MEMORY LANE # 61 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETINS OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
PASSOVER MESSAGES

1961: FROM RABBI SPIRO'S MESSAGE:

Passover and Shavuot are complimentary to each other. Receiving the Torah can only be fully appreciated when there is first complete freedom, which Passover symbolizes. Here in Canada we are blessed with the freedom to worship as we please. It is folly not to take advantage of this freedom and celebrate the receiving of the Torah by prayer and attendance at services.

1962: FROM PRESIDENT MAURICE J.BOXER'S MESSAGE:

We have escaped from Egypt and settled in a land of hope, surrounded by institutions of our choosing and making. Though a young community we have made history. In record time we have built a Synagogue, elected one of our members to the City Council and one to the Protestant School Board. May we solidify our positions and continue to march forward! May we learn to make proper use of our possessions and facilities, of our potentialities and rights, to curb our natural impulses and be good neighbors. We have much to be thankful for!

1965: FROM RABBI SPIRO'S MESSAGE:

The unprecedented prosperity of the Jewish Community on the North American Continent has been the subject of much discussion. It is almost as if this Passover we will be sitting down to the richest Seder meal of all generations. Tonight we ask "Why is this night different from all other nights?" The answer is "We were once slaves, poverty stricken and oppressed and it was G-d who saved us" says the Haggadah. If G-d did save us, did He do so to test us, to see if we could survive this freedom and prosperity? At the Seder we drink four cups of wine to celebrate our freedom. Before each one we pronounce a benediction. If we can hallow our freedom and prosperity in North America with a benediction, we will indeed be unique. We will then be the richest and most successful generation of Jews.

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