



**MEMORY LANE #2  
FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF ST.MARTIN**

**THE BACKGROUND OF THE JEWISH CONGREGATION OF  
ST.MARTIN (1959) - HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

The Jewish Congregation of St.Martin had it's humble beginnings in the minds and hearts of a handful of new suburban residents who dedicated themselves to the establishment of a true Orthodox Synagogue to serve the needs of an expanding Jewish community in Laval County.

The first Jewish settlement in St.Martin was concentrated in an area East of what was known as "The Laurentian Highway" (Labelle Boulevard). It was known as the "Mayfield Project". The original charter members with faith in the prophetic future, purchased a 6 room bungalow which now serves as the present headquarters of the "Congregation of St.Martin" at 1859 Romiti Street in St.Martin. The entire upper level has been completely renovated and sectionalized into classrooms that accommodate an amazing total of 120 children daily! The downstairs room with a seating capacity of 60 serves as the chapel where minyanim are held regularly on weekdays and Shabbos.

During the summer of 1959 our membership soared past the 250 mark, and with the arrival of Rabbi Solomon Spiro as our spiritual leader, various activities associated with the Shul organization were intensified.

The Ladie's Sisterhood which raises funds through organized social functions is by far the most potent force behind our Synagogue movement, and our Men's Club provides the working corps for all of the Shul's major undertakings.

The membership at large has pledged to work untiringly during the coming year towards the practical realization of its dream of holding High Holiday Services in 1960 in our own Synagogue building ! The congregation looks forward with pride to its membership in the unique family of Synagogues bearing the name of "Young Israel", and its dedicated ideals of furthering true Orthodoxy, Brotherly love, and Mutual Assistance.

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