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YIC Weekly Newsletter Mar 15 - 21 / 19 - 25 Adar

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Mar 15	No Services	No Services
MONDAY	Mar 16	No Services	No Services
TUESDAY	Mar 17	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Mar 18	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Mar 19	No Services	No Services
FRIDAY	Mar 20	No Services	No Services Shabbat Starts: 6:49 PM
SATURDAY	Mar 21	Parshat: Vayakhel-Pikudei No Services until further notice	Shabbat Ends: 7:53 PM

CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19

RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is with a heavy heart that our president Issie Baum and myself agreed to close the Shul this past Shabbos. Although the Covid 19 virus has not widely spread in Quebec, the government has decided to take drastic steps to prevent the spread of the virus to the best of their ability.

We have to do our part to help the government achieve this goal. We can learn from other countries who took on such measures, such as Israel that this helps prevent the spread. Furthermore we had a meeting tonight and following today's announcement, recommending that those over 70 years of age should try to stay home. We are extending the closure of the Shul until further notice.

Please understand, that this was not an easy decision, but one to keep our members safe and healthy. As we know the Torah prioritises one's health before anything.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if any help is needed by calling or emailing me. With the help of Hashem and with us doing our part we will get through this together.

Rabbi Banon
514-512-1493

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As you now know, for the first time in memory the Young Israel of Chomedey was closed for prayers this past Shabbat, and will remain closed until further notice. It is with a heavy heart that I, as President, and in collaboration with Rabbi Banon, that this decision had to be taken. But the evidence for this was overwhelming; - a number of shuls in the city have closed, dozens of shuls throughout the USA have closed, the Rabbis are instructing people over 60 - and that is our entire shul - to not go to shul at this time, and even the Chief Rabbis of Israel have encouraged people to not go to the Kotel, the Western Wall to pray, but to pray at home. You have all watched this unfold on TV, on social media and the newspapers. You have probably received instructions from numerous sources as to what you must do to stay healthy; I will not repeat it here again. But what I will be doing as often as is necessary, will be to continually update you with what is affecting our immediate shul community and the Chomedey community at large. Please stay tuned. **Issie Baum, President**

LIQUOR DONATIONS: **a)** Two bottles were donated last week by Simma Poznanski but missed the newsletter deadline. The bottles were for the Yahrzeit of Simma's father Abraham Dov Poznanski z'l, and husband Danny's Mother, Dina (Tova) Sklar Katz z'l. **b)** A bottle was donated by Phyllis Abramovitz, commemorating a Yahrzeit for her much missed and beloved late husband George, z'l. **c)** A bottle was donated by Gaby Zechmeister in honour of the Yahrzeit of his beloved mother Irene z'l. **d)** A bottle was donated by Lewis Blau and family in honour of the Yahrzeit of their beloved wife and mother, Marlene z'l. **YASHIR KOACH** to all!!!

BIRTHDAYS: **a)** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Sandra Rubin who celebrates her birthday on March 17. Wishing you all the best Sandra from your family and friends and to many more. **b)** **HAPPY 78th BIRTHDAY** to our beloved Gabbai David Apelbaum who celebrates on March 18 in sunny California. David will be back in a month B'H. Until then, we want to wish him all the best on his special day with his beshert Sharon and his family and friends. **Ad 120 to all celebrating.**

SIDDUR DONATIONS: Our Siddur donations this week has skyrocketed. All 12 new Siddurim are now "sold out", donated in honour of loved ones, but more can be ordered upon request. Here are the latest donations:

- **Miriam Levy** donated a Siddur in honour of her beloved son Ari z'l
- **Susan & Eugen Erdelyi** donated a Siddur in honour of the Bar-Mitzvah last week of their grandson Matthew
- **Charlene & Fred Burak** donated a Siddur in honour of Charlene's beloved parents Ethel & Saul Turner z'l
- **Lewis, Ryan and Shari Blau** donated a Siddur in honour of their beloved wife and mother Marlene z'l
- **Max and Miriam Stollar** donated a Siddur in honour of the Stollar family;
- **Mike Andradi** donated a Siddur in honor of his friend and our late Past-Vice-President and beloved member Eric Bresler z'l
- **Shaar Shalom** donated 2 Siddurim in honour of Young Israel.

