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YIC Weekly Newsletter Oct 11 - 17 / 23 - 29 Tishrei

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Oct 11	9:00 AM Simchat Torah	6:00 PM
MONDAY	Oct 12	9:00 AM (Legal Holiday)	No Services
TUESDAY	Oct 13	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Oct 14	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Oct 15	7:00 AM	No Services
FRIDAY	Oct 16	No Services	5:50 PM Shabbat Starts: 5:48 PM
SATURDAY	Oct 17	Parshat: BEREISHEET Partial Services as indicated.	Shabbat Ends: 6:49 PM

A Freilichen Simchas Torah



RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible Class will take place this week on Thursday Oct 15th at 7:15 PM

BIRTHDAYS: **a) HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY** to Gersh Madan, former long-time member who now calls Toronto home, who celebrates on Tuesday October 13th. Enjoy your special day with your beshert Sheila. **b) HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Chazzan Yossi's wife and beshert Vira Rose, who celebrates her special day on Wednesday October 14th. Wishing her all the best on her special day, and many more in good health and happiness. **c) And a HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Charlene Burak who celebrates her birthday on Thursday October 15th. Wishing you many more happy and healthy ones with your beshert Fred. And to all 3 birthday boys and girls - long life and good health ad 120!!!

LIQUOR DONATION: **a)** A bottle was donated by the Duchoeny family in honour of the 8th yartzheit of Willie Duchoeny z'l, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Normally the family does a Kiddish in his honour every year. Willie z'l volunteered tirelessly for the shul. He was the Building Chairman, making repairs, getting equipment from A1 Rent-a-Tool, as well as preparing Sunday morning breakfasts with George Abramovitz and Lou Gontovnick. Willie z'l's wife of 50 years, Beatrice, is still an active member. Willie passed the throne to son Sam who updates the electronic yartzheit board, does our website editing, gets supplies for the shul and attends services, minyans and simchas. Willie z'l will be loved and missed forever by all who knew him. **b)** Another bottle was donated by Krysia and Moe Rosenstein in memory of Krysia's beloved father, the late Jacob Stopnicki z"l.

YASHER KOACH: **a) YASHER KOACH** to Marvin Baker, who lead the Ma'ariv services on Zoom for the first time on Monday evening, Oct 5th, and did a pretty good job, and then followed it a second time the following night. If he keeps this up, Yossi may have some competition in a couple of months.

YASHER KOACH: **YASHER KOACH** and thanks to Natalie & Adrian Bercovici for their generous donation to the shul as well as the purchase of 4 memorial plaques for their loved ones.

REFUAH SHLEMA: **a)** A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Nehemia Black, who is now "settling in" for his regular visits to the JGH for treatment, and a **YASHER KOACH** to his wonderful wife Lucette, who is truly an **ESHET CHAYIL** in helping him every step of the way. **b)** A continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Dave Green, who continues to do well, and now B"H is back at work taking it easy day by day, and hoping he'll be back in shul soon. I spoke to him this week, and he really is upbeat, always a good sign on the way to recovery. **c)** And once again a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to the whole House of Israel, and especially once again to our fellow Jews in Israel, who are still in a state of Covid-19 lockdown, which has now been extended another week after Simchat Torah, assuming things there do not get any worse than they are right now, although not looking very good as these words are being written.

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 Oct 12 -18 / 24 - 30 Tishrei

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Oct 13	Tishrei 25	Kryisia Rosenstein	for	Jacob Stopnicki z"l	father
Oct 13	Tishrei 25	Paul Kulik	for	Sonya Kulik z"l	wife
Oct 15	Tishrei 27	Wesley Bernknopf	for	Mae Bernknopf z"l	mother
Oct 15	Tishrei 27	Issie Beker	for	Mathew Beker z"l	son
Oct 16	Tishrei 28	Paul Kulik	for	Alexander Kulik z"l	father
Oct 18	Tishrei 30	Stanley Plant	for	Albert Plant z"l	father
Oct 18	Tishrei 30	Nathan Langburt	for	Toba Langburt z"l	mother

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 Oct 11th - 9:00 AM

Simchat Torah - Shachris services in shul

Mincha / Ma'ariv - 6:00 PM

Monday (Isru Chag) Oct 12th (Legal Holiday) - 9:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Monday Oct 12th through Thursday Oct 15th

Zoom evening services at 6:00 PM

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Thursday Oct 15th - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

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Rabbi's Bible class on Zoom

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Friday Oct 16th - 5:50 PM

Mincha /Ma'ariv services in shul

Saturday Oct 17th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat - Schachris services in shul

Sunday Oct 18th 8:30 AM

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan – Schachris services in shul

Monday Oct 19th 7:00 AM

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan – Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

