

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, April 18, 2009 - 24 Nissan
Parshat Shemini - Shabbat Mevorchim Iyar

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ROSH CHODESH IYAR FRIDAY & SATURDAY APRIL 24 & 25

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45 a.m.
Mincha Services	7:25 p.m.
Shabbat ends	8:31 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	7:30 p.m.
Next Friday	7:30 p.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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Gary Trestan - 3rd Vice President
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Morton Tannenbaum
Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall

Sponsored by

Hy Waxman in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved sister Mollie Adelman

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

PARSHA CLASS: With Rabbi Asher Jacobson will be held on Wednesday April 22nd. Everyone 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: ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com.

YOM HASHOA: Community Holocaust Commemorative Service will be held on Monday, April 20th 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the TBJ Synagogue, 6510 Baily, Cote St. Luc

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.

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

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.

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

THE KIDDUSH KORNER

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.

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL BE AT 7:30 P.M. THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

“Parshat Shemini”

The Torah portion of *Shemini* begins with the most sublime and elevated service on the eighth day of preparation for the Tabernacle, and ends with the prohibition against eating crawling insects, something, which goes against human nature. From this we learn that even one who stands on the highest level of spirituality and observance is not protected against spiritual downfall, G-d forbid, and must serve G-d with the same measure of acceptance of the yoke of heaven as others. (*Likutei Sichot*)

They brought what Moses commanded before the Tabernacle of Meeting, and the entire congregation drew near and stood before G-d (Lev. 9:5)

According to the Kabbalist Rabbi Yitzchak Luris, the commandment to love one's fellow Jew must be accepted before beginning to pray. Only when “the congregation drew near” to each other in love and unity, did the Jewish people “stand before G-d” in prayer and supplication. (*Chesed L'Avraham*)

And it was on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel (Lev. 9:1)

Each and every day Aaron, his sons and the Jewish elders, would come to Moses to be taught Torah. Yet that particular day they didn't go on their own and had to be summoned, as they had a premonition that something bad was going to occur. (Indeed Nadav and Avihu would die.) It states in Proverbs, “The heart knows its own bitterness” to which the *Talmud* adds, “A person may not see, but his *mazal* sees.” (*Rabbi Shlomo Kluger*)

These are the animals you may eat...whichever divides the hoof (parsa) and chews (literally “brings up”) the cud (geira) Lev.11:3

The Hebrew word *parsa* and *geira* have more than one meaning. *Parsa* is related to the word meaning to cut bread, and the *geira* is an ancient coin that weighs one-twentieth of a *shekel*. From this we learn that one of the primary distinguishing marks of a Jew is that he willingly shares his bread with the poor and distributes charity freely. (*Rabi Zev HaMagid*)

Moses received the Torah at Sinai, and passed it on to Joshua. Joshua to the Elders...” (Ethics of the Fathers 1:1)

When Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi compiled all the Mishnaic teachings, he placed the Mishna describing the transmission of Torah from one generation to the other as the opening Mishna of the *Ethics*. The wise men of the nations of the world also wrote works providing their disciples with moral instruction. However, they formulated their teachings based on their own human understanding. Therefore, Rabbi Yehuda began the *Ethics* specifically with the words, “Moses received the Torah at Sinai” to inform us that the moral instruction and the qualities of character mentioned here are not a product of human invention. They were given to us by G-d via Moses at Sinai (*Bartenura*)

YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK APRIL 18-24

Annie Ruth Hart, Bertalan Zambori, Morris Dankoff, Regina Rostoker, Moshe Yehuda Laib Haller, Sadie Polachek, Ignacz Farkas, David Shapiro, Frank Margolick, Sarah Cobrin, Pinnie Gordon, Lena Dodick, Sarah Gittle Cymerman, Sadie Etcovitch, Michael Schiller, Betty Kalman, Freda Freder, Sadie Vassall, Gerald Marco, Yetta Silver, Irving Steinman, Rebecca Goldberg, Ettie Noik, Lily Walsh, Rena Lottner, Reuben Dubrovsky

"Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table a large number of petitions signed by residents in my riding and beyond on the occasion of the one thousandth day of captivity of the kidnapped Israeli soldier, Gilad Shalit. The petitioners protest his abduction from Israel during a cease fire arrangement with Hamas-ruled Gaza, where he is being held in complete isolation. The petitioners note he has been denied any and all rights afforded to him under international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Convention to which Canada is a state party.... The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada to insist that the Red Cross, United Nations and other humanitarian agencies uphold the applicable standards of humanitarian law, including proof of life, to visit the kidnapped soldier and communication between him and his family as a bare minimum, to insist that the government Palestinian authority commit itself to the repatriation of Mr. Gilad Shalit and to use Canada's good office, in bilateral and multilateral discussions, to put an end to these violations of international humanitarian law, secure Gilad Shalit's release and return him to his family as a matter of fundamental decency and justice."--Canadian Liberal MP and former Justice Minister *Irwin Cotler*, tabling a human rights petition in Parliament. (40th Parliament, 2nd Session Edited Hansard, No. 40, April 3)

ISRAEL-U.S. MISSILE DEFENCE COOPERATION--(Jerusalem) Israel and the U.S. are planning to hold a joint exercise called Juniper Cobra to test three different ballistic-missile defence systems: the newly developed Arrow 2, America's Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), and the ship-based Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System. The IAF Air Defense Division, the US Missile Defense Agency, and the US Military European Command (EUCOM) have been holding Juniper Cobra exercises for five years, but this year's is expected to be the most complex and extensive yet, facilitating interoperability between Israeli and American BMD systems in case Washington decided to deploy these systems in Israel in the event of a conflict with Iran. (*Jer. Post, April 14*)

HEZBOLLAH OPERATING IN EGYPT--(Cairo) Egyptian authorities arrested forty-nine members allegedly operating a Hezbollah terrorist cell in Egypt. Originally the suspects were being sought on charges of smuggling weapons and human resources from the Sinai Peninsula into the Gaza Strip. However late Sunday, the attorney general added espionage to the charges, when it became apparent that Hezbollah intended to launch a massive series of terror attacks aimed at destabilizing Egypt and provoking a regime change. According to Egyptian officials, Mohamed Yousuf Sami Shehab, a Lebanese national, recruited around fifty Lebanese, Syrian, Sudanese, Palestinian, and Egyptian Shiites who, when arrested, possessed fake passports, cars with explosives ready to detonate, and \$2 million. (*Ha'aretz, Jer. Post, April 13*)

PA: SELLING JEWS LAND LEADS TO DEATH--(Ramallah) The Palestinian Authority warned Palestinians against selling their homes or properties to Jews, threatening to charge offenders with "high treason"-a charge that carries the death penalty-in accordance with an existing fatwa, or religious decree. PA Chief Judge Sheikh Tayseer Rajab Tamimi's warning followed reports that American Jewish businesspeople had purchased 20 dunams of land from Palestinians on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. (*Jer. Pos*)

UK AL QAEDA CELL ARRESTED--(Manchester) British counterterrorism units arrested twelve men suspected of ties to al Qaeda in raids across northwest England last week. The men arrested, including some Pakistanis, are believed to have been plotting a serious attack. Police were forced to act ahead of schedule when journalists caught details of the raids on camera. (*Wall Street Journal*)

PRO-ISRAEL SUPPORTERS TURN TABLES ON PROTESTERS--(Toronto) When news got around that two anti-Israel groups, Coalition Against Israel Apartheid and Not In My Name, were planning to demonstrate outside a Toronto liquor store last week to boycott Israeli wine, a group of pro-Israel activists reacted.. Judy Feld Carr and Don Carr, rallied as much support as possible to encourage the purchase of Israeli wine for Passover. The result was a crowd that bought out the store's entire stock of Israeli wine in 45 minutes. All day long, supporters continued to arrive to demonstrate their solidarity. (*Canadian Jewish News*)