

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, April 25, 2009 - 1 Iyar

Parshat Tazria-Metzora Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

The Torah reading for Tazria and on page 608 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 460 in the Hertz Chumash
The Torah Reading for Metzora is on 620 in the new Artscroll Chumash is on page 470 in the Hertz Chumash
The Maftir is on page 890 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 695 Verse 9 in the Hertz Chumash
The Haftorah is on page 1208 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on page 944 in the Hertz Chumash

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45a.m.
Mincha Services	7:35p.m.
Shabbat ends	8:41p.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

Parnassim

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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall

Sponsored by

Sarah and Abe Rosenman in honour of the Bat Mitzvah of their great-granddaughter Lindsay Ruth Eiley

Bonnie and Joel Waxman in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved father Abraham Waxman

Marilyn Waxman in honour of the yahrzeit of her beloved husband Abraham Waxman

Hy Waxman in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved brother Abraham Waxman

David Hart in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved mother Annie Ruth Hart

Gary Polachek in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved grandmother Sadie Polachek

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 May 5. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments following. Due to the celebration of Yom Haatzmaut, there will be class on April 29.

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 HAZIKARON: Community wide commemoration will be held at Cummings Square on Monday, April 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

YOM HAATZMAUT: Israel's independence celebration will take place on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 11:00 starting at Phillip's Square (across the Bay) and ending at Dominion Square. Busses will be leaving from the Cavendish Mall, the Cote St. Luc Shopping Center and Decarie Square at 10:30 a.m.

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 Tazria-Metzora”

And he shall shave off all his hair, his head, and his beard, and his eyebrows (Lev. 14:9) A person was smitten with the plague of leprosy for one of three reasons: arrogance, engaging in gossip, or having been envious of others. The purification process, therefore, consisted of shaving off the hair of the head (the seat of pride), the area of the beard (for having failed to prevent the mouth from speaking slanderously), and the eyebrows, which failed to stop the eyes from narrowing in jealousy. (*Kli Yakar*)

Humility

Our Sages tell us that “The observance of *mitzvot* requires the proper intention.” In truth, when a person performs a *mitzva* for the sake of heaven, its value is endless and immeasurable. Yet, there is one commandment that is impossible to observe intentionally, and that is being humble. Consciously intending to be humble is nothing but pride... (*The Rebbe of Kotzk*)

If a man shall have in the skin of his flesh an eruption, a scab or a bright spot (Lev. 13:2) Rabbi Shmuel bar Nachmani said in the name of Rabbi Yochanan: Afflictions are the consequence of seven sins: gossip, bloodshed, an oath taken in vain, sexual transgressions, overbearing pride, theft and envy. (*Talmud, Arachin*)

And it might become in the skin of his flesh the plague of leprosy: then shall he be brought to Aaron the priest (Lev. 13:2) The Mishna (Negaim) states: “A person can see all afflictions except for his own...or those of his relatives.” It’s very easy to find fault in others; much more difficult to recognize one’s own deficiencies. (*Ma’ayana Shel Torah*)

When the priest will see him, he will pronounce him unclean (Lev. 13:3) The Shpuler Zaide was known as one of the most enthusiastic and spirited disciples of the Magid of Mezeritch. In the year 1799, during a visit to the Alter Rebbe, he related that he had merited to see the Baal Shem Tov when he was three years old. “The Baal Shem Tov placed his holy hand over my heart, and ever since I’ve been warm,” he explained. From this we learn that the gaze of a *tzadik* (“the priest shall see him”), the sound of his voice, or in fact any gesture he makes, has far-reaching influence and effect on an individual. (*Otzar HaChasidut*)

YAHREZIT FOR THE WEEK APRIL 25-MAY 1

Albert Weisz, Seymour Fenster, Abraham Waxman, Magda Marcali, Mendel Richer, Ray Smolkin, Abraham Steinfield, Gloria Steinman, Sam Crystal, Frank Cobrin, Moses Rudolph, Samuel Cheyfitz, Jane Audrey Entin, Esther Weiner, Judith Klein, Ernene Deutch, Ray Claiman, Harry Burak, Malka Nasha Herschorn, Leo Aronoff, Jean Berlin, Isadore Pollack
Edward Alper, Miriam Satov, Miklos Kut

