

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, June 27, 2009 - 5 Tammuz
Parsha Korach

The Torah reading is on page 820 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 639 in the Hertz Chumash

The Haftorah is on page 1186 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 649 in the Hertz Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:40p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:45p.m.

Weekday Services

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

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PLEASE NOTE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2009 - MORNING SERVICES WILL COMMENCE 8:30 A.M. - THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall

Sponsored by

Shirley and Abe Gonshor in honour of the marriage their son Michael to Jacklyn Herman. The wedding will take place on Tuesday June 30, 2009 in our Synagogue

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

AUF RUF: Mazel Tov to Michael Gonshor on the occasion of his wedding to Jacklyn Herman and to their parents Shirley and Abe Gonshor, Ann and Ian Herman, as well as the rest of the extended family.

FAREWELL: We bid a fond farewell to Nat Moss, our beloved Kohain who has blessed us many times. He has been an active member of our Synagogue since 1953, and the Creative Social Center since the beginning. We wish him well in his new home in Toronto.

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

GOLF TOURNAMENT : Our 7th Annual CKBH-BH Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. Sign up your foursome for the best day of FUN and PRIZES on Tuesday July 14th 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 14th. 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.

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 donor as well as the individual being honoured, memorialized or thanked.

Contributions that were made to the Kiddush on June 20th will appear in our July 4th Shabbat sheet.

“PARSHAT KORACH ”

Who is strong? He who subdues his inclination (Ethics 4:1) Rabbi Nachman of Breslov used to say: The Good Inclination is the same in every individual, but the Evil Inclination is different in everyone, according to a person's stature. The greater he is, the stronger will be his desire to sin.

This *Mishna* may also be applied to the Good Inclination, explained Rabbi Berenyu Leviyer. One must take care to avoid flaunting one's Good Inclination to others, or taking pride in how pious he is!

Who is rich? He who is happy with his lot...(Ethics 4:1) It is unnecessary to point out that when our Sages taught that the rich person is one “who is happy with his lot”, they were referring to material matters. However, to be happy with one's lot in spiritual matters is a serious error (*The Rebbe*)

He who studies Torah as a child, to what can he be compared? To ink written on fresh paper (Ethics, 4:20) The advantage of writing on fresh paper is that the writing lasts. The concepts that a person learns in his childhood will be retained. (*R. Ovadiah of Bartenura*)

And Datan and Aviram (Num. 16:1) The Torah criticizes Datan and Aviram more than any other participants in Korach's rebellion as they mixed into a controversy that was none of their business. They weren't firstborn sons who might have resented having the priesthood taken away from them, nor were they even from the tribe of Levi. The priesthood was none of their concern. (*Machane Belula*)

And they rose up before Moses...certain men...called to the assembly, men of renown (literally “men of name”) (Num. 16:2) What type of person was attracted to Korach's side? -those who sought honour, fame and privilege. If Korach wins, they reasoned, he will reward us with positions of power, and our name will become even greater. (*Kli Yakar*)

And Moses sent to call Datan and Aviram (Num. 16:12) It states in the Talmud (*Sanhedrin 106*): “From this we learn that one should not ‘hold on’ to controversy.” Even if several attempts to make peace have been made without success, it is forbidden to throw up one's hands and assume that nothing more can be done. Rather, one must continue one's efforts until peace is attained. Thus, despite the fact that Moses had already spoken to Datan and Aviram several times, he attempted one more time to dissuade them. (*Rabbi Yitzchak of Vorky*)

Yahrzeit for the week of June 27-July 3

Max Abramson, Jack Udashkin, Joe Moscovitch, Rose Kesten, Sarah Roth, Mitchell Knopp, Ilona Kurti, Avie Rajchgot, Freda Stam, Charles Golt, Simon Louis Segall, Israel Gonshor, Adam Nanasi, Daniel Tait, Cissie Ellis, Manny Garellek, Ignatz Klein, Sidney Simon, Hyman Gilman, Jenö Wieder, Bessie Rothman

