

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, September 5, 2009 - 16 Elul
Parsha Ki Tavo

Monday September 7th Services at 8:30 A.M.

The Torah reading is on page 1068 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 859 in the Hertz Chumash

The Haftorah is on page 1201 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 874 in the Hertz Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Pirkei Avot	6:30p.m.
Mincha Services	7:05p.m.
Shabbat ends	8:14p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00a.m.
Evening Services	7:05p.m.
Next Friday	7:05p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson
Cantor Yitzhak Epstein
Reverend Benjamin Even-Hen
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Steve Goldstein - Executive Director
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The Office will be closed Monday September 7, 2009

The Congregational Kiddush will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored

by:

Rabbi Jacobson, Mendel, Riki and Yacov in honour of Lieba's birthday

Eric Aouizerats on behalf of the Sephardic Minyan

Mme Simone Bensimon-Bitton in appreciation to Gary Polachek

Madzia Krymalowski in memory of her beloved parents Sara and Moishe Kopel and all her family who perished in the Holocaust

Claudia and Gary Polachek in recognition of Leon Elfassy's important work to uphold Jewish values at the "Y"

Sarah and Dr. Sam Israelovitch in honour of Lieba Jacobson's birthday

Bea Gurman in memory of her beloved father Osias Cooperberg

Mary Maitlitz in memory of her beloved parents Joseph and Faiga Skomska and all her family who perished in the Holocaust

Evie and Howard Solomon in honour of Ethel Solomon's birthday

Shalosh Seudot today will be 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

NEW CHEVRA EXPRESS YOUTH SERVICES – Starting soon Ages 11-16 under the direction of Rabbi Dan. Youth services begin at 10:45 a.m.

PARSHA CLASS: With Rabbi Asher Jacobson will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Every one 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 at ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com

BEE FARM & SHOFAR FACTORY – Take a trip with the Junior Chevra Club to the Honey farm and learn how bees make honey, and taste these delicious treats. Then create your own Shofar to blow for years to come. Sunday September 6th from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00. Call Rabbi Dan to reserve a place -514-482-3366 ext. 226

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS: There will be a High Holiday Seating night on Tuesday September 8th between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. in the Synagogue office. This will give you a chance to pick up your tickets and to make arrangements for any extra seats that you require.

SPECIAL SELICHOT PROGRAM – Join us on Saturday September 12th at 8:30 p.m. for the premiere of an inspiring film "PRAYING WITH LIOR", the touching journey of a young boy with Down's Syndrome who wants to have a Bar Mitzvah. Following the movie and refreshments in the Raicek Hall, capture the spirit of the Holiday season with Selichot Services, with our dynamic Cantor Epstein and the Synagogue Choir under the direction of Yossi Milo. Please R.S.V.P. at 514-482-3366

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 Chesed Committee will be in touch with you.

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 (\$36.00 minimum) through our synagogue office. A printed label will be permanently attached inside the front cover bearing the name or names of the donour as well as the individual being honoured, memorialized or thanked.

KIDDUSH: 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.

“PARSHAT KI TAVO”

And it shall be, when you come into the land...you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which you shall bring of your land that the L-rd your G-d gives you (Deut. 26:1-2) One of the reasons for the mitzvah of *bikurim*, first fruits, is that bringing the first of the land's produce to the Holy Temple negates the mistaken notion that the fruits are the result of the farmer's efforts and agricultural acumen. The mitzvah reminds him that all of the earth's bounty is ultimately dependent on G-d's blessing, and nothing else. (*Akeidat Yitzchak*)

All these blessings shall come on you, and overtake you (Deut. 28:2) At first glance the word “*vehisigucha*” is redundant. If “all these blessings” are fulfilled, isn't it obvious that their recipient would be “overtaken” by them? Rather, the Hebrew word is related to *hasaga*, attainment or comprehension. It sometimes happens that a person is blessed with wealth, yet he lacks an understanding of how to use it properly. “*Vehisigucha*” is thus a separate blessing, that the person have the wisdom to utilize G-d's abundance correctly. (*Rabbi Sh. Y. Taub of Modzhitz*)

And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the L-rd, and they shall be afraid of you (Deut. 28:10) Through you, the Jewish people, the nations of the world will acquire fear of G-d. Because “you are called by the name of the L-rd”, it will influence the people around you, and they will come to fear Him. (*Butzina D'Nehora*)

And G-d shall make you plentiful for good, in the fruit of your body (Deut. 28:11) The Torah promises length of days and good years – even beyond what is truly deserved – in the merit of children who are raised and educated according to Torah. (*Torat Moshe*)

You will be mad from the sight of your eyes which you will see (Deut. 28:34) Coveting everything one sees is indeed a terrible curse, for it is the root cause of all the other punishments that are mentioned in this Torah portion, eventually leading to “you will be only oppressed and crushed always.” (*Ohr HaTorah*)

Because you didn't serve the L-rd your G-d with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things, therefore shall you serve your enemies (Deut. 28:47-48) When a person serves someone he feels close to and loves, his tasks are performed with joy and alacrity. A lack of joy in the service of G-d thus implies that the person serves a distant Master from Whom he is estranged, G-d forbid. (*Rabbi Chaim of Volozhim*)

Human nature is such that when a person searches for a lost object, he is unhappy until he finds it. Divine service, by contrast, is different. It states in Chronicles (16:10): “The heart of those who seek G-d shall rejoice.” When a person looks to find G-d, he is happy even while he searches. (*Rabbi Bunim of Pshischa*)

YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5-11

Abe Shulman, Anne Meltzer Levine, Sana Brodwin, Miriam Wexler, Eugen Hecht, Joseph Nozetz, Ida Sherman, Fanny Katz, Joseph Skomska, Faiga Lieber Skomska, Mendel Skomska, Baila Skomska, Moishe Skomska, Saul Assh, Harry Feldstein, Chanah Yehta Krymalowski, Sarah Shevah Kopel, Moishe Kopel, Yosef Kopel, Esther Kopel, Leiba Kopel, Myer Kopel, Ben Blicher, Pesia Teicher, Bernard Glense, Boriska Farkas, Rae Bierbrier, Yekutiell Shtull, Mordechai Rubin, Abraham Chernin, Lillian Meltzer Schoen, Eugene Hecht, Magda Vertesi, Dr. Robert Cohen, Miriam Richler, Nina Neiman, Laszlo Blau, Laszlo Fried, Eva Nanasi, Erzebet Szekely, Peter Lustgarten, Chana Becker, Elsie Kaplan, Stanley Satz, David Affler, Arnold David, Alexander Fon

"Netanyahu's claims are baseless and untrue... Jerusalem is an Arab and Islamic city and it always has been so." -- Palestinian Authority's chief Islamic judge, *Sheikh Tayseer Rajab Tamimi*, insisting that Jews had never lived in Jerusalem and that the Temple never existed. Tamimi's announcement came in response to statements made earlier this week by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who said that Jerusalem "is not a settlement," and that "the Jews built it 3,000 years ago." Tamimi claimed that all excavation work conducted by Israel after 1967 has **"failed to prove that Jews had a history or presence in Jerusalem or that their ostensible temple had ever existed."** (*Jerusalem Post*, Aug. 27)

"Suddenly, people are saying that Communist crimes are equal to Nazi crimes. They are saying that victims of Communism and Nazism are one and the same, and should be remembered together, and this is a dangerous idea." -- Dr. *Efraim Zuroff*, a historian of the Holocaust and the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Jerusalem office, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland, commenting on the false parallel being drawn between Nazi Germany and the Communist Soviet Union during World War II. (*Jerusalem Post*, September 1)

"This Palestinian position makes perfect sense, and will undoubtedly bear fruit. Judging by its two successive defeats in the 2006 Lebanon war and the 2009 Gaza war, the Zionist regime cannot withstand a war against it by the Palestinian people. It seems that the Palestinian people's warfare against the Zionists has found its mark, and therefore the Palestinians must not be satisfied with anything less than the annihilation of the Zionist regime -- a goal that today is within reach." -- **Editorial** in the Iranian daily *Jomhour-e Eslami*, urging Palestinians not to accept a U.S.-brokered peace plan since it serves U.S. and Israeli interests and perpetuates Palestinian inferiority. (*MEMRI*, August 25)

HAMAS SCORNS UN FOR HOLOCAUST LESSONS -- (*Gaza*) Hamas' Popular Committees for Refugees wrote an open letter to local UNRWA chief John Ging refusing to allow Gazan children to study the Holocaust, claiming that it never happened. "Talk about the Holocaust and the execution of the Jews contradicts and is against our culture, our principles, our traditions, values, heritage and religion." wrote Jamila al-Shanti, a Hamas legislative official, in a statement to leaders of the terrorist movement. UNRWA insisted that the Holocaust was not in their course syllabus; however, the UN agency refused to comment on whether or not they were planning to change the syllabus. UNRWA educates 200,000 refugee children in Gaza. (*Jer. Post*, August 30; *Washington Post*, Sept 2)

IAEA HINTS AT IRAN NUCLEAR WEAPON RESEARCH -- (*Jerusalem*) The International Atomic Energy Agency report of August 28, released in advance of the September 14 annual conference of IAEA member countries, found evidence that Iran had been working on nuclear weapons -- though it stopped short of saying so outright. The report found that Iran installed 3,800 new centrifuges at its nuclear enrichment facility at Natanz since the IAEA's last report -- centrifuges at Natanz now total 8,300. Meanwhile, senior Israeli diplomat Yigal Palmor accused the International Atomic Energy Agency of "hiding critical information on Iran's nuclear progress," saying that the IAEA's recent report on Iran did not "reflect all the information...on Iranian efforts to advance its military program." (*Jerusalem Post*, *Ha'aretz* August 31)

POLAND COMMEMORATES NAZI INVASION -- (*Westerplatte*) Polish leaders and veterans gathered at Westerplatte, Poland, to commemorate the battle that started the Second World War. From September 1-7, 1939, 180 Polish soldiers defended the Westerplatte fortress against German dive-bombers and naval artillery. The site has become a symbol for Polish resistance against stronger enemies. Twenty-one heads of government are expected to join the anniversary ceremonies -- including Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk plans to ask Putin about the 1940 Katyn forest massacre where the Soviet army killed 20,000 Polish officers. (*Ha'aretz*, September 1)

"If we are going to speak objectively about history we must understand it does not have just one colour. It was diverse and a huge number of mistakes were made by all sides. And all these actions created the conditions for the large scale aggression by Nazi Germany." -- Russian PM *Vladimir Putin*, during ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Poland, which began the Second World War, responding to criticism of the Soviets' responsibility for the Molotov-Ribbentrop non-aggression pact of 1939 which led to the Nazi-Soviet invasion of Poland. Poland insists that Russia should apologise for appeasing Hitler, and for Joseph Stalin's decision to have 20,000 Polish officers shot at Katyn in 1940. Polish Pres. *Lech Kaczyński* told a gathering at Westerplatte, where, in 1939, the first shots of the War were fired, **"We Poles have the right to the truth about the tragedy that befell our people and we cannot give up this right."** (*National Post*, September 1)