

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, April 11, 2009 - 17 Nissan
Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach

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Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45 a.m.
Mincha Services	7:15 p.m.
Shabbat ends	8:21 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	7:30 p.m.
Next Friday	7:30 p.m.

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**THE EXECUTIVE, BOARD, CLERGY AND OFFICE STAFF EXTEND HAPPY AND JOYOUS
PASSOVER GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Toda Rabbah to the following Kiddush Sponsors

Mona and Sol Polachek in honour of their grandson Jakie Polachek reading his Bar Mitzvah Parsha, in honour of Claudia and Gary Polachek and in honour of Rabbi Jacobson and his Thursday Talmud Class Stanley Rosen in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Morris Rosenbaum

Tina and Martin Rosenthal in honour of Jakie Polachek's reading his Bar Mitzvah Parsha

Robin and Les Schiller in honour of Jakie Polachek's recitation of the Bar Mitzvah Parsha

Chana and Joseph Lieblein wishing the Congregation a happy and healthy Passover

Elaine Moscovitch in thankfulness for a wonderful winter in Florida and her safe return home

Elaine Moscovitch in memory of Harry Worsoff

Irma Horvath Shulman in memory of her husband Nathan Shulman

Beverlee and David Perlin in memory of her beloved mother Anne Perlman Friedman

The office apologizes for omitting Claudia and Gary Polachek from the list of Shabbat Hagadol sponsors who underwrote last week's Kiddush

BABY SITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 FROM 10:00 - 12:00 - SAME TIMES FOR PASSOVER

JUNIOR CHEVRA CLUB FOR AGES 6-12 FROM 10:00 - 12:00 - SAME TIMES FOR PASSOVER

PARSHA CLASS: There will be no classes for the duration of Passover. The Parsha class will resume on Wednesday April 22".

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. There will be no classes on April 9 and 16

THE CHEVRA CHESED COMMITTEE: Every act of Chesed - of Goodness and Kindness - is a ray of light. This new group at the Shul is willing and able to reach out to Shul members with a phone call, or a hospital or home visit so that members in need know that they matter - that we care about them and that we can be of help to them. If you would like to join the Chevra Chesed Committee or if you know of anyone who is unwell or in need of a little TLC you can contact the Shul office at 514-482-3366. If you have current paperback books or magazines in excellent condition, please bring them into the shul office for distribution to our members.

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 dates are Thursdays May 7, May 14, and May 21 at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the three lectures is \$18.00. Call the office at 514-482-3366 to reserve

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

DUE TO THE HOLIDAY OF PASSOVER THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 15 & 16

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL BE AT 7:30 P.M. THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

Yahrzeit for the week April 11-17

Alte Shechtman, Sam Abrahamson, Rezso Bodor, Shmarya Richler, Terez Hofbauer, Margit Gero Abraham Isaac Mayoff, Dora Mayoff, Norman Presner, David Zittler, Ethel Schachtman, Freda Mayoff, Rose Birnbom Greenberg, Anne Friedman, Sarah Rivka Woods, Moe Hart, Gertrude Adler Louis Handelsman, Ethel Siegel, William Perlin, Gizella Rosenthal, Garfield Meltzer, Harold Small, Golda Schwartz, Shima Bluma Garellek, Myer Moscovitch, Beno Merling

Shabbat Chol HaMoed Pesach - Rabbi Avrohom Gordimer

The morning Torah reading of Shabbos Chol Ha-moed consists of selected portions from Parshas Ki Sisa. The conclusion of the kriaH summarily addresses the Shalosh Regalim, and this would seem to be the relevance of the reading to the day. However, the first six aliyos have nothing to do with Yom Tov; rather, they deal with Moshe's supplication to Hashem to forgive the Jews for the Chet Ha-egel and the grand rapprochement between God and His people. Is there thus any other connection between the Torah reading and the Moed?

Shabbos Chol Ha-moed (as well as Shabbos which coincides with Yom Tov) is unique, for the character of the day is not just that of Shabbos as its own day alongside that of Moed, in which the two days and their respective themes exist on their own. On the contrary, when Shabbos and Moed are joined, they fuse to create a new, unparalleled kedushah and status. Please allow me to explain.

Shabbos is symbolized by its coming to the Jews. We go out to greet the Shabbos Queen, who is already on her way to us, and we welcome malachim to our homes on Friday night. Yom Tov is quite the opposite, for it requires that we ascend to Yerushalayim and enter the realm of the Shechinah. Rather than God sending his kedusha our way, we must go up to it and greet Hashem at His place.

Thus, when Shabbos and Yom Tov coincide, we rise and approach God (in the kedusha of Yom Tov), and He also comes to us (Shabbos). The closeness between Hashem and the Jew which is precipitated is qualitatively different than that which is created by the separate kedushos of Shabbos or Yom Tov on their own. It is, rather, a new closeness, and this closeness is mirrored precisely by the grand rapprochement between God and the Jews in Parshas Ki Sisa, when Hashem agrees to forgive His people and share with them a relationship heretofore unheard of.

