

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday January 31, 2009

Parsha Bo – 6 Shevat

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The Haftorah is on page 263 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 25 (back in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services	4:40 p.m.
Shabbat ends	5:46 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	4:55 p.m.
Next Friday	4:55 p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson
Cantor Yitzhak Epstein
Reverend Benjamin Even-Hen
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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored by:

Beverly and Norman Cohen in memory of their beloved son Lawrence Taiger and his beloved mother Eileen Cohen

Jeanne Marie Boutead and Yoann Berros in honour of their 1st wedding anniversary

Phil Siegel in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved brother Yermie Siegel

The Dahan family in honour of Daniel Dahan's 3rd birthday and in honour of the yahrzeits of Daniel ben Goldie Rissman and Florence bat Sophiea Wexler

Hy Waxman in celebration of the 1st birthday of his grand-nephew Jordan Abraham, son of Bonnie and Joel Waxman

Edna Somech in memory of the ten befallen IDF soldiers killed during the recent operations in Gaza

Eunice and Leonard Prosterman in memory of Chaim Kirman

The Shalosh Seudot today will take place in the Raicek Hall sponsored by:

the Congregation

MAZEL TOV to Chanie and Rabbi Daniel Erdvin on the birth of their baby daughter. May she bring much naches and joy to the entire family.

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 Dan will be on February 4th, 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

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.

SHABBAT SHIRA: We invite you to our annual festive service of Shabbat Shira "Sabbath of Song" which will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. featuring Cantor Yitzhak Epstein and the Synagogue Choir under the direction of Choir Master Yossi Milo. Torah Reading by Rev. Benjamin Even-Hen with Rabbi Asher Jacobson officiating. Festive Kiddush will follow the services. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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

“PARSHAT -BO”

How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? (Ex.10:3) The nature of a Jew is such that even when he isn't submissive before G-d, his own lack of submission distresses him. In his heart of hearts, the Jew desires to be nullified before Him. Pharaoh, by contrast, was proud of his arrogance and not at all ashamed of it (*Sefat Emet*)

And there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days... they saw not one another (Ex.10:22,23) The worst kind of darkness is when people refuse to “see” each other and are uninterested in knowing about their fellow man. Indeed, the world is darkened when every individual lives only for himself. (*Eshkol Maamarim*)

Let every man borrow from his neighbour, and every woman from her neighbour... and G-d gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians (Ex.11: 2-3) When Jews act kindly and help each other out in times of need, G-d grants them favour even in the eyes of their enemies, for their actions arouse an abundance of loving-kindness from Above. (*Toldon Adam*)

And the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people (Ex. 11:3) There are many different kinds of public figures: Some personalities are better appreciated by the upper classes, while others are more popular among the common folk. Everyone, however, recognized Moses' greatness, from the highest-ranking Egyptian ministers to the lowest lever of society. (*Rabbi Boruch Epstein*)

This month shall be to you the first of months (Ex.12:2) The Talmud states (Sukka 29a): “Israel reckons [the months] according to the moon: the nations of the world, according the sun.” Metaphorically, this means that the gentile nations flourish only when the “sun is shining,” when things go well for them. As soon as the “sun” goes down, they cease to exist. But the Jewish people are able to flourish even in times of darkness, spreading the light of Torah and illuminating the gloom. (*Sefat Emet*)

Draw out and take for yourselves lambs...and kill the Passover sacrifice (Ex. 12:21) The Children of Israel were commanded to purchase these lambs for the Passover sacrifice from the Egyptians. Because the Egyptians worshipped the lamb as a deity, it was disqualified for use as an offering. Buying it from them however, would remove this taint and make it permissible, according to the law: “An object of idolatry sold by a non-Jew nullifies its status.” (*The Rabbe of Sochotshov*)

And the L-rd struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt (Ex.12:29) Comments Rashi: “When it comes to meting out punishment, G-d gives the decision over to the heavenly angels, who do not know the thoughts of man. (A Jew is not punished for negative thoughts, as it states, “A bad thought is not considered part of deed.”) By contrast, when it comes to reward, G-d does not consult with His heavenly court, as “a good thought is considered part of deed,” and only G-d knows our thoughts and intentions. (*Nezer HaKodesh*)

Yahrzeit for the week January 31 - February 6

Samuel Meltzer, Andor Hofbauer, Andrei Schreiber, Szeren Somlo, Bella Raveh, Mary Cherry, Esther Malka Cohen, Sophie Dorfman, Bea Brodi, Jozsefne Fried, Zelig Joseph, Gerald Adler, Meir Ginsberg, Isaac Yoditz, Shaine Leah Starke, Louis Rochman, Richard Joseph, Harry Segall, Alec Powell, Jack Fenster, Joseph Zentner, Shainde Leah Grover, Dora Rubenstein, Saul Sklar, Juliana Szabo, Jack Halpern, Louis Levine, Avrum Stober, Edward Kaplan, Jean Weigensberg

