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YIC Weekly Newsletter Sept 6 -12 / 17 - 23 Elul

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV	
SUNDAY	Sept 06	9:00 AM	No Services	
MONDAY	Sept 07	9:00 AM (Legal Holiday)	No Services	
TUESDAY	Sept 08	No Services	No Services	
WEDNESDAY	Sept 09	No Services	No Services	
THURSDAY	Sept 10	7:00 AM	No Services	
FRIDAY	Sept 11	No Services	7:00 PM Shabbat Starts: 6:54 PM	
SATURDAY	Sept 12	Parshat: NITZAVIM-VAYELECH Partial Services as indicated.	Shabbat Ends:	7:55 PM

CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19

Dear Members,

The countdown has begun, less than 2 weeks away until we welcome in the New Year 5781. This week we have more or less finalized the seating plan for the 60 members +/- who will be attending services throughout the 3 days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. We have also pretty well finalized the list of Aliyas and Honours available, but we can guarantee that each man who wants the honour of opening the Ark will have the opportunity to do so, either on Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur. Each person receiving an Aliya or other Honour must be in shul at least 15 minutes before the time of your Aliya, as there will be **NO** substituting; if you are late, the Aliya goes to someone else in shul at the time. So it is imperative that you are in shul at the time which you have been allotted. You will be informed either through a personal phone call or email.

At this time we have room for 1 or possibly 2 women who would like to attend, as well as seats for 5 men who would like to attend, but have postponed their decisions for whatever reasons. So if your intention is to attend services, please let the office know **IMMEDIATELY**. Thank you, and have a great week.

Issie Baum

RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's bible class will not take place until after the holidays.

BIRTHDAYS: **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to young at heart Doris Silverman, who celebrated her 88th birthday on September 2 with her beshert Danny and their loving family and friends. Doris, may you have many more years of celebrations in good health and happiness. Ad 120.

ANNIVERSARIES: **a) HAPPY 53rd ANNIVERSARY** to our VP & Cemetery Chairman Stanley Plant and his bashert Marilyn, who celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on Thursday, September 10th. Wishing them many more happy and healthy years together and only simchas with friends and family by their side. **b)** A very hearty **MAZAL TOV** to our cherished long-time member and Kohen Gadol Ralph Levine and his beloved Bea, who celebrate their **66th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** today, on Shabbat, September 5. When they married in 1954 it was on Labour Day...and Ralph has been labouring ever since!! (that's a direct quote from Ralph!) Wishing the happy couple many more in good health and happiness and only simchas with friends & family. **c)** And a **HAPPY 32nd ANNIVERSARY** to Shaar Shalom 1st VP Lewis Fogel and his bashert Mindy who celebrated their big day on Friday Sept 4th. Wishing them many more healthy years with family and friends. And to all celebrants, let's drink a hearty and virtual l'chaim - remember you can imbibe all you want - it's virtual.

YASHIR KOACHS: We are still receiving a steady stream of donations, in lieu of memberships and holiday seat sales waived for this year. This week we'd like to mention Cary Weigensberg who donated on behalf of himself as well as "buying a seat" in memory of his beloved late mother, long-time member Riva Weigensberg z'l who passed away in May and was still active at 97. As well, heartfelt thank yous go out to Simmy & Beryl Grabina, Danny Pascal, Danny Tansky, and Gaby Zeichmeister, and to Natalie and Adrian Bercovici, all of whom gave generous donations. We appreciate each and every one, and a **YASHER KOACH** to all of you.

CALENDARS 5781: If you still haven't picked up your new Jewish calendar for the New Year 5781, give the office a call so you can get yours ASAP before the holidays.

REFUAH SHLEMA: **a)** A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all shul members and their family members who are under the weather, and especially to our brothers and sisters in Israel, where the Covid-19 has hit particularly hard, with the death toll topping 1000.

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 Sept 7 - 13 / 18 - 24 Elul

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Sept 7	Elul 18	Eleanor Tylbor	for	Chaja Arbiser z"l	Mother in law
Sept 7	Elul 18	Daisy Millman	for	Leslie Sandor z"l	father
Sept 11	Elul 19	David Midlash	for	Yechiel Midlash z"l	father
Sept 11	Elul 22	Carol & Wendy Lesser	for	Myer Lesser z"l	father
Sept 12	Elul 23	Ann Applebaum	for	Paul Kwaitz z"l	father
Sept 12	Elul 23	Sheila Wolfe	for	Max Wolfovich z"l	father in law
Sept 12	Elul 23	Diane Bresinger	for	Dora Greenstein z"l	mother
Sept 12	Elul 23	Renee Greenstein	for	Dora Greenstein z"l	mother in law
Sept 12	Elul 23	Sandra Rappoport	for	Louis Karovitch z"l	father
Sept 13	Elul 24	Marvin Baker	for	Hilda Aronoff z"l	aunt

