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# SHABBAT BULLETIN

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## March of the Living From The Shoah to Yom Ha'atzmaut

By: Reverend Hazan  
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An hour, a day, a week, a month, a year - even a lifetime - is not enough time to begin to tell you what my eyes have witnessed and how my life has been transformed forever.

You can watch Holocaust movies and look at photos of concentration camps, but until you witness the marks of desperation on the walls of the crematorium at Auschwitz-Birkenau, until you lay your eyes on the mountain of ashes at Majdanek, until you see the anguish through the eyes of a survivor reliving the past, until you hear the vivid cries of the souls from the depths of Treblinka, until you stand on the hallowed grounds in the Gora forest where masses of children were buried alive, until you witness the mountain of human hair used to manufacture ropes, carpets, mattress stuffing, and socks for Nazi troops, until you sense the

palpable feeling of dread victims must have felt when they were stripped of their dignity and pride... the Holocaust is black ink on a white piece of paper.

Now I am back. Now I am a witness.

A witness who has walked the same road many others have walked - others who never came back. One who has paced the tracks on which trainloads of men, women, and children were treated like animals - only to be killed as one. One who walked hand in hand in silence with thousands of other witnesses to counter the march of death and by being part of a March of the Living!

But within all this madness and insanity, I found a ray of hope. Hope in the eyes of our survivors, Steven, Eva, and Aviva. These brave children of the Holocaust relived their pain, retraced their steps but this time they were not cold and hungry. This time they were not alone. I was there with them; I held their hands. Being there with them allowed me to understand in my own humble way their pain and anguish, but it also gave me the chance to share in their dreams.

Eva had a Bat Mitzvah along with 8 other participants and chaperones at the Kotel in Jerusalem - that was a dream. Steven and Aviva joining 10,000 enthusiastic youth from around the world dancing in the streets of Jerusalem on Yom Ha'atzmaut - that was a dream.

It is dreams like these that will keep the Jewish soul alive. It is these dreams that will ensure a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

It's the same generation of young participants who approached me in the middle of the night during our return flight to reveal their feelings, share their experience, and simply bear their souls to someone who lived this emotional roller coaster with them. It is now up to them and the myriad of others who retraced the survivors' path to carry the torch for generations to come.

Now I stand before you and pledge my undying commitment to never forget the past - but I also pledge my unending commitment to ensure Jewish continuity.

Am Yisrael Chai.



### SHABBAT SHALOM

Start/Debut 7:48 p.m. End/Fin 8:58 p.m.

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

#### WEEKLY SERVICES SCHEDULE

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

MONDAY - FRIDAY  
Shahrit: 7:00A Minha: 6:00P

#### CHEVRA SHAAS Service Schedule

SHABBOS, May 6<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, May 7<sup>TH</sup>  
Schachris 8:00 a.m.

#### TORAH CLASS

Join **ANDRE ROTCHEL** every  
Shabbat after services  
Beit Hamidrash  
Refreshments

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INVITES YOU TO

## LAG BA'OMER BBQ

MONDAY, MAY 8 | 6:30 P.M.  
OUTDOORS IN THE SUKKAH

# SOLD OUT

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## SHABBAT KIDS CLUB

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

PARASHA  
GAMES  
SONGS

STORIES  
CRAFTS  
PRIZES

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I don't think of all the misery,  
but of the beauty that still  
remains.

...Anne Frank | Aish HaTorah



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**Congregation Maghen Abraham**

PERASHA EMOR - Lag Baomer

*Thoughts: Mayer Sasson*

"I can exempt the entire world from Judgment"

**The power of Rav Shimon Bar Yochai**

Regarding the power of RASHBY, it says in the Gemara "Rabbi Yermiya said in the name of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai: I can exempt the entire world from Judgment." In order to understand the enormous power of RASHBY let us look into what it says in the Sefer Shmuot Tovot of Rabbi Baruch of Mezhibov zy'o – that in This World the Halacha is not ruled according to RASHBY, as it says in Kneset Hagdola in the name of the ruling rabbis: Wherever there is a dispute between the students of Kabala versus the students of the Gemara, the Halacha is not like the Kabala students (Mikubalim).

