

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, March 14, 2009 - 18 Adar

Parsha Ki Tisa- Shabbat Para

The Torah reading is on page 352 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 140 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Maftir is on page 652 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 253 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is on page 999 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 104 (back) in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services

6:35 p.m.

Shabbat ends

7:42 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services

7:00 a.m.

Evening Services

7:00 p.m.

Next Friday

7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson

Cantor Yitzhak Epstein

Reverend Benjamin Even-Hen

Rabbi Dan - Youth Director

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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall Sponsored by:

**Pearl Paskell in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved husband Jack Paskell
Lorna and Jerry Sherman in honour of their grandson Simon's 4th birthday
Ari Snyder and Rabbi Herman Snyder in honour of the yahrzeit of a beloved mother and wife Berenice Snyder
Sidonia Newman in honour of the brave soldiers in Israel
Iona Redler is proud of her son Joshua, an organizer of "5 Days For The Homeless". He's living and sleeping 'outside' Concordia March 15th to 20th to raise awareness (and \$\$\$) for their cause.**

The Shalosh Seudot today will take place in the Raicek Hall sponsored by Joyce Wihl in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved father Rainer (Gottfried Perez) Wihl

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 March 18th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments following.

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.

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

MASQUERADE BALL: Last chance to have Purim fun at the YAD Masquerade Ball on Saturday March 14th. The Cohen Hall will rock with a live DJ, open Bar and delicious hor d'oeuvres. **9:00 P.M. Ages 18 + Cost is \$30.00 at the door**

PASSOVER SEDER: Come and enjoy a wonderful and traditional Seder at our Synagogue on Thursday evening, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. We will be serving a complete, full-course, catered dinner. Please call 514-482-3366 and reserve by Tuesday, March 31st. Adults \$46.00, children \$20.00

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

YOUTH LOUNGE: We are pleased to announce that we have recently created a new "Young Adult/Youth Lounge" on the second floor. We are currently looking for couches and sofas to furnish the room. If you have any of these items in good condition and are willing to donate them, please contact the synagogue office and we will make the appropriate arrangements for pickup.

A NEW COMMITTEE AT THE SHUL - 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.

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

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.*

"PARSHAT – KI TISA"

And the Children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath (Ex.31-16)

The holiness of Shabbat exists independently of the Jew, all he is enjoined to do is guard it. Yet at the same time, the Jew is commanded to observe Shabbat by his own actions, adding to its inherent holiness with his preparation and service (*Sefer Hamaamarim Tav Shin*)

Half a shekel, after the shekel of the Sanctuary (Ex. 30:13)

This verse contains an allusion to the *mitzvah of Tzedaka*, charity, for the word shekel has the same numerical equivalent as *nefesh*, soul (430). This teaches that giving tzedaka has the power to effect atonement for the soul. (*Bal Ha Turmi*)

When you take a census...every man shall give G-d atonement for his soul... This they shall give... a half-shekel. (Ex. 30:12-13)

Moshe could not understand how money could accomplish forgiveness for the soul. G-d showed Moshe a fiery coin, which weighed a half-shekel, and He explained that a coin by itself could not atone for a grave sin. However, if one gives with warmth and enthusiasm that comes from the fiery core of the Jewish soul, than a coin can truly become the cause of forgiveness (*Likutei Sichot*)

Aharon announced, "tomorrow there will be a festival to G-d" (Ext.32:5)

The golden calf was made on the sixteenth day of the month of Tammuz, and on the seventeenth of *Tammuz* Moshe came down from heaven. Upon seeing the golden calf, he broke the tablets. Many years later, also on the seventeenth day of Tammuz, our enemies penetrated the wall that surrounded Jerusalem and proceeded to destroy the Holy Temple. Since then, the seventeenth day of *Tammuz* has been a fast day, but the prophet Zecharya tells us that when Moshiach comes, the seventeenth of *Tammuz* will be a day of rejoicing. This is the festival that Aharon is referring to, the future holiday of the seventeenth of *Tammuz*. (*Mayana shel Torah*)

You shall see My back, by My face shall not be seen (Ex. 33:23)

According to Rashi's commentary, G-d showed Moses the "knot of the tefilin (Phylacteries)." What are we to learn from this? Tefilin consists of two parts – one placed on the hand, and the other on the head. The hand represents interpersonal relationships, for it is with our hands that we extend aid and assistance to others, whereas the head, the seat of our intellect, is the medium through which we connect our selves to G-d by learning his Torah. In order to serve G-d properly, the Jew must excel in both areas. Moses asked to see G-d's glory so that he would have a better understanding of what is required of the Jewish people. The knot of the tefilin symbolizes G-d's desire that every Jew bind these two aspects of our worship together, doing our utmost for our fellow Jews and at the same time devoting to Torah study (*Our Sages*)

