

ANNIVERSARIES: MAZAL TOV to members Naphthali & Debbie Shainbach's daughter Yarden and her husband Tobin, on their 1st wedding anniversary July 29. May you celebrate many more together in good health filled with love and happiness! The traditional symbol for a 1st wedding anniversary is paper, so Tobin - give Yarden a few \$100 paper bills which I am sure she'll appreciate, but don't forget the flowers, chocolates, a nice dinner out, wine etc.

HIGH HOLIDAYS REMEMBRANCE BOOK: As we enjoy the summer months, it's hard to believe that the High Holidays are fast approaching. We wish to remind you that Remembrance Books in honour of your beloved late family members will once again be printed up this year. Should you wish to add names (**\$10 per name**), or edit your list of family members in any way, please call the office as soon as possible, as the books will be finalized and go to print August 29, and enough time is required for proofreading. Remembering your loved ones in print is a special way of keeping their memory alive during this most holiest time of the year. Please **DO NOT PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY - TIME PASSES QUICKLY!** **Note:** Any amounts not yet paid from the previous Remembrance Book must be paid **IN FULL** prior to reserving names for the new book.

JNF (KKL - JEWISH NATIONAL FUND): JNF has started a unique program in Israel, called **BE INSCRIBED!** Torah scrolls are being written atop Massada by a Scribe who arrives there every day and works all day, in view of everyone there, writing a Torah, which will later be donated to communities who need them. The entire scroll will be written on Massada on the exact site where Scrolls once graced the shul on top of Massada 2000 years ago. And an opportunity is being given to all Jews around the world to take part in this Holy endeavor. You can have a letter inscribed for \$36; a word for \$90; a verse for \$360; a paragraph for \$540; a chapter for \$1800; a weekly portion for \$3600 and more. Anyone interested can visit jnf.org/beinscribed or call 800-542-8733 in the USA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING JUL 14: As indicated in our previous newsletter, only 23 YIC members turned up for our GA meeting, out of a total over 150 members. **A poor showing indeed.** Nevertheless the information is available to all members. Any member wishing to receive the minutes of the meeting and/or the financial statements can either call or email the office, and they will be sent to you by return email.

CONDOLENCES:



Cantor Emil Berkovits
Young Israel of Chomedey
late '70s - early '80s

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cantor Emil Berkovits after a courageous battle, with his family by his side, on Wednesday July 24, 2019, in Delray Beach, Florida. Beloved husband and soulmate of Lili. Cherished father and father-in-law of Anne Miller and Brian, Brian and Brissa, Joel Miller, and Debbie. Adored Zaide of Dana and John, Brandon and Emily, Laura and Dan, Blaire and Daniel, Zoe and Sean, and Jordann. Great-grandfather of Lizzie and Ava. Devoted son of the late Cantor Gabriel and the late Tubi. Brother and brother-in-law of Cantor Eddie and Roz. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched in Montreal, Omaha, Chicago, Swampscott, and Boynton Beach. The family would like to thank Dr. Friedlander and the doctors and nurses of CCU East at Delray Medical Centre for their exceptional care and compassion. Funeral service from Paperman & Sons, 3888 Jean Talon St. W., on Monday, July 29 at 12:00 noon. Burial at the Beit Abraham Congregation Section, Kehal Israel Cemetery, D.D.O. Shiva at his son Brian's home.

"May the Family Know no further Sorrows"

TORAH SCROLL DONATION: Some months ago your Exec was asked to donate a spare Torah Scroll which was not Kosher and not in use, to the new Chateau B'nai Brith who would have it repaired and re-dedicated in their new chapel. The Exec agreed, and Rabbi Banon picked out such a Torah. Unfortunately, as it turned out, it was too heavy for their use as their members are older than we are (*possible ??*) and would not be able to lift such a heavy Torah.

And then a miracle out of the blue!!! A Chabad Rabbi from Montreal, currently from Round Rock, Texas, put out the word that they needed a Torah. Rabbi Banon was informed, and as if it was bashert, we stepped in. The Torah was picked up last Sunday July 21st by the Texas Rabbi's father who lives in Montreal, (see photo attached) from where it will be taken to be repaired by a Sofer Stam (Scribe) and sent to the shul in Texas, where a new Torah Mantle will be made reading: **Donated by the Young Israel of Chomedey, Chomedey, Quebec, Canada.**

Rabbi Banon pointed out that this past Sunday the 17th of Tamuz was a fast day, a day that we at the Young Israel can all be proud of. We fast on this day for many reasons, some of them being the breaking of the first set of Tablets, and the burning of a Sefer Torah by General Apostomos. It is surely not by coincidence that the executive approved the donation of the Sefer Torah to Chabad of Round Rock, Texas. This Chabad shul was established by a young Montreal Rabbi who was desperately searching for a Torah. It is on this day that we at the Young Israel had one of our Torahs sent to a Scribe to be fixed and on its way to Texas with the help of Hashem to be ready in time for Rosh Hashana. On the day the first set of Tablets were broken, and a Torah burned, the YIC has decided to restore a Torah that has not been used in at least 7 years. May this Mitzvah be a merit for us all, as we partake in the ability of a community in Round Rock Texas to hear the reading of the Torah on a regular basis for many years to come. And so our shul's name will live on for many years to come serving a Jewish community 3100 KM away. (*I googled it!!*)



REFUAH SHLEMA: a) Best news received in a long time - Yossi's son Sami is now recuperating at home after almost 6 weeks in the hospital following his horrific accident. Lots of work still to be done, and we wish him a continued **REFUAH SHLEMA!** **b)** And of course **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all who are under the weather.

