

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, March 28, 2009 - 3 Nissan

Parsha Vayikra

The Torah reading is on page 410 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 149 in the Hebrew Publishing
The Haftorah is on page 424 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 42 (back) in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45 a.m.
Mincha Services	6:55 p.m.
Shabbat ends	8:01 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	7:20 p.m.
Next Friday	7:20 p.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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Dr. Wm. Steinman - 1st Vice President
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Gary Trestan - 3rd Vice President
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Jerry Sherman
Allan Tannenbaum
Morton Tannenbaum
Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Auditorium

Sponsored by:

Elaine Budning in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Zachary Kogan

Todah Rabbah to the following sponsors

Les Schiller in honour of the yahrzeit of his beloved mother Martha Schiller

Rabbi, Lieba, Mendel and Yaakov Jacobson in honour of Riki's birthday

Zachary Kogan in honour of his Bar Mitzvah

Jerry Sherman in honour of his wife Lorna's birthday

Sidonia Newman in honour of the yahrzeit of her brother Mendel Schmerler, who perished in the Holocaust

Mary Maitlitz, her children and grandchildren in honour of the 41st yahrzeit anniversary of a beloved husband, father and grandfather Tovia Maitlitz

Claudia and Gary Polachek in recognition of the excitement and great work being done by the Young Adult Division of our shul.

The Rosenthal Family in honour of Catherine Rosenthal and Riki Jacobson's birthday

Nathaniel Lasry in thankfulness for his children's safe return

Emmanuelle Labelle in honour of his mother Alice Kessous's birthday

Susan, Louis and Michael Lottner in honour of Riki Jacobson's birthday

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

The Shalosh Seudot today will take place in the Raicek Hall sponsored by the Congregation

BAR MITZVAH - MAZEL TOV

ZACHARY KOGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BAR MITZVAH AND TO HIS PARENTS CAROLE ANNE AND STUART KOGAN, BROTHERS JOEL AND CRAIG. NACHES AS WELL TO THE GRANDPARENTS ELAINE BUDNING (CALENDAR GIRL) AND BETTY AND CONRAD KOGAN

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON FOR INVITED GUESTS IS IN THE SINGERMAN AUDITORIUM

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 on April 1st, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments following.

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.

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

THE CHEVRA CHESED COMMITTEE: Every act of Chesed - of Goodness and Kindness- is a ray of light. This new group at the Shul is willing and able to reach out to Shul members with a phone call, or a hospital or home visit so that members in need know that they matter - that we care about them and that we can be of help to them. If you would like to join the Chevra Chesed Committee or if you know of anyone who is unwell or in need of a little TLC you can contact the Shul office at 514-482-3366. If you have current paperback books or magazines in excellent condition, please bring them into the shul office for distribution to our members.

THE HONOURABLE STOCKWELL DAY: Minister of International Trade will bring Passover holiday greetings from the Government of Canada to our community on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in our Synagogue. All are welcome.

MATZA BAKERY: The Junior Chevra Club invites you to make your very own Shmurah Matzah. The program includes lunch, video, trip to a real matzah bakery. The date is Sunday, April 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the synagogue. Please reserve by emailing rabbidan@ckbj.org or by calling 514-482-3366

PASSOVER SEDER: Come and enjoy a wonderful and traditional Seder at our Synagogue on Thursday evening, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. We will be serving a complete, full-course, catered dinner. Please call 514-482-3366 and reserve by Tuesday, March 31st. Adults \$46.00, children \$20.00

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

MADA PASSOVER COLLECTION: A box has been set up outside the Synagogue office for donations of non-perishable Passover food items to help feed the needy during the holidays.

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

"PARSHAT VAYIKRA"

And if you bring a meal-offering baked in the oven (Lev. 2:4) In order to become closer to G-d, a person should arouse his innate, fiery love for Him by contemplating the greatness of the Creator. For in the same way that an oven's heat causes the liquid to separate from the dough, so too does a burning love of G-d separate a person from his attraction to material things and strengthen his connection with the infinite. (*Likutei Sichot*)

And it shall be that when he has sinned and is conscious of his guilt, he shall restore that which he took by robbery (Lev. 5:23) Our Sages note that whenever the Torah uses the phrase "And it shall be," it indicates joy and happiness. But what possible joy can there be in a discussion of robbery? Rather, the positive point in this verse is that the robber "is conscious of his guilt." It is a good thing that he recognizes the need to repent of his sin and bring an offering to atone for his misdeed. (*Ilana D'Chayei*)

