

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob - Beit Hazikaron
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Saturday January 24, 2009 - Shabbat Mevorchim Shevat
Parasha Va'era - 28 Tevet

The Torah reading is on page 232 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 96 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is on page 244 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 23 (back in the Hebrew Publishing)

ROSH CHODESH SHEVAT - MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services	4:30 p.m.
Shabbat ends	5:37 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	4:45 p.m.
Next Friday	4:45 p.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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The Congregational Kiddush will be held in the Raicek Hall sponsored by:

Liz Edery sends love to her son Haim Henry Corcos on his 3rd birthday
Charlie Schiller thanking G-d for his and his father Les' safe return from their road trip
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Pearl and Jack Rothenberg in memory of Lawrence Taiger and Eileen Cohen
Ben Dobrofsky in honour of the yahrzeit of his brother Moishe Dobrofsky
Bonnie and Joel Waxman and family in honour of the yahrzeit of his grandfather Samuel Waxman and his uncle Jack Waxman
Irwin Taiger in memory of his beloved brother Lawrence Taiger
Ruth and Leo Hubermann in honour of Lieba Jacobson, Tina Rosenthal and Claudia Polachek and the wonderful Shabbaton they organized
Claude Cohen in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Miriam Berdugo Cohen
Sandi and Leonard Mendell in honour of the birth of their granddaughter
Lieba and Rabbi Jacobson in honour of Sarah Lilah Desgagné becoming a Jewess
Annie Rivka and Eric Aouizerats in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary

The Shalosh Seudot will be held 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 Dan will be on January 28th, 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 CKBH-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”

And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed to the ground (Gen. 18:2) The great sage Shammai said, “Greet every man with a pleasant countenance.” Should a person give his friend every gift in the world, yet greet him with a scowl, it is considered as if he gave him nothing. But if he greets him with a smile, it is considered as if he gave the other person everything, even if he is empty-handed. (*Avot D’Rabbi Natan*)

And they said, So do as you have said (Gen. 18:5) The way of *tzadikim* is to say little, yet do much. The angels knew that Abraham was a *tzadik*, and that he would go out of his way - above and beyond what he had already offered - to make them feel at ease. They therefore asked him to "do as he had said" with regard to their comfort, and no more. (*Torat Moshe*)

For I know him...that he will do justice and judgment (Gen. 18:19) What is the connection between justice and judgment? Whenever G-d gives a person an abundance of blessings, he must ask himself: Do I really deserve so much goodness? Why me and not someone else? This "self-judgment" will then prompt him to give *tzedaka* (charity) in a generous and unstinting manner. (*Sefer HaMaamarim*)

And he said...possibly ten will be found there (Gen. 18:32) Why did Abraham say "possibly"? If there were ten righteous people in the city, isn't it logical to assume that he was acquainted with them? Rather, Abraham was concerned that there might be "hidden *tzadikim*" living in Sodom, who were afraid to reveal themselves as such in their wicked society. (*Shoshanat Avraham*)

And the two angels came to Sodom (Gen. 19:1) Why did the angels disguise themselves as people when they visited Abraham, but appeared in their true form when they came to Lot? Abraham, who epitomized the mitzvah of *hachnasat orchim* (hospitality), greeted everyone in a pleasant manner and with great respect. Lot, by contrast, would not have allowed the angels to cross his threshold had they not appeared as supernatural beings. (*Rabbi Leib Sarah's*)

And Abraham called the name of his son that was born to him...Isaac...as G-d had commanded him. (Gen. 21: 3-4) Instead of waiting until the baby's *brit* on the eighth day to give him a name (as is done nowadays), Abraham called his son Isaac as soon as he was born. This was at the express command of G-d, Who had previously informed Abraham that “Sara your wife will bear you a son, and you will call his name Isaac.” Abraham fulfilled this immediately upon the baby's birth, and did not wait even a minute (*HaNetziv*)

The trial of the binding of Isaac is ascribed to Abraham's merit, even though he was not the intended sacrifice. For the agony of a father who leads his child to slaughter is much greater than the child's own suffering (*Taharat HaKodesh*)

