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YIC Weekly Newsletter Oct 4 - 10 / 16 - 22 Tishrei

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV	
SUNDAY	Oct 04	9:00 AM 2nd Day Sukkot	No Services	
MONDAY	Oct 05	7:00 AM Chol Hamoed	No Services	
TUESDAY	Oct 06	7:00 AM Chol Hamoed	No Services	
WEDNESDAY	Oct 07	7:00 AM Chol Hamoed	No Services	
THURSDAY	Oct 08	7:00 AM Chol Hamoed	No Services	
FRIDAY	Oct 09	7:00 AM Hoshana Rabah	6:05 PM	Shabbat Starts: 6:00 PM
SATURDAY	Oct 10	Parshat: SUKKOT TORAH READINGS Partial Services as indicated.	Shabbat Ends:	7:01 PM

Dear members,

You are all aware by now that the Greater Montreal area including Laval is now under Code red. Only 25 people maximum are allowed in houses of worship at any one time. This is as per Quebec health regulations in effect as of Tuesday Sept 22. The authorities are quite strict on this and are clamping down very severely. At the end of Yom Kippur, police in Cote St. Luc raided a Chabad shul - under circumstances not yet completely clear, and in the middle of prayers forced people into the street.

Since our shul opened for services on July 18th, we have been completely meticulous in adhering to all safety standards, and we shall continue to do so.

So please **NOTE:** Starting with this Shabbat / Sukkot Oct 3, and for the foreseeable future, only the first 25 people showing up in shul for **ANY** services - weekday, Shabbat, holidays, etc - will be permitted. This takes into account any women wishing to take part in services. And since Shaar Shalom has joined us for all prayer services also for the foreseeable future, the 25 limit is the total for both shuls combined.

The Covid-19 receptionist will not permit anyone over the 25 limit to enter. It is what it is, unfortunately; this is for our safety and security, as well as yours, and it is the law. Thank you.

HATIMA TOVA - CHAG SAMEACH

Issie Baum, President - Young Israel
Mike Andradi, President - Shaar Shalom

BIRTHDAYS: a) **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY MILESTONE 5 x CHAI 90th BIRTHDAY** to Carl Narvey who celebrates this amazing day with his beshert Marilyn on Shabbat, October 3, the 1st day of Sukkot. Wishing you many more years of good health and happiness with your family and friends. b) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to long-time member Danny Silverman who celebrates his 82nd birthday as well on Shabbat, October 3, 1st day of Sukkot. Danny, we wish you many more years of good health and happiness and only simchas with your beshert Doris and family and friends. c) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our VP extraordinaire Fred Rudy who celebrates his 79th birthday on Tuesday October 6th, Chol Hamoed Sukkot. Fred is not only a VP, but does everything and anything to help out in the shul, including sending out countless yartzheit cards for the past 25 years, as well as taking care of the yartzheit boards, installing the plaques and turning on/taking off the lights, putting together the always must-read Memory Lane column for our weekly Newsletter as well being part of all major renovations that take place in the synagogue. May you and your beshert Lillian celebrate many more happy and healthy ones together with all your friends and family here and in Israel! d) **HAPPY 68th BIRTHDAY** to Shaar Shalom's gabbai Sam Abramovitch who celebrates on Thursday, October 8th, Chol Hamoed Sukkot. Sam is always in shul with a smile on his face doing whatever it takes to keep the shul in good working order! Sam, may you have many more happy and healthy ones with your beshert Donna by your side and your many friends and family. To all the birthday boys - **SHANA TOVA** and good health ad 120!!!

