

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, June 6 2009 - 14 Sivan

Parsha Nasso

The Torah reading is on page 748 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 586 in the Hertz Chumash

The Haftorah is on page 1181 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 602 in the Hertz Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	8:35p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:37p.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

Les Schiller - President
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Gary Polachek - 2nd Vice President
Gary Trestan - 3rd Vice President
Robert Feldstein - Hon. V. P.
Pearl Rothenberg - Secretary
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Morton Tannenbaum
Sally Raicek
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Sisterhood President
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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall Sponsored

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Francine and Barry Fagen in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sammy (Myer) Fagen
Joyce and Avram Fishman in honour of the Auf Ruf of their son Daniel on the occasion of his marriage to Marisa Ostheimer, of New York, daughter of Laura and David Ostheimer.

Toda Rabbah to the following sponsors

Ethel Solomon in memory of her husband Jack Solomon's 10 yearzeit anniversary and refuah slemah to Conrad Cohen

Joyce and Avram Fishman in honour of the graduation of their son Daniel from McGill University with a BSC with honours

Isadore Goldberg, City Councillor Emeritus, in memory of his beloved parents Rebecca and Jacob and his sisters and brothers, and in honour of his June birthday

Elaine Budning in honour of the Clergy, Rabbi Dan and all the youth participants of the Shavuot service

Mona and Sol Polachek in honour of Rabbi Dan and his leadership of the Shavuot Friday youth service which included the participation of their two grandsons Jake and Natey Polachek

Mona and Sol Polachek in honour of Sammy Fagen's Bar Mitzvah

Francine and Barry Fagen in honour of their son's Sammy's Bar Mitzvah and in memory of his grandfather Myer Samuels Z'L who Sammy was named after

Claudia and Gary Polachek in honour of Sammy (Myer) Fagen's Bar Mitzvah

Claudia and Gary Polachek in honour of Rabbi Dan's tremendous leadership of and Jacob and Natey Polachek's active participation in the fantastic Shavuot Youth Tefillah.

Peter Schreter in memory of his beloved parents Goldie and Joe Schreter

Lori Einhorn wishing Mazel Tov to her adoring and extended family Barry and Francine Fagen and Shoshana Samuels on the occasion of Sammy's Bar Mitzvah

Marilyn Waxman in honour of the Yahrzeit of her beloved father Alex Shulman

Judy and Menashe Hirshfeld in honour of Rev. Benjamin Even-Hen

Tina and Martin Rosenthal in honour of Sammy Fagen's Bar Mitzvah

Tina, Martin, Samantha, Catherine and Arieh Rosenthal in honour of Amanda's 5th birthday

Lieba and Rabbi Jacobson in honour of Sammy Fagen and in honour of Yossi Milo and the CKBJ-BH Choir

Bea Gurman welcoming Fanny Issley back to the Synagogue after her illness

Nat Schwartz for get well wishes to Robert Feldstein

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

BAR MITZVAH: Mazel Tov to Sammy (Myer) Fagen on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah and to his parents Francine and Barry

Grandparents: Shoshana Samuels, Sandra and Arthur Fagen

Sisters: Estee and Aliza

Kiddush Luncheon for invited guests will be in the Singerman Auditorium

AUF RUF: Mazel Tov to Daniel Fishman on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage to Marisa Ostheimer, of New York.

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 held on Wednesday June 10, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARCH TO JERUSALEM: Show Synagogue spirit and support and volunteer at our very own booth on Sunday June 7th. Join Rabbi Dan and demonstrate why this is the Best Congregation in Montreal. Call Rabbi Dan at 514-482-3366 ext. 226 for details

SISTERHOOD: Closing petit luncheon will take place on Wednesday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m. Their guest will be Susan Greenspan who will speak on Naturopathy a system of medicine based on the healing power of nature. Please call 514-482-3366 to make your reservation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: You are invited to an evening dedicated to the beloved memory of Naomi Tzoubari Z'L to be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of our synagogue.

PUBLIC LECTURE: Thursday, June 25, 2009, 7:30 p.m., CKBJ-BH invites the community to a special evening with the noted Dr. Mordechai Nisan, Israeli Professor and Scholar of Middle East Studies, Hebrew University. Admission free, open to the public.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Our 7th Annual CKBJ-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 CKBJ-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.

“PARSHA NASO”

The L-rd bless you and guard you. The L-rd make His countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you. The L-rd turn his countenance toward you and grant you peace (*Priestly blessing*) This special blessing was uttered by the priests in the Holy Temple and continues to be invoked by Kohanim in synagogues today, but with one significant difference. In the Holy Temple, the Kohanim would actually pronounce G-d's ineffable Name, indicative of the sublime level of holiness that was brought down by their blessing, whereas today we are forbidden to do so. (*Sichot Kodesh, Parshat Mishpatim, 5752*)

This is the service of the families of the sons of Gershon... their charge shall be under the supervision of Itamar, son of Aaron the priest (Num. 4:28) The name “Gershon” is derived from the word meaning “to expel”, alluding to the expulsion of evil. “Itmar” is related to the word for speech, alluding to words of Torah. The juxtaposition of the two names teaches that speaking words of Torah severs evil from good and expels it. (*Ohr Ha Torah*)

Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, "Thus shall you bless the children of Israel" (Num 6:23) Why does the portion of the Priestly Blessing follow that of the Nazirite? To teach us that just as the Nazir abstains from wine, so must the priest abstain before blessing the Jewish people. (*Talmud, Taanit*)

Keep away from a bad neighbour (Ethics 1:7) The Mishna does not say, “Keep away from a wicked neighbour,” for the intent is not for one person to judge another's conduct. Rather, we are being instructed to determine whether closeness to an individual is beneficial or detrimental to our divine service. (*Beurim L' Pirkei Avot*)

