



MEMORY LANE # 82 (EDITED) FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY SUMMER 1998 EDITION

IT WAS EIGHT YEARS AGO THAT I FIRST WALKED INTO THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY SHUL BECAUSE I HAD JUST LOST MY DAD AND I WAS THERE TO SAY KADDISH.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL INSTITUTION WITH RABBI SPIRO AND REVEREND MARMOR, BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM. WE HAD A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING THAT WAS EMPTY MOST OF THE TIME. SERVICES STARTED AT 6:45 AND WE WERE DONE BY 7:30. ESTHER CAME IN AT 8:30 AND LEFT AT 5. WE CAME BACK FOR EVENING PRAYERS AT 7:30 AND WHEN WE FINISHED REV. MARMOR LOCKED UP AND TURNED DOWN THE THERMOSTAT FOR THE NIGHT. EVERY MORNING IN THE WINTER WE DAVENED FULLY DRESSED IN SKI JACKETS.

POTENTIAL MEMBERS WERE ASKING "WHAT DOES THE SHUL HAVE TO OFFER US BESIDES MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES"? THE TRUTH IS THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE AN ANSWER. WELL TODAY WE HAVE THE ANSWERS THAT THE POPULATION WERE LOOKING FOR! WITH RABBI AND REBBETZIN BERZON AT THE HELM WE HAVE GOLDEN AGE MEETINGS FOUR DAYS A WEEK, WE HAVE SISTERHOOD MEETINGS EVERY WEEK, A KUMON CLASS TWICE A WEEK, SHABBOS TALMUD CLASSES, BIBLE CLASS EVERY MONDAY EVENING, WE HAVE TAI CHI CLASSES AND WESTERN LINE DANCING EVERY WEEK. WE RECENTLY HAD A MELAVE MALKA ORGANIZED BY THE REBBETZIN , LILLIAN RUDY AND WITH NELLY MENDELOVITCH WITH OVER 200 IN ATTENDANCE, A PURIM PARTY WITH 200 ATTENDING , AND A TURN FRIDAY NIGHT INTO SHABBOS EVENING WITH OVER 200 ATTENDING. AN EVENING ORGANIZED BY FRED RUDY AND MARVIN MENDELOVITCH OF THE GENESIS GROUP HAD AS A GUEST DOCTOR JOE SCHWARTZ AND A CANTORIAL CONCERT, AND DOCTOR MITCH SHULMAN DRAWING OVER 275 PEOPLE. EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON WE HAVE FLOOR HOCKEY FOR CHILDREN, AND A MONTHLY BULLETIN PREPARED BY FRED RUDY AND HIS SON IN LAW STEVEN DWORZAK WHICH IS SECOND TO NONE COMPARED TO ALL THE OTHER SYNAGOGUE BULLETIN THAT I'VE EVER SEEN, THAT IS DELIVERED AND MAILED TO OVER 400 HOUSEHOLDS, A MEN'S CHOIR AND A SEMI ANNUAL BAZAAR.

PLANS FOR A GALA 40TH ANNIVERSARY ARE NOW IN THE WORKS AND A CARNIVAL DAY OUTSIDE TO CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 50TH BIRTHDAY. WE HAVE A MIKVAH IN THE SHUL AND ALTERNATE SEPHARDIC SERVICES LED BY RABBI BANON. WE OWN A CEMETERY IN LAVAL AND PROVIDE FREE PLOTS TO ALL SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS. WE ARE VERY PROUD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A FIRST CLASS RABBI AND A HAZZAN SHEINI IN RABBI BERZON AND NACHMAN ROTTENSTREICH WHO MAKE OUR SERVICES EXTREMELY ENJOYABLE.

WE HAVE MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES 365 DAYS A YEAR SO PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN, BECOME A MEMBER, AND ENJOY REAPING THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO OUR BEAUTIFUL SHUL.

A SPECIAL YASHER KOACH GOES OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS AMAZING REBIRTH OF OUR SYNAGOGUE.

JERRY BARANOFF PRESIDENT

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