

Parshat Va'eira
Deliverance
is on its Way

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YIC Weekly Newsletter Jan 10 - 16 / 26 Tevet - 3 Shevat

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Jan 10	No Services	No Services
MONDAY	Jan 11	No Services	No Services
TUESDAY	Jan 12	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Jan 13	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Jan 14	No Services	No Services
FRIDAY	Jan 15	No Services	No Services Shabbat Starts: 4:19 PM
SATURDAY	Jan 16	Parshat: VA'EIRA Services on Erev Shabbat and on Shabbat only	Shabbat Ends: 5:28 PM

Dear Members,

Just before I wrote these words about 1 hour ago, my wife and I were scared almost out of our pajamas as we sat at the kitchen table, while playing the popular Israeli game Rummikub. A shrill alarm went off, and we both couldn't figure out what it was! It took 20 or seconds or so for it to sink in - to figure out that it was coming from my wife's smartphone (I don't have one), and that it was of course the automated Quebec Gov't "alarm system," warning us of the impending curfew coming up in about an hour, at 8 PM. Talk about a wake-up call!

Welcome to the new reality - again! For the 2nd time in the past 10 months we are once again on lockdown, coupled with this curfew, and once again our shul is completely closed to prayer. But as Rabbi Banon said at our Erev Shabbat services, the last in what we hope will be no more than a 4 week hiatus, a locked shul does not mean we lock ourselves away from prayers. We may be shut in, but we have our Taleisim, our Tefillin, our Prayer Books, and these should **NOT** be locked up, **NOT** curfewed, and **NOT** put away. More than ever, we should open our hearts to Hashem and pray for a quick deliverance from this pandemic.

We will be continuing our Zoom services, our various programs together with Shaar Shalom, and we will plan for new programs, as well as trying to stay connected with one another, as we pretty well lock ourselves away for another 4 weeks. Please join us for these programs. Keep Well! Stay Safe - Stay Healthy!

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RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class takes place this week on Thursday Jan 14th at 8:15 PM. All are invited to attend and participate.

RABBI HALPERIN'S SHULCHAN ARUCH CLASS: Rabbi Halperin's next class will take place on Tuesday Jan 12th at 7:45 PM, after Ma'ariv services. All are invited to attend and participate.

BIRTHDAYS: a) **HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY** to Louis Gontovnick who celebrates his special day on Monday, January 11. **MAZAL TOV** and all the best. Many more in good health ad 120

MAZAL TOV: a) **MAZAL TOV** to Lillian and Fred Rudy on their grandson Ezra's birthday in Israel, which took place this past Wednesday Jan 6th. **MAZAL TOV** and naches to the entire Rudy family.

MAZAL TOV: To all hockey fans across the country, and especially to our Past President Emeritus Nat Yacowar, a **MAZAL TOV** on Canada's silver medal in the World Junior Hockey Championships this week, not what we wanted or expected, but nevertheless a great showing. The Canadian Team goalie is none other than Devon Levi, a product of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, the son of Eta Yacowar and Laurent Levi, and the grandson of our own Nat and Lucy Yacowar. He and his teammates have made all Canada proud, and in turn we are proud of him. **MAZAL TOV** also to Cohen Gadol Ralph Levine, whose grandson in Israel Cody Levine, who I featured in this newsletter some months ago, wrote a great article in the Jerusalem Post English edition (which I have subscribed to for the past 40++ years), featuring Devon Levi on the World Junior Hockey Championships. So a great week to be proud of two of our senior members. May they both continue to live a long life in good health and shep naches from all their grandchildren. **KOL HAKAVOD!!!**

YASHER KOACH: A huge **YASHER KOACH** to VP Fred Rudy in achieving a personal milestone with this newsletter - having reached #100 in the ever popular Memory Lane recalls. More than anything, especially during this pandemic Fred has reconnected us with our shul past, with members long gone, with events and sponsorships most likely long forgotten by most, and with family simchas full of memories of good times. On a personal level, Fred has made my job easier as editor of this newsletter, by never failing to provide me with something, no matter how important or even trivial it may seem sometimes, to include in this newsletter and make it more meaningful. Fred - **Stay Safe and Stay Healthy** - together with your beloved Lillian, and continue to provide us with these wonderful memories of years gone by for a long time to come. **ZEI GEZINT BIZ 120.**

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all who are not well.