It is based on the above that we reserve the public reading of Shir Ha-Shirim for Shabbos-Pesach and Koheles for Shabbos-Sukkos/Shmini Atzeres, for these megillos reflect on our relationship with Hashem and provide deep insight into His avodah as depicted by each Tom Tov. Thus, it is specifically on these Shabbos/Yom Tov days of special closeness between Hashem and Bnei Yisroel that we are able to have a greater understanding of our relationship with Hashem and immerse ourselves in the deeper avodah message of the Yom Tov.

PASSOVER SERVICES

THURSDAY & FRIDAY APRIL 9 & 10

Morning Services - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Services - 7:30 p.m.

SECOND SEDER APRIL 9 conducted after Evening Services

Candle Lighting (THURSDAY) after 8:18 p.m. - from existing flame

Candle Lighting (FRIDAY) 7:17 p.m. from existing flame

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Morning Services - 7:00 a.m.

Evening Services - 7:30 p.m.

Candle Lighting 7:22 p.m.

EVE OF SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY APRIL 15 & 16

Morning Services - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Services - 7:30 p.m.

Candle Lighting Wednesday after 8:27 p.m. from - existing flame

YIZKOR SERVICES- THURSDAY, APRIL 16 - 11:00 a.m.

MORNING SERVICES COMMENCING AT 8:45 a.m.

CHOMETZ MAY BE EATEN AGAIN AFTER 9:28 p.m.

THE NUCLEAR ILLUSIONIST
Editorial -Wall Street Journal, April 7, 2009

"Rules must be binding. Violations must be punished. Words must mean something."

So declared President Obama Sunday in Prague regarding North Korea's missile launch, which America's U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice added was a direct violation of U.N. resolutions. At which point, the Security Council spent hours debating its nonresponse, thus proving to nuclear proliferators everywhere that rules aren't binding, violations won't be punished, and words of warning mean nothing.

Rarely has a Presidential speech been so immediately and transparently divorced from reality as Mr. Obama's in Prague. The President delivered a stirring call to banish nuclear weapons at the very moment that North Korea and Iran are bidding to trigger the greatest proliferation breakout in the nuclear age. Mr. Obama also proposed an elaborate new arms-control regime to reduce nuclear weapons, even as both Pyongyang and Tehran are proving that the world's great powers lack the will to enforce current arms-control treaties.

There's no doubting the emotive appeal of Mr. Obama's grand no-nukes vision. Ronald Reagan shared a similar hope, and in recent years these pages have run a pair of news-making essays by George Shultz, Henry Kissinger, William Perry and Sam Nunn positing such a diplomatic goal. They probably gave Mr. Obama the idea. But the Gipper understood the practical limits of arms control in delivering such a world, and Messrs. Shultz and Kissinger are hard-headed enough to know that global rogues must be contained if we are going to have any hope of a nuclear-free future.

Mr. Obama recognized this rogue proliferation threat in his Prague address, but to counter it he offered only more treaties of the kind that are already ignored. OK, not merely more treaties. Two days earlier in Strasbourg he also vouchsafed the power of his own moral example. "And I had an excellent meeting with President Medvedev of Russia to get started that process of reducing our nuclear stockpiles, which will then give us a greater moral authority to say to Iran, don't develop a nuclear weapon; to say to North Korea, don't proliferate nuclear weapons," Mr. Obama said, implying that previous American Presidents had lacked such "authority."

The President went even further in Prague, noting that "as a nuclear power--as the only nuclear power to have used a nuclear weapon--the United States has a moral responsibility to act." That barely concealed apology for Hiroshima is an insult to the memory of Harry Truman, who saved a million lives by ending World War II without a bloody invasion of Japan. As for the persuasive power of "moral authority," we should have learned long ago that the concept has no meaning in Pyongyang or Tehran, much less in the rocky hideouts of al Qaeda.

The truth is that Mr. Obama's nuclear vision has reality exactly backward. To the extent that the U.S. has maintained a large and credible nuclear arsenal, it has prevented war, defeated the Soviet Union, shored up our alliances and created an umbrella that persuaded other nations that they don't need a bomb to defend themselves. The most dangerous proliferation in the last 50 years has come outside the U.S. umbrella on the South Asian subcontinent, where India and Pakistan want to deter each other. No treaty stopped A.Q. Khan. Meanwhile, the world's most conspicuous antiproliferation victories in recent decades were the Israeli strike against Saddam Hussein's nuclear plant at Osirak, and the U.S. toppling of Saddam and the way it impressed Libya's Moammar Ghadafi.

All of which means that any serious effort at non-proliferation has to begin with North Korea and Iran. They are the urgent threat to nuclear peace, the focus of years of great-power diplomacy and sanctions. U.N. resolutions have formally barred both countries from developing an atomic bomb and the missiles to deliver them. If Iran acquires a bomb or North Korea retains one despite this attempt to stop them, then the world will conclude that there is no such thing as an enforceable antinuclear order. It will be every nation for itself...

Mr. Obama is a brilliant talker, and his words thrilled a Europe that wants to believe he can conjure peace and a nuclear-free world. But note well how little the Europeans answered the President's call for more troops in Afghanistan, much less any help in stopping a nuclear Iran. Mr. Obama is offering pleasant illusions, while mullahs and other rogues plot explosive reality.