YASHER KOACH: We are still not finished with our holidays, as we are in the middle of Sukkot, and Simchat Torah is next Sunday. But Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are behind us, and as I said in my Kol Nidre address, it has been a roller coaster ride for the last few weeks. So many people put so much together for so few in attendance; yet everyone in shul felt really good after the sounding of the Shofar on Monday night after Ne'ilah. Many congregants, from both Young Israel and Shaar Shalom, came over to me to express their delight with how smoothly everything went. And so kudos and a **YASHER KOACH** to everyone who made it happen, starting with Rabbi Banon, and Yossi, who gave us a first class High Holiday service, with virtually no glitches. They teamed up to give us a seamless service on all 3 days, and we are more than thankful and grateful to have them in our shul. **YASHER KOACH** to both of you, and may you both go from strength to strength and continue to provide us with the best shul experience we can have for many many years to come. Thanks to Mike Andradi, Sam Abramovich, Lewis Fogel, The Kadanoffs, for all the work they put in. **YASHER KOACH** to Dave Apelbaum and Marvin Baker, who between them did yeoman's duty in preparing and making sure Alyas were handed out in time. **YASHER KOACH** to Moshe Levinger who came out of his long-time retirement to do the Gabbai's duties for the 3 days - and pretty well still remembered everyone's names. **YASHER KOACH** to Stan Plant who was a Jack-in-the-box throughout the 3 days, probably putting on more mileage jumping up and down to open the Ark when required, than he has done driving during the past 6 months - and probably lost weight doing so, a pleasant byproduct of coming to shul regularly. **YASHER KOACH** to Mindy, our office manager, who was there whenever I needed something looked up and done as quickly as possible. **YASHER KOACH** to Rabbi Banon and Marvin Baker who worked hard to put up the schach on our rented Sukkah this year; and a **YASHER KOACH** to Fred Rudy, who decorated the Sukkah; a **YASHER KOACH** to Shaar Shalom who shared in the cost, and a **YASHER KOACH** to Mike and the Rabbi who arranged for the Sukkot treats. Last, but certainly not least, **YASHER KOACH** to all of you, all the Young Israel and Shaar Shalom members who came together to make it all happen.

YASHER KOACH: Donations are still coming in to the shul in lieu of membership, seat sales etc. The latest generous donation is from Mrs. Anne Byer who was one of our founding members along with her late husband Sam z'l We **THANK YOU** and much appreciated.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Nehemia Black, who is now at home recovering from a procedure at the JGH; he joined us at our Zoom evening Minyans this week, and it was great to see him and wish him well, and a Gut Gezint Yohr in person. b) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Dave Green, who continues to do well, and is hoping to be back in shul soon c) And once again a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Klal Yisrael, and especially our bretheren in Eretz Hakodesh, who are still in a state of Covid-19 lockdown, which should end next week, B'H.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH: On Erev Yom Kippur, I made my annual President's address to a congregation of 25. On a Zoom Mincha Ma'ariv earlier this week, a number of members asked me to post my speech in this week's newsletter. I am generally loath to do this, as a speech is quite different when read, then when heard. They persisted, and so my address is attached to the very end of this newsletter. But I do warn you; it is approximately 3 pages long (and about 15 minutes in length, when I read it). If you read slower than I speak, it may be as long - although not as "tzetumelt" as the Presidential debate earlier this week. So be forewarned.

STAY SAFE STAY HEALTHY STAY HOME

*(But come to shul if you feel comfortable.
Just check-in with the Rabbi, Issie, or the Office.)*

Yahrzeits for the week of Oct 5 -11 / 17 - 23 Tishrei

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Oct 5	Tishrei 17	Shirley Waxman	for	Anchel Waxman z"l	fathr in law
Oct 5	Tishrei 17	Amy Simon	for	Florence Simon z"l	mother
Oct 6	Tishrei 18	Miriam Levy	for	Ari Levy z"l	son
Oct 6	Tishrei 18	Gabriel Schwimmer	for	Yosef Schwimmer z"l	father
Oct 8	Tishrei 20	Adele Bass	for	Paul Bloomfield z"l	father
Oct 8	Tishrei 20	Hilda Stark	for	Shimon Einhorn z"l	father
Oct 10	Tishrei 22	Diane Bresinger	for	Lorne Bresinger z"l	son
Oct 11	Tishrei 23	Ruth Ratner	for	Moses Ratner z"l	father 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 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.

Shul happenings this week in a nutshell:

Friday Oct 2nd - Erev Shabbat / Erev Sukkot - 6:15 PM

Mincha / Ma'ariv services in shul

Saturday Oct 3rd - Shabbat/Sukkot Day 1 9:00 AM

Schachris services in shul

Mincha / Ma'ariv - 6:15 PM

Sunday Oct 4th - Sukkot Day 2 - 9:00 AM

Schachris services in shul

Mincha / Ma'ariv - 6:15 PM

Monday Oct 5th - Friday Oct 8th - 7:00 AM

Chol Hamoed Sukkot - Schachris services in shul

Monday Oct 5th through Thursday Oct 9th

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

Zoom evening services at 6:15 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25lMkNrZnlRUT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Friday Oct 9th - Erev Shabbat / Erev Shmini Atzeret - 6:00 PM