"Let the young people raise their voice of freedom for a positive policy. Let the Iranian women, who are a very courageous group of people, to voice their thirst for equality, for freedom.... I really don't know what will disappear first, their enriched uranium, or their poor government.... Hopefully, the poor government will disappear."--Israeli President *Shimon Peres*, applauding Iran 's post-election protests and expressing hope that the Islamic Republic's government will fail. (*Ha'aretz*, June 21)

"It would mean a regime that stops denying the Holocaust and stops threatening Israel with destruction. There is no conflict between the Iranian people and the people of Israel, and under a different regime the friendly relations that prevailed in the past could be restored. If they had a free choice, I have no doubt they would have a different government. What we have seen in Iran is a powerful desire on the part of the Iranian people to be free. I think the true nature of the Iranian regime has been unmasked. This regime is not only a great threat to our existence, but also to moderate Arab countries, the safety of Europe and to the peace in the world."--Israeli PM *Benjamin Netanyahu*, in an interview for the German daily *Bild*, describing the justified rage of Iran 's general population with its oppressive leadership. (*Jerusalem Post*,)

"The Supreme Leader gave his reply by endorsing the election results, arresting opponents and unleashing security forces to beat the demonstrators. Like the Shah in 1979, the government is now firing on its own people chanting 'death to the dictator.'"--A Wall Street Journal editorial, discussing how U.S. President Barack Obama is dealing with Iran 's nuclear program in a volatile and violent political situation. Obama attempts to quietly support post-election protesters while indicating respect for Iran 's Supreme Leader AyatollahAli Khamenei. (*Wall Street Journal*, June 22)

"Since the death of the ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian regime has allowed limited competition within the system--always on the understanding that all the competitors would respect the rules of the game. Now very suddenly the regime has lost control of the competition. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has broken all the system's rules in order to keep the presidency; Hossein Moussavi is breaking the rules in order to gain it. As old taboos are smashed, the way has been opened for ordinary Iranians to break into the game--confronting the regime with a choice of surrendering to its people or using violence against them."--Columnist *David Frum*, on the decaying nature of the Islamic regime in Iran. (*National Post*, June 20)

POLL: 50 PER CENT OF ISRAELIS THINK OBAMA IS PRO-PALESTINE--(*Jerusalem*) A new Jerusalem Post poll reveals that only six per cent of Jewish Israelis consider U.S. President Barack Obama's administration to be pro-Israel. Fifty per cent felt that Obama's policies were pro-Palestinian, thirty-six percent felt they were neutral. The numbers were a sharp drop from a May 17 poll that showed thirty-one percent feeling the administration to be pro-Israel, with only fourteen per cent feeling it was pro-Palestinian. (*Jer. Post*, June 19)

ISRAEL REMOVES WEST BANK CHECKPOINTS--(*Jerusalem*) Over the past several weeks the Israel Defense Forces have been busy removing some of the main security roadblocks in the West Bank. Currently, there are only 10 manned roadblocks within the West Bank (excluding those linking the territories with Israel), and searches are not carried out at every one of them. A year and a half ago, there were 35 manned roadblocks in operation. Yet, the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs refuses to update its data, and claims that there are 630 different obstacles and roadblocks in place throughout the West Bank . (*Ha'aretz*, June 24)

JEWS BLAMED FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS IN U.S.--(*Boston*) A recent study of American antisemitic sentiment toward the financial crisis found Democrats more likely than Republicans to blame Jews. Americans were asked, "How much to blame were the Jews for the financial crisis?", with 24.6 per cent responding "a moderate amount" or more, and 38.4 per cent attributing at least some level of blame to "the Jews". Interestingly, Democrats blamed Jews 32 per cent of the time, as opposed to the 18.4 per cent of Republicans who did. (*Boston Review*, May 1)

PRIEST'S "JEWISH PRESSURE" COMMENTS CONDEMNED--(*Vatican City*) A claim by German Jesuit Rev. *Peter Gumpel* that the beatification process of Pope Pius XII has been delayed by Jewish organizations has been denounced as "unjustified and inopportune" by the Vatican. Some historians claim that Pius did not do enough to prevent the murder of Jews during the Holocaust. The Vatican insists Pius worked behind the scenes to save as many Jews as possible. Italian Jewish leaders criticized Gumpel's comments, saying that Pius' beatification "is first of all an internal problem of the church." (*Jer. Post*, June 20)