However, we must know that in the Upper World the Halacha is like the Kabalists, like RASHBY and his friends. It is also brought down in the Sefer Vaykhel Moshe written by the Mikubal Rabbi Moshe of Prague ob'm who was a disciple of the ARIZ'L: Most of the time the Halacha is not like RASHBY in the Gemara because the world is not worthy for it in our days but in Future Times the Halacha will be like RASHBY and in these laws one can reveal Torah secrets.

We must understand this matter, why the Halacha is not like Rav Shimon Bar Yochai in This World but only in the Upper World.

We will first bring down the explanation of the Bnei Yissachar that the main happiness on Lag Baomer day when RASHBY passed on to Heaven is because on this day RASHBY instructed his student Rabbi Abba to write all the hidden secrets that were revealed to him, so that a blessing

would remain for Israel of the "Hidden Light" until the coming of Mashiach. It says in the Zohar Zuta: Rabbi Shimon said - Now it is a propitious time and I want to enter the World to Come without embarrassment. There are holy ideas that I have not revealed until now, I want to reveal... so that it will not be said that I left the world lacking. Until now they were in my heart and I have now arranged for you: Rabbi Abba will write, Rabbi Elazar my son will toil on them...."

Therefore, on Lag Baomer, the day of RASHBY'S demise, there is great happiness and a great Hilula (celebration of the day of passing of a very righteous man) because on this day RASHBY gave permission to his student to write down the secrets explained in the holy Zohar so that the words of the holy Zohar brighten Israel until the coming of Mashiach. We can say that Lag Baomer is like the day of Receipt of the Torah – the Hidden Torah of Israel. We should know that this day is propitious for a person to have understanding in the holy hidden parts of Torah.

Accordingly, the Bnei Yissachar added, "the customs of Israel are part of the Torah, and it is customary to light candles and fires on this day in honor of the great light that begins to shine on this precious day, Lag Baomer and in honor of the soul of RASHBY, the Torah Light who revealed himself on this day and then rose to Heaven.

We shall continue in his path and go according to his holy sefer the Zohar that brightens the entire world and brightens our exile until the coming of Mashiach.

SHABBAT SHALOM!!

**Mazal Tov To**

Goldie Marmor & Lior Ben-gigi, on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **NOAM**, brother to **Yonatan Ben-gigi**.

**Chevra Shaas**

**Words From  
Rabbi Menahem White  
EMOR 5783**

Dear mitpallelim

Things have been hectic the past couple of weeks, so I had to take a break from my “blog.” First, my granddaughter Shoshana gave birth to a girl, named after my wife. After that, I was admitted to the hospital for kidney surgery, a partial nephrectomy. For the past several days I have been recuperating at home. BH, the healing process is working. My post op with the doctor is in a couple more days.

As some of you may know, I participate in a weekly zoom group, where we read modern Hebrew Literature. Currently, we are reading a work by the well-known writer Mordecai Naor. In light of all the controversy surrounding Israel at it celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday last week, it was an interesting coincidence that this past week's passage described the feelings in 1958, as the country was celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Here is what he wrote: [my abridged translation:] In the spring of ‘58, the general feeling in Israel was one of “we did it.” A year and a half had passed since the Sinai war, and even though Israel had been forced to retreat its forces from what we conquered in Sinai and Gaza, an optimistic atmosphere predominated... the length of the borders (except for the Syrian) was almost completely quiet. Moreover, one could summarize positively the accomplishments of the young 10 year old state: victories in 2 wars; absorption of 900,000 immigrants: survivors of the holocaust and olim from Asia and Africa; the changing of most of the ma' abarot--those miserable temporary apartment blocks-- into built up neighborhoods; stabilization of the economy; increasing recognition throughout the world of the accomplishments of the “wonder girl” Israel; and all of this in the embroiled and problematic Middle East.

