

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, February 21, 2009 - 27 Shevat

Parsha Mishpatim - Shabbat Shekalim - Shabbat Mevorchim Adar

The Torah reading is on page 306 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 123 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Maftir is Ki Thissa (Exodus 11-16) is on page 352 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 140 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is Parsha Shekalim (Kings II 12:1-17) is on page 993 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 100 (back) in the Hebrew Publishing

ROSH CHODESH ADAR-TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 & 25

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services 5:10 p.m.

Shabbat ends 6:14 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.

Evening Services 5:30 p.m.

Next Friday 5:30 p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson

Cantor Yitzhak Epstein

Reverend Benjamin Even-Hen

Rabbi Dan - Youth Director

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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall Sponsored by:

Lieba and Rabbi Asher Jacobson and Family in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of Nachy Jacobson

Ricky and Jack Trottenberg in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved mother Rose Ross

Linda Milstein in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved father Max (Mordechai ben Schmuel) Milstein

The Shalosh Seudot today will take place in the Raicek Hall sponsored by the Congregation

BAR MITZVAH- MAZEL TOV

To Menachem Mendel Jacobson on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah

**to his parents Yoni Bruck and Simon Jacobson,
siblings Ety, Pinchus and Levi.**

Grandparents: Sarah and Avraham Bruck, Feigie and Betselel Jacobson

**BABY SITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 FROM 10:00-12:00
JUNIOR CHEVRA CLUB FOR AGES 6-12 FROM 10:00-12:00**

PARSHA CLASS – with Rabbi Asher Jacobson will be on February 25th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments following.

LUNCH & LEARN with Rabbi Asher Jacobson every Thursday from 12-1 p.m. at the Windsor on Peel St., Downtown. The topic is “Talmudic Ethics in the Business World”. To register, please contact Ron Mayers by email: ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com

PURIM is quickly approaching. Celebrations will begin on Monday March 9, 2009, following the conclusion of the Fast of Esther with the reading of the Megillah at 7:20 P.M. (Daylight Savings Time). Festivities will continue on Tuesday, March 10, a day of fun and hamentashen. Please join us with your children for a magnificent carnival from 3:30-5:00P.M., followed immediately with an encore Megillah reading (graggers provided), The fun will conclude with a delicious catered dinner at 6:00, with live entertainment, games and prizes for best costume. **Carnival only \$5.00, Carnival and Dinner Children (3-15yrs) \$20.00 adults \$36.00** . Reservations required 514-482-3366. **Come in costumes and be prepared to party!!**

HOMEWORK PROGRAM: Grades 1-8 Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 7 p.m., homework, supper, movies and games. The cost is \$5.00 per child per session. Please call Rabbi Dan at 514-482-3366 Ext. 226 for registration and further information.

YOUTH LOUNGE - We are pleased to announce that we have recently created a new “Young Adult/ Youth Lounge” on the second floor. We are currently looking for couches and sofas to furnish the room. If you have any of these items in good condition and are willing to donate them, please contact the synagogue office and we will make the appropriate arrangements for pickup.

PRAYER BOOKS: We are in the process of replacing our Chumashim and Prayer Books in both our Sanctuary and Daily Chapel. We encourage our members and guests to help us with this worthy project by making donations to our “Prayer Book” fund (\$36 minimum) through our synagogue office. A printed label will be permanently attached inside the front cover bearing the name/s of the donor as well as the individual/s being honoured, memorialized or thanked.

KABALLAH SERIES: CD's (for use on MP3 type players only) of Rabbi Jacobson's last Kaballah series "THE KABALLAH OF CONFLICT" are available at the Synagogue office (514-482-3366), at a cost of \$10.00 per CD of the complete series of 3 lectures.

WEB SITE: We invite everyone to regularly visit our new and improved web site @ www.ckbjbh.org

"PARSHAT – MISHPATIM"

And these are the judgments that you shall set before them (EX. 21:1)

As Rashi explains, the Torah juxtaposes "civil" laws with the laws of the altar, to teach that the Jewish Court must be located next to the Temple. To Jews, societal laws are holy. In the same way that the sacrificial offerings in the Temple were a Divine service, so too are the Torah's laws of interpersonal behaviour in a way for the Jew to serve G-d in his daily life (Avnei Exel)

If the stolen objects shall be found in his possession...he shall pay double (Ex. 22:3)

A thief must pay back double what he stole. When a thief steals \$100, his intention is to gain \$100 at the expense of \$100 of his victim. By paying back double, the thief is losing \$100 and at the same time the victim is gaining \$100. This demonstrates how punishments in the Torah are measure for measure: what is done to the thief is the same as that which is meted out for his victim. (Pardes Yosef)

You shall not afflict any widow or orphan (Ex. 22:21)

Whenever Rabbi Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev reached this verse he would cry out. "Master of the Universe! You instructed us in your holy Torah to be kind to widows and orphans, and yet we are like orphans in this bitter exile! You must therefore redeem the affliction and pain that has been set upon your people."

