

Congregation  
Chevra Kadisha B'nai Jacob-Beit Hazikaron

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Saturday, May 9, 2009 - 15 Iyar  
Parshat Emor - Sisterhood Shabbat

**The Torah reading is on page 672 in the new Artscroll Chumash  
and on page 513 in the Hertz Chumash**

**The Haftarah is on page 1176 in the new Artscroll Chumash and on  
page 528 in the Hertz Chumash**

Shabbat Services

Saturday Morning	8:45 a.m.
Mincha Services	7:55 p.m.
Shabbat ends	9:02 p.m.

Weekday Services

Morning Services	7:00 a.m.
Evening Services	7:30 p.m.
Next Friday	7:30 p.m.

Rabbi Asher Jacobson  
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**We welcome and honour our members of Sisterhood**

*The Congregational Kiddush today will be in the Raicek Hall*

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*Toda Rabbah to the following sponsors*

Sandra Desgagné and Emanuel Labelle in honour of Shabbat Kallah

Sandra Desgagné and Emanuel Labelle in appreciation to Le Ballroom and the Congregation

Madzia Krymalowski in honour of the yahrzeit of her father-in-law Moishe Krymalowski

Edna Somekh in honour of Rabbi Malka for his insightful Shiurim on Saturday evenings

**Shalosh Seudot today will be in the Raicek Hall sponsored by the Congregation**

**The Congregation would like to acknowledge and express their profound appreciation to our Sisterhood for their contribution to the welfare and chesed of our community over these many years.**

**We welcome our honoured guest, Carmi Gillon, Vice-President of External Relations at Hebrew University to our Synagogue and thank him for his presentation this morning.**

**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 13, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

**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](mailto:ron.mayers@vmd.desjardins.com).**

**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 May 14, and May 21 at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the lectures is \$18.00. Call the office at 514-482-3366 to reserve.**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT – Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CKBH-BH Golf Tournament is quickly approaching. Sign up your foursome for the best day of FUN and PRIZES on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Val Des Lacs Golf Club. Shotgun at 12:30 P.M. SHARP! Call 514-482-3366 to register. The RAFFLE DRAW will also take place at the Golf Tournament – see below for details.**

**RAFFLE – You can be 'THE LUCKY WINNER' OF \$10,000.00 in our CKBH-BH RAFFLE DRAW to be held Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>. The draw will take place at the Annual Golf Tournament at the Val Des Lacs Golf Course. We need you to buy and sell tickets. There are also 4 additional prizes of \$500.00. A part of the profits will be given to the Jewish General Hospital Cancer Research and our Creative Preschool. Please call the Synagogue for details and tickets.**

**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](http://www.ckbjbh.org)

### “Parshat Emor”

**Speak unto the priests (Lev. 21:1)** The name of this week’s Torah portion – “Emor” – “speak” contains a lesson for us all: We must strive to always speak well of our fellow Jew and judge one another favorably. Just as speaking ill of someone reveals his negative qualities, words of praise reveal the inner good. (*Likutei Sichot*)

**None of them shall defile himself, among his people (b’amav) (Lev. 21:1)** The Hebrew word “*amav*” is related to the word “*im’um*,” dimming or growing dark, as in dying embers or coals that have been left to burn out on their own. Serving G-d “dimly,” halfheartedly and without fervor, is the cause of all defilement and impurity. The Torah warns us against allowing our G-dly spark to grow dim. Rather, it must be constantly nurtured and rekindled. (*The Rebbe of Alexander*)

**You shall not profane My holy name (Lev. 22:32)** When a Jew does a mitzvah purely and simply for the sake of G-d, without an ulterior or self-serving motive, he sanctifies G-d’s Name. When one hears only positive things about a person, that too is a sanctification of G-d’s Name. Conversely, G-d’s Name is profaned when negative comments are made about a person –even if he has a legitimate excuse for his behavior. (*Maimonides, Igeret HaShmad*)

