

Congregation  
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, July 18, 2009 - 26 Tammuz  
Parsha Mattot-Masei - Shabbat Mevorchim Av

**Chazak! Chazak! Venitchazeik!**

**The Torah reading is on page 900 and continued on 918 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 702 and continued on page 714 in the Hertz Chumash**

**The Haftorah is on page 1192 and continued on page 1193 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 710 and continued on page 944 in the Hertz Chumash**

**ROSH CHODESH AV WEDNESDAY JUNE 22**

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:25p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:32p.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

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*The Congregational Kiddush will be in the Cohen Hall sponsored by:*  
**Rosanne and Perry Kliot in honour of Gary Polachek becoming President of the Synagogue**  
**Dr. Richard Shatz in honour of the yarhzeit of his beloved mother Sadie Shatz**  
**Mania Maitlitz in honour of the yarhzeit of her beloved husband Favel Rajczyk**

**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**

**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 Chessed 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.**

*Congratulations to our Golf and Raffle committees and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly on behalf of our community, as well as the many participants who supported our fund raisers. Through the efforts of all involved we have been able to raise much needed funds. We thank each and everyone of you.*

## “PARSHAT MATOT-MASEI”

**If a man makes a vow to G-d (Num. 30:3)** In contrast to other *mitzvot* that first begin to apply at the age of Bar Mitzvah (13), a vow is considered binding “from the age of 12 years and one day.” The reason is that when a person makes a vow and declares something prohibited to himself (above and beyond the Torah’s prohibitions), the extra caution he must exert prepares him for “regular” Torah observance. (It also prevents him from being “a scoundrel who observes the letter of the law.”) This preparation is allowed to commence a full year before Bar Mitzvah. (*Likutei Sichot*)

**He must not break his word; he must do all that he expressed verbally (Num. 30:3)** When a person is faithful to his every utterance and lives up to his word, he merits that G-d will “do all that he expressed verbally,” as the saying goes: “The righteous man decrees, and the Holy One fulfills it.” (*Kedushat Levi*)

**And Moses gave to them, to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to half the tribe of Menashe (Num. 32:33)** The fact that the tribe of Menashe was divided – half its members living on one side of the Jordan, the rest on the other – was measure for measure, as it was Menashe who caused the tribes to rend their clothes in grief when he hid the goblet in Benjamin’s satchel. His grandchildren’s inheritance in Israel was therefore also “rent” in two. (*Midrash Rabba*)

**These are the journeys of the Children of Israel (Num. 33:1)** The first letters of these Hebrew words, “Eileh masei b’nai Yisrael” stand for the four exiles of the Jewish people: “Edom” (Rome –our current exile among the nations of the Western world), “Madai (Persia), “Bavel” (Babylon) and “Yavan” (Greece). Had the Jewish people not sinned with the Golden Calf, the ultimate purpose of galut would have been realized by the Jews in Egypt; there would have been no need to endure the four later exiles. (*Yalkut Reuveni*)

**Arm some men from among you for war. (Num. 31:3)** G-d told Moses, “You shall avenge” –that Moses himself should be the one who avenges the Jews against Midian. Why, then, did Moses send others to fight the battle? Moses had lived in the land of Midian and did not want to personally harm those who had treated him well. There is a saying, “don’t throw stones into the well from which you have drunk.” (*Bamidbar Rabba*)

**Fulfill His will as you would your own will (Ethics 2:4)** When the fulfillment of mitzvot involves expenses, spend the money as you would when fulfilling your physical needs. (*Bartenura*)

**If you have studied much torah... (Ethics 2:8)** A person should constantly seek to study “much torah.” In other words, he should always be extending himself further. Since the Torah is unlimited, a person should never restrict his efforts to attain it. (*The Rebbe*)

### YAHARZEIT FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18-24

Cooney Borovitch, Pearl Wechsler Schenk, Nellie Briskin, Iona Ungar, Harriet Grossman Cohen, Louis Segal, Ervin Sarkozy, Barbara Richler, Bernard Posel, Joseph Boloten, Leonard Slabotsky, Faivel Rajczyk, Lazer Levine, Isaac Shulman, Shirley Rubin, Solomon Louis Dermer, Miklos Foldes