PURIM: Once again the powers that be - for sure helped by **HASHEM** - put on a **PURIM** gala dinner that was enjoyed by all. The dinner was sponsored and partly subsidized by the Shaar Shalom and Young Israel, and was an overwhelming success, judging by the comments received from almost all in attendance who stopped by at the end of the evening to congratulate both Presidents on a job well done. In truth, Mike Andradi and wife Sara did the bulk of the work in

preparing the hall, ably aided by Frida Levinger and Sam Abramovitch. The Rabbi, Mike and Issie took turns welcoming everyone, and our Chomedey City Councillor - Aglaia Revalakis - warmly greeted us with a few words - even in Hebrew - in wishing us a Happy Purim. Rabbi Zirkin the DJ was great, the food was great, the entertainment was great - the whole evening was great. The attendance of 87 adults and 8 kids made for almost a full house, and those who decided not to attend missed a wonderful evening, with great music, and with the Rabbi acting for the most part as MC and his son Eli once again entertaining us with his rousing renditions of some Purim and other Hasidic songs. There were a few outstanding costumes, and Heidi Bakerman, a member of Shaar Shalom took first prize - a \$75 gift certificate at Walmart - for what can only be described as a "Rube Goldberg" walking shower contraption without the water, and 2nd prize went to Eli Banon - a \$50 gift card from Walmart - for his costume as a singing Hassidic cop. Honourable mentions go to the Rabbi's family, all of whom came in elaborate costumes, with Captain Rabbi Lafayette Banon steering the ship. A raffle raised \$200, with half the proceeds being won by Moshe Levinger, and the other \$100 going to both shuls to help defray costs. Once again, the waitresses were congratulated on serving us a hot meal, enjoyed by all. A **YASHIR KOACH** to all - organizers and of course participants!!! Pictures will be sent next week.

REFUAH SHLEMA: A continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Jacob "Yakki" Brown, who was happy to receive visitors from our shul this week, and we all pray for his recovery B"H, and a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all in recovery mode, and to those waiting for various procedures in the coming few weeks - a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to them.

***** Videos - Images - Trivia *****

WATCH: Post-Purim Greetings from the White House – a Parody!

https://unitedwithisrael.org/watch-purim-greetings-from-the-white-house-a-parody/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Israel%27s+Plan+to+Fight+%E2%80%98Worst+Pandemic+in+100+Years%E2%80%99%3B+Abbas+%E2%80%98Loves+Seeing+Palestinian+Girls+Hit+Israeli+Police%E2%80%99%3B+Masks+and+Corona%3A+Israelis+Prepare+to+Celebrate+Purim&utm_campaign=20200308_m157260439_Israel%27s+Plan+to+Fight+%E2%80%98Worst+Pandemic+in+100+Years%E2%80%99%3B+Abbas+%E2%80%98Loves+Seeing+Palestinian+Girls+Hit+Israeli+Police%E2%80%99%3B+Masks+and+Corona%3A+Israelis+Prepare+to+Celebrate+Purim&utm_term=WATCH_3A+Purim+Greetings+from+the+White+House+_E2_80_93+a+Parody_21

Updated every minute, 17-year-old whiz kid's coronavirus site used by millions

https://www.timesofisrael.com/updated-every-minute-17-year-old-whiz-kids-coronavirus-site-used-by-millions/?utm_source=The+Daily+Edition&utm_campaign=daily-edition-2020-03-10&utm_medium=email

Interview with Statistics Professor Jeffrey Rosenthal: The key statistic that determines your chances of getting coronavirus

<https://www.statistics.utoronto.ca/news/interview-statistics-professor-jeffrey-rosenthal-key-statistic-determines-your-chances-getting>

The Middle East Problem - in a nutshell

<https://israelunwired.com/1-million-simple-arguments-that-will-change-how-you-look-at-israel/>

ANONYMOUS: While the President, the Executive and the Clergy do not seek compliments on doing their jobs which is expected of them, it is nevertheless, sometimes an unexpected pleasure to receive a compliment, making our work that much more enjoyable, especially in times of stress. This was received this week through any anonymous email. It is a pleasure to reproduce it here

Dear Mr. President/Issie and Rabbi Avram Banon,
I'm well aware that not everyone of the membership is agreeable with your heart rendering decision to close the Shul, however I'm taking the liberty, on behalf of the members such as myself, who fit into the category of "compromised" when it comes to the current virus that is spreading like wild fire around the world and taking many lives, to thank you for your foresight, and courage by acting as quickly as you have in order to keep us healthy during this critical period.

