

Congregation  
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, July 4, 2009 - 12 Tammuz  
Parsha Chukat-Balak

**The Torah reading is on page 838 and continues on page 856 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 652 and continues on page 668 in the Hertz Chumash**

**The Haftorah is on page 1189 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 682 in the Hertz Chumash**

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:35p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:43p.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

Gary Polachek - President  
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Ralph Brookman

**THE FAST OF TAMMUZ THURSDAY JULY 9, COMMENCING 3:29 A.M.  
ENDING 9:21 P.M.**

**The Congregational kiddush will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored by: Claudia and Gary Polachek and Family in honour of Natey's recent Bar Mitzvah**

**The Congregation thanks Brian Lack and Nathalie Kadoch and their families for their generous contribution to the Kiddush Fund in honour of their up-coming wedding.**

*Toda Rabah to the following sponsors*

Irma Horvath Shulman in memory of her beloved husband Nathan Shulman  
Ethel Solomon in honour of the birth of her new great-granddaughter Shani Cohen, daughter of Noa and Oren Cohen  
Ruth and Leo Hubermann in honour of the yahrzeits of her beloved father Chananja Rotem and his beloved father Bolek Hubermann  
Robin and Les Schiller in honour of their son Charlie's reading the Torah Parsha on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah  
Maria and Mark Meltzer in honour of the birth of their daughter Melodie Frances Victoria Meltzer (Fia) and in honour Dr. Richard Shatz for his fine surgical skills  
Lori Einhorn in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved mother-in-law Yehudit Julia Eihorn  
Susan and Harvey Kader in honour of the wedding of Jackie Herman and Michael Gonshor  
Susan and Harvey Kader wish Mazel Tov to Shirley and Abe Gonshor on the marriage of their son Michael to Jackie Herman  
Judy and Ruby Strauber in honour of Bryna and Ella Wasserman and for the success of the World Yiddish festival  
Susan and Louis Lottner in honour of Pearl Rothenberg becoming Vice President and Jack Rothenberg's birthday  
Emmanuel Labelle in honour of Gary Polachek and Pearl Rothenberg and for their safe return from France  
Nat Moss in honour of his birthday and his grandson's birthday  
Elaine Budning wishing Mazel Tov to the Gonshor family on the marriage of Michael and Jacklyn  
Elaine Budning congratulating her good friend Pearl Rothenberg on being appointed Vice President and fond farewell to Nat Moss on his move to Toronto  
Shirley and Abe Gonshor in honour of their children  
Michael Gonshor in honour of his parents.

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

**AUF RUF: Mazel Tov to Brian Lack on the occasion of his wedding to Nathalie Kadosh and to their parents Arlene and Peter Lack and Jo Kadosh as well as the rest of the extended 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**

**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 July 8, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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 CKBH-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.

## “PARSHAT CHUKAT-BALAK”

This is the statute of the Torah which the L-rd has commanded (Num. 19:2) The sin of the Golden Calf was due to a lack of faith; the mitzvah of the red heifer is therefore a chukka, a commandment whose reason is not revealed to us, to “counteract” that sin: The only reason we observe it is our faith. (*Rabbi Yitzchak of Vorky*)

And he shall put running water (literally “living waters”) into a vessel (Num. 20:17) Just as water has the ability to move mountains, make arid deserts flourish and overcome all boundaries and obstacles, so too is the Jewish people blessed with this ability –provided, of course, that the water is flowing and not frozen into ice. When a Jew is enthusiastic and spirited in his service of G-d, anything is possible. But if he is cold and apathetic, he will achieve nothing. (*Rabbi M. Shapiro of Lublin*)

Aaron shall be gathered unto his people (Num. 20:24) Why does the Torah use this unusual phrase to mean that Aaron was about to pass away? Because despite the fact that Aaron would no longer be alive in the physical sense, his positive character traits and exemplary behavior would be “gathered up” and perpetuated by the Jewish people forever (*Peninei Torah*)

He who says...what is mine, is mine, and what is yours, is yours –this is a median characteristic, and some say this it 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 Todah*)

Any love that is conditional will cease when the condition upon which it depends vanishes. But if it is unconditional, it will never cease...(Ethics 5:16) These two types of love represent two stages in a person’s Divine service. Initially, a person serves (G-d) with expectation of a reward –this is conditional love. Later, he may reach the stage of unconditional love-where he serves G-d without expectation of reward. The ruling in Jewish law is that a person should always occupy himself with Torah and mitzvot, even if this is not entirely for its own sake, for eventually this will lead to service without any ulterior motives – “for its own sake.” (*Biurim l’Pirkei Avot*)

There are four types of temperament: he who is easily angered and easily pacified, his loss is canceled by his gain. Ethics 5:14) The Talmud teaches: when any man gives way to anger, if he is wise, his wisdom leaves him; if he is a prophet, his power of prophecy leaves him. And even if greatness was decreed for him from Heaven, whosoever becomes angry will be degraded. Conversely, says the Talmud, among those whom the Holy One loves are a man who does not become angry as a rule, and one who will overlook irritating causes for retaliation. (*Talmud, Pesachim 66b, 113b*)

Rabbi Meir said: “Whoever occupies himself with the study of Torah for its own sake merits many things...” (Ethics 6:1) The Hebrew word “osek” translated “occupies himself” related to the Hebrew word for businessman, *ba’al esek*. A person’s occupation with the study of Torah must resemble a businessman’s preoccupation with his commercial enterprise. Just as a businessman’s attention is never totally diverted from his business, the Torah should always be the focus of our attention. (*Likutei Sichot, Vol. XVII*)

