



# Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation Chevra Mishnayis

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## YIC Weekly Newsletter Oct 27 - Nov 2 / 28 Tishrei - 4 Cheshvan

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MARIV
SUNDAY	Oct 27	08:30 AM	5:35 PM
MONDAY	Oct 28	07:00 AM	5:35 PM
TUESDAY	Oct 29	07:00 AM Rosh Chodesh	5:35 PM
WEDNESDAY	Oct 30	07:00 AM Rosh Chodesh	5:35 PM
THURSDAY	Oct 31	07:00 AM	5:35 PM
FRIDAY	Nov 01	No Schachris	5:25 PM <b>Shabbat Starts:</b> 5:23 PM
SATURDAY	Nov 02	Parshat: NOACH Rabbi's Class: 8:30 AM Schachris: 09:00 AM followed by Kiddish	Rabbi's Mincha Class: Mincha at: followed by Shalosh Seudos Ma'ariv: <b>Shabbat Ends:</b> 6:26 PM

**KIDDISH SAT Oct 26:** This week's Kiddush is sponsored by the Duchoeny family in honour of Willie Duchoeny, z'l, beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and friend to many. The Duchoeny family have been active members of the Young Israel for over 50 years. Willie z'l played a big part in the shul, it was literally his second home, helping to prepare the weekly breakfasts for the minyannaires. Willie z'l was the Building Chairman for decades, and as an employee of A1 Tools, he was able to get big discounts and rentals for free. Anything that needed to be done around the shul, Willie was your man. After retiring, Willie attended daily minyans, both morning and evening. The Duchoenys attended all the simchas with their boys, Frank, Sam and Brahm. Today we are joined by Willie's beloved wife, Beatrice, who is still an active member, his sons Frank with wife Debby, Sam & Mindy, and Brahm, along with grandson Ryan and step-grandchildren, Alicia & Yaniv. Willie z'l will be missed and lovingly remembered forever by all who knew him.

**LIQUOR DONATIONS:** **a)** For Simchat Torah celebrations, both Issie Baum and Rabbi Banon each donated a bottle; **b)** Moe Rosenstein brought in a bottle commemorating his father in law Jacob Stopnicki's Yahrzeit which was on Thursday Nov 24th; **c)** And a bottle was donated by the Duchoeny family for their sumptuous Kiddish; **d)** But in general, the Shul has not had a bottle donation in well over 6 weeks. Our liquor cabinet is as bare as our Hametz cupboards on Pesach, and the SAQ has just announced their intention to file for bankruptcy! Please - **someone** - step up to the plate!

**RABBI'S CLASS:** The Rabbi's class resumes this week at 8 PM:

**BIRTHDAYS:** a) **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Luba Bosis who celebrates her birthday on Monday Oct 28th; b) And a **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jack Goldberg, whose 85th Birthday is on Thursday October 31st. To both lots of health, and long life 'til 120! c) **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to attorney Joshua Yosef Chayim Finkelstein, son of George & Rose Finkelstein, who turns 35 years of age on October 30th. Wishing you lots of health, success, and happiness until 120; d) and a belated **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to "Rabbi-in-waiting" Eli Banon and a **MAZAL TOV** to the Rabbi and Rebbetzin on Eli's 10th birthday - ad 120 - this past 25th of Tishrei. Lots of naches to them and to the whole Banon family.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** a) **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to long-time YIC members before they moved to the city, Diane and Aubrey Bresinger who celebrate their 65th Anniversary on Thursday Oct 31st. b) And **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** also to long-time YIC members before they moved to Toronto, Sheila & Gersh Madan who celebrate their Anniversary (??) on Monday, Oct 28th. Many more in good health to both young couples.

**SIMCHAT TORAH:** More than 80 guests - members, spouses, children, grandchildren etc, were treated to a wonderful evening of prayer, **HAKAFOT** (dancing with the Torah); beautiful songs, superb food and an all around tremendous evening, as the Shaar Shalom and Young Israel sponsored a joint sit-down Simchat Torah dinner that if it was published on the front page of the Gazette (*the elections won - or lost - out*), it would have been the talk of the town. It was that great an evening, with kudos from everyone on a job well done. It started out barely 3 weeks ago, when Shaar Shalom Mike Andradi approached Young Israel President Issie Baum sometime just after Rosh Hashana, and suggested the idea of a joint dinner. Issie immediately agreed, and on Thursday evening Oct 3rd set about designing the posters and tickets. After Mike and Issie agreed on the contents, Issie sent it to the printers, and had it in his hands on Friday afternoon, Erev Shabbat Oct 4th. Neither Issie with his "supposed" writing skills, nor Mike with his "command" of English noted that the dates were wrong on the tickets and posters.