Many, if not most of our regular Shul goers meet the criteria of being over 70/75, have diabetes, respiratory problems, under treatment, awaiting surgery and otherwise suffering from various other ailments.

Your immediate decision and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by us, and regardless of the negative comments that will be forthcoming, will no doubt result in a positive outcome for our ageing congregation. For this we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Yasher Koach.

Anonymous

Yahrzeits for the week of Mar 16 - 22 / 20 - 24 Adar

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Mar 16	Adar 20	Sephie Segal	for	Joseph Blizovski z"l	father
Mar 16	Adar 20	Leonard Dworkin	for	Irene Dworkin z"l	mother
Mar 19	Adar 23	David Slavat	for	Anne Frank z"l	mother
Mar 19	Adar 23	Linda Schwartz	for	Ruth Schmidt z"l	mother
Mar 19	Adar 23	Seyma Akerman	for	Samuel Shulemson z"l	father
Mar 20	Adar 24	Ruth Lesser	for	Issie Goodkin z"l	relative
Mar 20	Adar 24	Ethel Kendall	for	Eta Simon z"l	mother in law
Mar 21	Adar 25	Stanley Labis	for	Dora Rotgaus z"l	mother in law

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 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

Vayakhel-Pekudei

Exodus 35:1–40:38



Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys G-d's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle). The people donate the required materials in abundance, bringing gold, silver and copper; blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool; goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones. Moses has to tell them to stop giving.

A team of wise-hearted artisans make the Mishkan and its furnishings (as detailed in the previous Torah readings of Terumah, Tetzaveh and Ki Tisa): three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation sockets; the parochet (veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers, and the masach (screen) that fronts it; the Ark and its cover with the Cherubim; the table and its showbread; the seven-branched menorah with its specially prepared oil; the golden altar and the incense burned on it; the anointing oil; the outdoor altar for burnt offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the courtyard; and the basin and its pedestal, made out of copper mirrors.

An accounting is made of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the Mishkan. Betzalel, Aholiav and their assistants make the eight priestly garments—the ephod, breastplate, cloak, crown, turban, tunic, sash and breeches—according to the specifications communicated to Moses in the Parshah of Tetzaveh.

The Mishkan is completed and all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy anointing oil, and initiates Aaron and his four sons into the priesthood. A cloud appears over the Mishkan, signifying the divine presence that has come to dwell within it.



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DONATIONS OF SIDURIM AND CHUMASHIM

Chumashim Donations by the following:

Joe Maisel in honor of Granddaughter Cheryl's marriage to Steve Aiken
Beverley & Joe Wuraftic in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Comas of Miami Beach
Two Chumashim donated by Zelda & Irving Zwirek in honor of their daughters, Alicia and Debra
Lottie & Sidney Copoloff and family in memory of Harry Rabinovitch, father of Sylvia Gross

