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999-57-66 **Boris Okun*** (okun@uwm.edu). *On Singer Conjecture for Coxeter groups.*

A conjecture of Singer states that the reduced L^2 -cohomology of the universal cover of an aspherical manifold vanishes except possibly in the middle dimension. Associated to any finite flag complex L there is a right-angled Coxeter group W_L and a contractible cubical complex Σ_L (the Davis complex) on which W_L acts properly and cocompactly, and such that the link of each vertex is L . It follows that if L is an $(n-1)$ -sphere, then Σ_L is a contractible homology n -manifold. We prove the Singer Conjecture (and its generalization for the weighted L^2_q -cohomology) for Σ_L when L is the barycentric subdivision of a triangulation of a $(2k-1)$ -sphere. (Received August 04, 2004)