

Congregation  
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron  
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Saturday 7, 2009  
Parsha Beshalach ~ 13 Shevat ~ **SHABBAT SHIRA**

The Torah reading is on page 265 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 111 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is on page 281 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 28 (back in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

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| Mincha Services | 4:50 p.m. |
| Shabbat ends    | 5:55 p.m. |

Weekday Services

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| Morning Services | 7:00 a.m. |
| Evening Services | 5:10 p.m. |
| Next Friday      | 5:10 p.m. |

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*Today Rabah to the following Kiddush sponsors*

Marilyn Waxman in honour of her grandson Jordan Abraham's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, son of Bonnie and Joel Waxman, brother of Maya, grandson of the late Abe Waxman

Eudice Bauer in honour of the visit of her son Tom and grandson Dani

**The Shalosh Seudot today will take place 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 on February 11th, 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](mailto:ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**DAILY MINYAN:** We urge everyone to help support our daily morning and evening minyans especially during the winter period when so many of our regulars are out of town. Following the morning minyan you are cordially invited to join us for breakfast.

**WEB SITE:** We invite everyone to regularly visit our new and improved web site @ [www.ckbjbh.org](http://www.ckbjbh.org)

## **“PARSHAT –BESHALACH”**

**And he made ready his chariot (Ex. 14:6)** Our Sages tell us that Pharaoh was so intent on pursuing the Jews that he readied his horse and chariot himself, even though it was considered beneath him to attend to such mundane matters. He was so consumed by the desire to bring them back that he was willing to forgo his honor as a king. Pharaoh realized that without the Jews he would no longer have any political power in Egypt; in fact, his authority was derived from subjugating and oppressing them, thereby bolstering his standing among his own people. Unfortunately, this has also been the tactic of other anti-Semitic leaders throughout history. (*Siftei Kohen*)

**And Pharaoh drew closer (*hikriv*)...and the Children of Israel cried out (Ex. 14:10)** The Hebrew word *hikriv* is a transitive verb, implying that Pharaoh caused others to draw near rather than himself. The Midrash relates that this is because when Pharaoh pursued the fleeing Jews, it caused them to become closer to G-d. In fact, the entire exile in Egypt and the splitting of the Red Sea was only in preparation for the giving of the Torah on Mt. Sinai - the ultimate expression of closeness and attachment. (*Sefer HaMaamarim Shin-Tav*)

**And He took off the wheel of their chariots, and He made them drive heavily (Exod. 14:25)**

Had G-d removed all four wheels of their chariots, the horses could have exerted themselves and dragged the chariots on the ground. However, by removing only one wheel, G-d caused their ride to be turbulent and agonizing, with the chariots swaying from side to side. (*Sha'ar Bat Rabim*)

**And Israel saw the great power that the L-rd had shown on the Egyptians...and they believed in G-d (Ex. 14:31)**

Even though the Jewish people had witnessed many wonders and miracles firsthand they still needed to have faith in G-d. For faith is on a higher level than sight; indeed, it enables a person to see more than the physical eye can ever observe. (*Chidushei HaRim*)

**And they believed in G-d and in Moses His servant...Then sang Moses (Ex. 14:31, 15:1)**

It was precisely because the Jews believed in G-d and that Moses was His servant that Moses was able to sing the "Song on Crossing the Red Sea." For having faith in the *tzadik* (righteous person) actually empowers the *tzadik*. (*Degel Machane Efraim*)

**Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aharon, took the tambourine in her hand (Exod. 15:20)**

It does not say that Miriam took a tambourine, but that she took the tambourine, a specific tambourine. Years before, when Pharaoh had decreed that baby boys should be drowned, Miriam's father divorced his wife so they would not have any more children. Miriam implored her father to remarry her mother, and prophesied that her mother would give birth to a son who would redeem the Jewish people. Her parents remarried, and throughout the years Miriam cherished the tambourine with which she had danced at the wedding. This was the tambourine she took after the splitting of the Sea. (*Rav Mendel Alperin*)

**Go out and fight with Amalek (Ex. 17:9)**

Why were the Jews told to do nothing before the splitting of the Red Sea, whereas they were encouraged to actively wage battle against Amalek? In general, in most areas of life, a Jew must have simple faith that G-d will provide him with all his needs, independent of human effort and intervention. However, when it comes to the struggle for Judaism (Amalek is symbolic of everything that is antithetical to holiness), passive faith is not enough, and practical action is required (*Pardes Yosef*)

### **YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 7-13**

Julius Matlin, Abraham Frank, Harry Rubenstein, Caroline Slabotsky, Joseph Abrahamson, Goldie Merling, Nathan Cohen, Rebecca Satz, Margaret Rosenberg, Ida Baker Cohen, Miriam Miller, Joseph Fried, Anna Back, Isadore Lustgarten, Maurice Tessler, Louis Luxenberg, Esa Baker, Manis Kesten, Albert Bereznik, Bernard Goldstein, Bluma Levin, Edward Hyman Leckner, David Monk, Joseph Parnass, Hyman Friedman, Sadie Greenberg, Abraham Shizgal, Morty Steinman, Charles Gadalia Fishman