Jewish News and Views

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"We are very concerned that, around the world, anti-Semitism is growing in volume and acceptance, justified...by opposition to Israel itself. Canada will not lend its name to an international conference that supports these kinds of things."--Canadian Prime Minister *Stephen Harper*, justifying Canada's boycott of the Durban II conference. Though Harper said he welcomed recent U.S. overtures to Iran, he cautioned the U.S. saying, **"I am all for new approaches as long as we don't turn a blind eye to any realities here."** (*Canwest News Service, April 21*) **"Only a matter of a few decades after the Holocaust, new forces have arisen, that openly declare their intention to wipe the Jewish state off the face of the earth. The State of Israel is the shield and the hope of the Jewish people."**--Israeli Prime Minister *Benjamin Netanyahu*, speaking at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem during Holocaust Memorial Day commemorations. (*National Post, April 22*) **"We cannot, we will not, and we will never recognize the enemy in any way, shape or form."**--Senior Hamas official *Mahmoud Zahar*, preaching at a mosque in Gaza in reaction to Prime Minister Netanyahu's demand that the Palestinian leadership's recognition of Israel as a Jewish state is a precondition for further negotiations. Meanwhile, senior Palestinian Authority negotiator Saeb Erakat said that any recognition of Israel's Jewish character would negate Palestinian refugees' demand for the right of return. (*New York Times, April 18*)

ISRAEL-HATER INVITED TO PARLIAMENT HILL-- (*Ottawa*) The Canada-Palestine Parliamentary Association has invited *Michael Neumann*, a philosophy professor from Trent University who called Israel an "illegitimate state", to speak in the Parliament buildings. His book, *The Case Against Israel*, argues that Israel is dedicated to the destruction of the Palestinian people and to a "kindler, gentler genocide" than that perpetrated by Adolph Hitler. The Conservative party said no MPs would attend the speech and urged Liberal and NDP members not to lend credibility to Neumann's views. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney's office exclaimed, "Mr. Neumann has the right to air his noxious views. The corollary, of course, is that we can and must criticize them." (*National Post, April 21*)

LONDON HALL SUBMITS TO PRESSURE, CANCELS ISRAELI EVENT--(*London*) The Bloomsbury Theatre in London canceled an event to celebrate Israel's Independence Day following demands from pro-Palestinian groups. The Zionist Federation of Britain was informed of the decision on Tuesday but said the event, featuring an IDF choir to honour Israeli soldiers who lost their lives in the Arab-Israeli conflict, will take place at a different venue. "A number of groups had contacted the Bloomsbury to protest the show," said a spokeswoman for the theatre, adding "Obviously, we couldn't have them perform here." Ticket sales for the event have picked up as a result of the controversy. (*JTA, April 22*)

BBC MIDDLE EAST EDITOR GUILTY OF BIAS--(*Jerusalem*) The Editorial Standards Committee, a unit of the BBC Trust, found that the BBC's Mideast Editor, *Jeremy Bowen*, violated the broadcaster's ethical guidelines calling for impartiality and accuracy. The ESC was investigating two independent complaints, one from CAMERA and the other from the Zionist Federation of Great Britain. The ESC found that two Bowen articles, one a 2007 written article called *How 1967 Defined the Middle East*, and a 2008 radio show called *From Our Own Correspondent*, were guilty of anti-Israel bias. The former piece accused Israeli generals of wanting to settle the "unfinished business" of 1948, and the latter piece incorrectly stated that the U.S. felt the Har Homa settlements to be illegal. Both plaintiffs are concerned that the ESC's findings leave out any corrective measures to prevent Bowen from being inaccurate in the future. The BBC also continues to refuse publication of the 2004 Balen Report, an internal BBC investigation of systemic anti-Israel bias within the Corporation. (*Ha'aretz, CAMERA, April 15*)