Yahrzeits for the week of Jan 11 - 17 / 27 Tevet - 4 Shevat

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER	DECEASED	RELATION	
Jan 4	Tevet 20	Paula Goldsman	fo	Louis Goldsman z"l	husband
Jan 11	Tevet 27	Victor Benedek	for	Miklos Benedek z"l	father
Jan 11	Tevet 27	Seymour Grabina	for	Jerry Grabina z"l	brother
Jan 11	Tevet 27	Sandra Rappoport	for	Tzrieh Rappoport z"l	mother
Jan 12	Tevet 28	Barry Borer	for	Doris Blitz z"l	mother
Jan 12	Tevet 28	Ralph Levine	for	Bessie Levine z"l	mother
Jan 13	Tevet 29	Eleanor Grief Spence	for	Laibel Grief z"l	husband
Jan 14	Shvat 1	Sydney Medicoff	for	Chiam Medicoff z"l	father
Jan 14	Shvat 1	Eleanor Wiseblatt	for	Jerry Wiseblatt z"l	husband
Jan 14	Shvat 1	Mildred Lubiner	for	Chiam Lubiner z"l	father in law
Jan 16	Shvat 3	Phyllis Abramovitz	for	Beverley Abramovitz z"l	step daughter
Jan 16	Shvat 3	Sandra Rubin	for	Razel Rubin z"l	mother in law
Jan 17	Shvat 4	Sonia Budner	for	Freda Belfer z"l	sister in law
Jan 17	Shvat 4	Shaia Leibinger	for	Freda Belfer z"l	sister 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.

*STAY SAFE
STAY HEALTHY
STAY HOME*

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

Shul happenings this week in a nutshell:

PLEASE NOTE: ALL services in shul have been cancelled until further notice

**Sunday Jan 10th through Thursday Jan 14th
Zoom Ma'ariv services every evening at 7:30 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25IMkNrZnIRUT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

PLEASE NOTE: *Due to the change of time of Wednesday's Jan 13th presentation - coming from Halifax which is an hour ahead of us - the Ma'ariv services on Wednesday Jan 13th will start at 8:00 PM instead of at 7:30 PM*

**Rabbi Halperin's Shulchan Aruch class - Tuesday Jan 12th
on Zoom - evening at 7:45 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25IMkNrZnIRUT09>

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**Presentation by: Canadian Museum of Immigration-Pier 21: Wednesday Jan 13th
on Zoom - evening at 6:15 PM**

<https://zoom.us/j/98877165853?pwd=NDYxeTY4M0psN24wV0d5bnJYWSt6QT09>

Meeting ID: 988 7716 5853

Passcode: 345011

**Rabbi Banon's Bible class - Thursday Jan 14th
on Zoom - evening at 8:15 PM**

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PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Va'eira Exodus 6:2-9:35