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“We have the responsibility not to allow genocide of the Jewish people, nor of any other people. We have the responsibility to learn and to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, to prevent it from ever reoccurring. We have the responsibility not to remain silent. For, to remain silent and indifferent to the horrors of the Holocaust is probably the greatest sin of all, let alone denying it.... We have the responsibility to act against the forces of anti-Semitism, bigotry, and racism in any form.”—Professor Gabriela *Shalev*, Israel's ambassador to the UN, speaking at the UN ceremony marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day. UN General Assembly President Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann, a Catholic Priest from Nicaragua, skipped the UN ceremony after American Jewish leaders and Amb. Shalev threatened to demonstratively exit the event if he used the podium to attack Israel. D'Escoto, who has repeatedly made anti-Israel statements, was to be the event's host by virtue of his official position and was scheduled give the opening speech. (*Ha'aretz*, Jan. 27)

“You probably hear of many anti-Semitic incidents, but where we live, the anti-Semitism is sanctioned; it comes from the president, through the government, and into the media. Since the government is very involved in the day-to-day lives of its constituents, its influence is much more effective.”—*Abraham Levy Ben Shimol*, president of the Jewish community in Venezuela, explaining the difficult situation for Jews under President Hugo Chavez. (*Ha'aretz*, Jan. 26)

HAMAS REGAINS CONTROL OF ALL GAZA TUNNELS—(*Jerusalem*) Hamas is once again in control of the remaining smuggling tunnels between Egypt and Gaza, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. During Operation Cast Lead the IDF destroyed about 80 percent of Hamas' tunnel networks, with the remainder intentionally left undisturbed amid humanitarian and security concerns. “Bringing arms into Gaza is not smuggling. The natural situation would be for all Arab and Muslim countries, along with the rest of the free world, to officially allow weapons into the Strip... Meanwhile, we believe it is our right to bring arms in any way we see fit,” Abu Obaida, Hamas spokesman, told reporters. (*Jer. Post*, Jan. 19, 22)

ARMS SHIPMENTS TO GAZA INTERCEPTED—(*Jerusalem*) On Jan. 21 the U.S Navy intercepted an Iranian ship in the Red Sea carrying weapons intended for Gaza, raising Israeli fears of that Hamas will eventually obtain long-range Fajr missiles that can strike Tel Aviv. The Iranian-owned commercial vessel with a Cypriot flag was boarded and found to be carrying artillery shells. The ship was permitted to sail toward the Suez Canal, where Egyptian authorities will search the vessel again. “This is a big test for the Egyptians,” a senior U.S. defense official said. “So far the Egyptians have prevented the ship from crossing the Suez and we hope it will stay that way.” (*Jer. Post*, Jan. 25, 26)

HAMAS DOLING OUT CASH TO GAZANS—(*Jerusalem*) Hamas has begun to distribute money to families whose homes were destroyed in Operation Cast Lead. On January 22 Hamas promised to distribute \$35 million to \$40 million in reconstruction money. They said that each family whose home had been destroyed would receive roughly \$5,200, half-damaged homes would receive \$2,600, families of people who died in the latest Gaza operation would receive \$1,300, and injured people would get \$650. As of January 25, only payments of \$1000 have been given out to claimants with Hamas saying it needs more time. Israel, concerned that Hamas is attempting to take credit for the reconstruction efforts in the same manner as Hezbollah in the aftermath of the 2006 Lebanon War, is working with the West Bank Palestinian Authority and international community to find ways of transferring aid money into Gaza. (*New York Times*, Jan. 23; *Reuters*, Jan. 26)

JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS RISE IN ANTISEMITIC ATTACKS—(*Jerusalem*) The Jewish Agency reported Sunday that 250 confirmed antisemitic attacks were carried out worldwide during Israel's three-week military operation against Hamas in Gaza in January 2009, compared to 80 reported attacks in January 2008. Incidents in France included the stabbing of a Jewish man outside of Paris and two firebombings of synagogues in Saint Denis; in Sweden, a burning object was thrown through a window of a synagogue; in Chicago, on the third day of the Israeli operation, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at Temple Sholom, and on Jan. 10 four more synagogues were vandalised; in Malibu, California windows were shattered and swastikas painted Jewish Center and Synagogue. (*Ha'aretz*, Jan 25; *Jer. Post*, Jan.11)

ARAB REPAYMENT FOR JEWISH PROPERTY—(*Jerusalem*) The Israeli Pensioners Affairs Ministry has created a new department over the past two weeks that will begin to collect specific claims by Jews who lost their property when they left Arab countries during the 20th century. More than 850,000 Jews fled or were expelled from Arab lands and Iran, most after Israel's founding in 1948. Estimates of the value of the property they were forced to leave behind are hard to come by, ranging from as low as \$16 billion in known assets to as high as \$300 billion when estimates of the value of their abandoned real estate are included. (*Jer. Post*, Jan. 27)

NORTH KOREA CLAIMS IT WEAPONIZED PLUTONIUM—(*Beijing*) North Korea claims it can produce four or five nuclear weapons, according to *Selig Harrison*, a scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a policy institute in Washington D.C.,. Senior North Korean officials told him this week that 30.8kg of plutonium that their government had listed as part of a preliminary disarmament six-party agreement had been incorporated into warheads or other arms. He said the claims could not be verified, but they represent a hardening of the state's position, despite offers of cooperation to U.S. President *Barack Obama*. (*Reuters*, Jan.18).