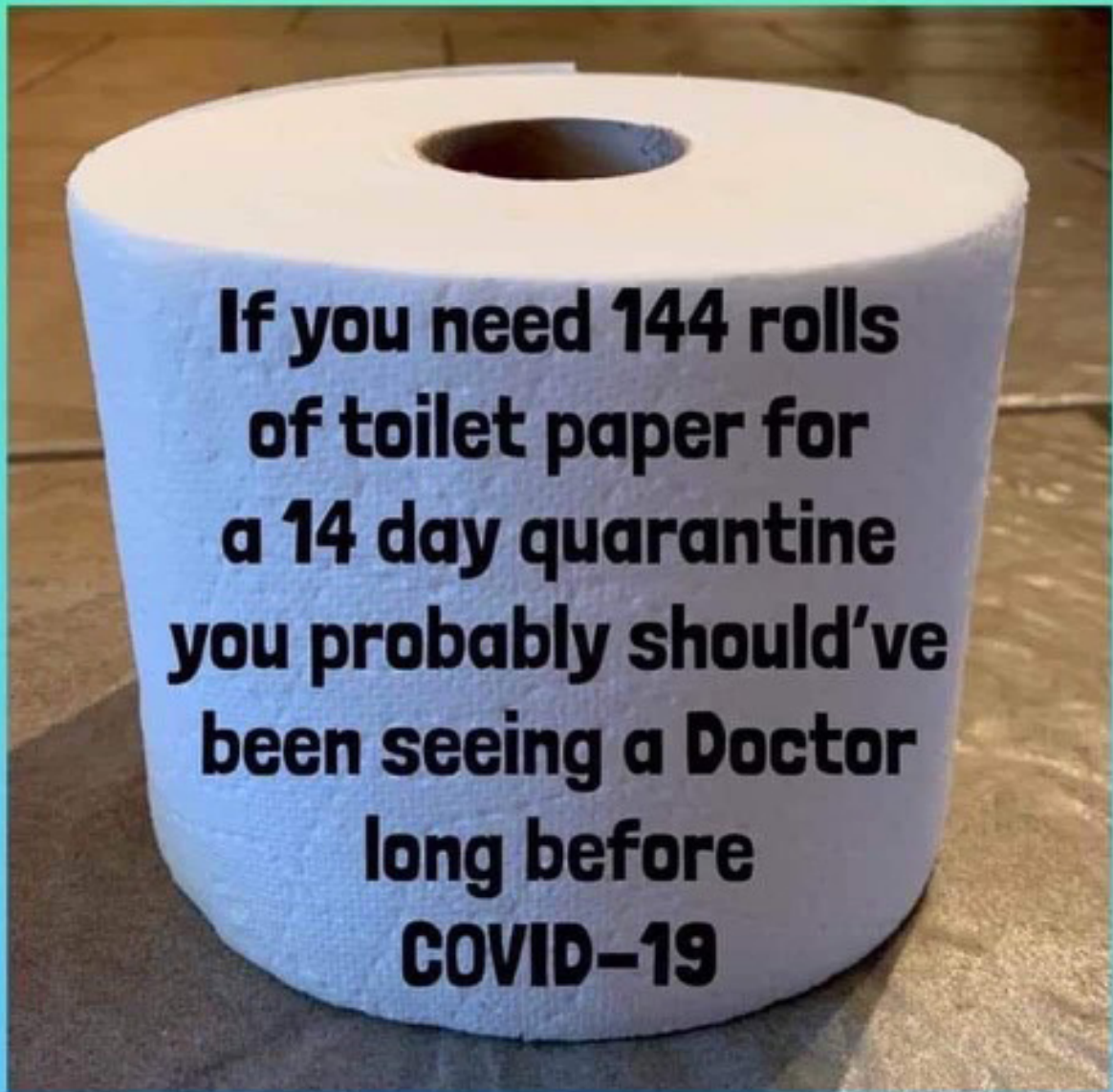
Siddurim Donations by the following:

Saul Ostroff in memory of Chaim Ostroff
The Sculnick Family in memory of Charles Cassoff
Bertha & Jack Sculnick in memory of Label Pivnick
Shirley & Percy Waxman in memory of Ben Bernstein
Mr. & Mrs. H. Frank in memory of Mr. S. Friedman
Three Siddurim by Rose & Herman Silver in memory of Miriam Cooperstone
Mr. & Mrs. L. Wolman in memory of Edith Gordon
Reva & Abe Browns and children in memory of a mother and grandmother, Esther Browns
Mr. & Mrs. Morty Rappaport in memory of Jack Lehrer
Bertha, Jack, and Noreen Sculnick in memory of Jack Lehrer
Zelda & Irving Zwirek in memory of Sam Cohen

**CALL THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE AND HONOR A CHERISHED ONE WITH THE DONATION OF A
SIDUR OR A CHUMASH**

(Yashir Koach to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember! **AND THIS IS ONE IS ESPECIALLY TIMELY!)**

DON'T HOARD



**If you need 144 rolls
of toilet paper for
a 14 day quarantine
you probably should've
been seeing a Doctor
long before
COVID-19**