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"THE SOD TURNING FOR OUR NEW SYNAGOGUE"

Sunday, September 11th was certainly an auspicious one for our congregation! The sod was turned on Elizabeth signaling the fact that the actual construction of our synagogue was finally becoming a reality, and it was the most important event since our congregation came into being!

There was a magnificent turnout of hundreds of people from our community, as well as representatives of the federal, provincial, and municipal governments. The intense pride we felt that day of being part of this young and thriving community was shared by the moral support of the leading religious and civic dignitaries. Greetings were expressed by Rabbi Irving Rosner of the Young Israel of Val Royal, representing the Rabbinical Council of America, Norman Shulman, chairman of our building fund, our president, Maurice Boxer, Solly Huberman, men's club president, and Irene Wolfson sisterhood president.

Religious dignitaries who addressed the gathering were Rabbi Pinchas Hirshprung, senior Rabbi of Montreal, Rabbi Dr. Leon Stitskin of Yeshiva University, New York City, Rabbi Mendel Lewittes of the Young Israel of Montreal, and our own Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro, who both in his address and his efforts in making this event a realization made us proud to have him as our spiritual leader.

Harry Blank M.P.P. expressed sentiments on behalf of Premier Jean Lesage and for Leon Chrestol M.P. who were unable to attend. A message from the premier was read expressing his sentiments and good wishes. The mayor of St. Martin, Louis Jarry and J. Noel for Laval also expressed their good wishes.

The sod was turned by Sam Steinberg and Nathan Takefman, Honorary President of Chevra Kadisha B'Nai Jacob Synagogue.

Since the start of our building campaign last February our membership has increased due to the enthusiasm of many new families to our young and vibrant community.

To date the building fund has now reached the \$100,000 mark, and with these new members another \$50,000 to \$60,000 will likely be added, bringing us well over the top, and insure that the building of our new synagogue will proceed smoothly. We're counting on your added support to see our goal reached when our canvasser calls on you.

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT THE FAISAN BLEU HALL
LED BY RABBI SOLOMON J.SPIRO**

Assisted by cantor s.reiter and solly huberman and lenny Greenberg

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