## **“Jewish News and Views”**

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

**“History has taught us that capitulating to terror only invites more terror... In the case of Israel, steadfastness against terror also includes standing firm, without discussing any territorial concessions. We have learned that our concessions over the past 15 years have brought upon us only more terror, rockets and bloodshed.”**—Former IDF chief of staff and Likud Knesset candidate *Moshe Ya'alon*, speaking on Tuesday at the Herzliya Conference. Ya'alon claimed that Israeli withdrawals from the Gaza Strip and Lebanon were construed as "victories to Jihad", and insisted there would be no end to global terrorism until the Islamic regime in Iran was removed. The fall of the ayatollahs would "take the wind out of the sails" of most of the terror organizations around the world, he noted. (*Jer. Post, Feb.3*)

**“The reaction to Imad Mughniyeh's assassination, which will aim to teach the murderers a lesson, is a necessary thing. However, regarding the question of when the revenge will come and what it will be, don't expect us to answer that. There will never be a day when revenge is behind us. It will always be ahead of us.”**—Hezbollah leader *Hassan Nasrallah*, promising to continue fighting Israel, always. (*Jer. Post, Jan. 29*)

**ISRAELI ELECTION PREDICTIONS: RIGHT WING BLOC VICTORY**—(*Tel Aviv*) The latest *Ha'aretz-Dialog* poll predicts a right-wing bloc victory in the upcoming February 10, 2009 Israeli election. Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud-led right-wing bloc is expected to win 65 seats, while the center-left is expected to capture 53 of the 120 Knesset seats. The poll also found that 22 percent of respondents were undecided. (*Ha'aretz, Feb. 1*)

**GAZA TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO FIRE ROCKETS**—(*Jerusalem*) Multiple Qassam rockets and mortar attacks have been launched from Gaza over the last few days, blatantly ignoring the cease-fire. Israel's response to date has been limited and measured: an IAF jet struck a weapon manufacturing facility in Rafah, six smuggling tunnels and a Hamas outpost, in the first attack on buildings in the Gaza Strip since the Gaza operation ended two weeks ago. (*Jer. Post, Jan. 28, Feb. 1, Feb. 2, NYT, Feb. 4*)

**JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CUT TIES WITH VATICAN**—(*Rome*) In the wake of *Pope Benedict XVI's* recent rehabilitation of four formerly excommunicated bishops, including Bishop *Richard Williamson*, an unrepentant Holocaust denier, the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and the Central Council of Jews in Germany have suspended ties with the Vatican. Though the Vatican has publicly distanced itself from Williamson's statements, the Chief Rabbinate has insisted on a public apology. German Chancellor *Angela Merkel*, in an unusual intervention, called on the Pope to make clear that he rejects any Holocaust denial, stating that “it is a fundamental question if, through a decision by the Vatican, the impression arises that the Holocaust can be denied.”(*Jer. Post, Jan. 27, NYT, Jan. 30, National Post, Feb. 4*)

**HEZBOLLAH ATTACK STYMIED**—(*Jerusalem*) Israeli intelligence agencies have recently thwarted a major Hezbollah terror attack against an Israeli target in Europe. Recent sharing between Israeli and an undisclosed European country has been credited with the success of this counter-terror attack. Israeli intelligence officials speculated that Hezbollah was planning to avenge the assassination of *Imad Mughniyah*, a senior Hezbollah commander, as the one-year anniversary of his death approaches. (*Ha'aretz, Jan. 29*)

**TURKISH ALIYAH TO INCREASE**—(*Jerusalem*) The number of Jews expected to immigrate to Israel from Turkey is likely to double to 250 due to antisemitic and anti-Israel incidents in the predominantly Muslim country. The Jewish population of Turkey is 25,000. Turkish antisemitism is on the rise in part due to Turkish Prime Minister *Recep Erdogan*, who has levelled vitriolic attacks against Israel's recent incursion into the Gaza Strip. At the recent World Economic Forum conference in Davos, Switzerland, Erdogan stormed off the stage after Israeli President *Shimon Peres* defended Israeli actions against Hamas in Gaza. (*Wash. Post, Jan. 30; Jer. Post, Jan. 29*)

**VENEZUELAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PERIL**—(*Caracas*) Rabbi *Pynchas Brener* of Venezuela said that he was doubtful that there was any future for the Jewish community there. His comments come after the main Sephardi synagogue in Caracas was desecrated by a group of attackers who overpowered security guards, ransacked the synagogue's sanctuary and left graffiti such as “Jews get out.” “Reason makes us believe that this was done with the consent—if not the instigation—of some central power in Venezuela,” Brener said. (*Jer. Post, Feb. 1*)

**SPAIN INITIATES WAR CRIMES PROBE AGAINST ISRAELIS**—(*Madrid*) A Spanish judge has opened a probe of seven current and former Israeli civilian and military officials over the 2002 bombing in Gaza that killed Hamas terrorist *Salah Shehadeh* and fourteen other people. Judge *Fernando Andreu* is acting under a legal doctrine which allows Spain (and other European countries) to prosecute offences such as terrorism or genocide even in foreign countries. The Spanish Ministry of Justice is now considering a proposal to amend this controversial war crimes law which, according to the Deputy Head of Mission at Spain's Embassy in Tel Aviv, *Juan Gonzalez-Barba*, “has been abused by groups all over the world.” (*Ha'aretz, Jan. 29*)