

# 60th Anniversary 1959 - 2019



## **A 60 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE / THE EARLY YEARS SPECIAL YOM KIPPUR EDITION (1989 & 1999)**

### **PRESIDENT ARTHUR LEVY'S MESSAGE TAKEN FROM THE 1989 BULLETIN (30th Anniv.)**

Dear fellow members, this year we are celebrating our thirtieth year as a congregation. It seems like only yesterday that many of us moved into Chomedeey, and established a most vibrant Jewish community. While many of our detractors are inclined to write us off in the evolution of other areas as more desirable, a great many of us love and appreciate our corner of the world and are dedicated to its perpetuation and enhancement. In the grand scheme of things, we shall maintain and embellish both our Shul and its activities through our fund raising, mainly our bazaar, raffle, Yahrzeit Book, Kol Nidre Appeal, and through grants towards our community centre, we have maintained balanced budgets.

With your continued support in all our endeavors we intend to maintain a formidable presence and infinitum. Our air conditioning is in place with the addition of a new condenser, the beautification of our Sanctuary will follow in the near future, as will the refurbishing of our downstairs.

This will make our facility second to none in the area, and I urge you avail yourselves of it on Shabbat, Yom Tov, for our activities and for your personal Simchas.

I am looking forward to greeting you on Yom Tov and all events marking our thirtieth year of existence. On behalf of my dear Wife Miriam, family, and the executive of your Shul, I wish you and yours a happy, healthy, and fulfilling year

***Arthur Levy, President***

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### **TAKEN FROM RABBI C.M.BERZON'S 1999 MESSAGE (40th Anniv.)**

Every Jewish holiday sees food paramount to the Chag - Oneg Yom Tov and Shabbat. We recall with nostalgia, for example the Pesach Seder, kneidlich and all.

Yet Yom Kippur the Shabbat of all Shabbats, is Davka, specifically, celebrated with not eating. So why no food on Yom Kippur:

On Yom Kippur, the Mitzvah of Oneg (enjoyment) consists of eating and drinking in order to prepare ourselves to fast properly. The Oneg obligation of Yom Kippur, is in fact, fulfilled on the previous day, the 9th of Tishrei. The status of Yom Kippur as a Yom Tov includes an obligation to eat. Since we cannot eat on Yom Kippur itself, we do so on the previous day. The preparation modifies and enhances the forthcoming event. We feel blessed and joyous that Hashem has bestowed upon His People this day that can bring forgiveness and endowment. On this our 40th year, Bella and I wish the entire community a Shana Tova.

***Rabbi Chananya Moishe Berzon***

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