

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, May 23 2009 - 29 Iyar

Parshat Bamidbar - Shabbat Mevorchim Sivan

The Torah reading is on page 726 the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 531 and continued on page 567 in the Hertz Chumash

The Haftorah is on page 1207 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 948 in the Hertz Chumash

ROSH CHODESH SIVAN - SUNDAY, MAY 24

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:15p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:21p.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

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Jerry Sherman
Allan Tannenbaum
Morton Tannenbaum
Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

Sisterhood President
Brotherhood President

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSERT FOR CANDLE LIGHTING AND SERVICE TIMES FOR THE HOLIDAY OF SHAVUOT

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall Sponsored

by

Joel Cohen in memory of his beloved wife Elsa Faige Cohen

Pearl Rothenberg in honour of Susan Lottner's birthday

Nat Moss in honour of the visit of his sons William and Clifford

Eudice Bauer in honour of the birth of her great grandson Eliasheev

Lorna and Jerry Sherman for get well wishes to Dr. David Amdursky

The Schiller Family in honour of the Rabbi and the Congregation

Yoann Berros in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Mercedes Berros

Sylvia Kostove in honour of the graduation of her grandson Mark from McGill University. Mark is the son of the late Mickey Kostove z"l

Edna Somech wishing Mazel Tov and many blessings to Sarah and Emanuel Labelle on their recent wedding

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 May 27, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

“PARSHA BAMIDBAR”

In most years, the Torah portion of Bamidbar is read on the Shabbat immediately before the holiday of Shavuot. This is because the main preparation for the Giving of the Torah is the mitzva of “And you shall love your fellow as yourself” Jewish unity, which Moses’ census accomplished and underscored.

He who learns from a colleague a single chapter, a single Torah law, a single verse, a single statement or even a single letter, must show him honour (*Ethics of the Fathers, 6:3*) This teaching refers to a colleague whose conduct is not above reproach. When a person’s own conduct is flawed, it is natural that despite the rational self-justifications that stem from self-love, he would recognize his own failings and humbly look down on himself. One may not, however, view a colleague from whom he has learned Torah concepts in such a manner. For even when the other’s conduct is unworthy he should be honoured for the sake of the teachings he communicated. (*The Rebbe, Parshat Bamidbar 5738*)

In the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting (Num.1:1) All of the Divine utterances that were said during the Jews’ first year in the desert, before the Sanctuary was erected, are referred to with the words “at Mount Sinai.” However, once the Sanctuary was built, the torah uses the words “in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting,” as from that point this was where the Divine presence rested. (**Rashbam**)

Take a census of the entire congregation of the Children of Israel (Num.1:2) Our Sages note that the giving of the Torah at Sinai required the presence of all 600,000 Jews; if just one had been missing, the Torah would not have been given. Parshat Bamidbar is always read before Shavuot, the day on which the Torah was given, to remind us of this principle. Furthermore, it reminds us that it was not enough for all Jews to be present; it was necessary that the Jewish people be united in love for one another. “Israel camped there (before Mount Sinai) as one man with one mind.” This peace and unity is the channel for all Divine blessings, including the greatest of all – the coming of Moshiach. (*Peninei HaGeula*)

Every man by his own flag, by the ensigns of their family division (Num. 2:2) Each flag bore the symbol of a different tribe: Reuben, the form of a man; Yehuda, a lion; Ephraim, an ox; Dan, an eagle. (*Ibn Ezra*)

And the charge of the Children of Israel (Num.3:8) The function of the Levites, which is to “Guard the Honor of G-d,” also serves to protect the Jewish people as a whole, as it states, “G-d is your guardian, G-d is your shadow.” Why a shadow? Because G-d conducts Himself with man in the very same manner as He is served...(*Kiflaim L'Toshia*)

YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK MAY 23-29

William Cooper Mindel Lefcovitch, Rezso Konig, Bessie Batist, Israel Yitzchak Bruk, Billie Solomon, Margit Prager, Albert Jerassy, Avraham Charad, Hyman Raicek, Solly Briskin, Lida Feldman, Gertrude Bender, Jacob Moss, Sarah Padveen, Harry Schwartz, Eva Landa, Harry Bloom, David Dunkelman, Joseph Gordon, Jacob Arye Lauer, Dorothy Albert, Zev Eisenberg, Nathan Walfish, Herbert Simon, Salamon Rex, Menacham Mendle Riesel

