

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron
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Saturday January 17, 2009
Parsha Shemot – 21 Tevet

The Torah reading is on page 206 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 89 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is on page 225 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 22 (back in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services 4:20 p.m.
Shabbat ends 5:28p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.
Evening Services 4:35 p.m.
Next Friday 4:35 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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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored

by:

Chana and Joseph Lieblein in honour of their son Reuben's visit from Toronto

Denise and Sheldon Popliger in honour of the birth of their granddaughter

Miriam and Conrad Cohen in honour of Erica Steiner's birthday and in honour of the Rabbi's sermon

Emmanuel Labelle in honour of his fiancée, Sarah Lilah Desgagné, becoming a member of the Jewish tribe on Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Linda Garofalo in honour of Lieba and Rabbi Jacobson for the fabulous Shabbaton they organized last Friday, January 9th

Elaine Moscovitch wishing everyone a safe and healthy winter

Elaine Budning in honour of Gloria and Michael Schachter's new granddaughter

Tina, Martin, Samantha, Catherine and Amanda in honour of Arieh's 6th birthday

Morden Cookie Lazarus in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved mother Ray Lazarus

Sandi and Leonard Mendell in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved sister Frances Wener

Yvonne and Robert Feldstein in blessed memory of Lily Roodman and Louis Feldstein

The Shalosh Seudot today will take place 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 resume on January 21th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. 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

KABALLAH SERIES: CD copies (use on MP3 type players only) of Rabbi Jacobson's last Kaballah series "THE KABALLAH OF CONFLICT" are available at the Synagogue office (514-482-3366), at a cost of \$10.00 each.

SHABBAT SHIRA: We invite you to our annual festive service of Shabbat Shira "Sabbath of Song" which will take place on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. featuring Cantor Yitzhak Epstein and the Synagogue Choir under the direction of Choir Master Yossi Milo. Torah Reading by Rev. Benjamin Even-Hen with Rabbi Asher Jacobson officiating. Festive Kiddush will follow the services. Everyone is welcome.

DAILY MINYAN: We urge everyone to help support our daily morning and evening minyans especially during the winter period when so many of our regulars are out of town. Following the morning minyan you are cordially invited to join us for breakfast.

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

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.

“PARSHAT”

These are the names of the Children of Israel coming into Egypt (Ex. 1:1) Although usually translated into English "who came into Egypt," the literal Hebrew is in the present tense. The reason is that throughout the 210 years of Egyptian exile, the Jewish people felt as if they had just arrived. The entire experience would only be temporary; they were always aware that it was not their land and they were not at home. (Ohel Yehoshua)

But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew (Ex.1:12) The literal translation of the Hebrew is actually in the future tense rather than the past: "But the more they will afflict them, the more they will multiply and grow." Indeed, the Torah promises that whenever the enemies of the Jewish people will seek to harm them, their actions will always have the opposite effect. And the greater the persecution and suffering, the more the Jews will ultimately be strengthened and empowered. (Orach Chaim)

And when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid ("amata") to fetch it (Ex. 2:5) As Rashi notes, an alternate meaning of "amata" is "her hand": When Pharaoh's daughter stretched out her hand to reach Moses' cradle, her arm was miraculously increased in length many cubits ("amot"). A question is asked: Pharaoh's daughter could not possibly have known that a miracle would occur. Why, then, did she attempt to rescue Moses in the first place? The answer is that when a person sincerely wishes to help another, he shouldn't stop to think if it "pays" or if it is even feasible. Rather, he must immediately do his part and "extend his hand" to his fellow man. (*Rabbi Yitzchak Vorker*)

And she called his name Moses (Moshe) and she said: Because I drew him out of the water (Ex. 2:10) Moses' name, Moshe, is in the present tense because it refers to an ongoing process: In every generation there is one "Moses" whose function is to pull Jews out of the depths of the "sea," lifting and elevating them from both spiritual and physical "mud." For "the reflection of Moses exists in each and every generation." (Netivot Noach)