**SO WHAT!!!** Up the posters went, and the party was on. After Shabbat, tickets started selling until the very last day. Mike and his wife **ESHET CHAYIL SARA** looked after the meals, and a good thing they did. It was a **5-\*\*\*\*\*** event from start to finish. On Sunday before Yom Tov began, once again **ESHET CHAYIL SARA** and with Issie's wife's help **ESHET CHAYIL ZILA** set up the hall, the tables, and prepared everything for a festive banquet. **And that it was!** Issie and Moshe Levinger and wives sat at the the Rabbi's table with the Rebbetzin and their children, joined by Hazan Hillel from the Shaar Shalom, and they did not stop singing Hebrew and Chasidic songs all evening, while the Rabbi did not stop from having a "schnapps" at every table, and sometimes with each person. The Rebbetzin must have helped him recuperate at home, because in the morning the Rabbi was at it again - a "shnapps" with each Aliya to the Torah.

In the morning, with a rather small but eager crowd, once again, a "freilich" atmosphere permeated the Sanctuary with the joint services of Shaar Shalom and Young Israel, and the **HAKAFOT** once again leading the way. Or was it the "schapps" leading the way? Whatever!!! A wonderful service with **HATAN TORAH DAVE BLOBSTEIN** from Shaar Shalom and **HATAN BERESHIT FRED RUDY** from Young Israel being given the honours of the day and Rabbi Banon, by that time "fully loaded".....with the Sanctity of the occasion that is, did a great job on Maftir. Gabbai Moshe Levinger introduced each and every Aliya only as he can - and only mixed up a few (dozen) but it went smoothly, and after services we were all treated to a light Kiddish.

*A wonderful finish to the High Holiday Services 5780!!*

# YASHIR KOACH

The High Holidays are over B"H; we are already entering the second month of the New Year **Tav-Shin-Peh - 5780**. We have now had some time to reflect on what these Days of Awe were all about. We have poured out our hearts to Hashem imploring Him for a good and Healthy New Year. And we ate food, all kinds of food - Festive meals, Shabbat Kiddishes, Holiday treats, especially the Reb-betzin's meals - all the kinds of delicious food that make us wish for more holidays!!!! (**or not!!!**)

But all that happened in shul during the past month or so did not happen in a vacuum. It took many people many hours to make sure that everything was done just right, and on time, with little margin for error. Many of them have been thanked in the past few newsletters. But as President of the Young Israel, I feel a tremendous obligation to them and to others to thank them again and again for their efforts on behalf of all of us. My Yashir Koachs below may not be in precise order, although I did try to keep them in some chronological order. Omissions and mistakes are all mine, and I take full responsibility even before I start.

- On July 24th, I started out with a reminder to Norm Fogel to start working on the Holiday Bulletin. What a job they did! **YASHIR KOACH** to Norm, Max Stoller, Ed Braiter and all the proofreaders who brought the bulletin to fruition on time well before the Holidays.
- **YASHIR KOACH** again and again to Fred Rudy and Dave Green who started on early to design the Mehitzas and we had them on time for the holidays
- The office staff, and Bobby Bergson did a super job in seat sales, selling seats until almost the very last minute. **YASHIR KOACH** to them for putting it all together, for being able to seat friends and family with friends and family almost effortlessly, and to number the rows so that no one got lost.
- **YASHIR KOACH** to Fred and Lillian Rudy who labelled the Mahzorim with everyone's name and put them in their proper seats so that everyone found their seat and prayer book without any effort at all, as well as putting out the Kol Nidre appeal cards, prepared by Mindy and Fred.
- **YASHIR KOACH** to Dov Midlash, Fred Burak, Daniel Cohen, Brothers Jimmy and Joseph Bouzoglou, Jerry Segal, and from Shaar Shalom - Lewis Fogel, Sam Abramovitch and Paul Bruman, as well as our own Dave Green and Fred Rudy, who all pitched in to set up our High Holiday Sanctuary in almost no time. And also a **YASHIR KOACH** to "Chico" and the rest of the crew, many named above and including René, Daniel Cohen, Fred and Lillian Rudy, as well as Mindy who came in and made sure everything was up to date, and once again from Shaar Shalom - Lewis Fogel, Paul Bruman, Sam Abramovitch and Mike Andradi, all who volunteered to help dismantle the whole thing the day after Yom Kippur so that we could have our Kiddish Hall back.
- A tremendous **YASHIR KOACH** to Dave Apelbaum, who almost singlehandedly put all the the Aliyas and Honours list together for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur and redid it numerous times (I know - I printed them out each time), to ensure that each and every member and guest had at least one honour, and then had to scramble and rescrumble, when people did not show up on time, and had to rejuggle honours from memory - **A JOB WELL DONE!!!!** And **YASHIR KOACH** at the same time to runners Sam Duchoeny, Fred Burak and Stan Plant who helped seek out the recalcitrant honourees when they could not be found. May Hashem give you strength to do it all again next year!
- And let us not forget a **YASHIR KOACH** to the shul architects under Rabbi Banon's supervision, and with help of 3 Buraks - Fred, Joshua, Adam, plus Dave Apelbaum, Dov Midlash, Marvin Baker, and Sam Abramovitch, all who ably assisted to get our Succah up, and then took it down in no time after the holidays,
- **YASHIR KOACH** to Mike Andradi, Pres of Shaar Shalom, who did his best to help us out, when the office was not staffed daily, and ordered our Kiddishes for the entire week of Succoth, and for the Rudy's Kiddish on Shabbat Oct 19th, as well as doing almost all the work with respect to our joint Simchat Torah Party which was a blast.
- And a **YASHIR KOACH** to Mike's wife Sara, and my wife Zila, who came in last Sunday and spent half the day setting up the beautiful tables of our Simchat Torah party.