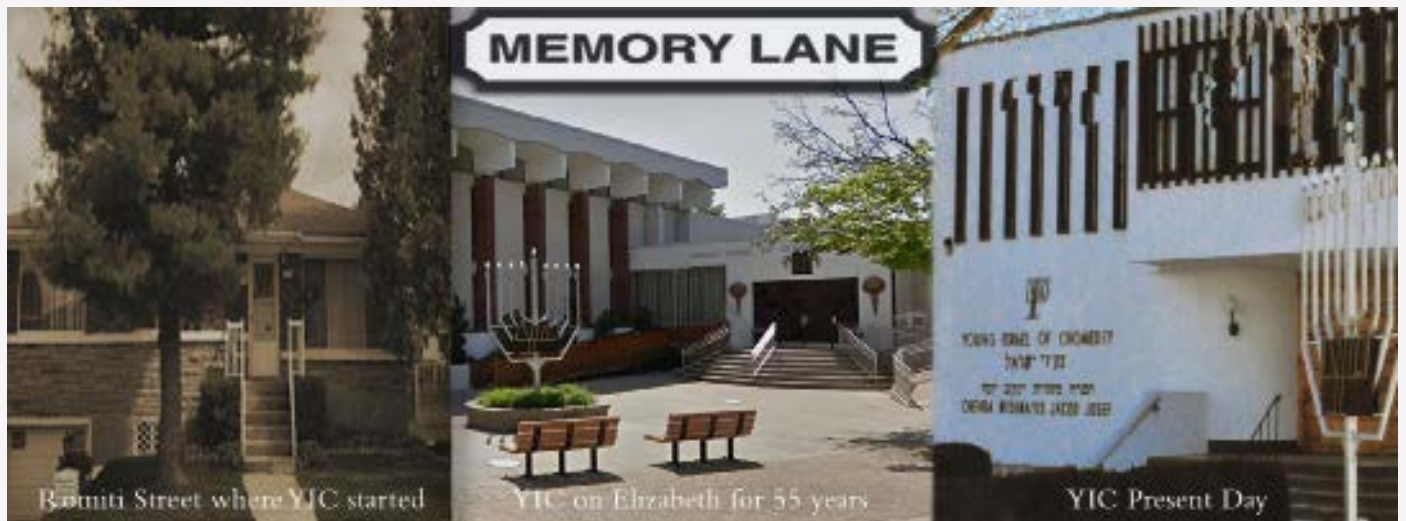


G-d reveals Himself to Moses. Employing the "four expressions of redemption," take out the Children of Israel from Egypt, deliver them from their enslavement, redeem them, and acquire them as His own chosen people at "Mount Sinai"; He will then bring them to the land He promised to the Patriarchs as their eternal heritage.

Moses and Aaron repeatedly come before Pharaoh to demand in the name of G-d, "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me in the wilderness." Pharaoh repeatedly refuses. Aaron's staff turns into a snake and swallows the magic sticks of the Egyptian sorcerers. G-d then sends a series of plagues upon the Egyptians.

The waters of the Nile turn to blood; swarms of frogs overrun the land; lice infest all men and beasts. Hordes of wild animals invade the cities; a pestilence kills the domestic animals; painful boils afflict the Egyptians. For the seventh plague, fire and ice combine to descend from the skies as a devastating hail. Still, "the heart of Pharaoh was hardened and he would not let the children of Israel go, as G-d had said to Moses."





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**A SINCERE THANK YOU, AND REMEMBER THAT WE NOW ACCEPT VISA FOR
DONATIONS OVER \$ 10.00**

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!

**Please reserve the date of Jan 27th at 7:45PM
for the presentation by David Matlow
"ALL THINGS HERZL"**

The Young Israel of Chomedey and Shaar Shalom invite everyone to a special presentation of **ALL THINGS HERZL**, a fascinating history of Theodor Herzl as told through thousands of artifacts collected by the foremost collector of Herzl memorabilia, David Matlow, of Toronto.

Collecting the Dream

The Jewish State that Theodor Herzl envisioned exists, so why is Herzl still important? Herzl's magic is that he was not just a dreamer, he was a doer. Herzl's actions ultimately led to the birth of the State of Israel 44 years after his death. We all have the capacity to be a little like Herzl: to have big impossible dreams and to make them come true. Illustrated through items in his collection of Herzl memorabilia, the largest in the world, David Matlow will tell Herzl's story and share the lessons that Herzl continues to teach us. He will show us why Herzl is still relevant and he will challenge us to ask ourselves "What would Herzl do?". Both this question and its answer are especially relevant on days when the better tomorrow that Herzl envisioned seems so far out of reach.

About David Matlow

David Matlow is a corporate and private equity partner at Goodmans LLP in Toronto and past Chair of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. He was co-chair of Toronto's 2015 Campaign for the United Jewish Appeal and is a member of the board of the Ontario Jewish Archives and the iCenter for Israel Education. He owns the world's largest private collection of Theodor Herzl memorabilia (over 5,000 items) which he exhibits across North America. David speaks regularly to schools, synagogues and other groups about Herzl and his continued relevance.

Together with Canada's Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, David told Herzl's story in a six part series of three minute videos called Herzl Explained which can all be seen at <https://azm.org/herzl-explained> More information about David's Herzl Project is available at <https://herzlcollection.com/>

You are invited to join the Zoom meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/97081616661?pwd=NmdIVXd0T0hUbjR1VHI3S3BFek5xZz09>

Meeting ID: 970 8161 6661

Passcode: 943254



Iconic Photo of Herzl on the famous hotel balcony in Zurich



David Matlow on the same hotel balcony

The HERZL cup