**And you shall count for yourselves the day after Yom Tov (Lev. 23:15)** In counting *sifra*, the days between Pesach and Shavuot, we learn about the importance of time. Counting the days before Shavuot, the day on which we received the Torah, is a preparation for receiving the Torah, which emphasizes the value of time. Every Jew is obligated to occupy as much time as possible in Torah study, and not waste time that could be used for this purpose. (*Lukutei Sichot*)

**So that I may be sanctified among the Children of Israel; I am G-d Who sanctifies you (Lev.23:32)**

This verse is followed by the commandment to proclaim the various festivals, as was done years ago when the Jewish calendar was set according to the testimony of eyewitnesses. Because the Jewish people are, in essence, sanctified, they have the power to determine when the festivals will fall, thereby imbuing them with holiness as well. (*Der Torah Kvall*)

**In the manner that he has caused a bodily defect in a man, so shall it be done to him (Lev. 24”20)**

Whenever a person sees a defect in others it is a sure sign that the same defect exists in him, as the saying goes, “He who charges others charges them with his same fault.” (*Kovetz HaMincha*)

**And you shall not profane (lo techal’lu) (Lev. 22:32)** The Hebrew word for profane comes from the root *chalal*, meaning an empty space. When a person sins, it causes an “empty space” or interruption between himself and G-d. The Torah advises us not to let this happen. Similarly, arrogance and pride repel the Divine Presence, also causing an “empty space” devoid of G-dliness. (*Lukutei Sichot*)

### YAHREZIT FOR THE WEEK MAY 9-15

Bessie Gilman, Stanley Kandestin, Lynne Sobcuff, Issie Silverstone, Mary Brown, Yitzik Myer Garfinkle, Rene Ernst, Rachel Cooperberg, Ruby Shear Stern, Gertie Garfinkle, Israel Sternthal, Fannie Abramson, Maurice Manel, Mildred Halpern, Erno Hegedus, Sarah Baker, Joseph Goroff, Abe Singer, Sharaga Fabian Strauber, Nathan Cohen, Bernice Lovell, Maurice Leckner, Magda Domanyi, Panni Farago, Miklos Schwartz, Jacob Boloten, Rose Wexler, Moishe Krymalowski, Eva Hofbauer, Israel Fuchs, Sandor Nemes, Joseph Rothman

## WHEN GOD MADE MOTHERS

**By the** time the Almighty made mothers, he was into His sixth day and working overtime. An Angel appeared and said "Why are You spending so much time on this one?"

**And the** Almighty answered and said, "Have you seen the spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 200 movable parts, all replaceable, run on black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that can hold three children at one time and that disappears when she stands up, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart, and have six pairs of hands." The Angel was astounded at the requirements for this one. "Six pairs of hands! No Way!" said the Angel.

**The Almighty** replied, "Oh, it's not the hands that are the problem. It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers must have!" "And that's just on the standard model?" the Angel asked.

**The Almighty** responded, "Yep, one pair of eyes are to see through the closed door as she asks her children what they are doing, even though she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head are to see what she needs to know even though no one thinks she can. And the third pair are here in the front of her head. They are for looking at an errant child and saying that she understands and loves him or her without even saying a single word."

**The Angel** tried to stop the Almighty. "This is too much work for one day. Wait until tomorrow to finish."

**"But I can't!"** the Almighty protested, "I am so close to finishing this creation; it's so close to my own heart.

**The Angel** moved closer and touched the woman. "But you have made her so soft, Almighty."

**"She is soft,"** the Almighty agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish."

**"Will she** be able to think?" asked the Angel.

**The Almighty** replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason, and negotiate."

**The Angel** then noticed something and reached out and touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like you have a leak with this model. I told you that you were trying to put too much into this one."

**"That's not** a leak", the Almighty objected, "That's a tear!"

**"What's the** tear for?" the Angel asked.

**The Almighty** said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her disappointment, her pain, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

**The Angel** was impressed. "You are a genius, Almighty. You thought of everything. WOMEN are truly amazing!"

*Happy Mothers Day*