

Congregation  
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, June 13, 2009 - 21 Sivan

Parsha Beha'alotecha

**The Torah reading is on page 774 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 604 in the Hertz Chumash**

**The Haftorah is on page 1182 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 620 in the Hertz Chumash**

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:35p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:42p.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  
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*The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Singerman Auditorium*

*Sponsored by*

Goreth Leiter and Vassile Xethalis in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Moise Yannis Xethalis

Lucie Suissa in honour of the marriage of her son Sean Benedik to Sharone Amram

*Toda Rabbah to the following sponsors*

Allan Tannenbaum celebrating 50 Glorious years together with Chana Golda Paula Finder in thankfulness of her safe return from Florida and in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved brother Max Papier

Myra and Brian Greenstone in honour of yahrzeit of his beloved brother Allan Greenstone

Gloria and Michael Schachter in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved brother Dr. Hyman Freedman

Alex Shtull in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved mother Blima Shtull

Bonnie, Joel, Maya and Jordan Waxman in honour of Marilyn Waxman's birthday

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

**BAR MITZVAH: Mazel Tov to Moise Yannis Xethalis on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah and to his parents Goreth Leiter and Vassile Xethalis**

**Grandparents: Mania and Joseph Leiter and Margarith Xethalis**

**AUF RUF: Mazel Tov to Sean Benedik on the occasion of his upcoming marriage to Sharone Amram**

**BABY SITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 FROM 10:00 - 12:00**

**JUNIOR CHEVRA CLUB FOR AGES 6-12 FROM 10:00 - 12:00**

**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](mailto:ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com)**

**PARSHA CLASS: With Rabbi Asher Jacobson will be held on Wednesday June 17, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**ANNUAL MEETING: You are cordially invited to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Agenda includes the President's Report, Committee Reports, Financial Report, Election of Officers and Board of Trustees. D'Var Torah by Rabbi Asher Jacobson.**

**PUBLIC LECTURE: Thursday, June 25, 2009, 7:30 p.m., CKBJ-BH invites the community to a special evening with the noted Dr. Mordechai Nisan, Israeli Professor and Scholar of Middle East Studies, Hebrew University. Admission free, open to the public.**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT - Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CKBJ-BH Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. Sign up your foursome for the best day of FUN and PRIZES on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**RAFFLE - You can be 'THE LUCKY WINNER' OF \$10,000.00 in our CKBJ-BH RAFFLE DRAW to be held Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 Chesed 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.**

### **“PARSHAT BEHA’ALOTECHA”**

**Do not separate yourself from the community (Ethics 2:2)** Hillel teaches that all Jews are intrinsically one and the same. They are not just separate entities that may later link themselves together. This is why the *menora* in the Holy Temple was made out of one solid piece of gold, which was beaten into seven branches. The different branches of the *menora* symbolize the diversity and broad spectrum of the Jewish community. Each Jew shines and expresses the light of Torah in a different way. We may represent various aspects of Jewish life, yet deep down we are all made of the same substance. (*Blossoms, Rabbi Yisroel Rubin*)

**Set aside your will because of his will (Ethics 2:4)** When a person sets aside his own desires for the sake of heaven, whether to desist from sinful deeds or to perform positive mitzvot, he succeeds in transforming his nature. The Evil Inclination is conquered by making one’s will the same as G-d’s. (*Lukutei Sichot*)

**When you light the lamps, then shall the seven lamps give light toward the body of the candlestick (Num. 8:2)** The seven branches of the *menora* are symbolic of the seven branches of secular wisdom; the body of the *menora* is symbolic of the G-dly wisdom of torah. All knowledge of the natural, physical world should be used to “give light toward the body of the candlestick” –enhance our understanding of Torah –thereby enabling secular wisdom to truly illuminate. (*Melech Machshevet*)

**And Aaron did so (Num. 8:3)** As Rashi explains, “This is to give credit to Aaron, who did not deviate [from what he was commanded to do].” Indeed, it is commendable when teachers and educators live up to the same high standards they expect their students to uphold. When a teacher’s personal life is in consonance with what he preaches, his influence on his students is that much greater, and his words are accepted without undue effort. (*She’eirit Menachem*)

**And you shall be to us as eyes (Num. 10:31)** Moses informed Yitro, his father-in-law, that he would be held up, as a shining example to the rest of the Jewish people. For if Yitro, a convert to Judaism, could willingly abandon his family, his homeland and his elevated social status to worship the G-d of Israel, how much more so must Jews from birth serve G-d with all their heart (*Kli Yakar*)

**And G-d’s anger was kindled greatly, and in the eyes of Moses it was also displeasing (Num. 11:10)** Why was G-d angered? Because “in the eyes of Moses, it was also displeasing”: in this instance, Moses hadn’t tried to justify the Jews’ behavior or find an excuse for them. From this we learn that when a *tzadik* (righteous person) finds merit for the Jewish people, it stills any accusations from Above. (*Rabbi Levi Yitchak of Berditchev*)

