

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, May 16, 2009 - 22 Iyar

Parshat Behar-Bechukotai

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The Haftarah is on page 1179 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 551 in the Hertz Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:05p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:12p.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
Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

Sisterhood President
Brotherhood President

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall

Sponsored by

Cynthia and Dough Mayoff in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Harley

Toda Rabah to the following Sponsors

Joseph Lieblein in honour of his wife Chana, the mother of his two sons and in honour of all mothers celebrating Mothers Day

Elizabeth Fischer in memory of her beloved husband Lazlo Fischer

Kathy and Ervin Gardos in memory of her beloved father Lazlo Fischer

Chana and Joseph Lieblein in honour of Cantor Epstein for his beautiful rendition of "My Yiddishe Mama"

Sheila and Gerald Shechtman in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved parents Annie and Nathan Shechtman

Selma and Jacob Shechtman in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved parents Annie and Nathan Shechtman

Selma and Jacob Shechtman in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved parents Jennie and Joseph Assh

Florence Golt in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved brother Aaron Rauch

Florence Golt in honour of the 20th birthday of her granddaughter Rebecca

Norman Raicek in honour of his wife Sally and in honour of the Sisterhood

Lois and Daniel Miller in honour of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Robin and Les Schiller in honour of their son Arthur Schiller winning first place in a public speaking competition of all the grade 10's in the EMSB

Leo Hubermann in honour of his wife Ruth's birthday and in honour of Mother's Day

Pearl and Jack Rothenberg in honour of the yahrzeit of Aaron Rauch

Pearl and Jack Rothenberg in honour of the yahrzeits of their beloved mothers Ella Rothenberg and Rena Lottner

David Silverstone for Torah honour received

Ethel Solomon in honour of her dear parents Myer and Gertie Garfinkle who died a year and a day apart

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

BAR MITZVAH

MAZEL TOV TO HARLEY MAYOFF ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BAR MITZVAH AND TO HIS PARENTS CYNTHIA AND DOUG MAYOFF

GRANDPARENTS: ZELDA AND SOL MAYOFF, MOE SOBCUFF

SIBLINGS: CHELSEA AND DYLAN

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON FOR INVITED GUESTS WILL BE IN THE SINGERMAN AUDITORIUM

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 20, 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.

THE KABALLAH OF MICHELANGELO: Presented by Rabbi Asher Jacobson. This series will open your eyes to the Jewish mysticism hidden in the heart of the Vatican and placed in the frescos of Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. The final date is May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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

“Parsha Behar-Bechukotai”

There were ten generations from Noah to Abraham to indicate how great is His patience...until Abraham our father came and received the reward of them (Ethics, Ch. 5:2) The generations before Noah had no redeeming virtues whatsoever. They “repeatedly angered G-d” and lived in constant friction, conflict and discord. In contrast, although the generations before Abraham also “repeatedly angered G-d”, they at least shared a kindred spirit and treated each other with love. But although their conduct generated reward, they themselves were unfit to receive it. Because Abraham, unlike Noah, sought to influence the people around him for good, he “received the reward” of all the comradely deeds of the generations that preceded him (*Likutei Sichot, Vol. III*)

He who says...what is mine is mine and what is yours is yours – this is a median characteristic, and some say that this is the characteristic of the people of Sodom (Ethics, 5:10) An individual who behaves in this manner, not wanting anything from others and unwilling to give of himself, does not seriously threaten the existence of the world. Yet, if this same attitude is adopted by an entire society, it leads to the degradation and indifference of Sodom, where poor people died in the streets from hunger. (*Lachmai Toda*)

In the seventh year there shall be Sabbath of rest unto the land (Lev. 25:4) Not only do the Jewish people have a Sabbath, so too does the land of the Jews! A Hebrew servant works for six years and goes free in the seventh. Similarly, the Land of Israel returns to G-d’s sole authority in the seventh year. The value of the Land of Israel is not limited to the benefit human beings can derive from it. It has its own essential worth, which we honour and recognize every seven years. (Rabbi Yitzchak Breuer)

If (“Im”) you will walk in My statutes (Lev. 26:3)

“The word “im” (“if”) is used to imply pleading and entreaty,” the Gemara states, teaching us that G-d pleads, as it were, with each and every Jew: “Please walk in My statutes! Please keep My *mitzvot!*” G-d’s request also endows us with the strength to overcome all difficulties that might stand in the way of observing Torah and mitzvot. (*Hayom Yom*)

If you will walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments and do them (Lev. 26:3)

As Rashi, the foremost Torah commentator explains, this refers to the *mitzva* of learning Torah. For the more Torah knowledge one acquires, the easier it is to observe the commandments, as Torah study itself saves a person from Evil Inclination. (*Melo HaOmer*)