- I will also claim half a **YASHIR KOACH** - since the Simchat Torah Posters and tickets, designed by myself, all had mistakes in them.
- Last but not least, a **YASHIR KOACH** to Rabbi Banon, Rabbi Stieffel, and the clergy who helped make our High Holidays an exhilarating if not somewhat tiring experience. The Rabbi, I am sure spent hours upon hours practicing the Torah readings and preparing appropriate sermons for each Holiday. May Hashem give him and his family the strength to carry on in good health and to administer to the Young Israel of Chomedey for many years to come.
- And a **YASHIR KOACH** to you - the members, without whom we have no shul, and no **YASHIR KOACHS** to hand out, and I'd be out of a job as newsletter editor.

I apologize once again for errors and/or omissions, and if informed, I will make the appropriate corrections B"H in next week's newsletter

**SPECIAL:** Mark Twain, lauded as the "greatest humorist the USA has ever produced," was born as a "country bumpkin" in 1835. It is not sure whether he had known or befriended any Jews, but thought of them extremely positively. In 1869 he visited the Holy Land and was not impressed, noting the desolation of the place, He indicated. *"Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince... Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land? Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies."*

Yet he write the following piece in 1897 that is a testament to the Jewish people as no other. It is as relevant today as it was 122 years ago.

"If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

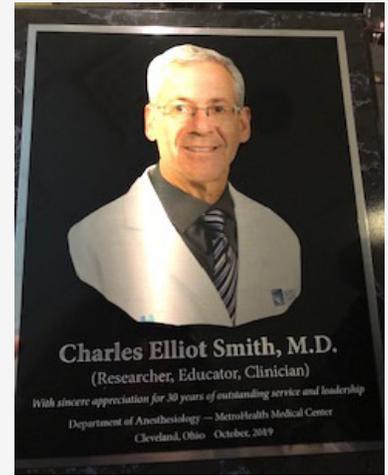
His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are also very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it. The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone; other people have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, and have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities, of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert but aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jews; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality? "

- September 1897 (Quoted in The National Jewish Post & Observer, June 6, 1984

**SUN NOV 10:** A special breakfast program will take place on Sunday November 10th at 9:30 AM, shortly after Schachris services. The guest speaker will be Dr. Gordon L Crelinsten, a noted cardiologist, a very apt guest for our shul, who I am sure will be peppered by many questions after his talk. Thanks to Yehuda Rappaport for arranging this event. The brunch is open to Young Israel and Shaar Shalom members and their guests who wish to attend. A full breakfast will be served and a nominal \$5 per person will be charged to cover this event. Please call the YIC office **ASAP** to confirm your intention to attend. Monies will be collected at the door, or in advance if you are inclined to do so or find yourself at the shul office.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** It is with great joy that Thelma and David Smith share the news that their son, Charles is returning to Montreal, after retiring from 30 yrs of practice at the Cleveland Metro Health Center in Ohio. He has accepted an offer from McGill University to teach anesthesia to medical students, residents and fellows, and will also work at the Montreal General and the Montreal Neurological Institute. Our great grand daughters, Jane, age 5 and Lucy, age 3 have promised to help him and Mary with their French! Cleveland's loss is Montreal's gain. **YASHIR KOACH** to Chuck and Mary on this new chapter!



**REFUAH SHLEMA:** A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Jerry Segal who is under the weather this weekend, and as well to Billy Rubin who is in the hospital, and we wish him a speedy recovery; and to all who are recovering from one illness or another. Get well quick - the shul needs you!