When you lend money to my people, the poor among you (Ex. 22:24)

The words "among you" seem to be superfluous. The Hebrew word for "among you" is imach, which also means "with you". Sometimes a person might establish an amount of money that he will give to a particular charity and even if his wealth increases the amount he gives remains the same. The Torah is telling us that when we are enriched, the poor should be enriched with us. (Reb Shmelke of Nikolsburg)

Keep far away from falsehood (Ex. 23-7)

A liar is more despicable than either a robber or a thief: The robber steals only at night, for he worries about being discovered. The thief steals by night and by day, but only from individuals, as he is afraid to confront a larger group. The liar, however, lies by night and by day, and spreads his falsehoods and gossip about everyone. (The Magid of Kelem)

Yahrzeit for the week February 20-27

May Litvack, Jennie Zlotnick, Kasper Geffin, Moishe Friedman, Ben-Zion Goldberg, Fanny Matlin-Erlich, Avrum Grover, Max Goldstein, Sybil Cyna, Annette Levy, Kathy Spierer, Louis Abrahamson, Jack Marco, Moe Amsel, Jerry Cohen, Dora Herscovitch, Nathan Hershenfeld, Rose Feldstein, Gitel Mozen, Abraham Mlavsky, Rabbi Jacob Shtull, Laszlo Hochman, Ferencz Konrad, Shlomo Brown, Ida Manel, Miriam Quint, Malvin Rochweg, Nasha Elisheva Finkelstein, Miriam Quint, Andor Schwartz, Alexander Schwartz, Istvan Spiegel, Rachel Chait

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“I do believe Israel is fighting for existence not only because it's the only democracy in the Middle East, but also because it's the only Jewish state in the world.... No refugee can enter Israel as part of the peace process. Their Palestinian national aspiration gets an answer in a different place.”—Incumbent Foreign Minister *Tzipi Livni*, addressing a delegation of leaders at the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, insisting that Israel must give up land **“in order to remain a Jewish and democratic state.”** (*Ha'aretz*, Feb. 16)

RUSSIA UNLIKELY TO SELL S-300 MISSILES TO IRAN—(*Moscow*) In an effort to improve Moscow's ties with the new administration in Washington, Russia seems unlikely to sell the advanced S-300 anti-aircraft missile system (SA-20 in the West) to Iran. Russian media reports to this effect appeared amid a visit to Moscow by Iranian Defense Minister *Mostafa Muhammad Najjar*, who met his Russian counterpart *Anatoly Serdyukov* in an apparent bid to persuade the Kremlin to sell Teheran the anti-aircraft systems that would significantly complicate any Israeli or US strikes on Iranian nuclear installations. (*Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 17)

ISRAEL IS INDIA'S TOP DEFENSE SUPPLIER—(*New Delhi*) After the recent signing of new contracts, Israel has overtaken Russia as the main defense supplier of India, breaking the \$1-billion mark. India is scheduled to receive the first of three Phalcon Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft developed for the Indian Air Force, by IAI by March, 2009. Following the Mumbai terrorist attacks, Israel and India agreed upon the joint development of a medium-range anti-aircraft missile system. (*Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 15)

FRANCE ADMITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR JEWISH DEPORTATIONS—(*Paris*) France's top judicial body on Monday recognized the French government's responsibility for the deportation of Jews during World War II, the clearest such recognition to date of the state's role in the Holocaust. Thousands of Jews were deported from France to Nazi death camps during the occupation. After the war, subsequent French governments took decades to acknowledge any role played by the collaborationist Vichy regime in the Holocaust. (*Ha'aretz*, Feb. 17)

ANTISEMITISM RISES IN BRITAIN—(*London*) The number of antisemitic incidents rose dramatically in the United Kingdom during the recent Gaza conflict. Since the end of the conflict, over 250 such incidents were reported, the highest rate since records began. Community Security Trust communications director *Mark Gardner* said that “the subsequent outburst of anti-Semitic rage during the Gaza conflict shows the shocking impact upon British Jews of widespread anti-Israel hysteria.” (*Jer. Post*, Feb. 12)

CANADA NEEDS TO ACT ON AFRICA: COTLER—(*Ottawa*) Long-time human rights crusader and Liberal MP *Irwin Cotler* has said that Canada should join the United States in calling for an international meeting on the genocide in the Sudan's Darfur region. Cotler advised that the issue should be brought up during U.S. President *Barack Obama*'s upcoming visit to Canada. Cotler also called for international action to confront the Islamist regime in Iran, which he says has incited genocide with its anti-Israel rhetoric. (*Canwest*, Feb.10)

U.S. TERROR CASE NAMES A “TORONTO 18” SUSPECT—(*Atlanta*) One of the alleged ringleaders of the “Toronto 18” group has been named as a co-conspirator in a terrorism case in the United States. An indictment filed in Atlanta links *Fahim Ahmad* with a network of extremists that stretched from Canada and the U.S. to Pakistan and the Balkans. Two Atlanta men met with Ahmad in Toronto to discuss terror targets and operations in the U.S. They also intended to travel to Pakistan to receive paramilitary training with the Lashkar-e-Taiba terror organization, responsible for the Mumbai attacks. (*National Post*, Feb. 6)