**"Jewish News and Views"**  
Courtesy of CIJR's daily 'ISRANET BRIEFING" <http://www.isranet.org>

**"Well, as I said before, given the outrageous violence that we've seen directed against peaceful demonstrators post-election, the crackdown by hard-liners against journalists, the raiding of foreign embassies, it's not clear whether or not you have the kind of room in Iran that would walk through the door that we've left open for them to stand-down on nuclear weapons development and to be able to pursue a more peaceful path with their neighbors and abide by international norms."** -- U.S. President *Barack Obama*, in an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper, responding to a question regarding his promise to Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu last spring to give Iran until the end of the year before making an issue of its nuclear program. (*CNN, July 13*) **"There is no doubt that the security situation has become more difficult over the last month.** But there are a number of factors involved. One, it's the traditional fighting season, with the opium harvest having ended. Two, the military operations in Pakistan have moved some insurgents into Afghanistan. ... This country has challenges and a long way to go to overcome its security issues and institution building. But I'm also confident as I leave that Afghanistan will succeed because we have seen solid progress." -- *Ron Hoffman*, Canada's outgoing ambassador to Afghanistan, at the conclusion of his two-year term, reflecting on the stability of the region. (*National Post, July 15*)

**RUSSIA NIXES TOUGHER SANCTIONS ON IRAN** -- (*Moscow*) According to a Russian Foreign Ministry source, Russia will not agree to tougher sanctions against Iran over its nuclear program as part of its negotiations with Washington over a new nuclear arms reduction treaty. While Russia is involved in the international efforts to persuade Iran to abandon its nuclear enrichment program, it is also helping Iran build a nuclear power plant. (*Ha'aretz, July 14*)

**ISRAELI WARSHIPS CROSS SUEZ CANAL** -- (*Jerusalem*) In what some experts have deemed a warning to Iran, two Israeli warships, the Hanit and the Eilat, have crossed to the Red Sea via the Suez Canal. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said that the crossings were legitimate in accordance with the treaty between Cairo and Jerusalem. The Hanit had already crossed the Canal in June when it accompanied an Israeli Dolphin-class submarine for a drill off Eilat. (*Ha'aretz, July 14*)

**BOMBINGS IN IRAQI CITIES** -- (*Baghdad*) At least six people were killed and 67 others wounded when bombs exploded in Baghdad and Mosul last weekend. According to Iraqi security officials, the attack in Mosul killed at least four and wounded thirty-five in an enclave of the Shabak, a Kurdish-speaking Shiite minority. A series of attacks have targeted Christian churches in Baghdad, where four people were killed. The recent church bombings appeared to be one of the largest coordinated assaults on Christians in Baghdad. More recently, a bomb killed six people and injured 25 in the city of Ramadi. (*New York Times, July 12, 15*)

**NORTH KOREA CYBERWARFARE ON U.S.** -- North Korea is suspected in orchestrating multiple cyber-attacks on U.S. government computer networks. The massive denial-of-service attacks have hit at least 35 sites in the U.S. and South Korea, including the White House, State Department and National Security Agency. This kind of cyberwarfare slows down or crashes websites, but no sensitive information was believed to have been stolen. (*New York Post, July 9*)

**STUDENTS IN U.S. LINKED TO AL QAEDA** -- (*Minneapolis*) More than 20 American students of Somali descent are being investigated for their ties to the Shabaab, an Islamic terrorist organization linked to al Qaeda. Shabaab is fighting to destabilize and overthrow the Somali government. The case represents the largest group of American citizens suspected of joining a terrorist movement affiliated with al Qaeda. Though friends and family insist that the men never thought of carrying out attacks on the U.S., investigators with the FBI worry that with their training, ideology and American passports, they could pose a severe threat. (*New York Times, July 12*) **LEBANON VIOLATING RES. 1701** -- After a Hezbollah arms cache hidden inside a southern Lebanese town exploded accidentally, Israel accused Lebanon of violating the UNSC Resolution 1701, requiring that Hezbollah disarm. According to Israeli officials, the cache was hidden inside of the village of Hirbet Selm, within the territory of the UNIFIL multinational peacekeeping force, and contained dozens of Katyusha rockets as well as machineguns. (*Jerusalem Post*),

**"FIRST WE TAKE RAMALLAH, THEN WE TAKE BERLIN "** -- Jewish-Canadian Leonard Cohen will not be performing in Ramallah this fall, as planned. The Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel said that "Ramallah will not receive Cohen as long as he is intent on whitewashing Israel's colonial apartheid regime by performing in Israel." Cohen, who is also scheduled to play in Tel Aviv, has not hidden his affiliation with Israel. During the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he toured IDF bases with a guitar and entertained the troops. (*Jerusalem Post*)