

MEMORY LANE #14 THE FIRST BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY MARCH 1962 EDITION

Chomedey is now the largest Jewish center in Quebec outside of Montreal and Outremont, and we're still growing! Though Montreal has reached it's peak, Chomedey has much room for expansion. We would like to establish a compact "center" for Jewish activities at Elizabeth and Notre Dame – religious, cultural, social, and athletic!

Our membership has now exceeded 500 and continues to expand!! We must now tackle the second phase of our building plan, the community hall, as a social center, and as additional seating for the High Holidays.

It is imperative that at least \$100,000 be collected in pledges of 200 pledges of \$500.00 each, payable over a period of 5 years.

The population explosion need no longer be controlled! on February 14, 1962, our Lieutenant-Governor signed our Bill 103, re-incorporating Young Israel of Chomedey and, among other things, granting to it the right to keep registers of births, marriages, etc.

Our Rabbi is thus empowered to register these vital statistics and to issue birth, marriage, and death certificates.

It is gratifying to note that our popular Mayor and M.P.P..J. Noel Lavoie sponsored the Bill in the Legislative Assembly. Your President was very cordially received by Prime Minister the Honourable Jean Lesage.

At a recent meeting between officers of the Talmud Torah and our congregation, a review of the past and the future was made. It was clearly indicated that the Talmud Torah would remain as an important teaching institution in Chomedey. In fact they mentioned that they were on the lookout for land to build a school in Chomedey!

A beautiful memorial board has become available for \$2000.00, payable at \$1000.00 cash and the balance to be arranged. This board will have a special section for the names of the donors or in who's memory it is donated.

This special offer is valid for two weeks only, so we must make an immediate decision. Please contact Rabbi Spiro, Mayer Schondorf, Norman Shulman, Solly Huberman or Maurice Boxer.

Much time has also been spent on the subject of buying suitable land for a cemetery. A committee has been set up to take this matter in hand. By the next membership meeting in March, this matter will definitely be resolved and settled.

(**Yashor Koach** to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember!)