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YIC Weekly Newsletter Nov 22 - 28 / 6 - 12 Kislev

| DAY | DATE | SCHACHRIS | MINCHA / MA'ARIV |
|-----------|--------|---|---------------------------------|
| SUNDAY | Nov 22 | 9:00 AM | No Services |
| MONDAY | Nov 23 | 7:00 AM | No Services |
| TUESDAY | Nov 24 | No Services | No Services |
| WEDNESDAY | Nov 25 | No Services | Ma'ariv 7:15 PM (Yahrzeit) |
| THURSDAY | Nov 26 | 7:00 AM | No Services |
| FRIDAY | Nov 27 | No Services | 4:00 PM Shabbat Starts: 3:56 PM |
| SATURDAY | Nov 28 | Parshat: VAYEITZEI Partial Services as indicated. | Shabbat Ends: 5:03 PM |

Winter Davening Times in Effect

Dear Members,

From a layman's point of view, it's hard to make sense of all the conflicting rules and regulations - changing almost by the hour - emanating from the various levels of the Quebec Gov't. Whether it has to do with stabilizing the Covid-19 cases (as indicated in Thursday's Gazette - although 1000++ daily cases hardly seems like stabilization), to English School Board elections, (they are absolutely crazy!), to holding family gatherings - yes, no, maybe, maximum 10, with grandkids, without ??? - to partial or full lockdowns, we seem to be going around in ever larger circles; I don't need vertigo to get me dizzy, it seems to come naturally when reading the newspapers or listening / watching the news. I believe the only sensible voice is Tom Mulcair's, who advocates a NATIONAL consensus and a 3-week NATIONAL LOCKDOWN, and not a piecemeal provincial patchwork that makes no sense.

Please read this newsletter carefully; there is an important section on some donations the shul is making to Mada and the Generations Foundation, and we are asking our members to participate with us. Please voice your opinion, and let us know how you feel regarding these Executive decisions.

Issie

RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class takes place this week on Thursday Nov 26th at 8:15 PM. All are invited to attend and participate.

ANNIVERSARIES: **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Gina and Norman Fogel who celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary on Shabbat, November 21st. Wishing them all the best and many more happy and healthy years together.

BIRTHDAYS: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Sam Duchoeny who celebrates on November 23. Ad 120,

MAZAL TOV: a) **MAZAL TOV** to Lillian and Fred Rudy on their double simcha coming up on November 26 when their daughter Beth and husband Steven Dworzak will celebrate 25 years of married bliss, and on the same day 4 years later their son Ryan was born, giving Lillian and Fred a wonderful grandson. Lots of naches to both in good health from their wonderful mishpocha!!! b) **MAZAL TOV** to Rabbi Glenn and Hennie Black on the engagement of their son Yirmi to Tamara, daughter of Yisrael and Judy Jacobs. **MAZAL TOV** to our very own Hyman and Lucette Black, grandparents of the "Chosen Bocher," and to grandparents Arnold and Sally Rais, Miriam Pfafsky, and Shmuel Jacobs, and to great-grandmothers Mira Kipper and Jean Nadler. May they all have tons of naches from their children and grandchildren, in good health, and enjoy with family and friends.

DONATIONS: **YASHER KOACH** to the following members for their donations to the shul: Jerry & Sephie Segal, Miriam Levy, Danny Silverman, and Lenny Sculnick.

DONATIONS: Last weekend on my way to shul, I read an interesting piece on page 2 of the Gazette, on Adrian Bercovici's **GENERATIONS FOUNDATION**. We are all aware of the **GENERATIONS FOUNDATION**, an organization that feeds over 8000 Montreal needy schoolchildren. The Executive Director is our own Young Israel long-time member Adrian Bercovici, who together with his wife Natalie, are dedicated to their organization, and without whom, this organization would not be able to do the work it does. The Bercovicis are well known for their philanthropic work in this field. And they have been the recipients of many awards, all well deserved. And let's not forget, that Adrian and Natalie have been tremendous supporters of our shul over the many years, whether it was the bazaars, Purim and Hanukkah parties, or whatever else it was that the President or Rabbi called on them for help.

NOW THEY NEED OUR HELP!!!

That Gazette article highlighted an interview with Adrian on the effects the pandemic is having on their fund raising, fund raising that is done through various events throughout the year, all of which have been cancelled. In short, they need help - our help - to continue feeding these 8000 needy children. Now it is time for the Young Israel and its members to help them to the extent that we can.

After the Young Israel Exec went back and forth with numerous suggestions, with no one suggestion agreed by all, a general *concensus* was reached. The YIC will donate an initial sum of \$2,700, which is 150 times **CHAI**. We are asking **OUR** members to kick in with any amount that they can, and the YIC will match every donation with an equal amount, to a maximum of a \$2,300. You can donate it directly to the **GENERATIONS FOUNDATION** and get a receipt from them, or to the YIC and get a receipt from us. We will accumulate the amounts raised, match it \$ for \$, and together with our kickoff amount of \$2,700, we will forward one lump sum to the Bercovicis to help their organization in their time of need. A Mitzvah for all who partake in this endeavor. The bottom line is that if we do collect \$2,300 from our members, matched by \$2,300 by the YIC, and our initial amount of \$2,700, we will have raised \$7,300, a nice sum which they can surely put to good use. Perhaps we can get all this done by Hanukkah - and what a beautiful Hanukkah present it would be for the Bercovicis, who always make sure they give us Hanukkah presents. Now maybe we can give them a nice Hanukkah present in return.