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The above paragraph, written by a ➔

**PARNASS HAYOM  
BEIT HAMIDRASH  
HELWANI****SHABBAT 15 IYAR - MAY 6**

Famille Henri Levy, en l'honneur/ mémoire de Rabbin Howard Joseph ז"ל

Morris & Alfred Abdulezer, in memory of their grandfather, Shlomo ben Meir Abdulezer ז"ל

**SUNDAY/DIMANCHE 16 IYAR - MAY 7**

Sampson Family, in memory of Simha Nachson Sampson ז"ל

Famille Dadoun, à la mémoire de leur mère, Mercedes Dadoun ז"ל

**MONDAY/LUNDI 17 IYAR - MAY 8**

Famille Shama, à la mémoire de leur père, César Shama ז"ל

**TUESDAY/MARDI 18 IYAR - MAY 9**

Judy & Jacques Tobianah, à la mémoire de Rabbin Shimon Bar Yohai ז"ל

**WEDNESDAY/MERCREDI 19 IYAR - MAY 10**

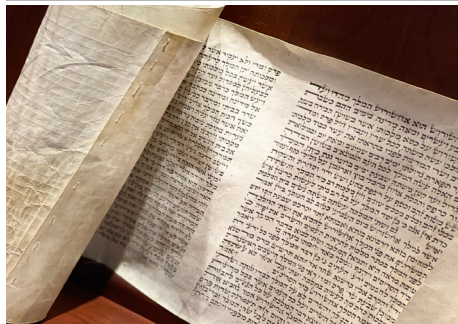
Famille Lallouz, à la mémoire de leur père, Joseph Lallouz ז"ל

**THURSDAY/JEUDI 20 IYAR - MAY 11**

Leila Khamara, in honour of her Children & Grandchildren.

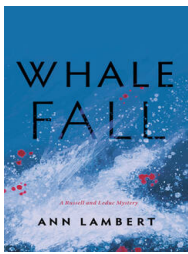
**FRIDAY/VENDREDI 21 IYAR - MAY 12**

Famille Sasson, à la mémoire de Frida Sasson Levy ז"ל



staunch secularist, described the atmosphere in Israel at its 10<sup>th</sup> Yom Ha`atsma'ut. We pray that by the next Independence Day, the land be filled with the spirit of unity and justice. Indeed, doesn't the torah say at he end of this week's parasha, that there shall be one law for everyone: the rule of tsedek

Shabbat shalom.

**Upcoming Events**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9 | 10:30A - 12:00P**  
**SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: "Whale" Fall** by Ann Lambert  
Reviewer: Taff Chitayat  
Battat Hall

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



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 | 10:00A - 12:00P**  
**WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: Behind the Survival of the Babylonian (Iraqi) Diaspora** with Sami Sourani

Zoom ID: 849 4697 5701 - Passcode: SPRING2023  
RSVP/Donate: office 514-737-3695 x101 gladys@mooallem.ca



**THURSDAY, MAY 11 | 7:00P - 11:30P**  
**YASP TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT** Come hang, have a drink and test your general knowledge! This event may or may not be hosted by a celebrity game show host... come see for yourself!

Must Register: <https://www.thespanish.org/event/yasp-trivia-quiz-night.html>



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 | 10:00A - 12:00P**  
**WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: "Ikebana" Japanese Flower Arrangement** with Master Instructor Loris Dallal.

Zoom ID: 849 4697 5701 - Passcode: SPRING2023  
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 | 10:00A - 12:00P**  
**WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP: Healthy Hair & Nails** with Dr. Alfred Bilbul, Dermatologist

Zoom ID: 849 4697 5701 - Passcode: SPRING2023  
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**THURSDAY, MAY 25 | 7:00P - 1:00A**  
**EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Tikkun Leil Shavuot** Join us for a traditional Shavuot night of study with engaging guest speakers. Refreshment. More details to come. Battat Hall.

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