

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, May 30 2009 - 7 Sivan
2nd day of Shavuot - Shabbat Kallah

The Torah reading is on page 964 in the Artscroll Siddur and on page 1012 (bottom right) the new Artscroll Chumash

The Maftir is on page 968 in the Artscroll Siddur and on page 892 in the New Artscroll Chumash

The Haftorah is on page 969 in the Artscroll Siddur and on page 1229 in the new Artscroll Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:25p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:30p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00a.m.
Evening Services	7:30p.m.
Next Friday	7:30p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson
Cantor Yitzhak Epstein
Reverend Benjamin Even-Hen
Rabbi Dan - Youth Director
Steve Goldstein - Executive Director
Yossi Milo - Choir Master

Les Schiller - President
Dr. Wm. Steinman - 1st Vice President
Gary Polachek - 2nd Vice President
Gary Trestan - 3rd Vice President
Robert Feldstein - Hon. V.P.
Pearl Rothenberg - Secretary
Martin P. Rosenthal - Treasurer

Parnassim

Jerry Sherman
Allan Tannenbaum
Morton Tannenbaum

Sisterhood President
Brotherhood President

Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall Sponsored

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Esther Sternbach in honour of the 4th birthday of her beautiful granddaughter Zemirah, daughter of Marsha and Cantor Yitzhak Epstein

Bea Gurman wishing Bob Feldstein good health

Hy Waxman in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Ida Waxman

Sally and Charles Bedzow in honour of the graduation of their granddaughter

Gustava Weiner wishing Chag Shavuot Sameach to Rabbi and Lieba Jacobson and Family as well as to the Clergy and the Congregants

Shalosh Seudot today will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored by the Congregation

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 held on Wednesday June 3, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

YOUTH SHABBAT SERVICES – FOR KIDS BY KIDS: Join the future leaders of the Synagogue on Friday May 29th as they change places with our clergy and lead us at services on Shavuot. A delicious lunch, and an ice cream party featuring The Creative Preschool follows services.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Our 7th Annual CKBH-BH Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. Sign up your foursome for the best day of FUN and PRIZES on Tuesday July 14th at the Val Des Lacs Golf Club. Shotgun at 12:30 P.M. SHARP! Call 514-482-3366 to register. The RAFFLE DRAW will also take place at the Golf Tournament – see below for details.

MARCH TO JERUSALEM: Show Synagogue spirit and support and volunteer at our very own booth on Sunday June 7th. Join Rabbi Dan and demonstrate why this is the Best Congregation in Montreal. Call Rabbi Dan at 514-482-3366 ext. 226 for details

RAFFLE – You can be 'THE LUCKY WINNER' OF \$10,000.00 in our CKBH-BH RAFFLE DRAW to be held Tuesday July 14th. The draw will take place at the Annual Golf Tournament at the Val Des Lacs Golf Course. We need you to buy and sell tickets. There are also 4 additional prizes of \$500.00. A part of the profits will be given to the Jewish General Hospital Cancer Research and our Creative Preschool. Please call the Synagogue for details and tickets.

THE CHEVRA CHESED COMMITTEE: A NEW SHUL INITIATIVE-THE CHEVRA CHESED COMMITTEE (CCC)

Please let us know if you or another member of the synagogue is not well or feels isolated and could use a personal connection-a phone call or a hospital or home visit. Contact Iona at 514 482-3366 and a member of the Chevra Chessed Committee will be in touch with you.

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 (\$36.00 minimum) through our synagogue office. A printed label will be permanently attached inside the front cover bearing the name or names of the donour as well as the individual being honoured, memorialized or thanked.

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

THE KIDDUSH KORNER : Each Shabbat and Holiday, members are encouraged to honour their family and friends by making a donation to our Kiddush Fund. These donations then allow us to provide the wonderful Kiddushes for you, our congregants and guests, all in the ambience of relaxed congeniality after Shabbat services. We would kindly request that you contact the Synagogue office the following Monday morning so that we can properly acknowledge your donation and announcement.