Hillel used to say, “If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I?” (Ethics of the Fathers, Ch. 1:14) In many areas of Jewish life the individual and the community are completely integrated and harmonized, with equal emphasis on both. Hence, “If I am not for myself” expresses the importance of the individual. At the same time, each person is part of the whole Jewish community, and if he is not, i.e., “If I am only for myself”, isolated from the community, what is the individual truly worth? (*Lekutei Sichot Vol. 18*)

YAHARZEIT FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6-12

Leon Feingold, Sarah Seidel, Tibor Gal, Zalman Gurewicz, Henrietta Rubin, Katie Meltzer-Colton, Fanny Rogovein, Greta Segal, Bella Halberg, Jack Solomon, Gizella Guttman, Blima Shtull, Zysa Shlachter, Ruby Bloom, Rabbi Yeshaya Epstein, Rebecca Gerchicoff, Toba Hockenstein, Harry Gordon, Bertha Shulman, Abraham Noah Pesner, Henry Manella, Moshe Leib Cymerman, Nathan Singer, Joseph Walsh, Zeev Finkelstein, Israel Chayeem Finkelstein, Helen Kesztenbaum, Michael Bedzovsky, Rebecca Beckie Krakower, Alex Shulman, Dr. Hyman Freedman

"There was a confirmation of our understandings on strategic matters. There was agreement over the danger of Iran going nuclear and on our right to self defence at all times.... We are not a country like any other. There is a multiplicity of threats here no other people faces. My commitment is to the security of Israel. I am responsible for it.... We do not wish to rule over the Palestinians, but we won't allow them to build an army and forge an alliance with Iran...."--Israeli Prime Minister *Benjamin Netanyahu*, briefing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on his recent trip to Washington, insisting that halting settlement growth is **"unreasonable"**. (*Jerusalem Post*, June 1)

"Part of being a good friend is being honest. And I think there have been times where we are not as honest as we should be about the fact that the current direction, the current trajectory, in the region is profoundly negative, not only for Israeli interests but also U.S. interests. We do have to retain a constant belief in the possibilities of negotiations that will lead to peace. I've said that a freeze on settlements is part of that."--U.S. President *Barack Obama*, in an interview with National Public Radio, prior to his first Middle East visit, reiterating his plea for Israeli concessions. (*New York Times*, June 2)

"Israel is not planning to bomb Iran.... This is not an Israeli problem. But the world should understand that Iran's entrance into the nuclear club would prompt a whole arms race, a crazy race of unconventional weaponry across the Mideast that is a threat to the entire world order, a challenge to the whole international community. So we do not want a global problem to be solved with our hands."--Israel's Foreign Minister *Avigdor Lieberman*, while meeting in Moscow with Russian leaders, warning that his government is prioritising Iran's nuclear ambitions, but has no plans to strike. (*Ha'aretz*, June 3)

OBAMA NEEDS A NEW PROPOSAL FROM ISRAEL--(*Washington*) U.S. President *Barack Obama* intends to give Israeli PM *Benjamin Netanyahu* up to six weeks to formulate a new, complete position regarding West Bank settlements and the principle of the two-state solution. Meanwhile, 329 members of the House of Representatives sent an AIPAC-backed letter to Obama. The letter, spearheaded by Majority Leader *Steny Hoyer* (D-MD) and Minority Whip *Eric Cantor* (R-VA), and introduced earlier this month, asks Obama to "work closely with our democratic ally, who will be taking the greatest risks in any peace agreement." (*Ha'aretz*, June 3)

ISRAEL HOLDS ITS LARGEST CIVIL DEFENCE DRILL--(*Jerusalem*) In an effort to raise the public's preparedness for possible missile attacks, a five-day long civil defence exercise named Turning Point 3 has been ongoing this week in Israel. The exercise is taking place across the country, involving emergency sirens, bomb shelters and a variety of crisis exercises being held for civil defence authorities and emergency services. Israelis were asked to prepare a secure room or other shelter in advance of the drill. (*Ha'aretz*, June 2)

IDF INTELLIGENCE: IRAN MAY HAVE ENOUGH URANIUM THIS YEAR--(*Jerusalem*) According to General *Yossi Baidatz*, head of the IDF's Military Intelligence Research Division, Iran could have enough low-grade uranium to build a nuclear bomb by the end of the summer. The uranium would still have to be further refined for use in a weapon. These comments come on the heels of Military Intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin's explanation last month that "Iran is intentionally advancing its nuclear development in such a way so as not to cross any nuclear red lines by enriching low-grade uranium...that can quickly be adapted to weapons-grade uranium." (*Jer. Post*, June 1)

CANADIANS FORGET THAT NONE WAS TOO MANY--(*Montreal*) A survey marking the 70th anniversary of Canada's refusal to grant entry to the Jewish refugees aboard the MS St. Louis revealed that a majority of Canadians mistakenly believe that Canada offered a safe harbour to Jews trying to escape the Holocaust. The ship's refugees, mostly German Jews, after being denied entry to the U.S., Canada and Cuba, returned to Europe where many perished.

PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND AT AUSCHWITZ--(*Warsaw*) Hundreds of personal items likely to have belonged to Hungarian Jews murdered at Auschwitz have been discovered at the site, the Auschwitz-Birkenau museum spokesman, Jaroslaw Mensfelt, announced. "Several hundred objects, including some with inscriptions in Hungarian, have been found...near Crematorium No. 3.... There are spectacles, medication, jewels...the kind of personal items the prisoners were allowed to take with them." This was part of the Nazi ruse to fool the Jews that they were being resettled, not exterminated. (*Agence France-Press*, June 2)