

Congregation
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron
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Saturday February 14, 2009
Parsha Yitro ~ 20 Shevat

The Torah reading is on page 288 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 118 in the Hebrew Publishing

The Haftorah is on page 302 in the Hertz Chumash and on page 29 (back in the Hebrew Publishing

Shabbat Services

Mincha Services	5:00 p.m.
Shabbat ends	6:05 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	5:20 p.m.
Next Friday	5:20 p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson
Cantor Yitzhak Epstein
Reverend Benjamin Even ~ Men
Rabbi Dan ~ Youth Director
Steve Goldstein ~ Executive Director
Yossi Milo - Choir Master

Les Schiller ~ President
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Gary Trestan ~ 3rd Vice President
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Parnassim

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Morton Tannenbaum
Sally Raicek
Ralph Brookman

Sisterhood President
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The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored by:

The Rosenthal family wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Chanie and Rabbi Dan Erdvin on the birth of their beautiful daughter Leah

Myra and Brian Greenstone in honour of the 40th yahrzeit anniversary of her mother Hilda Moscovitch Chana and Joseph Lieblein in honour of Cantor Yitzhak Epstein and the Synagogue Choir on the fabulous Shabbat Shira song fest.

Jeff Frank wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to Chanie and Rabbi Dan Erdvin on the birth of their precious daughter Leah

Shirley and Abe Gonshor in honour of the engagement of their son Michael to Jackie Herman

Michael Lottner in honour of Rabbi Dan becoming a father of a baby girl, sister to Mr. Magoo.

Dr. Gloria Tannenbaum in appreciation to her daughters Rhonda and Beth for joining the family in joyous celebration of Shabbat Shira

Dr. William Steinman in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Morty Steinman

The Krupp Family in honour of Jerry Sherman's birthday

Orianne Fox in honour of the beautiful Kiddush. Keep up the good work!

Gary Polachek in honour of the yahrzeit of his Zaida, Chaim Friedman z"l

The Polachek family in honour of Chanie and Rabbi Dan's baby daughter, Leah

Eunice and Lenny Prosterman in thankfulness for the safe return of Rabbi Jacobson and his family

Richard Schiller in recognition of his superlative report card

Elaine and Dr. Michael Malus in honour of the birth of their beautiful new granddaughter, Rachel Clare, in Windsor Ontario

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

CONGREGATION CKBH-BH WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK CANTOR EPSTEIN, CHOIRMASTER YOSSI MILO AND OUR MAGNIFICENT CHOIR FOR THEIR BEAUTIFUL AND MOVING RENDITION OF SERVICES ON SHABBAT SHIRA

BABY SITTING FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-5 FROM 10:00-12:00

JUNIOR CHEVRA CLUB FOR AGES 6-12 FROM 10:00-12:00

PURIM is quickly approaching. Celebrations will begin on Monday March 9, 2009, following the conclusion of the Fast of Esther with the reading of the Megillah at 7:20 P.M. (Daylight Savings Time). Festivities will continue on Tuesday, March 10, a day of fun and hamentashen. Please join us with your children for a magnificent carnival from 3:30-5:00P.M., followed immediately with an encore Megillah reading (graggers provided), The fun will conclude with a delicious catered dinner at 6:00, with live entertainment, games and prizes for best costume. Price will be announced shortly. Reservations required - 514-482-3366. Come in costumes and be prepared to party!!

PARSHA CLASS - with Rabbi Jacobson will be on February 18th, 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's (for 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 per CD of the complete series of 3 lectures.

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.

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.

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 - YITRO”

And Yitro heard (Ex.18:1)

Yitro was not alone in hearing about the Exodus from Egypt and the splitting of the Red Sea. What made Yitro different was that only he drew the right conclusion and acted upon it. Many people listen but don't truly hear; the words fail to penetrate their hearts and minds. Yitro heard – and correctly recognized what he was hearing. (*Rabbi Mendele of Kotzk*)

The people come to me to inquire of G-d. When they have a matter it comes to me, and I judge between a man and his fellow; and I make them know the statutes of G-d (Ex. 18:15-16)

Every Jewish leader of his generation fulfills three functions; He must pray on behalf of every individual Jew (“the people come to me to inquire of G-d”); resolve monetary disputes and disagreements (“judge between a man and his fellow”); and teach Torah to the Jewish people (“make them know the statutes of G-d”). (*Nachmanides*)

And Israel encamped there against the mountain (Ex.19:2)

Why was the Torah given on a mountain? A mountain and a patch of level ground are both made up of earth; the only difference is that the mountain is higher, its earth heaped up in a pile. Likewise, the Torah was given for the purpose of refining the physical world, that we raise and elevate it to G-dliness and holiness. (*Sefer HaMaamarim Tav-Shin*)

And all the people answered together and said, “All that G-d has spoken we will do.” (Ex. 19:8)

Instead of each individual answering, “I will do”, the Jews all responded together, “We will do”. Each individual Jew not only took upon himself to observe the Torah, but to be responsible for other Jews doing so. (*Chidushei HaRim*)

