

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, March 21, 2009 - 25 Adar

Parsha Vaykhel-Pekudei- Shabbat Hachodesh- Shabbat Mevorchim
Nissan

The Torah reading is on page 373 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 149 in the Hebrew Publishing
The Maftir is on page 253 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 107 in the Hebrew Publishing
The Haftorah is on page 1001 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 106 (back) in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services 6:45 p.m.
Shabbat ends 7:52 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services 7:00 a.m.
Evening Services 7:10 p.m.
Next Friday 7:10 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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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Singerman Auditorium

Sponsored by:

Bonnie and Mitchell Rosen in appreciation of being honoured by the Congregation
Florence Golt and the Rauch Family commemorating the 90th birthday of Aaron Rauch z"l
The Congregation in grateful appreciation to Bonnie and Mitchell Rosen for all their help

Todah Rabah to the following sponsors

Rabbi Dan, on behalf of the Junior Chevra Club, thanks the many volunteers for making the Purim Carnival a great success

Debbie Spivak in honour of the month of Adar

Sheila and Gerald Shechtman in thankfulness of their safe return from Florida and in honour of the birthday of his brother Jacob Shechtman

Pearl Paskell in honour of the birth of her great-granddaughter and in honour of the Congregation

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

THE CONGREGATION HONOURS BONNIE AND MITCHELL ROSEN, COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF CHEVRA YAD, OUR YOUNG ADULT DIVISION. THE SYNAGOGUE'S NEW YOUNG ADULT / YOUTH LOUNGE LOCATED ON THE UPPER LEVEL IS NOW A REALITY THANKS TO THEIR MOST GENEROUS DONATION. JOIN US FOR KIDDUSH AS WE UNVEIL A SPECIAL PLAQUE IN THEIR HONOUR, WHICH WILL BE MOUNTED OVER THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROOM AND WILL READ "THE BONNIE & MITCHELL ROSEN YOUNG ADULT / YOUTH LOUNGE"

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 March 25th, 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

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.

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

THE CHEVRA CHESED COMMITTEE: Every act of Chesed - of Goodness and Kindness- is aray 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.

YOUTH LOUNGE: We are pleased to announce that we have recently created a new “Young Adult/Youth Lounge” on the second floor. We are currently looking for couches and sofas to furnish the room. If you have any of these items in good condition and are willing to donate them, please contact the synagogue office and we will make the appropriate arrangements for pickup.

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 minimum) through our synagogue office. A printed label will be permanently attached inside the front cover bearing the name/s of the donor as well as the individual/s being honoured, memorialized or thanked.

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

“PARSHAT – VAYAK’HEL-PEKUDEI”

And on the menorah itself were four cups, shaped like almond blossoms with its knobs and flowers (Ex. 37:20)

According to Maimonides’ detailed drawings, the 22 cups of the menorah were “upside down,” that is, the wider, open part of the cup was on the bottom, while the closed, narrower part was at the top. The windows of the Holy Temple were similarly inverted –narrower on the inside and wider on the outside. Why? The function of the menorah was to illuminate –not just its immediate surroundings, but the entire world. Light did not filter in from without; rather, light spread from the Temple outward. A regular cup is a vessel for drinking; an inverted cup pours its contents out for others –hence the symbolism of the menorah’s cups. (*Likutei Sichot Vol. 21*)

These are the accounts of the Sanctuary (Mishkan), the Sanctuary of the testimony (Ex. 38:21)

Commenting on the destruction, our Sages said that G-d did not take the Holy Temple from the Jewish people permanently, but is holding it as a *meshkon* (collateral – a play on words) which will one day be returned. Furthermore, the repetition of the word (‘Sanctuary’) in the above verse alludes to the two Temples that would be destroyed before Moshiach establishes the Third and Eternal Holy Temple, speedily in our day. (*The Rebbe, Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim, 5752*)

All the work of the Sanctuary of the Tent of Meeting was finished, and the children of Israel did all that G-d commanded Moses (Ex. 39:32)

Once the Sanctuary was completed, sacrifices could then be brought to serve as atonement for sins. Nonetheless, the Jewish people continued to keep all the Torah’s commandments, even as they brought their offerings. (*Rabbi Shlomo Kluger*)

Moses saw all the work... and Moses blessed them (Ex. 39:43)

According to the Midrash, what Moses saw was all the angels that had been created by the Jewish people's fulfillment of G-d's command to bring contributions for the Sanctuary, as it states: "He who does one mitzva acquires one advocate." Moses thus understood that the mitzva had been done with sincerity and pure intent, "and he blessed them" (*Birkat Shamayim*)

YAHREIT FOR THE WEEK MARCH 21-27

Shmuel Myer Frank, Myer Steinman, Samuel Burn, Eli Share, Arye Leib Cohen, Eugene Fuchs, Rebecca Kucer, Becky Feldman, Jacob Melnick, Tovia Maitlitz, Estelle Gameraff, Jeno Polachek, Tzvi Zentner, Gittle Simmerman, Liba Rosenthal, Margit Kupferstein, Moe Weiner, Sarah Tunis, Beverly Zucker, Leah Sternthal, Rose Levy, Nathan Takefman, Pia Azeff, Eva Melnick, Moe Greenstone, Kevin Berlin, Charles Etcovitch, Jack Kolodny, Eva Steiner, Ben Dalfen, George Migicovsky, Jacob Zelfan, Icek Izraelowicz, Manya Zentner, Martha Schiller, Fanny Brookman, Tibor Jeledi, Andorne Schwartz, Joseph Frankel, Maimie Botner Clement, Eli Share, Rochel Knopp