In addition, you have all seen the email that went out earlier in the week regarding the dire straits **MADA** is in, also as a result of this pandemic. In late March we sent an emergency amount of \$5,000 to **MADA** to help them for Passover. **MADA** helps everyone who enters its door, no one is turned away. Once again, they need help. The YIC cannot help everyone who needs money, nor should we. But **MADA** is an organization - by its very nature - that deserves help from everyone. Again, with a general *concensus*, the Exec decided on another onetime donation to **MADA**, also in the amount of \$2700 - 150 times **CHAI**.

YASHER KOACH: A huge **YASHER KOACH** to all those who took part in the discussions regarding our above donations, and who came to a *concensus* relatively quickly, so that we could get the ball rolling.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to everyone recovering from illnesses, ailments and of course from Cobvid-19, far and wide.

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 Nov 23 - 29 / 7 -13 Kislev

| COMMON DATE | JEWISH DATE | MEMBER | | DECEASED | RELATION |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------------|-----------------|
| Nov 23 | Kislev 7 | Rosalie Simon | for | David Simon z"l | father |
| Nov 23 | Kislev 7 | Michael Zimel | for | Leon Zimel z"l | father |
| Nov 24 | Kislev 8 | Ralph Levine | for | Lori Levine z"l | daughter |
| Nov 25 | Kislev 9 | Joe Sculnik | for | Emmie Sculnick z"l | wife |
| Nov 26 | Kislev 10 | Danny Silverman | for | Irving Silverman z"l | brother |
| Nov 26 | Kislev 10 | Marvin Baker | dor | Fay Nadler z"l | aunt |
| Nov 27 | Kislev 11 | Beatrice Duchoeny | for | Celia Duchoeny z"l | mother in law |
| Nov 27 | Kislev 11 | Miriam Levy | for | Akiva Kaplansky z"l | father |
| Nov 28 | Kislev 12 | Gabriel Schwimmer | for | Victoria Schwimmer z"l | mother |
| Nov 28 | Kislev 12 | Danny Katz | for | Aaron Katz z"l | father |
| Nov 29 | Kislev 13 | Phyllis Abramovitz | for | Moishe Abramovitz 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 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.

Shul happenings this week in a nutshell:

Sunday Nov 22nd - 9:00 AM

Shachris services in shul and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25IMkN-rZnIRUT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Sunday Nov 22nd through Thursday Nov 26th

Zoom Ma'ariv services at 7:30 PM

(See Wednesday Nov 25th below)

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Monday Nov 23rd - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Wednesday (ONLY) Nov 25th - 7:15 PM

Ma'ariv services in shul and on Zoom - *Yahrzeit*

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Wednesday (ONLY) Nov 25th - 8:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM *(see email)*

<https://zoom.us/j/97257886952?pwd=bTBZdVROTDE2Ui9TbmF3TGJUeDRqQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 5788 6952

Passcode: 827112

Thursday Nov 26th - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Rabbi Banon's Bible class - Thursday Nov 26th

on Zoom - evening at 8:15 PM

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Friday Nov 27th - 4:00 PM

Mincha /Ma'ariv services in shul

Saturday Nov 28th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat - Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Vayeitzei Genesis 28:10-32:3