And if he denies unto his neighbor that which was delivered to him to keep, or in pledge, or in something taken by violence...he shall give it to the one it belongs to on the day he confesses his sin (Lev. 5:21, 24) The Torah advises the robber to return whatever he stole on the same day that he admits his crime. The longer he waits, the harder it will be for him to give it up (*Maadanaei Asher*) And the priest shall make atonement for him... for anything of all that he may have done to trespass thereby (*le'ashma ba*) (Lev.5:26) "Le'ashma ba" is an acronym standing for "*La'keil asher shavat mikol hamaasim bayom hashevi'i*" – "to G-d, Who rested from all His deeds on the seventh day." This is an allusion to our Sages' dictum that "Whoever keeps the Shabbat properly is forgiven all his sins." Thus, even in exile, when we have no physical Holy Temple in which to offer sacrifices, our observance of Shabbat atones for sins in the same way. (*Tiferet Shlomo*) And G-d Called to Moses (Lev. 1:1) The Hebrew word for "called," "*vayikra*," is written with a tiny *alef*, alluding to Moses' exceptional humility. As Reb Simcha Bunim of Pshischa explained, Moses was unimpressed by his own greatness. True, he had attained an extraordinary level of spirituality, but he saw himself as if standing on top of a high roof: G-d had given him his outstanding qualities, and thus his achievements were not the result of his own efforts. For that reason Moses waited until he was called to enter the Tent of Meeting. He shall bring it, of his own voluntary will (Lev. 1:3) Citing the Talmud, Rashi comments: "From this we learn that force may be applied. And what if it is against his will? The Torah states 'voluntarily'; the person is forced until he admits that he wants to comply." Coercion, it seems, is a legitimate way to obtain compliance. This is because, on the deepest level, a Jew's innermost desire is always to obey G-d's command. Outwardly he may protest, but in his heart he would rather overcome his evil inclination. (*Maimonides, Law of Divorce, chap.3*)

Yahrzeit for the week March 28 - April 3

Moishe Lighter, Sonia Zikman, Jennie Rosenbaum, Minnie Goodman, Eva Steiner, Kay Kirman, Sydney Wexler, Anny Rosenthal, Eddy Dushkin, Edmund Bock, Chinka Perlin, Erich Fayer, Harry Antecol, Sarah Gerszenowicz, Freha Amsallag, Zoltan Schwartz, Lillian Gasco, Morris Goldberg, Lasjosne Bogler, Gerald Shatz, Al Manis, Harry Migicovsky, Rezsone Hammermuler, Betty Assh, Allan Assh, Joseph Borenstein, Estabel Levine,

"Labor has made a significant contribution to the establishment of a solid government, which will express the broad unity evident in the public... I intend to present a unity government to the Knesset next week and ask for its confidence vote. Israel needs a broad, responsible government that would navigate it through the stormy seas ahead. Unity demands compromises. In this case, our faction had to pay an actual price. I am very well aware of it and I will do everything I can to ensure the leading voices here will be expressed in the government."--Likud Chairman and Prime Minister-designate *Benjamin Netanyahu*, welcoming Ehud Barak and the Labor Party into join the coalition, calling it "*an important national step.*" (*YnetNews, Mar. 25*)

CAR BOMB ATTACK FAILS IN ISRAEL--(*Haifa*) A 100kg bomb failed to detonate next to support columns in Haifa's Lev Hamifratz shopping mall. The terrorists exploited the fact that the mall's outdoor parking lot does not require vehicles to undergo a security check. Police and the Shin Bet security service are now tracking the terror cell. The attackers intended to use their bomb to set other cars ablaze in what one source called "a major terrorist attack." (*Jer. Post, Mar. 22*)

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY WELCOMES FAILURE OF SCHALIT TALKS--(*Ramallah*) According to some PA officials, any deal between Israel and Hamas over the release of captured IDF soldier *Gilad Schalit* in exchange for Palestinian prisoners currently in Israeli jails, would be seen as a major victory for Hamas in military, moral and public relations terms. Since the 2006 coup in which Hamas ousted the PA from power in the Gaza Strip, the PA has worked hard to isolate Hamas politically. In the past year, the PA with the help of Israel and the U.S. has waged a campaign aimed at eliminating Hamas' political and military presence in the West Bank. (*Jer. Post, Mar. 18*)

U.S. ACCUSES UN EXPERT OF ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS--(*Geneva*) In a report presented Monday at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Special Rapporteur's on the Palestinian Territories Richard Falk called for a probe to assess the IDF's competency in differentiating between civilian and military targets in Gaza. U.S. State Department spokesperson Robert Wood said, "We've expressed our concern many times about the special rapporteur's views on dealing with that question. We've found the rapporteur's views to be anything but fair. We find them to be biased. We've made that very clear." (*AFP, March 23*)

HALF OF YEMEN'S JEWS TO BE EVACUATED--(*Washington*) Fearing violence following threats made to the Yemenite Jewish community, the United Jewish Communities, the umbrella group of North American Jewish federations, will evacuate almost half of Yemen's Jews to the U.S. over the next two weeks. Yemen's Jewish refugees are not being evacuated to Israel because the group behind the evacuation is the anti-Zionist Hasidic Satmar sect of Judaism. The U.S. embassy in Sana'a has been interviewing Jewish families to grant them visas and refugee status in the U.S. in the face of Islamic extremist activity. (*Jer. Post, March 18*)

NAZI CAMP GUARD DEPORTED--(*Washington*) A former Nazi concentration camp guard who had been living in Wisconsin has been deported to Austria. *Josias Kumpf*, 83, served as a guard at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany, the Trawniki labour camp in Poland and at slave-labour sites in occupied France. U.S. prosecutors allege that Kumpf participated in a 1943 mass-shooting in Poland, in which 8,000 Jewish men, women and children were murdered at Trawniki. Kumpf immigrated to the U.S. in 1956 and became a citizen in 1964. (*New York Post, March 20*)

ANTI-WAR PROTESTORS TURN ON OBAMA--(*Washington*) *Adam Kokesh* and other members of the anti-war group Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) gathered in Washington on Thursday to call on President Barack Obama to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, accusing him of war crimes. "Obama is worse than Bush. Bush wasn't proposing a surge in Afghanistan, and Bush was talking about a quicker timeline for withdrawal than Obama." (*CNS News, March 20*)