YAHARZEIT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24 – 30

Myer Teicher, Louis Shuter, Benny Sibales, Dezso Feldman, Bertha Ida Tannenbaum, Dr. Israel Segall, Livia Blumenthal, Anne Shuter, Alice Parnass, Lewis Maurice Cossman, Sonia Burak, Freda Wexelman, Tibor Fodor, Caroline Kohn, Lily Besner, Jack Birnbom, Joseph Abrahamson, Bessie Bloom, Yermie Siegel, Samuel Stern, Norman Cuttler, Doris Hier, Manya Szejman, Martin Preisler, Max Haber, Evelyn Fried, Lazlo Simonyi

“We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.” *Golda Meir*

“Jewish News and Views”

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

- Hamas was badly stricken, both in terms of its military capabilities and in the infrastructure of its regime. Its leaders are in hiding. Many of its members have been killed. The factories in which its missiles were manufactured have been destroyed. The smuggling routes, through dozens of tunnels, have been bombed. The Hamas’s capabilities for conveying weapons within the Gaza Strip have been damaged. The scope of missile fire directed at the State of Israel has been reduced. The areas from which most of the missiles were launched are under the control of IDF forces. The estimate of all the security services is that the Hamas’s capabilities have been struck a heavy blow which will harm its ability to rule and its military capabilities for some time.
- The IDF and the Israel Security Agency have succeeded in conducting an outstanding operation, utilizing all the elements of Israel’s force—on land, at sea and in the air. The military operation was characterized by determination, sophistication, courage and an impressive ability in intelligence and operations, which led to significant and numerous achievements. The current campaign proved again Israel’s force and strengthened its deterrence capability vis-a-vis those who threaten us.
- The reserves soldiers, who are the foundation for the IDF’s strength, proved that the spirit of volunteerism and a willingness to sacrifice still very much exist. These forces were made ready in a thorough manner, equipped with all they needed and thus could demonstrate their professionalism and fierceness of spirit.
- During all the days of fighting, the Israeli home front demonstrated its strength, despite hundreds of rockets and mortar shells indiscriminately fired at a population which numbers one million residents; it was the home front that created an unshakable foundation which strengthened us and gave us the ability to continue fighting. Two years of preparation on the home front proved that we learned our lessons and were properly organized. The Government and the heads of the regional local authorities under attack demonstrated the patience, endurance and that same strong spirit which allowed the political echelon to make the right decisions, knowing that the home front could withstand the consequences of those decisions.
- As a decision-making body, the Government of Israel demonstrated unity with regard to goals, and acted professionally and in coordination to achieve those goals. The decisions were all made in a responsible and educated manner, following clarification and in-depth discussions. As an executive branch, the Government met the demands and needs of the population and the fighting forces.
- Alongside the successes, we must also remember the fallen and those who sacrificed their lives to achieve a better reality in the South. The campaign claimed the lives of three residents of the South and ten of our soldiers. Tonight our hearts are with their families. We send our wishes for a speedy recovery to the residents of the South and to the IDF soldiers injured during the operation.
- Today, and in large part due to the success of the military operation, the entire international community is ready to mobilize in order to achieve maximum stability, and knows that, for this to occur, the process of Hamas’s strengthening must stop. To this end, we reached a number of understandings—the importance of which cannot be underestimated—which will ensure that the strengthening of Hamas will decrease. We formulated understandings with the Egyptian government with regard to a number of central issues, the realization of which will bring about a significant reduction in weapons smuggling from Iran and Syria to the Gaza Strip.
- On Friday we signed a memorandum of understanding with the American government, in the framework of which the United States will mobilize to take the necessary steps, together with the other members of the international community, to prevent weapons smuggling by terrorists in Gaza. I wish to thank and express my great appreciation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice Prime Minister for her efforts to reach this agreement, for her contribution to the diplomatic steps and for the widespread diplomatic effort she made over the past several weeks, which were an important contribution to the international backing given to the Israeli effort against the terrorist organizations headed by Hamas.