***** VIDEOS & IMAGES *****

WATCH: Arab-Israeli Journalist Proudly Shows How Israel Makes the World a Better Place! The best "travelogue" on Israel I have seen in a long time!

https://unitedwithisrael.org/watch-israel-helps-the-global-environment-in-a-huge-way/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Arab-Israeli+Journalist+Sings+Israel%27s+Praises%21+%E2%80%98Slaughter+the+Jews%E2%80%99+Written+in+Arabic+on+%E2%80%98Little+Western+Wall%E2%80%99%3B+Jews+Fast%2C+Begin+Mourning+Holy+Temple&utm_campaign=20190721_m152809775_Arab-Israeli+Journalist+Sings+Israel%27s+Praises%21+%E2%80%98Slaughter+the+Jews%E2%80%99+Written+in+Arabic+on+%E2%80%98Little+Western+Wall%E2%80%99%3B+Jews+-+Fast%2C+Begin+Mourning+Holy+Temple&utm_term=Lucy-Aharish_v2-249x169_jpg

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream is now available in Israel, in the following flavors:

Wailing Walnut - Moishemellow - Mazel Toffee - Chazalnut - Oy Ge-malt - Mi Ka-mocha - Bernard Malamint - Berry Pr'i Hagafen - Choc-Eilat Chip - Simchas T'Oreo

It should be noted that all of these flavors come in either a cup or a Cohen

Yahrzeits for the week of July 22 - 28 / 19 - 25 Tamuz

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Jul 29	Tammuz 26	Beatrice Duchoeny	for	Benny Duchoeny z"l	brother in law
Jul 30	Tammuz 27	Mildred Handelman	for	Sophie Cohen z"l	mother
Jul 30	Tammuz 27	Beryl Grabina	for	Saul Mileret z"l	father
Jul 31	Tammuz 28	Marvin Cooper	for	Joseph Cooper z"l	father
Jul 31	Tammuz 28	Myer Rabinovitch	for	Eva Rabinovitch z"l	mother
Jul 31	Tammuz 28	Seyma Akerman	for	Mildred Markowitz z"l	sister
Jul 31	Tammuz 28	Nathan White	for	Deborah White z"l	daughter
Aug 1	Tammuz 29	Aisik Melnik	for	Reisha Melnik z"l	wife
Aug 3	Av 2	David Midlash	for	Leah Midlash z"l	mother
Aug 4	Av 3	Adrian Bercovici	for	Nathan Bercovici z"l	father
Aug 4	Av 3	Sheila Wolfe	for	Louis Blacker z"l	father

Any Young Israel member **MISSING** a Yahrzeit notice in the shul bulletin, please email the info directly to therudys@videotron.ca Please provide full name in English (and Hebrew if possible) and the date of the Yarzeit as well as relationship to YIC member. As soon as info is received, it will be forwarded to the shul office, or you can also email or phone in the info direct to the office if you prefer. **Note:** In the event a female member does not want her maiden name included in the weekly bulletin Yahrzeit notices - for possible security reasons - please advise the office, and we will make the appropriate change.

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION
The Parshah in a Nutshell

Matot-Massei

Numbers 30:2-36:13



Moses conveys the laws governing the annulment of vows to the heads of the tribes of Israel. War is waged against Midian for their role in plotting the moral destruction of Israel, and the Torah gives a detailed account of the war spoils and how they were allocated amongst the people, the warriors, the Levites and the high priest.

The tribes of Reuben and Gad (later joined by half of the tribe of Manasseh) ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion in the Promised Land, these being prime pastureland for their cattle. Moses is initially angered by the request, but subsequently agrees on the condition that they first join, and lead, in Israel's conquest of the lands west of the Jordan.

The forty-two journeys and encampments of Israel are listed, from the Exodus to their encampment on the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan. The boundaries of the Promised Land are given, and cities of refuge are designated as havens and places of exile for inadvertent murderers. The daughters of Tzelaftach marry within their own tribe of Manasseh, so that the estate which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.



**MEMORY LANE # 31 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
FALL 1966**

Greetings from the Sunday Minyan Breakfast. The committee has endeavored to bring cheer and comradeship into the Shul through the Sunday morning program. On Sunday mornings hardly anybody works and it is a relaxing time to come to daven, eat, and enjoy a speaker or a discussion. Our turnout could be increased and many more could enjoy this pleasant program. It means getting up on time, which is not very early, around 9 A.M. and bringing the children with you. Give your wives a chance to sleep in. See you Sunday morning.

Michael Schayniak ,George Abramovitch and Max Winer, Co-Chairmen

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Our youth programs are in full swing and new ones are being introduced. Our post-Bar Mitzvah club will be meeting on Sunday mornings. Prayers, breakfast, and activities will fill the mornings. Sports, games, and visits from sports personalities will be some of the highlights of this new program. Volunteer leaders will be required for these expanded programs, so when the call goes out to our members, make sure that we won't be let down. *Dave Lehrer Chairman and Louis Franken Youth Director*

ADULT EDUCATION

Jewish tradition regards adult learning, not as entertainment, but rather as a Mitzvah. Study is a religious obligation. Adult study serves as an elixir to keep young. Currently a French Conversational and a Hebrew Class are taking place. Conversational Hebrew classes will follow shortly. From time to time we will be having outside speakers such as noted Rabbis to encourage questioning, debates and discussion as well as learning.

MEN'S CLUB

Your Men's Club has the job of taking care of the secular needs of the members, such as sports and social activities. When we have extra time we provide for family gatherings, fund raising, and drama group. In a sense we are the group with a specific mission of keeping in contact with the membership at large. When required we would appreciate your help in this worthy work.

Seymour Bercovitch Men's Club President

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