



**MEMORY LANE #5 (edited)
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President Maurice Boxer's very powerful message:

"THE MOMENT IS NOW"

I consider it an honor and a privilege to work on behalf of the congregation.

With humility, I want to say that I feel I have been nominated and elected specifically to preside at the physical realization of a three year-old dream: the erection of our Shul on our land that is waiting for us on Elizabeth Street. A school is going up on the left side. What is wrong with the Shul?? With us ??

We are wanderers, refugees, we have no anchor, no home. We continue to beg entry into Val Martin Hall, Young Israel of Val Royal, Faisan Bleu Hall. We are like the Bedouins, gypsies, vagrants.

What is a vagrant? One who, without apparent means of support, is found wandering abroad and, when required, cannot justify his presence in the place where he is found.

Remember your pledge: to work and to give. Our time to build is now!

If the siesta-like days of summer last too long, the Shul will never get built! Labour Day and the High Holidays will be upon us before we realize it. We MUST plan and work NOW! THE MOMENT IS NOW!

BUILDING CAMPAIGN REPORT

We are very pleased that the building fund has reached \$100,000. This total includes pledges and cash that have been generously coming in at a very steady rate. The city of Montreal has been very kind to our Congregation. There are still 30 pledge cards outstanding which should be cleared up before long.

If this fine activity will continue, our building will become a reality within a very short time! A delegation from our Congregation has accepted a token cheque from the Young Israel of Montreal in the amount of \$10,000. Our Rabbi Solomon Spiro, thanked them for their far-sightedness and kind in planting now for the future growth of Orthodoxy.

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