Mincha / Ma'ariv services in shul

Saturday Oct 10th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat / Shmini Atzeret Schachris services in shul

Saturday Oct 10th - 6:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah

Mincha / Ma'ariv services in shul

Sunday Oct 11th - 9:00 AM

Simchat Torah Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

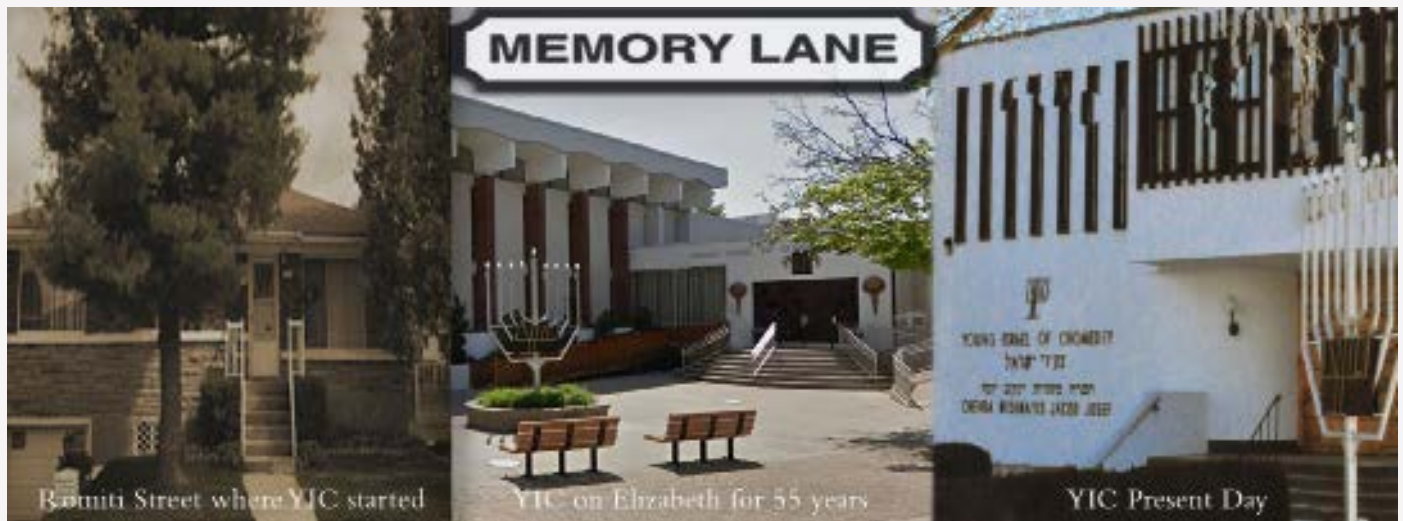
Sukkot Torah Readings
Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Numbers 29:12-16



The reading begins with an injunction that a newborn calf, lamb, or kid must be left with its mother for seven days; one may not slaughter an animal and its offspring on the same day.

The reading then lists the annual Callings of Holiness — the festivals of the Jewish calendar: the weekly Shabbat; the bringing of the Passover offering on 14 Nissan; the seven-day Passover festival beginning on 15 Nissan; the bringing of the Omer offering from the first barley harvest on the 2nd day of Passover, and the commencement, on that day, of the 49-day Counting of the Omer, culminating in the festival of Shavuot on the 50th day; a “remembrance of shofar blowing” on 1 Tishrei; a solemn fast day on 10 Tishrei; the Sukkot festival — during which we are to dwell in huts for seven days and take the “Four Kinds” — beginning on 15 Tishrei; and the immediately following holiday of the “8th day” of Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret).

G-d declares the fifteenth day (and the subsequent 6 days) of the seventh month to be a holy convocation, no work shall be done during that time. The reading then describes the Sukkot offerings which were brought in the Holy Temple.



**MEMORY LANE # 86
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
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"ON THE HORIZON

The following events are now in place for the upcoming fall and winter seasons.