YAHARZEIT FOR THE WEEK MARCH 14 - 20

Jack Singer, Israel David Adler, Lillian Levitt, Sam Markel, Frank Fleisher, David Hart, Tzvi Zev Gilman, Valerie Smith, Philip Shtull, Ethel Hebscher, Ella Shachter, Leon Rubin, Bella Woods, Avraham Rauch, Leah Abrahamson, Hyman Freedman, Abraham Joseph Stober, John Levine, Shimon Chayim Glense, Max Dorfman, Mordechai Yehuda Finkelstein, Frances Friedman, Ben Satz, Joseph Assh, Ruth Segall, Mania Finkelstein, Solomon Cohen, Bennie Hockenstein, Moshe Greenberg, Emil Vaktor, George Zimmerman, Irwin Leader, William Solomon, Israel Leib Bochner, Rebecca Goodenay Zafran, Debbie Maislin

“Jewish News and Views”

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“The overall situation--and the intelligence community agrees on this--[is] that Iran has not decided to press forward...to have a nuclear weapon on top of a ballistic missile.... Our current estimate is that the minimum time at which Iran could technically produce the amount of highly enriched uranium for a single weapon is 2010 to 2015.”--Director of National Intelligence *Dennis C. Blair*, insisting before Congress on Tuesday that Iran has not decided to pursue the production of weapons-grade uranium and the parallel ability to load it onto a ballistic missile. Iran recently announced its first space launch and said Sunday that it had successfully tested an air-to-surface missile with a 70-mile range. Lt. Gen *Michael D. Maples*, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said that while launch of the Safir space vehicle **“does advance their knowledge and their ability to develop an intercontinental ballistic missiles,”** he and Blair do not believe there is any connection between the country's continued development of missile technology and any ambition to have nuclear weapons. Last week, Israel warned that Iran had crossed the “technological threshold” in its pursuit of an atomic weapon. Blair said Israel was working from the same facts as the U.S. but had drawn a different interpretation of their meaning. **“The Israelis are far more concerned about it, and they take more of a worst-case approach to these things from their point of view,”** he said. (*Washington Post*, Mar. 11)

“Killing you and fighting you, destroying you and terrorizing you, responding back to your attacks are all considered to be great legitimate duty in our religion. These actions are our offerings to God... We ask from God to accept our contributions to the great attack, the great attack on America, and to place our 19 martyred brethren among the highest peaks in paradise.”--Guantanamo Bay inmates and al Qaeda terrorists *Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Ramzi Binalshibh, Walid bin Attash, Mustafa Ahmed al-Hawsawi* and *Ali Abdul Aziz Ali*, in a written document, proudly admitting to orchestrating the 9/11 attacks, while mocking U.S. intelligence and vowing that America will collapse like the Twin Towers. The 6-page document, recently declassified by a military judge at Guantanamo Bay, constitutes their response to the U.S. accusations filed against them. (*New York Post*, Mar. 11)

“Groups that promote hatred and anti-Semitism don't deserve a single red cent of taxpayer support. End of story.”--*Alykhan Velshi*, a spokesman for Immigration Minister Jason Kenney, dismissing as **“pathetic”** a letter signed by a **“tiny”** and **“quite radicalised minority”** of Arab-Canadian organizations, calling on Prime Minister Harper to “restrain” Mr. Kenney and “put an end to his dangerous campaign of attacking CAF with slandering and damaging accusations for which he has provided no evidence.” Signatories to the letter included Palestine House, Canadian Lebanese for Dialogue and the Ottawa-based Ahlul Bayt Centre, among others. Velshi jumped on the lack of high-profile Arab organizations on the list, such as the National Council on Canadian-Arab Relations and the Islamic Society of North America. **“That these groups aren't signatories is to me very telling,”** Mr. Velshi said. **“In fact, their absence underscores how unrepresentative the signatories are of the grassroots of the community. Most of them barely exist even on letterhead, some don't have Web sites, or any ongoing operations or programs.”** (*National Post*, Mar.10)

ROCKET HITS SYNAGOGUE, IAF RETALIATES AGAINST TUNNELS--(Jerusalem) A Grad rocket launched from the Gaza Strip caused light damage to a synagogue in Netivot, capping a day of violence which saw a number of mortar shells and rockets hit the south of Israel. In retaliation, the Israeli Air Force struck four smuggling tunnels along the Philadelphi Corridor. (*Jerusalem Post*, March 4)

IRANIAN GENERAL: ISRAELI REACTOR IN RANGE--(Teheran) Iranian missiles can reach Israeli nuclear sites, the commander-in-chief of the Revolutionary Guards, *Mohammad Ali Jafari*, said according to Iran's *ISNA* news agency. An Iranian official said the Islamic Republic has started tests on its Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant. Israeli defence minister *Ehud Barak* said that Israel views these latest developments as another stage in the existential threat the Iranian nuclear weapons program poses to Israel. (*Ha'aretz*, March 4)