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YIC Weekly Newsletter Nov 29 - Dec 5 / 13 - 19 Kislev

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Nov 29	9:00 AM	No Services
MONDAY	Nov 30	7:00 AM	No Services
TUESDAY	Dec 01	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Dec 02	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Dec 03	7:00 AM	7:30 PM (Yahrzeit)
FRIDAY	Dec 04	No Services	3:55 PM Shabbat Starts: 3:53 PM
SATURDAY	Dec 05	Parshat: VAYISHLACH Partial Services as indicated.	Shabbat Ends: 5:01 PM

Winter Davening Times in Effect

Dear Members,

For those of you anticipating winter blues, let me remind you that Spring is just around the corner. In less than 3 weeks time, on Friday Dec 18th, the 8th day of Hanukkah, we start Fri Erev Shabbat services just a little later now than before; to be precise 2 minutes later than the week before. But it gets better every week, so don't despair too much.

All members should look forward to emails relating to a series of special Wed night Zoom programs, presented by Shaar Shalom at the initiative of Mike Andradi, President. **YASHIR KOACH** to him for planning these events - the first one last week had over 70 people from both Synagogues attending over Zoom. Future ones plan to be every bit as promising.

Covid-19 stats in Quebec, and the rest of Canada are getting worse day by day, and we pray to Hashem that it doesn't get to the point of a total lockdown; perhaps that's what is needed to stem the tide. Keep Well. Stay Safe - Stay Healthy.

Issie

RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class takes place this week on Thursday Dec 3rd at 8:15 PM. All are invited to attend virtually and participate.

RABBI HALPERIN'S CLASS: Rabbi's Halperin's next class will take place on Tuesday December 1st, right after Maariv around 7:45 pm. The Rabbi will continue with the study of Shulchan Aruch, Chapter 4. All are welcome to attend virtually and participate.

A SPECIAL VIDEO: Take some time and watch this very special 12 min video from Be'ersheva, Israel. And watch with pride as a Montreal Family - amongst many in our city - who are continually in the forefront of helping Israel, shine once again. The family in the video are the **SEGAL FAMILY**. We all know the name, probably from the "**SEGAL CENTER**," and they are the ones who gave a \$27 million dollar gift to the Jewish General to kick start the building of the new K Pavilion "**THE SEGAL CANCER CENTRE**"! Alvin Segal owns "Peerless Clothing" here in Montreal. He is married to Fred Rudy's cousin **LEANOR** who is featured in this video. Needless to say, the Rudys are very proud of her, and so should we all be. Alvin works and Leanor spends his money. She's the force behind the "giving." Please google "**LEANOR SEGAL AT BGU**" or copy this link to your browser - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fo4ivikSVs4>

BIRTHDAYS: a) **MAZAL TOV** and a **BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Rebbetzin Rochel who celebrated her wonderful day on the 11th of Kislev, corresponding to Nov 27th. We wish her a long and healthy life ad 120 with her wonderful family, and may she continue to be a source of inspiration to the Rabbi, and in turn to all of us. b) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Meyer Rabinovitch who celebrates his 79th birthday on Thursday, December 3rd. c) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our amazing Kohen Gadol Ralph Levine, who celebrates his 94th birthday on December 4th. To many more in good health and happiness. Ad 120 to all the birthday youngsters.

ANNIVERSARIES: **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Simmy and Beryl Grabina who celebrate their 55th anniversary on December 4. Wishing them many more in good health and happiness.

CONDOLENCES: Our sincere condolences go out to the Green and Salinsky families on the passing of Anne Selinsky, who passed away peacefully, on Sunday, November 22, 2020. Dear daughter of Leatrice and the late Arnold Selinsky. Beloved mother and mother-in-law of Jennifer and Arthur, Amy and Floyd. Cherished Bubby Bubby of Tyrell, Devin, Amina; and Ezra. Devoted sister and sister-in-law of Arlene Selinsky, Andrew and Sharon Selinsky. Anne will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, as well as by her boyfriend David Furbee and by all who knew and loved her. Anne was considered a second mother to all of Jennifer and Amy's friends. A private graveside service took place. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association, 1-800-226-8464.