Pharaoh heard this thing and he wanted to kill Moses (Ex. 2:15) As a child, Moses once snatched the crown from Pharaoh's head. Pharaoh took this as a sign that Moses would grow up to be the redeemer of the Jewish people and would destroy Pharaoh. Pharaoh wanted to kill Moses then, but changed his mind. When Moses grew up and it was brought to Pharaoh's attention that Moses was inquiring after the welfare of the Jews, and had killed an Egyptian for hitting a Jew, he realized that Moses was indeed the savior of the Jews and he wanted him eliminated. (Malei Haomer) From Vedibarta Bam by Rabbi Moshe Bogomilsky

Send, I beseech You, by the hand of him whom You will send (Ex. 4:13) There are some commandments in the Torah that cannot be done intentionally, such as the mitzva of the forgotten sheaf (which must be left for the poor). Being a leader is in this category, for "Whoever pursues honor, honor flees from him." Only a person who does not wish to lead is worthy of doing so. Thus it was not until Moses declined being the leader of the Jews that he merited the position. (Prayer Book with Chasidic Interpretation)

My son, my firstborn is Israel (Ex. 4:22) A firstborn son receives a double portion of his father's inheritance, as he is the one responsible for "making" him a father in the first place. Similarly, the Jewish people is G-d's "firstborn," having "made" Him the Father of all mankind by being the first to recognize G-dliness and Divine Providence in the world. (Meshech Chochma)

YAHREZIT FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 17-23

Morris Tait, Benjamin Ritz, William Blank, Jack Liebman, Charles Budning, Anne Handelsman, Mendel Rosner, Istvan Prager, Frances Wener, Jack Waxman, Joseph Kravitz, Betty Rosenthal, Dr. Zoltan Gallai, Mary Lauer, Henry Gottlieb, Shirley Levine, Jacob Weinstein, Hyman Hart, Louis Warshaw, Rachel Helfenbaum, Tillie Maklan, Rachel Luxenberg, Lily Ritz, Sidney Devine, Louis Kravitz, Ernest Schrieber, Joseph Schreter, Rhona Rothman, Israel Adler, Anna Cornel Gal, Nisan Cohen, Samuel Waxman, Harry Allister, Nachum Shechtman, Benjamin Mordechai Simon, Hyman Horowitz, Anne Fenster, William Travis, Dolly Davis, Milton Klein, Gyulane Gati, Lifsha Belinsky

Our hearts and minds are with our beleaguered brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Together with our apprehension and concern for their safety, we are also filled with confidence, because G-d, whose watchful "eyes are constantly on the Land, from the beginning of the year until its conclusion," will certainly protect Israel and the members of its armed forces.

Let us unite during this difficult time. Let us show our solidarity and support. Let's give charity, pray to G-d and perform additional mitzvot.

United, We Will Overcome.

“Jewish News and Views”

Courtesy of CIJR’s daily “ISRANET BRIEFING” <http://www.isranet.org>

“Israel has a right to defend herself... I'm for a sustainable cease-fire. And a definition of a sustainable cease-fire is that Hamas stops firing rockets into Israel... The choice is Hamas's to make.”—U.S. President *George W. Bush*, in his final press conference before he leaves office next Tuesday, strongly backing Israel in its fight against Hamas. *Jerusalem Post, Jan. 12)*

“I remain deeply sympathetic to Israel’s desire to defend itself...The Obama administration has also been reminded of the tragic humanitarian costs of conflict in the Middle East....This must only increase our determination to seek a just and lasting peace agreement that brings real security to Israel, and independence, economic progress and security to the Palestinians in their own state.... We cannot negotiate with Hamas until it renounces violence, recognizes Israel and agrees to abide by past agreements. That is just, for me, an absolute.”—Secretary of State nominee *Hillary Clinton*, testifying to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which is considering her nomination. Clinton has pledged to use “smart power” in order to renew American leadership in international affairs. *(National Post, Jan. 14)*