## Yahrzeits for the week of Oct 28 - Nov 3 / 29 Tishrei - 5 Cheshvan

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Oct 28	Tishrei 29	Anita Cohen	for	Baila Cohen z"l	mother in law
Oct 29	Tishrei 30	Stanley Plant	for	Albert Plant z"l	father
Oct 29	Tishrei 30	Nathan Langburt	for	Toba Langburt z"l	mother
Oct 30	Cheshvan 1	Ethel Kendall	for	Miriam Horlick z"l	mother
Oct 30	Cheshvan 1	Ora Kendall	for	Miriam Horlick z"l	grandmother
Oct 30	Cheshvan 1	Nathan Langburt	for	Leib Langburt z"l	father
Oct 31	Cheshvan 2	David Slavat	for	Abraham Slavat z"l	father
Oct 31	Cheshvan 2	Jackie Tansky	for	Oscar Morsten z"l	father
Oct 31	Cheshvan 2	Daniel Tansky	for	Sydney Tansky z"l	father
Nov 3	Cheshvan 5	Marcus Sheffren	for	Evelyn Engelberg z"l	sister
Nov 3	Cheshvan 5	Phyllis Abramovitz	for	Rifka Gross z"l	mother
Nov 3	Cheshvan 5	Adele Ziss	for	Rifka Gross z"l	mother

Any Young Israel member **MISSING** a Yahrzeit notice in the shul bulletin, please email the info directly to [therudys@videotron.ca](mailto:therudys@videotron.ca) Please provide full name in English (and Hebrew if possible) and the date of the Yahrzeit 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*

**NOACH**  
Genesis 6:9-11:32



G-d instructs Noah—the only righteous man in a world consumed by violence and corruption—to build a large wooden teivah (“ark”), coated within and without with pitch. A great deluge, says G-d, will wipe out all life from the face of the earth; but the ark will float upon the water, sheltering Noah and his family, and two members (male and female) of each animal species.

Rain falls for 40 days and nights, and the waters churn for 150 days more before calming and beginning to recede. The ark settles on Mount Ararat, and from its window Noah dispatches a raven, and then a series of doves, “to see if the waters were abated from the face of the earth.” When the ground dries completely—exactly one solar year (365 days) after the onset of the Flood—G-d commands Noah to exit the teivah and repopulate the earth.

Noah builds an altar and offers sacrifices to G-d. G-d swears never again to destroy all of mankind because of their deeds, and sets the rainbow as a testimony of His new covenant with man. G-d also commands Noah regarding the sacredness of life: murder is deemed a capital offense, and while man is permitted to eat the meat of animals, he is forbidden to eat flesh or blood taken from a living animal.

Noah plants a vineyard and becomes drunk on its produce. Two of Noah’s sons, Shem and Japheth, are blessed for covering up their father’s nakedness, while his third son, Ham, is punished for taking advantage of his debasement.

The descendants of Noah remain a single people, with a single language and culture, for ten generations. Then they defy their Creator by building a great tower to symbolize their own invincibility; G-d confuses their language so that “one does not comprehend the tongue of the other,” causing them to abandon their project and disperse across the face of the earth, splitting into seventy nations.

The Parshah of Noach concludes with a chronology of the ten generations from Noah to Abram (later Abraham), and the latter’s journey from his birthplace of Ur Casdim to Charan, on the way to the land of Canaan.



**MEMORY LANE # 37 (EDITED)  
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY  
SPRING 1968**

**THE FIRST DECADE - LOOKING BACK:**

This summer we will be celebrating our tenth anniversary. We are now the third largest congregation in the Montreal metropolitan area! If we have grown in numbers, and in the quality of our varied services, it is due to our volunteer workers and our personnel. This Congregation is the product of its members. It represents the Jewish world in miniature.

We can still hear the trumpets calling as we did during our beginning in the summer of 1958. To heed the call we must improve the quality of our varied services in depth, increase our membership, and complete the final real-estate phase, the Sanctuary! Carthage and Rome depended on mercenaries, hence these two empires exist only in our history books.

**THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VOLUNTEERS !!**

Become a worker and help us grow in numbers and in quality and to volunteer for any phase of necessary work. Get in touch with any of the members of our Executive and join the team !!  
Executive Director, Harry Silverstein

**Elections for the 1968-69 period will be held on Sunday, April 7th at 10 AM**

- Breakfast will be served at 9:30 sharp. A big turnout is expected.
- Prior to the elections, the President will deliver his annual message and hand out rewards OF SPECIAL MENTION
- The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, of which we form part, takes pride and pleasure in announcing that the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Horav Yitzchak Nissim, will be coming to Montreal on May 12th.
- Apart from the context of the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Israel's Independence, the Rabbi's local appearance is of special significance.

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