Yahrzeit for the week February 14-20

Molly Pinchuk, Peter Andor, Isidore Popliger, Ruben Cobrin, Rachel Simberg, Irene King Smukler, Shaine Rochel Zentner, Harry Asch, Bernard Isenberg, Ronald Dalfen, Lajos Waltzner, Isaac Fried, Alfred Rosenberger, Louis Lefkovitz, Yonah Shachter, Rebecca Caplan, Jacob Drabin, Hilda Moscovitch, David Linden, Jack Zittner, Rose Greatzer, Isadore Levitt, Morris Bernstein, Miriam Popliger, Toby Flanders, Harvey Weingensberg, Arnold Finder, Ruben Moscovitch, Jacob Weingensberg, Nathan Rossdeutscher, Joseph Herscovitch, Louis Morris, Dr. Samuel Hershon, Bernard Schnarch, Abraham Woods, Szymon Grajcar, Leon Blum, Arye Blum

“Jewish News and Views”

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

“I’ve spoken to party leaders, and we have agreed to begin negotiations on forming a new government as soon as tomorrow. Even if exit polls are accurate, there is no doubt regarding the only conclusion they point to: the Israeli people have said their word in a clear fashion, the nationalist bloc, led by Likud, won a clear victory.... There is no doubt regarding our own movement’s meteoric rise. In the last Knesset we had only 12 seats, 10 percent of the Knesset. We have more than doubled our power and grown more than any other party. The rise of the right-wing camp and the Likud can only mean one thing, the people want change. The people want one path. Our path won and it will lead the people.” —*Benjamin Netanyahu*, head of the center-right Likud party, proclaiming victory in the Israeli parliamentary elections. Likud members were quick to stress that Kadima’s one seat lead on Likud’s 27 seats did not mean it would necessarily be chosen to form the next coalition. (*Ha’aretz*, Feb. 11)

“Today the people chose Kadima and we will form the next government.”—*Tzipi Livni*, head of the centrist Kadima party, addressing a crowd of supporters while the ballots were being counted. She reiterated her offer to Likud leader *Benjamin Netanyahu* to join a national government under her leadership, saying “I offered this to you before this election was decided upon, to join a national government, led by me, to battle those challenges facing Israel today. You turned me down and said that it was up to the people to decide. Well, today the people chose Kadima. The right thing to do now is to respect the wishes of the voters.” (*Ha’aretz*, Feb. 11)

ISRAELI ELECTION RESULTS—(*Jerusalem*) Kadima was narrowly leading Likud with a predicted 28 mandates, while the latter had garnered a predicted 27 seats with 99.7 percent of the votes counted, according to the *Jerusalem Post*. Israel Beiteinu was expected to earn 15 mandates, Labor 13, Shas 11, United Arab List four, United Torah Judaism five, National Union four, Hadash four, Meretz three, Bayit Hayehudi three, and Balad three. The final results, which has got to include votes from soldiers and emissaries abroad, will only be published on February 18. Overall voter turnout, which observers had feared would be low, was 65.2 percent, over two percentage points higher than in the 2006 national elections. President Shimon Peres intends to meet with the factions quickly to expedite the process of appointing a candidate to form a coalition. (*Jerusalem Post*)

UN: IDF NEVER HIT SCHOOL—(*Geneva*) After a month of allegations, the UNRWA was forced to admit that they had falsely accused Israel of shelling one of its schools in Gaza during Operation Cast Lead. The charge stemmed from a January 6 UN Office for Humanitarian Affairs field report stating that an IDF shell had fatally struck a target outside the school, but was misreported the following day as having hit the school. The UN claims that a clerical error is to blame for the second false report. (*Jer. Post*, Feb. 4)

NAZI’S DEATH DISCOVERED—(*Baden-Baden*) Police in Baden-Württemberg, Germany confirmed information regarding the death of Dr. *Aribert Ferdinand Heim*, who would now be 94, indicating that he died in 1992 of rectal cancer in Cairo, Egypt. Better known as Dr. Death, Heim, the medical doctor at the Buchenwald, Sachsenhausen, and Mauthausen concentration camps, was the most wanted Nazi still at large. He is accused of performing operations on prisoners without anesthesia, removing organs from healthy inmates and leaving them to die, injecting poison into the hearts of others, and keeping skulls as keepsakes. (*NYT*, Feb. 5, 6)

MP DISSEMINATES PRO-TERRORIST EMAIL—(*Ottawa*) Last week, it was reported that Bloc Québécois MP *Maria Mourani* had forwarded an email containing links to videos praising terrorist groups, such as Hamas and al Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades, that are outlawed in Canada. Soon after, it was revealed that she had received the email from the Canadian Arab Federation’s *Gaza Daily Bulletin* two weeks earlier. Both her party leader and the Prime Minister criticised her, while B’nai Brith has called for a full investigation of the Canadian Arab Federation. (*B’nai Brith Canada Press Release*, Feb. 4, 5)

ARRESTS MADE IN VENEZUELAN SYNAGOGUE ATTACK—(*Caracas*) Seven police and four civilians were arrested in Caracas, Venezuela for their involvement in an attack on a synagogue. Armed men broke into Tiferet synagogue, leaving antisemitic graffiti on the walls and destroying religious objects. The attack drew international attention, following President *Hugo Chavez*’s expulsion of Israel’s ambassador over the war in Gaza. (*Ha’aretz*, February 8)