- Western Line dancing, Monday, Sept 11 at 7:30 p.m
- Rabbi's Annual Teshuva Lecture, Wednesday evening, October 11
- Simchat Torah Gala Supper, Saturday October 21, after davening
- Simcha Torah festivities for all, Sunday Morning, October 22
- Sisterhood paid-up membership dinner, Tuesday, October 24 at 6:45 p.m.
- Another popular Melaveh Malka, on Saturday, November 24 at 8 p.m.
- Our semi-annual bazaar, on Sunday, November 19
- Sisterhood program, with Dr. Nora Kelnor of the JGH, Tuesday evening, Nov. 21
- Ask the Rabbi evening, Saturday, December 9 at 8 p.m.
- Sisterhood program, Jake Lawrence of Radio "Max 96" Tuesday evening, Dec.19
- Annual Gala Hannukah Party Sunday, December 24
- Sisterhood program, "Fun Fun Bingo Night", Saturday Evening, January 16, 2001

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WE REGRET ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS

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

Thou shalt not shake hands



Bernard Mendelman

Write Where I Belong

Entering my synagogue recently, there were signs posted on the walls that read: "In the interest of public health, please refrain from shaking hands."

Due to concerns over the H1N1 flu virus, it seems we have now added another Commandment, "Thou shalt not shake hands."

I still shook hands. It's not the first Commandment I've ever broken. Inventive as my clan are, those that wouldn't shake hands chose to hug, elbow bump or give the peace sign.

But with this swine flu scare it looks like handshaking is destined to become a thing of the past. Just like the gentle kiss on the lips between friends, that once was so fashionable, has now evolved into a slight cheek-to-cheek peck — except in Quebec, where we have to do things at least twice before we get it right. I never can remember the proper etiquette of which cheek to peck first.

Handshaking has been around since at least the 2nd century BC and supposedly originated as a peace gesture among warriors wanting to show that they held no weapon.

Some of us now fear the handshake because hands pick up germs and germs live on everything we put our hands on.

Most people get ill by touching something that is contaminated with germs and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

Doctors advise that the easiest way to reduce your risk of picking up a virus is to wash your hands often with soap and water and avoid



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touching your face. Soap doesn't actually kill the germs, but it's the combination of rubbing, rinsing and drying that does it. And you should do it for about 20 seconds. I usually recite the alphabet before I stop.

Fearful of even using somebody else's soap, I now carry my own — along with a pocket-sized alcohol-based sanitizer.

Like my esteemed colleague Mark Lidbetter once told me: "Parvoix will destroy ya." Judging by the following email I received from a reader, Lidbetter could be right.

It read: "I no longer open a public bathroom door without wiping it with a Kleenex. I don't use the remote in a hotel room because I don't know what the last person was doing while flipping through the adult movie channels. I don't sit down on the hotel bedspread because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed. I don't shake hands with someone who has been driving because the number one pastime while driving alone is nose-picking."

Without handshaking or high-fiving, what will athletes do at sporting events?

They could try waving, but wouldn't that spoil their macho image?

During the recent municipal elections, some candidates avoided the handshake, scared that too many of their constituents literally belonged to the great unwashed. Certainly, mothers will soon disallow political office-seekers from kissing their babies.

When it comes to handshaking, I did not approve when President Barack Obama, at a July dinner hosted by Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, shook hands with Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi. However, I did approve when French President Nicolas Sarkozy, in a July speech about human rights, told former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan that "it is impossible for me to shake hands with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, someone who dared to say that Israel should be wiped off the map."

Considering that Ahmadinejad still claims that the Holocaust was a lie, shouldn't all democratically elected leaders refuse to shake hands with him, and instead just give him the finger?

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President Issie Baum's Kol Nidre Address on Erev Yom Kippur

Before I actually start my speech I have a 2-3 minute preamble in light of the roller coaster ride, the Rabbi, Mike and myself have all been on lately. When the Rabbi and President of a shul stand up on Kol Nidre night to present their speeches or sermons, on which they have worked for many hours over a 2-3 week period, the Rabbi hopes that his words will have a spiritual impact on his congregation. The President on the other hand, generally presents his speech from a more materialistic point of view, what the shul has done during the past year, and its aspirations for the following year. Covid -19 has changed all that, at least for me, and for what I want to convey to our members. Early last week, we had finalized seating plans for approximately 65 men and women, husbands and wives, and Aliyas for the men. Then Quebec turned code yellow. We started all over again, and brought the number down to 50. Last Tuesday, at about 12:30 PM I was on the phone talking to a Dr. Stepanie Susser, the Director of Public Health for Laval, re the various rules and regulations covering our shul. In the middle of our conversation she gave a gasp and said, Oh G-d! Laval is going orange - maximum 25 people in shul. I got off the phone - somewhat in shock - and immediately started thinking! How do I, how do we now start making plans for 25 people in shul - with no women? I also thought, what the heck, I'm not going to make a long speech, I'll just welcome everyone, say a few words, and that's it. But...I thought long and hard. We have 25 people in shul today; our presence here, and our more than a thousand year old prayers are the only thing that's normal in an abnormal time. So, let's have a regular and normal Yom Kippur that we can all be proud of, and my speech remains unchanged, in spite of this crazy world. And so my friends.....