Yahrzeit for the week May 16-22

Gizella Waltzner, Isidore Bock, Hyman Schwartzbein, Harry Michelin, Leon Brown, Sidney Friedman, Gertrude Cartman, Jack Shuter, Libby Litwin Michelin, Sam Lazarus, Hyman Mendelson, Martin Entin, David Zilbert, Julius Plotnick, David Weigensberg, Ervin Dushanek, Mordechai Schreter, Leah Schreter, Morris Wolofsky, Susan Leader, Gyulane Fried, Jack Paskell, Rachel Frishman, Morris Maklan, Tzipa Cohen, Hersz Majnemer, May Constantine, Henrick Hillman, Imre Reh, Ibi Gitle Remenyi, Phyllis Sucher, Harry Schwartz, Fanny Garber, Ben Greenberg, Rabbi Yehoshua Herschorn, Herman Brodman, Pearl Morris, Zelda Tabachnikoff, Laszlo Fischer, Clare Segall, Berta Fon, Erzsebet Boros

"I have come to stand in silence before the monument erected to honor the millions of Jews killed in the horrific tragedy of the Shoah.... They lost their lives, but they will never lose their names. These are indelibly etched in the hearts of their loved ones, their surviving fellow prisoners, and all those determined never to allow such an atrocity to disgrace mankind again."--Pope Benedict XVI, speaking at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem on Tuesday. Chief Ashkenazi Rabbi Yona Metzger thanked Benedict for preventing the full reinstatement of Holocaust-denying Bishop Richard Williamson. "Had you not done so," Metzger explained, "a message may have been understood by another Holocaust denier--the president of Iran --granting legitimacy to his sinful declarations of his will and intention to destroy our country.... I commend with appreciation your clear proclamation that anti-Semitism is not only a sin against the Jews, but also a sin against God." (Jerusalem Post)

"Something was missing. There was no mention of the Germans or the Nazis who participated in the butchery, nor a word of regret, if not an apology, then an expression of remorse."--Chairman of the Yad Vashem Council Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, expressing his disappointment that the Pope did not mention his own experience as a teenager drafted into the Hitler Youth. (Jerusalem Post)

"We meet today as three sovereign nations joined by a common goal: to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaeda and its extremist allies in Pakistan and Afghanistan and to prevent their ability to operate in either country in the future.... Our strategy reflects a fundamental truth: the security of Pakistan , Afghanistan and the United States are linked."-- U.S. President Barack Obama, following a meeting with the presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan , reaffirming U.S. support for their democratic governments' war on terrorism. (Globe and Mail)

"Every so often, diseases develop in different corners of the world, and disappear after wreaking damage to the tune of billions of dollars. With the outbreak of swine flu...Barak Obama mentioned a medicine called Tamiflu--but what exactly is Tamiflu? Who are the compassionate manufacturers of this medicine? This great pharmacist is none other than Rumsfeld, the former American secretary of defence. He is one of the shareholders, and an active and influential member on the board of directors of Gilead Science, which is the main provider of medicine for this disease.

TERROR PIPELINE THROUGH SYRIA IS OPERATIONAL--(Baghdad) After the recent capture and confession of a would-be suicide bomber, American officials confirm that the transit route that once funnelled jihad terrorists into Iraq via Syria is operational again. This comes at a time when the Obama administration is exploring diplomatic options with Damascus, despite Syria's support for Hamas, Hezbollah and terrorists in Iraq. The flow of foreign terrorists through Syria reached its 100 per month height in 2007, but as security in Iraq improved, their numbers and overall effectiveness began to drop. (Washington Post)

IRAN FREES AMERICAN JOURNALIST--(Teheran) An American journalist imprisoned for four months in Iran on espionage charges has been freed and reunited with her parents. Roxana Saberi had been in jail since January when an appeals court rejected the sentence, one month after Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad urged the court to be fair in its review. The release ends an ordeal for Saberi, who was convicted and sentence in secret session by a security court. The trial lasted only fifteen minutes and her lawyer was not permitted to defend her. (Globe and Mail)

TORONTO TERRORIST PLEADS GUILTY--(Brampton) Saad Khalid, one of the "Toronto 18" terrorists, entered a surprise guilty plea in court this week to the charges of aiding a plot to detonate bombs in Toronto's downtown core. Khalid is the only one of the eighteen alleged terrorists to have admitted his guilt. The plea was the result of behind-the-scenes dealings with the Crown. Details of the deal are unavailable due to a publication ban on the proceedings. (National Post)

DEMJANJUK DEPORTED, JAILED--(Berlin) Alleged Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk, 89, arrived in Berlin after being deported for the second time by the United States . Upon arrival in Germany Demjanjuk was sent to prison to await a ruling as to whether or not he is fit to stand trial. Investigators say that they will be able to prove that Demjanjuk was a "living cog" in the killing factory of Sobibor, where 250,000 people were killed in only eighteen months of operation. Demjanjuk was tried and sentenced to death by an Israeli court as the notorious 'Ivan the Terrible,' a guard at the Treblinka death camp. The conviction was later overturned when evidence emerged that Demjanjuk was an SS guard at Sobibor, not Treblinka. (Washington Post)