### **Yahrzeit for the week of June 13-19**

William Hart, Jacob Lampert, Mamtza Tannenbaum, Gershon Wolfe Caplan, Sarah Lillian Klein, Israel Schwartz, Jack Quint, Mordechai Gimple Reich, Myer Padveen, Allan Greenstone, Anne Starke Anita Migicovsky, Chanah Faige Assh, Faige Rauchman, Moshe Aaron Klinger, Jennie Zuskin, Samuel Kraut, Philip Freedlander, Jacob Laufer, Irving Etcovitch, Anne Cossman, Beatrice Landskroner, Bertha Tannenbaum, Tibor Vamos, Ibi Fried, Morty Besner

**"To this day, there are those who insist that the Holocaust never happened--a denial of fact and truth that is baseless and ignorant and hateful. This place is the ultimate rebuke to such thoughts; a reminder of our duty to confront those who would tell lies about our history."**--U.S. President *Barack Obama*, during a visit to the Buchenwald concentration camp with Elie Wiesel (himself a survivor of that camp) condemning those who continue to deny the fact of the Nazis' Final Solution. **"The Americans are employing political terrorism against the state of Israel.** Those who won't stop the American attempt to dictate Israel's housing policies in Judea and Samaria West Bank and Jerusalem will also see them determine the borders of this country; they will say who will be prime minister, what the coalition will look like and most importantly what the fate of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount will be."--*Dani Dayan*, chairman of the settler lobby group Yesha Council, responding to reports in the Israeli press that Washington has given Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu six weeks to table an "updated position" regarding settlement construction and the two-state principle. **"Stop saying one thing behind closed doors and saying something else publicly.** There are a lot of Arab countries more concerned about Iran developing a nuclear weapon than the 'threat' from Israel, but they won't admit it. Many Israelis recognize that their current path is unsustainable, and they need to make some tough choices on settlements to achieve a two-state solution--that is in their long-term interest--but not enough folks are willing to recognize that publicly."--U.S. President *Barack Obama*, referring to Arabs and Israelis in a telephone interview, previewing his message in Cairo prior to its delivery. (*New York Times*, June 3)

**ANTI-ISRAEL CONFERENCE FUNDING QUESTIONED**--(*Ottawa*) Canadian Science Minister *Gary Goodyear* has asked that the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) review its support of a conference on the future of Israel and Palestinians that will take place at York University in June. The "Israel/Palestine: Mapping Models of Statehood and Paths to Peace" conference received a grant from the SSHRC earlier this year. However, as the conference organizers did not provide a complete list of participants, Goodyear has asked for a second peer-review. Jewish groups are praising Goodyear's move, as some of the pro-"one-state" conference's speakers are known anti-Israel and antisemitic activists. (*Globe and Mail*, June 10)

**FIFTEEN THOUSAND NEW NAZI CAMPS REVEALED**--(*Washington*) U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum researchers have discovered that contrary to previously held beliefs, more than 20,000 Nazi camps operated in Europe during WWII. The first volume of *The Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos: 1933-1945* focuses on SS-run camps and is scheduled for release on June 12. The exponential rise in the estimated number of camps is due in part to having new access to many European archives. (*Washington Post*, June 4)

**SHARANSKY'S JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMANSHIP IN PERIL**--(*Jerusalem*) A reform proposal in the Jewish Agency (JA) has the United Jewish Communities of North America (UJC) and Keren Hayesod trying to limit the power of the World Zionist Organization (WZO) to select the agency's chairmen. WZO influence on the JA executive currently ensures that the chairman is an appointee of the sitting Israeli prime minister. If the reforms are passed then the selection process would go to a Jewish Agency appointments committee-which may not, reportedly, choose current Prime-Minister-appointed chairman *Natan Sharansky*. (*Jerusalem Post*, June 6)

**HOLOCAUST MUSEUM SHOOTING**--(*Washington*) As we go to press, it is reported that a man with a firearm entered the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. and opened fire on security guards, wounding at least one person and killing Stephen T. Johns, a museum security guard of six-years, before being wounded himself. The suspect is reportedly James von Brunn, an 88-year old white supremacist from Maryland. (*CNN.com*, June 10; *Yahoo News*, June 10)

**SENATOR SHEILA FINESTONE PASSES, AGED 82**--(*Ottawa*) The immensely popular and highly active, and staunchly pro-Israel former Liberal MP and senator died after a prolonged struggle with cancer. She was first elected to Parliament in 1984 and re-elected three subsequent times before being named a senator in 1999. She retired from the Senate in 2002. In 1993, after nine years in opposition, she was elevated to the Privy Council and appointed secretary of state for multiculturalism and the status of women. As a senator she was active in the campaign against land mines and headed the Canadian group of the international Inter-Parliamentary Union. (*Montreal Gazette*, June 9)