BEREISHET

Genesis 1:1-6:8

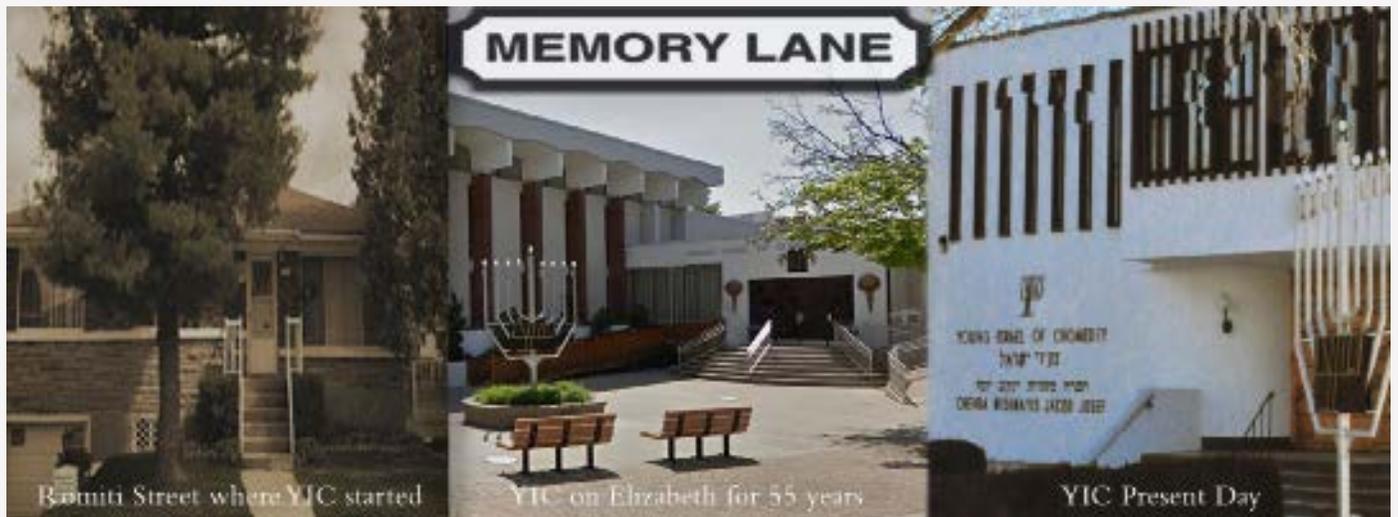


G-d creates the world in six days. On the first day He makes darkness and light. On the second day He forms the heavens, dividing the "upper waters" from the "lower waters." On the third day He sets the boundaries of land and sea, and calls forth trees and greenery from the earth. On the fourth day He fixes the position of the sun, moon and stars as timekeepers and illuminators of the earth. Fish, birds and reptiles are created on the fifth day; land animals, and then the human being, on the sixth. G-d ceases work on the seventh day, and sanctifies it as a day of rest.

G-d forms the human body from the dust of the earth, and blows into his nostrils a "living soul." Originally Man is a single person, but deciding that "it is not good that man be alone," G-d takes a "side" from the man, forms it into a woman, and marries them to each other.

Adam and Eve are placed in the Garden of Eden, and commanded not to eat from the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." The serpent persuades Eve to violate the command, and she shares the forbidden fruit with her husband. Because of their sin, it is decreed that man will experience death, returning to the soil from which he was formed, and that all gain will come only through struggle and hardship. Man is banished from the Garden.

Eve gives birth to two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain quarrels with Abel and murders him, and becomes a rootless wanderer. A third son, Seth, is born to Adam; Seth's eighth-generation descendant, Noah, is the only righteous man in a corrupt world.



**MEMORY LANE # 87
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEY
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“TISHREI, WHAT A MONTH” BY RABBI CHANANYA MOISHE BERZON

Imagine, three major Jewish holidays appearing in the same month, or to be more precise, within twenty-five days, and each of the holidays commemorates a distinct event.

We begin the month of Tishrei with Rosh Hashanna. It's precise appellation is Yom Ha'din, the Day of Judgment. A few days later we have the somber fast of Yom Kippur, literally translated as the Day of Atonement. Five days later we celebrate Sukkot, also known as Z'man Simchate"nu- the season of our joyousness. The tail end of this holiday is Simchat Torah, where we dance joyously with the Torah, kissing it and hugging it ecstatically. So, in brief, we go from being judged by the Heavenly Court as to what our future reward will be, and then to being forgiven. Finally we are overwhelmed with happiness. We obviously must pose the question to ourselves, are these days just thrown together haphazardly? Is there a system, a message, a moral lesson to be learnt from the sequence? Upon perusal, I am unequivocally convinced that the directive of the month of Tishrei is the following:

On Rosh Hashana one must take stock of our performance, heed the sound of the shofar, and realize that there is a G-d in heaven who is actively aware of every thought and deed. If you act according and utilize the Ten Days of Repentance that links Rosh Hashana with Yom Kippur, to endeavor a return to the Almighty and His commandments, then the fast day of Yom Kippur will bring exoneration. The climax of that experience will be accompanied with the joy and ecstasy of Sukkot. To what do we owe this unique composite of attachment to Hashem? The answer is the Torah, the Tree of Life, not only is the Torah a directive in how to conduct one's life, it unquestionably gives and sustains the essence of life itself.