SHAVUOT שבועות

You shall count for yourselves -- from the day after the Shabbat, from the day when you bring the Omer of the waving -- seven Shabbats, they shall be complete. Until the day after the seventh sabbath you shall count, fifty days... You shall convoke on this very day -- there shall be a holy convocation for yourselves -- you shall do no laborious work; it is an eternal decree in your dwelling places for your generations. -Leviticus 21:15-16, 21

Shavu'ot, the Festival of Weeks, is the second of the three major festivals with both historical and agricultural significance (the other two are [Passover](#) and [Sukkot](#)). Agriculturally, it commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the [Temple](#), and is known as Hag ha-Bikkurim (the Festival of the First Fruits). Historically, it celebrates the giving of the [Torah](#) at Mount Sinai, and is also known as Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of the Giving of Our Torah).

The period from Passover to Shavu'ot is a time of great anticipation. We count each of the days from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavu'ot, 49 days or 7 full weeks, hence the name of the festival. See [The Counting of the Omer](#). The counting reminds us of the important connection between Passover and Shavu'ot: Passover freed us physically from bondage, but the giving of the Torah on Shavu'ot redeemed us spiritually from our bondage to idolatry and immorality.

It is noteworthy that the holiday is called the time of the giving of the Torah, rather than the time of the receiving of the Torah. The sages point out that we are constantly in the process of receiving the Torah, that we receive it every day, but it was first given at this time. Thus it is the giving, not the receiving, that makes this holiday significant.

Shavu'ot is not tied to a particular calendar date, but to a counting from Passover. Because the length of the months used to be variable, determined by observation (see [Jewish Calendar](#)), and there are two new moons between Passover and Shavu'ot, Shavu'ot could occur on the 5th or 6th of [Sivan](#). However, now that we have a mathematically determined calendar, and the months between Passover and Shavu'ot do not change length on the mathematical calendar, Shavu'ot is always on the 6th and 7th of Sivan. [Work](#) is not permitted during Shavu'ot.

It is customary to eat a dairy meal at least once during Shavu'ot. There are varying opinions as to why this is done. Some say it is a reminder of the promise regarding the [land of Israel](#), a land flowing with "milk and honey." According to another view, it is because our ancestors had just received the Torah (and the dietary laws therein), and did not have both meat and dairy dishes available. The book of Ruth is read at this time. Again, there are varying reasons given for this custom, and none seems to be definitive.

YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK MAY 30-JUNE 5

Szmuel Szejman, Isaac Sossanpour, Joseph Cohen, Mildred Cohen, Rachel Singerman, Ida Waxman, Ella Rothenberg, Ethel Takefman, Steven Takefman, Laszlo Lantos, George Boros, Andrew Rauchman, David Hosat, Ethel Greenberg, Sarah Glense, Myer Nisker, Beatrice Cohen, Samuel Wise, Fanny Brownstein, Rose Rauch, Rachel Shuter, Faige Merling, Rebecca Mendelsohn, Esther Haller, Ruth Cohen, Jack Goldberg

"Given the cooperation between North Korea and Iran , there is reason to fear that North Korea and Iran may be sharing data on nuclear matters, as they do on ballistic missiles. This is a threat not just in northeast Asia, but potentially in the Middle East as well."--Former UN ambassador *John R. Bolton*, commenting on the relationship between North Korean and Iran. U.S. Secretary of State *Hillary Clinton* was engaged in **"intensive diplomacy"** concerning the North Korean nuclear test, speaking with her South Korean, Japanese, Russian and Chinese counterparts. **"The existential threat faced by Israel on a daily basis is ultimately a threat to the broader Western civilization....** It's a threat that comes from profoundly undemocratic forces that don't have the same conception of human dignity or freedom, and which abuse Israel as a kind of representative of the broader West and Western liberal-democratic values...."**So much of the criticism Israel faces is motivated by a dangerous form of anti-Semitism that tries to hide behind anti-Zionism and is represented by a coalition of the far left in the West with extreme currents of jihadi Islam that seek the destruction of the Jewish nation. They seem to believe that the Jewish people are the only people in the world that don't have a right to a homeland."**--Canadian Minister of Citizenship, Immigration, and Multiculturalism *Jason Kenney*, concluding a four-day trip to Israel, stating that anti-Israelism is both antisemitic and threatens the values of all of Western civilization.