"May the Families Know no Further Sorrows"

Last week's newsletter asked our members to donate towards a very worthy cause, Generations Foundations, run by our very own Adrian & Natalie Bercovici. The Foundation feeds upwards of 8,000 schoolchildren a day. The Foundation is struggling to raise funds this year in light of the current economic situation. We thank the following members for their generous donations: Issie Baum, Ralph Levine, Seymour Forman, Danny Pascal and Roza Chowet. Please consider contributing if you can.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to everyone we know ailing from one illness or another, and a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to our brethren in Israel, here in Canada, and around the world from Covid-19.

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 30 - Dec 6 / 14 - 20 Kislev

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Dec 3	Kislev 17	Zvi Shapiro	for	Issac Boxer z"l	grandfather
Dec 3	Kislev 17	Linda Schwartz	for	Aaron z"l	father
Dec 4	Kislev 18	Zvi Shapiro	for	Leah z"l	aunt
Dec 4	Kislev 18	Marvin Cooper	for	Rose Cooper z"l	mother
Dec 4	Kislev 18	Louis Lefcovitch	for	Leah Lefcovitch z"l	wife
Dec 6	Kislev 20	Natalie Bercovici	for	Marilyn Paul z"l	sister

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 29th - 9:00 AM

Shachris services in shul and on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97257886952?pwd=bTBzdVROTDDE2Ui9TbmF3T-GJUeDRqQT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Sunday Nov 29th through Thursday Dec 3rd

Zoom evening services at 7:30 PM

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Monday Nov 30th - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Rabbi Halperin's Class - Tuesday Dec 1st on Zoom - evening at 7:45 PM

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Wednesday Dec 2 - 8:00 PM

Special Presentation - Courtesy of Shaar Shalom

Details in a separate email to follow

Thursday Dec 3rd - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Rabbi Banon's Bible class - Thursday Dec 3rd on Zoom - evening at 8:15 PM

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Friday Dec 4th - 3:55 PM

Erev Shabbat services in shul

Saturday Dec 5th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat - Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

VAYISHLACH

Genesis 32:4-36:43



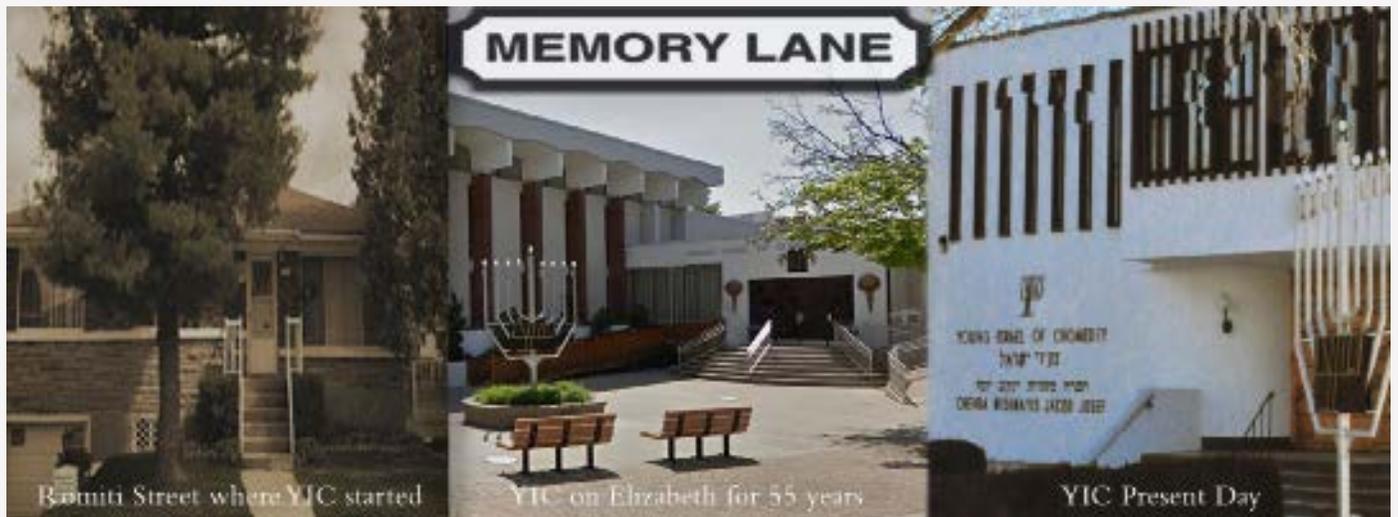
Jacob returns to the Holy Land after a 20-year stay in Charan, and sends angel-emissaries to Esau in hope of a reconciliation, but his messengers report that his brother is on the warpath with 400 armed men. Jacob prepares for war, prays, and sends Esau a large gift (consisting of hundreds of heads of livestock) to appease him.