Hatima Tova - a gut gezint yohr to all of you, to you and your families.

It is truly a cliché, but nevertheless repeated every year, by the President of pretty well every shul, when he gets up on Erev Yom Kippur, on Kol Nidre night, and says 'How wonderful it is to see you all again here tonight.' I have said exactly that for the past 3 years. However, as I say how wonderful it is to see you all again this evening, this evening takes on a whole new meaning.

Tonight, we are gathered here, on the Holiest Night of the Year, to re-affirm our commitment to G-d, to re-affirm our commitment to our fellow man, to re-affirm our commitment to our shul, and to spend a few hours in prayer in our beloved Sanctuary. Tonight we thank Hashem for all that he has given us, but without doubt also beseeching Hashem to take away something that we never asked for. On Yom Kippur, we humbly ask G-d "**asei imanu tzedakah va'chesed,**" that G-d treat us with justice and mercy. Tonight, we ask G-D for justice and mercy more than ever before!

Tonight, we are few in number, but nevertheless, we are 25 strong - Young Israel of Chomedey and Shaar Shalom members, who have come together to our beloved shul, as our fathers and forefathers have done for thousands of years, to say **Hineni**. This word in the Bible is a very powerful word, some scholars say it is the most important word in the entire Bible, and it sums up three words in English - "**Here I am!**" It is not necessarily a statement of location, it is much more a statement of emotional and spiritual presence.

The word Hineni actually appears 178 times in the entire Tanach, but in the Torah itself, the word Hineni occurs eight times, I believe. Three of them occurred in the second-day reading for Rosh HaShanah last week, in Akedat Yitzhak - the Sacrifice of Isaac; when G-d calls out to Abraham in the 1st portion of the reading, when his son Isaac calls out to his father Abraham in the 2nd portion of the reading, and when the angel calls out to Abraham in the 3rd portion of the reading. And, each time Abraham answers **Hineni - Here I Am!**

Why is this word so important that it is so often mentioned in the Bible? And why am I bringing up this word today, this evening, as we prepare ourselves for the Holiest day of the year? It is simply because by being here tonight, **YOU** are re-affirming your commitment to our people, to our heritage, but most important to Hashem. **YOU** are all saying **Hineni - Here I am**, nothing can keep me away. But, let's make no mistake – this in no way diminishes the fact that many of our members cannot be with us tonight, for various reasons due to Covid-19. Their decision not to come must be fully respected as is your decision to be here tonight. They are with us in spirit, also saying **Hineni – Here I am!**

As some of you know, I am not a big fan of social media. I have a FB page, but seldom log on. I get messages to go to Twitter, I am not a big twitterer either, I leave that to more famous Presidents. And occasionally I get a nice picture thrown in the mix, and find that it is on Pinterest. The only pinterest I know is the pin # I need to log on and check my interest rates. But I've been told by so many that I am missing so much by not being connected. It's funny, but I still feel connected. I am connected to my shul, which I attend every Erev Shabbos and Shabbos, I am connected every evening, where we daven Mincha/M'ariv on Zoom, as well as Thursday Bible classes led by our techno-wizard Rabbi Banon, and believe me I am connected to other forms of media that I deem necessary, for me to know what is happening worldwide and to be up to date.

My friends, I am connected enough to know that today, we are all trying to stand together, men and women, of all faiths and ethnicities, in our efforts to combat this dreadful plague, but unfortunately, we are sometimes thwarted by politicians, and others, who have their own interests at heart, more than the people they serve. Besides the US, look at Brazil, Peru, India, the UK, look at our own Quebec and our Covid-19 statistics, and look at our tiny little country, Israel, where the infighting amongst the parties, the Sinat Hinam and Lashon Hara, baseless hatred and derogatory speech – **of ALL parties, secular and religious** – as well as a large segment of the population who has resisted all health instructions, has put Israel at over 1,500 Covid-19 deaths, one of the fastest growing rates per capita in the world, and has resulted in a full second lockdown from the start of Rosh Hashana, and until after Simchat Torah. And lest we forget, if the past few months have taught us anything, especially when looking at what's happening south of us, whether it's Covid-19, whether it's the hundreds of riots and protests, whether it is the elections - it's that stupidity and ignorance, coupled with conspiracy theories, spread much faster than any virus ever could.