And G-d opened the mouth of the donkey (Num. 22:28) “Don’t think too highly of yourself “for being a prophet,” G-d was rebuking Bilaam. “Look, even a donkey can speak if I so decree. Like the donkey, the only reason you have been granted prophecy is that it will ultimately bring benefit to the Jewish people.”(Kli Yakar)

### YAHREZIT FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4-10

Sarah Adler, Sadie Segal, Samuel Kupferstein, Ted Rudner, Shmuel Abramson, David Rothenberg, Adolph Yarost, Sarah Snytte, Stanley Kraft, Olga Borek, Irma Hegedus, Harry Shuter, Louis Garellek, Samuel Stein, Sarah Janovitz, Aaron Nirenberg, Izidor Fulop, Samuel Kupferstein, Bessie Goroff, Reuben Pont, Mayer Gottlieb, Sema Raymer Ostreger, Elizabeth Beer, Vera Greenspan, Hyman Klein, Pauline Friedman, Esther Popliger

**"On several occasions, most notably in the detention and murder of Zahara Kazemi, Mr. Mortazavi has clearly demonstrated his disregard for human rights and fundamental freedoms."**--Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister *Lawrence Cannon*, commenting on Saaed Mortazavi's latest government appointment in Iran. Mortazavi, known in Iran as the "butcher of the press" has been appointed Iranian state prosecutor and interrogator of arrested protesters. Mortazavi gained notoriety for his prosecutor's role in the illegal 2003 detention, torture, rape and murder of Canadian-Iranian journalist Zahra Kazemi. Canada has already summoned Iran's top diplomat in Ottawa to protest the use of violence

**"The good news is the Bush administration kept its promise to develop and deploy missile defense to protect us against an expanding nuke and missile threat.** Otherwise, we'd now be completely vulnerable to North Korean missiles. The bad news is the new team hit the brakes on developing the Pacific missile-defense system further, halted the development of a European system to protect us against the unfolding Iranian threat and cut the missile-defense budget by 15 percent. Maybe North Korean menacing will finally convince the administration and Congress that being able to protect yourself with missile defense is really a good thing. **It certainly beats the alternative--'Duck and Cover.'**"--*Peter Brookes*, the former deputy assistant to the U.S. secretary of defence, assessing the Obama Administration's performance in response to North Korea's recent missile launch. (*NYP, July 1*)

**BRITISH EMBASSY EMPLOYEES ARRESTED IN IRAN**--(*Cairo*)The Iranian government claims that the nine arrested British embassy employees instigated and organized the widespread post-election protests. Iran's conflict with Britain, along with the regime's detentions, arrests, and restrictions, are pushing Iran into increasing international isolation. While using force to crush the protests, Iranian leadership seeks to appease presidential candidate Mir-Hossein Moussavi by having the pro-Ahmadinejad Guardian Council review election results; Moussavi instead calls for an arbitration committee to investigate what he considers a rigged election. (*NYT, June 29*)

**BRANDEIS INVITES TERRORIST BILL AYERS TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS**--(*New York*) Brandeis University, named after a great American Zionist and founded by Jews, has repeatedly provided a sanctuary for extreme anti-Israel radicals. In 2005 the university received a \$500,000 grant to develop a relationship with Al Quds University in Jerusalem, which denies any Jewish historical connection with Israel. In 2006 Brandeis gave Tony Kushner-the playwright who called Israel a "disgrace" and its American Jewish supporters "repulsive"-an honorary doctorate. Now, Brandeis has scheduled unrepentant terrorist Bill Ayers to speak in the Shapiro center. In response to protest, Brandeis spokesman *Dennis Nealon* announced "this is about freedom of educational opportunity." (*Boston Globe, Outpost, June 2009*)

**ALLEGATIONS OF JEWISH MASS-GRAVE ROBBING IN ROMANIA**--(*Bucharest*) An American Jew living in the city of Iasi, Romania has reported that local medical students have been using the remains of Holocaust victims for research. While the report has triggered a slew of investigations by Jewish organizations, the allegations have so far been unconfirmed. A pair of Jewish university students, posing as Romanian medical students, had attempted to determine the origin of the bones they bought illicitly, but no information was forthcoming from cemetery caretakers. (*Jer. Post, July 2*)

**CONFERENCE ON HOLOCAUST ERA ASSETS OPENS IN PRAGUE**--(*Prague*) The conference brought together delegates from 49 countries and its goal, according to U.S. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues Christine Kennedy, was the "expansion in social welfare benefits to survivors and...laying the framework for further real property compensation." During the Holocaust, the Nazis seized billions of dollars of Jewish property and possessions across Europe but only 20 per cent of real estate has been returned, and bureaucratic red tape has made restitution increasingly difficult. While the Czech Republic is taking steps to fulfill restitution claims, other countries such as Poland and Lithuania make it very difficult to file claims. U.S. Congressman Robert Wexler thinks the U.S. should use "diplomatic opportunities" to pressure the countries into moving forward on restitution issues." (*Washington Post, Forward.com,*)

**AL JAZEERA ENGLISH COMING TO CANADA**--(*Toronto*) Federal regulators are expected to clear Al-Jazeera's English television network-the international version of the Arabic language network funded by the Emir of Qatar-for Canada this summer. Al Jazeera representatives sat down with Canadian officials who were concerned about the network's history of on-air antisemitic comments. The network has agreed to create a committee that will meet every six months to ensure that there are no major issues; representatives of Jewish groups such as the CJC have been invited to join the committee in an attempt to ease their concerns. Rogers Communications Inc is prepared to carry the channel. (*Globe and Mail*)