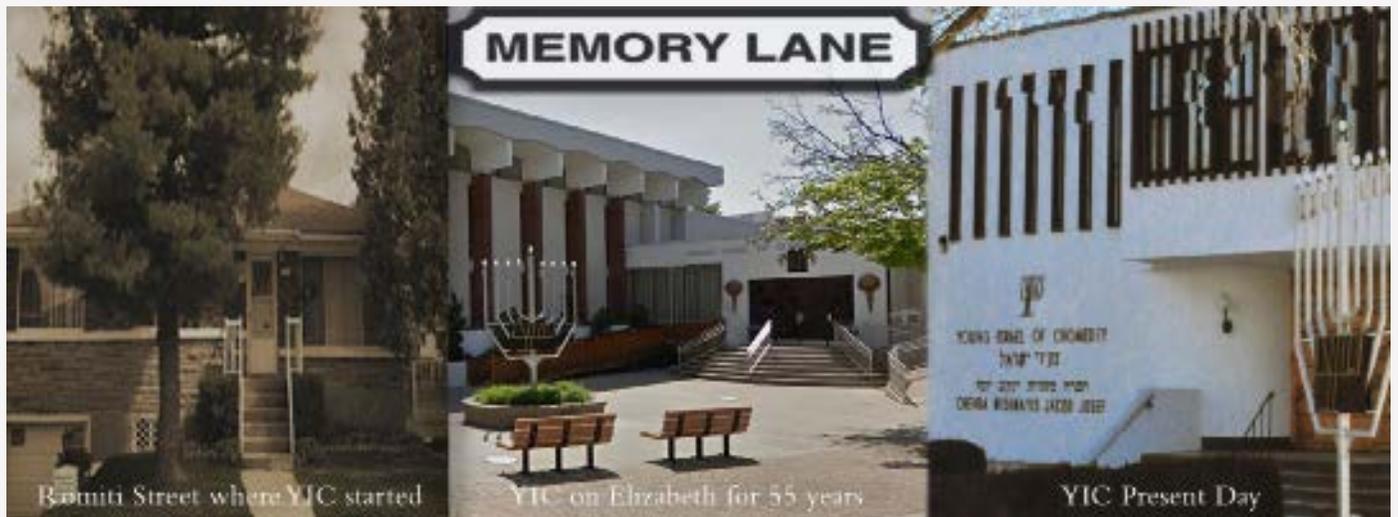


Jacob leaves his hometown of Beersheba and journeys to Charan. On the way, he encounters "the place" and sleeps there, dreaming of a ladder connecting heaven and earth, with angels climbing and descending on it; G-d appears and promises that the land upon which he lies will be given to his descendants. In the morning, Jacob raises the stone on which he laid his head as an altar and monument, pledging that it will be made the house of G-d.

In Haran, Jacob stays with and works for his uncle Laban, tending Laban's sheep. Laban agrees to give him his younger daughter, Rachel—whom Jacob loves—in marriage, in return for seven years' labor. But on the wedding night, Laban gives him his elder daughter, Leah, instead—a deception Jacob discovers only in the morning. Jacob marries Rachel, too, a week later, after agreeing to work another seven years for Laban.

Leah gives birth to six sons—Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun—and a daughter, Dinah, while Rachel remains barren. Rachel gives Jacob her handmaid, Bilhah, as a wife to bear children in her stead, and two more sons, Dan and Naphtali, are born. Leah does the same with her handmaid, Zilpah, who gives birth to Gad and Asher. Finally, Rachel's prayers are answered and she gives birth to Joseph.

Jacob has now been in Charan for fourteen years, and wishes to return home. But Laban persuades him to remain, now offering him sheep in return for his labor. Jacob prospers, despite Laban's repeated attempts to swindle him. After six years, Jacob leaves Charan in stealth, fearing that Laban would prevent him from leaving with the family and property for which he labored. Laban pursues Jacob, but is warned by G-d in a dream not to harm him. Laban and Jacob make a pact on Mount Gal-Ed, attested to by a pile of stones, and Jacob proceeds to the Holy Land, where he is met by angels.



**MEMORY LANE # 93 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
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UPCOMING TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING RABBI SOLOMON J. SPIRO

President: Eric Safran

Chairman: Jerry Baranoff

Vice Presidents: Frank Cwilich and Oscar Handelman C.A.

Committee: Phyllis Abramovitch / Dave Aronovitch / Lewis Blau / Les Cohen / Norman Fogel / Edith Gasoi / Rose Gontovnick / Dave Greenstein / Shirley RollWalter Roll / Israel Hutman / Morton Kader / Arnold Kostiner C.A. / Nat Yacowar /Lenny Wolman C.A. / Isaac Kerzner

Dear Friends, for the past 33 years our esteemed Rabbi has been the backbone of the Chomedey Jewish Community. He has worked selflessly on our behalf and his incredible record of service as founding Rabbi of our Synagogue is a constant source of pride and inspiration to us all. As you are well aware, he has retired at the end of 1992, and we feel that the time has come to honor our esteemed Rabbi in a meaningful and deserving manner. We therefore are asking you to join us in a unique and special event - a testimonial dinner honoring Rabbi Spiro. A special committee has been assembled to organize a fitting tribute to pay our respects and offer the "koved" that our beloved Rabbi clearly merits.

The dinner will take place at our Synagogue 1026 Elizabeth, on Monday evening, May 25th, 1993. You will have the opportunity to meet many esteemed dignitaries, many past and present officers of the Synagogue, and many of your old friends who you grew up with in Chomedey. We plan to make this a very special and unforgettable evening for all who attend. Our dinner will feature outstanding entertainment from the Ball Street Klezmer Band and the acclaimed Peter Freeman Orchestra.

Tickets for the event are available at a cost of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars per person). A \$50.00 (fifty dollar) tax deductible receipt will be issued for each ticket purchased. A special "Testimonial Book" will be presented to Rabbi Spiro, enabling you to inscribe personal messages to the Rabbi and his family. A "special wishes" page will contain the names of all attending the testimonial dinner.

Within the next few weeks members of our committee will be contacting you personally. We are counting on you to make this occasion a huge success. Charges for inscriptions in the book are: "Jewels" \$5.00 per name, 'Pearls" \$5.00 per name "Sponsors" \$18. The Committee for the Testimonial Dinner for Rabbi Spiro - Young Israel of Chomedey

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