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 Sept 6th at 9 AM

Shachris services in shul

Monday Sept 7th at 9 AM

(Legal Holiday)

Shachris services in shul

Thursday Sept 10th at 7 AM

Shachris services in shul

Sunday Sept 6th through Thursday Sept 10th

Zoom evening services at 7 PM

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Friday Sept 11th at 7 PM

Erev Shabbat services in shul

Saturday Sept 12th at 9 AM

Shabbat services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

NITZAVIM - VAYALECH

Deuteronomy 29:9-31:30



The **Parshah of Nitzavim** includes some of the most fundamental principles of the Jewish faith: The unity of Israel: "You stand today, all of you, before the L-rd your G-d: your heads, your tribes, your elders, your officers, and every Israelite man; your young ones, your wives, the stranger in your gate; from your wood-hewer to your water-drawer."

The future redemption: Moses warns of the exile and desolation of the Land that will result if Israel abandons G-d's laws, but then he prophesies that in the end, "You will return to the L-rd your G-d . . . If your outcasts shall be at the ends of the heavens, from there will the L-rd your G-d gather you . . . and bring you into the Land which your fathers have possessed."

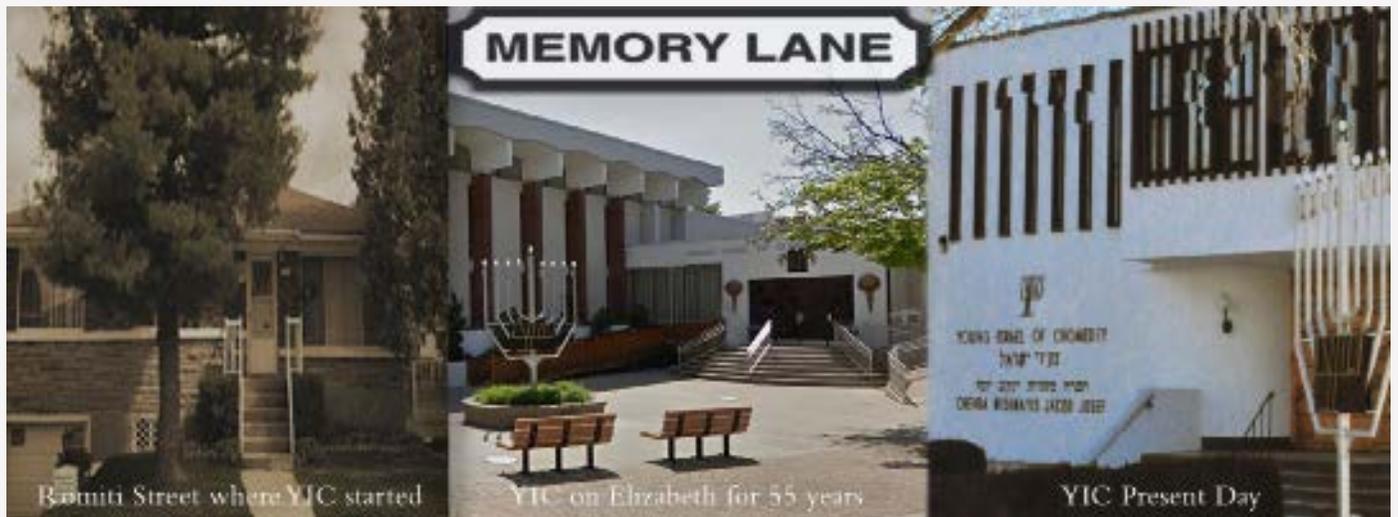
The practicality of Torah: "For the mitzvah which I command you this day, it is not beyond you, nor is it remote from you. It is not in heaven . . . It is not across the sea . . . Rather, it is very close to you, in your mouth, in your heart, that you may do it."

Freedom of choice: "I have set before you life and goodness, and death and evil: in that I command you this day to love G-d, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments . . . Life and death I have set before you, blessing and curse. And you shall choose life."

The **Parshah of Vayelech** recounts the events of Moses' last day of earthly life. "I am one hundred and twenty years old today," he says to the people, "and I can no longer go forth and come in." He transfers the leadership to Joshua, and writes (or concludes writing) the Torah in a scroll which he entrusts to the Levites for safekeeping in the Ark of the Covenant.

The mitzvah of Hakhel ("gather") is given: every seven years, during the festival of Sukkot of the first year of the shemittah cycle, the entire people of Israel—men, women and children—should gather at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, where the king should read to them from the Torah.

Vayelech concludes with the prediction that the people of Israel will turn away from their covenant with G-d, causing Him to hide His face from them, but also with the promise that the words of the Torah "shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their descendants."



**MEMORY LANE # 82 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
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MEMORIES of an era gone some 20+ years ago - but not forgotten!!!

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 members 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 bulletins 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

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

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