Upon entering the threshold of the New Year, let us be cognizant of what direction we must take, then the Lord in Heaven will bless us with a good year. One that will bring us true Simcha.

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!

A recent article in the Montreal Gazette by former Canadian Prime Minister the Hon. Stephen Harper, a dear friend and close ally of Israel

PEACE, PLURALISM & PROGRESS

Rt. Hon. Stephen J. Harper and Shuvaloy Majumdar explain why we should celebrate the Abraham Accords.

The Abraham Accords are truly transformative and will pave the way for historic realignments across the Middle East. Yet one of the most interesting aspects of this development is not what has been achieved, but how it has been achieved.

We were told moving embassies to Jerusalem would lead to irreparable diplomatic strife. That accepting Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights would raise the spectre of violence. That ending the Iranian nuclear deal and eliminating its terror chief would provoke regional war. That standing behind Arab allies confronting Iranian proxies in Yemen and elsewhere would inflame conflict. That dispensing with Palestinian obstruction as a condition for Arab-Israeli relations would forever damage the prospect of peace.

These have been axioms of Western diplomacy. And they were all proven wrong.

Instead, the Trump administration framed events in a new paradigm, culminating with a treaty ceremony on the lawn of the White House, the first Arab-Israeli accords in a quarter century, and the promise of more to come. The outlines of the new

framework are clear enough: pursuing peace through strength, supporting Israel unequivocally, backing the region's moderates and opposing its extremists.

In short, this breakthrough was achieved by breaking with doctrines that had produced no results for decades. While critics may never give the administration the credit it deserves, let us insist that they at least absorb these lessons.

The same critics will have the same qualms in congratulating Benjamin Netanyahu. They should not. Netanyahu has again demonstrated the strategic and political skills that have made him Israel's longest-serving leader. He effectively used the threat of West Bank annexation to get the most consequential progress in Israel's international relations in decades. In the process, he shelved an issue that splits both Israelis and their friends, incentivized Arab co-operation, and isolated the Palestinian strategy of relentless rejection. The day Palestinian leaders move past this historic error and genuinely embrace a two-state solution, a new world of Arab-Israeli coexistence and advancement awaits them.

It is, however, the Gulf Arabs, led by the United Arab

Emirates, who have taken the boldest step. Their motives go well beyond the interests they share with Israel in opposing Tehran's hegemonic nationalism and clerical extremism.

For the Emiratis, this moment of leadership traces back to the vision of their founder, Sheikh Zayed al Nahyan. He sought to create a modern country with an advanced economy and an openness to the world. From the founder to his sons and successors, including Sheikh Khalifa, Crown Prince Mohammed, and Foreign Minister Abdullah, the UAE has relentlessly pursued social development and economic opportunity, of which the new Israeli connection will only provide more. It has advanced a tolerant model of Islam and, more recently, a full embrace of religious pluralism.

The establishment of the UAE's Abrahamic Family House — a major project encompassing a mosque, church and synagogue — is but one testimonial of the Emirati ideal of coexistence. The nation has a wide range of Christian denominations and it welcomed Pope Francis on an official visit last year. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to initiate the construction of an unrivalled Hindu Mandir. And the Aga Khan has built the Middle East's first Shia Ismaili Centre in Dubai. At a time when some in the region are propagating various ver-

sions of extremism, the UAE is building a modern vision of an Arab monarchy that leads by example.

In a world defined today by disruption and disarray, the Abraham Accords signify a historic moment of co-operation and realignment. They are a statement of unity in a time of division and a reminder that leadership still matters. For, at their core, these agreements were delivered by leaders who saw an opportunity and had the convictions and skills to make it happen.

The consequences of this normalization will be profound. The new security architecture between Israel and its Arab allies will become deeper, bolder, and visible. A new economic collaboration will take hold, spanning a spectrum of technologies and infrastructure, from the seas to space. And, perhaps most importantly, new and enduring relationships will be formed between young populations on the terms of peace, pluralism and progress.

It is in all of our interests to ensure the success of these Accords, to celebrate the future they promise, and to make permanent this welcome departure from the paradigms of the past.

Rt. Hon. Stephen J. Harper was Canada's 22nd Prime Minister from 2006 to 2015.

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