Jewish News and Views”

Courtesy of CIJR's daily 'ISRANET BRIEFING" <http://www.isranet.org>

"The United States and Israel are quietly forming a high-level working group to assess the progress of President Obama's outreach to Iran and to share intelligence about the Islamic Republic's nuclear weapons program, officials familiar with the two countries' deliberations said Tuesday. The agreement, reached during Monday's meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Mr. Obama, gives the U.S. a clear channel for communicating with the new Israeli government and a vehicle for keeping tabs on any military contingency plans Israel might make if diplomacy fails and Iran develops nuclear weapons capability....

"There is the beginning of a strategic convergence of the Obama administration and the Netanyahu government. Both recognize that there are real dangers that could undermine the security of both countries, in particular Iran."--Dore Gold, an adviser to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and former ambassador to the United Nations, assessing the outcome of the first formal meeting between Netanyahu and Obama since taking office. (Washington Post)

"We have always said that we supported the resistance in Palestine but we have not mentioned how or given details of such support. But Egypt has now revealed that we have given military support to Palestine. We have done so for a while but we have not talked about it.... It is one of the secrets of the resistance that we don't talk about the details of our support, but suffice to say that we are giving them every type of support that could help the Palestinian resistance. Every type that is possible."--Hezbollah Deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem, interviewed beneath portraits of Iran's ayatollahs, unambiguously confirming Hezbollah's and, thus Iran's support for Hamas' terrorist activities against Israel. (Ha'aretz)

HOLOCAUST DENIAL AMONG ISRAELI ARABS--(Jerusalem) Over forty percent of Israel's Arab citizens say the Holocaust never happened, according to a recent survey. The University of Haifa sociologist who directed it, Sammy Smooha, said that the results were likely statements of protest, rather than belief. Smooha thinks that the number reflects a perspective that sees the Israelis using the Holocaust to justify their actions. (New York Times)

SHIN BET: INTERNET SITES RECRUITING TERRORISTS--(Jerusalem) The Israeli General Security Services (Shin Bet), responsible for domestic intelligence, has issued a public warning stating that terror groups are using social-networking sites like Facebook to recruit and possibly kidnap Israeli citizens. The Shin Bet raised the possibility that terror groups were trying to lure Israelis into situations where they could be kidnapped. (New York Times.)

OBAMA REVIVES MILITARY TRIBUNALS AT GUANTANAMO--(Washington) U.S. President Barack Obama has reversed the first formal decision of his presidency with the announcement that his Administration will restart Bush-era military tribunals for Guantánamo Bay detainees. While campaigning, Obama denounced the military commission system, and suspended them within hours of his inauguration. His decision to restart the tribunals-allegedly with stronger legal safeguards for defendants-has prompted protests from human rights groups. (Globe and Mail, Times-UK,)

TWO LEBANESE MEN ESCAPE TO ISRAEL--(Beirut) Two Lebanese men suspected of spying for Israel fled across the border with their children to safety. This is the second such escape since Lebanon began arresting increasing numbers of citizens suspected of spying for the Jewish state. Nine of the fifteen people arrested in recent weeks have been charged with collaborating with Israel, a crime that can be punishable by death. (New York Time)

IRON DOME READY FOR 2010--(Jerusalem) Speaking at a missile defence conference, Israeli Air Force commander Major General Ido Nehushtan predicted that within the next four years, Israel will deploy three missile defence systems which will include the Iron Dome system. Slated to be operational in 2010, the Iron Dome is designed to intercept Katyusha and Kassam rockets fired from the Gaza Strip or Southern Lebanon. (Jer. Post)

OBAMA: MAY IS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH--(Washington) Barack Obama has declared May as Jewish American Heritage Month, saying that "the United States would not be the country we know without the achievements of Jewish Americans," and calling upon all Americans to "commemorate the proud heritage of Jewish Americans with appropriate ceremonies and activities." (Ha'aretz)