“By accusing us of being Nazi-like, Europeans alleviate some of their own feelings of guilt and responsibility for the Holocaust. Moreover, by saying that the Jews are acting like Nazis, they are delegitimizing the very existence of the State of Israel.”—Dr. *Robert Rozett*, director of the Yad Vashem Libraries, explaining the “very intense” and “extremely ugly” use of Nazi imagery for describing Israeli actions in the Gaza Strip. The remarks came days after Israel condemned a senior Vatican official for comparing conditions in the Gaza Strip to a concentration camp. **“Most people know just enough about the Holocaust to make superficial equations to it.”** Rozett said. *(Jer. Post, Jan. 11)*

“Some may feel satisfaction at repeatedly passing General Assembly resolutions or holding conferences that condemn Israel's behaviour.... There have been decades of resolutions. There has been a proliferation of special committees, sessions, etc. Has any of this had an effect on Israel's policies, other than to strengthen the belief in Israel, and among many of its supporters, that this great Organization is too one-sided to be allowed a significant role in the Middle East peace process? ... This resolution, which the Council is about to adopt with the support of your automatic majority, is not balanced, does not reflect the realities of the Gaza Strip, and does no service to the cause of peace or to the human suffering of Palestinians in Gaza....Sadly, such resolutions will only embolden Hamas, weaken the trust of the Israeli public in the United Nations and this Council...”—*Aharon Leshno-Yaar*, Israel’s ambassador to the UN Human Rights Council, in a statement before a vote which condemned Israel’s operation in Gaza. While another thirteen nations abstained, Canada was the sole member of the UNHRC which voted against condemning Israel. *(Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jan. 12)*

RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, WORLDWIDE—(*Jerusalem*) Over 10,000 people gathered on 42nd Street in New York, outside the Israeli consulate, to show their support for the offensive. Meanwhile, thousands more pro-Israel demonstrators rallied across Europe, including Prague, Dublin, Antwerp, Berlin, London and Manchester. The demonstrations were held amid a series of pro-Palestinian protests in cities throughout North American, Europe and Muslim states, many of which have turned violent and used clearly antisemitic terms to condemn the operation. British organizers estimated that as many as 20,000 people participated in the London demonstration, which took place in Trafalgar Square. A parallel rally was held in Manchester's Albert Square. *(Ha'aretz, Jan.11)*

HAMAS: BOMBS MORE PRECIOUS THAN CHILDREN—(*Gaza City*) A new five-minute video compilation by Palestinian Media Watch of excerpts from Hamas TV documents the hateful and abusive messages, designed to indoctrinate children to Hamas values. Children are taught to value violence, hatred, and martyrdom. In one music video, a five-year-old who finds out that her mother wore an explosives belt sings, "Now I know what was more precious than us," and swears to follow in her mother's footsteps. Another shows a boy's transition from childhood to adulthood, climaxing in his heroic Martyrdom death. *(Front Page Magazine, January 12)*

U.S. CONGRESS SUPPORTS ISRAEL—(*Washington*) The U.S. Senate agreed on a voice vote to a non-binding resolution co-sponsored by Democratic and Republican leaders in the chamber on Jan. 8, encouraging President George W. Bush “to work actively to support a durable, enforceable and sustainable ceasefire in Gaza as soon as possible that prevents Hamas from retaining or rebuilding the capability to launch rockets or mortars against Israel”. Senate Democrat and Majority Leader Harry Reid stated, “When we pass this resolution, the United States Senate will strengthen our historic bond with the state of Israel, by reaffirming Israel’s inalienable right to defend against attacks from Gaza, as well as our support for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.” The House passed a similar resolution on Jan. 9. *(Reuters, Jan. 8; Ynet News, Jan.9)*