Yom Kippur, we all believe, **IS** a very important day, obviously important enough that we are all here to say **Hineni – Here I am**. But what does one day mean out of a whole year of 365 days? A man was stopped as he entered the shul on Erev Yom Kippur, and he was asked. "What does Yom Kippur, the Holiday – what does it really mean to you?" He paused, he thought for a moment, and said "It's good to have one day a year when I stop and really think about what I have done."

One day! Is one day enough? For some, maybe! Sometimes a 1-day experience can change your life. The noted and very very secular Jewish philosopher Franz Rosenzweig was on the verge of converting to Christianity in early 20th century Germany. Then, he was convinced to attend Yom Kippur services. As a result of this 1-day visit, he did an about-face, and became a ba'al tshuva, a repentant - and immersed himself in Jewish piety, thought and learning. For Franz Rosenzweig **one day** was enough! For others – who knows how many days it would take! But whatever time it does take, it also takes change to make it happen!! And change, my friends, in turn takes time, it takes energy, it takes self-awareness, sensitivity to others and most of all, it takes commitment; and of course it takes some degree of faith, faith that

change **IS** possible, and faith that we have the strength to grow always a little more, no matter what our age might be. Winston Churchill once said: Strength is granted to us all, especially when we are needed to serve great causes.

And there is no greater cause today for the Jewish people than to stand united, united against a growing vicious anti-Semitism that is so prevalent around the world, united against Sinat Hinam – baseless hatred; united against a world where in many places the word **“Judenrein – Free of Jews”** is used more freely than the word freedom itself; and united in our common belief that Hashem is there for us, for Am Yisrael – for the Jewish people. And that is also one of the reasons we are all in shul today, to ask for and pray, so that we all have the strength to stand united against the threats that face us around the world. If we don't do that, and we ignore anti-Semitism over and over again, we do so at our own peril, then ultimately, we will all be diagnosed with an illness, which for the Jewish people may be just as deadly as Covid-19, and that is collective amnesia.

The future is there for the Jewish People, but we must not squander it. It is not us who will march into that future. For a few of us here in shul today, it is our children, but for most of us it is our grandchildren. The future is for our Rabbi, and the Rabbi's children who will be our spiritual leaders, it is for Moshe Lvinger's grandson Alex here in Montreal, it is for Dave Smith's granddaughter Lital in New Jersey, it is for Dave Apelbaum's granddaughter Mihret in California, and it is for Ralph Levine's grandson Cody in Jerusalem. It is they who will inherit the future. Hopefully, we will give them a solid foundation on which to build that future.

For many of us, these past few months have actually brought us closer together, closer together with our families, our children and our grandchildren, whom we can't hug, but more than ever are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Zoom has become the go-to word this year, as we attend services, Bible classes and lectures, and much more, digitally and virtually. But believe me my friends, it is no substitute for an Erev Shabbat in shul, where we find ourselves sometimes with only 10-12 in number, but our voices - as convoluted as they may be - are loud and strong in prayer, whenever we are singing together Yedid Nefesh, L'Cha Dodi, or Yigdal, ably led by choir director Rabbi Banon. We come together for 45 minutes of prayer, and we leave feeling exalted, renewed and refreshed. I encourage all of you, those of you who feel comfortable coming here tonight, to also join us every Erev Shabbat here in our shul - you too will have that feel-good feeling when you leave to go home and make Kiddish and sit down at your Erev Shabbat meal. And remember - it's only 45 minutes of your time.

Let me close by thanking you for your commitment, for your dedication, and for your courage and sacrifice on being here tonight. I'd like to especially thank the Rabbi, with whom I have literally been in touch with daily for the past two months as we prepared for these holidays. I'd like to thank Mike Andradi and his Shaar Shalom executive, for their hard work in helping to put the health protocols into place, and especially Mike who has partnered with me in making our shul safe. I'd like to thank Dave Apelbaum for working with me closely in the preparation of the Aliyas and other Honours throughout the 3 days, and I'd like to thank everyone else - I apologize if I can't name each and every one of you by name - for making it comfortable, so that all 25 of you could come here tonight and return home feeling safe. In that respect we feel we have accomplished what we set out to do. Once again - Hatima Tova, may Hashem bless us all with a Healthy and Happy New Year 5781. Kol Tov!