That night, Jacob ferries his family and possessions across the Jabbok River; he, however, remains behind and encounters the angel that embodies the spirit of Esau, with whom he wrestles until daybreak. Jacob suffers a dislocated hip but vanquishes the supernal creature, who bestows on him the name Israel, which means "he who prevails over the divine."

Jacob and Esau meet, embrace and kiss, but part ways. Jacob purchases a plot of land near Shechem, whose crown prince—also called Shechem— abducts and rapes Jacob's daughter Dinah. Dinah's brothers Simeon and Levi avenge the deed by killing all male inhabitants of the city, after rendering them vulnerable by convincing them to circumcise themselves.

Jacob journeys on. Rachel dies while giving birth to her second son, Benjamin, and is buried in a roadside grave near Bethlehem. Reuben loses the birthright because he interferes with his father's marital life. Jacob arrives in Hebron, to his father Isaac, who later dies at age 180. (Rebecca has passed away before Jacob's arrival.)

Our Parshah concludes with a detailed account of Esau's wives, children and grandchildren; the family histories of the people of Seir, among whom Esau settled; and a list of the eight kings who ruled Edom, the land of Esau's and Seir's descendants.



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FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
25TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE, SPRING, 1984

"A QUARTER OF A CENTURY – ONLY YESTERDAY"
BY RABBI SOLOMON J. SPIRO

Twenty five years have passed since the beginning of our community, when families with a pioneering spirit came to settle here in Chomedey. For many of us, it seems like only yesterday. We came with our babies into brand new homes, apprehensive about our ability to meet our mortgage payments, but nevertheless dreaming of establishing a permanent house of worship to serve as a spiritual center for our new Jewish community. We immediately started to make the dream a reality!

First a bungalow on Romiti Street, a social hall on Elizabeth, and finally a Sanctuary! We enjoyed Sunday morning breakfasts, Men's club meetings, Sisterhood affairs, and youth programs, as well as partaking in daily regular Synagogue services. As our youngsters grew up they had a caring, active community in which to develop, and we made sure that they were comfortable and secure.

All members and their families have had a share in the building of our community, and each has left their mark. When away, I often meet youngsters who grew up in Chomedey, and I'm amazed at how proud they are, and how much it still means to them. Many of them, although they have moved away, return to our Shul to get married here, and later return for Bar Mitzvas and other simchas.

In Israel, during our sabbatical year, Sima and I found our Shul to be a strong bond among "olim" families who had moved there. They are in touch with one another, invite each other to family simchas, and always speak fondly of growing up in Chomedey. My family and I, who have been in the community ever since its inception, participated in both sorrows and joys, and have been touched in a very special personal way by all the members.

Our Rabbis state in Pirke Avot, "benesrim lirdof: ben sheloshim likoah", In his twenties a person should already be in full pursuit of his life's goals, and in his thirties he should be showing his progress towards them. For these past twenty five years we have been actively pursuing our goals of bringing up our children to follow in the footsteps of our ancestors. Our community was dedicated to that end, and we sincerely hope that we have succeeded, at least in measure. Of course life does not stand still. Children grow up and leave. People move. Others come in to replace them. Our community has changed, but the original spirit that animated it in the past is still there. Many of the pioneers and their families are still helping to keep it alive.

As we look forward to the thirties of our existence, we pray that we will exhibit the strength and vigor that has brought us to this juncture in the life of our community, and we continue to greet one another with gladness, in the knowledge that we have shared a unique, once in a lifetime experience, that made us the community we were and thank G-d, still are.

Rabbi Solomon J. Spiro

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