Jewish News and Views

Courtesy of CIJR's daily "ISRANET BRIEFING" <http://www.isranet.org>

"The age-old hatred, anti-Semitism remains an ever-present evil in our world today. Anti-Semitism is a pernicious evil that must be exposed, that must be confronted, that must be repudiated, whenever and wherever it appears. Fuelled by lies and paranoia, we have learned from history it is an evil so profound, indeed as we saw in Mumbai, that it is ultimately a threat to us all. Under our government, Canada will remain an unyielding defender of Jewish religious freedom, a forceful opponent of anti-Semitism in all of its forms and a staunch supporter of a secure and democratic state of Israel."--Canadian Prime Minister *Stephen Harper*, expressing solidarity with the Jewish people at a ceremony to honour the Jewish victims of last year's Mumbai terrorist attacks. The ceremony, organized by Chabad-Lubavitch, was held on Parliament Hill last Thursday. (*National Post, March 13*)

"Today, the United States comes and says to us: You are terrorists and we are willing to forgive you for what has been, under the condition that you recognize Israel. Hezbollah is capable of defeating this entity Israel and can make it disappear."--Hezbollah terrorist leader Sheik *Hassan Nasrallah*, declaring his rejection of American diplomatic efforts. Nasrallah said that Hizbullah will not recognize Israel, **"not today, not tomorrow, not even in 1,000 years."**

"Accept my offer now, or else you will have to deal with Netanyahu and Lieberman, who are not going to give you as much as I'm willing to give."--Israeli PM *Ehud Olmert*, in a message to Hamas leaders, warning them that they should accept the offer proposed in negotiations to free captured IDF soldier Gilad Shalit in exchange for the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Hamas spokesmen responded by dismissing Olmert's threat as "nonsense" and **"comical...The last two wars, the one in Lebanon and the one in the Gaza Strip, were launched by a government that claims to be leftist and centrist in its policies. When it comes to dealing with the Arabs, there is no difference between the right wing and the left wing in Israel."** (*Jerusalem Post, March 16*)

"The Labor party has many leading figures who are experienced and can contribute much on security, diplomatic, economic and social issues. Their presence in the government would greatly strengthen the country's leadership at this juncture and would significantly enhance Israel's efforts to successfully meet great challenges standing in its path."--Israeli Prime Minister-designate *Binyamin Netanyahu*, calling upon the Labour party to join the government coalition. Meanwhile, Likud signed its first coalition deal with Avigdor Lieberman's Israel Beiteinu party. According to the deal, Lieberman is to be appointed foreign minister and four other Israel Beiteinu MKs will have cabinet portfolios. This is subject to change if the other parties join the coalition. (*Jer. Post, Mar. 18*)

"So long as Israel doesn't consent to Hamas's conditions, I have no problem holding on to Schalit for another full year."--Hamas military commander, *Ahmed J'bari*, commenting to London-based Arab daily Al-Hayat. Hamas officials told Al-Hayat that Israel indicated that, from the total of agreed upon released prisoner, it would deport 90 prisoners from the West Bank and 30 from the Gaza Strip. They were quoted as saying that **"if Israel continues to drag its feet, Gilad Shalit will suffer the same fate as Ron Arad."** Meanwhile the Israeli government has released the list of terrorists Hamas has demanded in return for Gilad Schalit. These include Bahij Badar, Abdullah Barghouti, Ibrahim Hamed and Abbas a-Sayid, responsible for some of the worst attacks of the Second Intifada: the Sbarro pizza parlor attack, the Seder massacre in Netanya and the attack on the Hebrew University of Jerusalem cafeteria, as well as many with "blood on their hands". (*Jer. Post, March 18*)

NETANYAHU: I WILL HAVE COALITION BY DEADLINE--(*Jerusalem*) Prime Minister-designate *Benjamin Netanyahu* is confident he will make a Basic Law deadline to form a government by 3pm Sunday, March 22. Speculation within the Likud party suggest that Moshe Ya'alon will be made defence minister, Yuval Steinitz will be a minister-without-portfolio in the Finance Ministry, Dan Meridor will be minister of strategic affairs, Yuli Edelstein will be a minister-without-portfolio that liaises between the government and the Knesset. Likud MK Ayoub Kara, a Druze, is expected to be named minister of minority affairs. Coalition negotiations with Shas have been facing problems on several issues including the appointment of Likud MK Gideon Sa'ar to the post of education minister. (*Ha'aretz, Mar. 18*)

STUDENTS: AUSCHWITZ IS NAME OF BEER --(*London*) A survey of more than 1000 British secondary school students revealed that a quarter did not know the purpose of the Auschwitz death camp. Of those, some ten percent believed it was a country bordering on Germany, while 2 percent thought it was a brand of beer. The poll also found that 60 percent did not know what the Final Solution was, and only a third knew that the Nazis had murdered six million Jews. (*Jer. Post, March 9*)