"Canada has never supported the expansion of settlements. We believe that it's an illegal move, and it's certainly not helpful to the peace process."--Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs *Lawrence Cannon*, offering the most pro-Palestinian comment to date from the Conservative government, after a meeting with visiting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. National chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee *Moshe Ronen* replied that **"He's the Foreign Minister of Canada and has the right to define policy as he sees it, but the job that I have...is to make sure the government of Canada understands the issue of settlements is not the principal issue at the crux of the conflict."**

NORTH KOREA CONDUCTS NUCLEAR TEST; THREATENS TO ATTACK SOUTH--(*Seoul*) North Korea announced that it had defied international warnings and successfully exploded a second nuclear bomb. In 2007 North Korea agreed to a process that would lead to the dismantling of its nuclear weapons program. It has since rejected the inspection and verification measures that had been sought by the United States, vowing to attack South Korea if its ships are searched as part of a U.S.-led effort to interdict vessels carrying weapons. Earlier today North Korea's official news agency threatened "those who provoke us once will not be able to escape its unimaginable and merciless punishment." The threat came three days after the communist dictatorship was condemned by the international community, including longtime allies China and Russia, for testing a nuclear device in violation of UN resolutions.

U.S. TO FUND ISRAELI ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM--(*Jerusalem*) The U.S. has pledged full funding for the development and production of the Israeli Arrow 3 anti-missile system, in a decision made in high-level defence establishment talks between the two countries. Israel was concerned that the U.S. would end funding due to major cuts made to the American defence budget by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. The Arrow 3 system will be capable of intercepting missiles at higher altitudes and farther away from Israel than current anti-missile systems.

NETANYAHU CANCELS PARIS VISIT--(*Jerusalem*) Prime Minister *Benjamin Netanyahu* cancelled a meeting with French President Nicholas Sarkozy, reportedly amid anger at France for its position on the final status of Jerusalem. The Prime Minister's office reports that Netanyahu postponed his European trip because preparations for the visit were incomplete. However, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Frederic Desagneaux said that "[the cancellation]...derives from prejudice regarding the final status agreement," referring to Netanyahu's pledge on Jerusalem Day, last week, that Jerusalem would "never again be divided or partitioned."

ANTISEMITIC TERROR AVERTED IN BRAZIL--(*Porto Alegre*) Police in Porto Alegre, Brazil foiled an alleged neo-Nazi plot to bomb at least two synagogues. Inspector Paulo Cesar Jardim said they also seized Nazi literature, knives, and three homemade explosive devices. Fourteen unidentified men were detained and then released pending an investigation. The police are attempting to determine if the group is linked to international terrorism.

PLOT FOILED TO BOMB NY SYNAGOGUES--(*Newburgh*) Police in New York arrested four men--*James Cromitie, David Williams, Onta Williams, and Laguerre Payen*--in what the authorities said was a plot to bomb two synagogues in the Bronx and shoot down military planes at an Air National Guard base. The criminals appeared to be acting alone, not in concert with any terrorist organization. The suspects planted what they believed to be bombs in cars outside the Riverdale Temple and the Riverdale Jewish Center before driving to the National Guard with a Stinger surface-to-air missile. The weapons, however, were duds provided by the FBI. Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly said the men, who had all met in prison, were all Muslim (perhaps prison converts) and "stated that they wanted to commit jihad. They were disturbed about what was happening in Afghanistan and Pakistan, that Muslims were being killed. They were making statements that Jews were killed in this attack and that would be all right--that sort of thing."