pareve (neutral) foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and grains. 2. Buy kosher meat and poultry: Look for meat and poultry that have been certified kosher by a reputable kosher certification agency to ensure that the animal was slaughtered and prepared according to Jewish dietary laws. 3. Check labels: When buying processed foods, make sure the labels to ensure that they are kosher certified. Many foods contain animal by-products that may not be kosher, so it's important to be vigilant. 4. Do not mix meat and dairy: Do not cook or eat meat and dairy products together. This means that you should not cook meat in a dairy pot, serve meat and dairy products on the same plate, or even eat dairy products immediately after eating meat. 5. Consult with a member of the clergy: any questions or concerns about specific foods or practices, it's always a good idea to consult with a rabbi who is knowledgeable in kosher laws.

I hope that these guidelines are helpful to get you started on your journey towards keeping kosher. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

PARNASS HAYOM BEIT HAMIDRASH HELWANI

SHABBAT 22 IYAR - MAY 13

Anita & Rony Gabbay, in memory of his father, Minashi Gabbay 577

Sue & Kamal Gabbay, in memory of his father, Minashi Gabbay ז״ל

Deborah & Veronique Abecassis, in memory of their father, Leon Abecassis 5^{rt}

SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 23 IYAR - MAY 14 Moussa Saad, in memory of Simha Nachson Sampson 5"1

Sachs Families, in memory of David Cohen Hakak ז״ל

Carmen & Jack Korin, in honour of the marriages of our Children.

Monday/Lundi 24 Iyar - May 15 Linda & Sam Fattal, in honour of their Children.

TUESDAY/MARDI 25 IYAR - MAY 16 Pascale & David Pisarevsky, in honour of their son, Joseph's Bar Mitzvah.

WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 26 IYAR - MAY 17 Rabie Family, in memory of Charlie ben Rouben Ezra Rabie 5"1

THURSDAY/JEUDI 27 IYAR - MAY 18
Touaty Family, in memory of their son & grandson, Asher Brennan Touty

FRIDAY/VENDREDI 28 IYAR - MAY 19 S&P Congregation, in memory of Nissim Mizrahi 5^{rt}

Maghen Abraham, en l'honneur de Yom Yerushalaim.

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Upcoming Events



WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 | 10:00A - 12:00P

WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: "Ikebana" Japanese Flower Arrangement with Master Instructor Loris Dallal.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 | 10:00A - 12:00P WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: Healthy Hair & Nails with Dr. Alfred Bilbul, Dermatologist

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THURSDAY, MAY 25 | 9:00P - 1:00A (*FIRST SPEAKER 9:30*) EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Tikkun Leil Shavuot Join us for a traditional Shavuot night of study with

engaging guest speakers. Refreshment. More details

Must Register: https://www.thespanish.org/event/tik-kun-leil-shavuot.html

to come. Battat Hall.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 | 10:00A - 12:00P WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: The Impo

WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: The Importance of Having a Will with Maître Alain Murad.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 | 10:00A - 12:00P

WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: La Danse Israélienne d'hier, au temps des Pionniers à aujourd'hui, au 21^{ème} Siècle - avec Maurice Peretz

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 | 10:00A - 12:00P

Women's Learning Group: A Musical Celebration to Complete Series 28 with Reverend Hazan Daniel Benlolo.

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