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YIC Weekly Newsletter Dec 6 - 12 / 20 - 26 Kislev

| DAY | DATE | SCHACHRIS | MINCHA / MA'ARIV |
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| SUNDAY | Dec 06 | 9:00 AM | No Services |
| MONDAY | Dec 07 | 7:00 AM | No Services |
| TUESDAY | Dec 08 | No Services | No Services |
| WEDNESDAY | Dec 09 | No Services | No Services |
| THURSDAY | Dec 10 | 7:00 AM | No Services |
| FRIDAY | Dec 11 | No Services (Hanukkah - 1) | 3:55 PM Shabbat Starts: 3:52 PM |
| SATURDAY | Dec 12 | Parshat: VAYEISHEV 2nd Day of Hanukkah Partial Services as indicated. | Shabbat Ends: 5:01 PM |

Winter Davening Times in Effect



RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class takes place this week on **Wednesday Nov 9th** at 8:15 PM. All are invited to attend and participate.

CONDOLENCES: The YIC extends its sincere condolences to the Akerman and Abitbol families on the passing of Seyman Akerman, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 29th. Seyma was the wife of the late Morris Z'L, both of whom were long-time members of the YIC until three years ago. Seyma was the beloved mother and mother-in-law of Karen and Mikael Abitbol, who was also a regular at our morning and evening Minyans until he took ill - may he have a **REFUAH SHLEMA** - and the beloved mother and mother-in-law of Harold and Aviva Akerman. Proud Bubbie of Joey, Rebecca and Jonathan, Daniel, Jessica, Stephanie and Luc. Predeceased by her sisters and their spouses; Sylvia and Meyer Caplan, Mildred and George Markowitz. Dear aunt to her many nieces and nephews. A private graveside service was held on Wednesday, December 2nd. Contributions in her memory may be made to the charity of your choice.

"May The Family Know no Further Sorrows"

SHAAR SHALOM: Shaar Shalom has organized a whole series of weekly programs on Zoom for the entire month of Dec, for the benefit of both shuls. **YASHER KOACH** to Mike for spearheading this program. On Sunday, Dec 13th both shuls will jointly sponsor a Zoom Hanukkah **"EXPERIENCE."** More details to follow. Scroll to the end of this newsletter to see Shaar Shalom's entire month's program. This notice will appear in the newsletter throughout the month of December.

YASHER KOACH: **YASHER KOACH** to Rebbetzin Rochel - so the Rabbi informed me, for coming up with the idea of the Hanukkah drive-by, which takes place on Wednesday Dec 9th in the shul parking lot between 5-5:30 PM. Last call - please email me at info@judaicsales.com with the number of people in your household. Logistical details will be emailed on how the drive-by will be executed so as not to tie up traffic on the narrow street.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all - wherever?

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 Dec 7 - 13 / 21 - 27 Kislev

| COMMON DATE | JEWISH DATE | MEMBER | | DECEASED | RELATION |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Dec 11 | Kislev 25 | Reisha Sofer | for | Avraham Sofar z"l | father |
| Dec 11 | Kislev 25 | Eleanor Tylbor | for | Binem Tylbor z"l | father in law |
| Dec 11 | Kislev 25 | Max Stollar | for | Beatrice Kershaw z"l | sister |
| Dec 13 | Kislev 27 | Roslyn Pfefer | for | Betty Engel Dorfman 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 Dec 6th - 9:00 AM

Shachris services in shul and on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/97257886952?pwd=bTBZdVROTDE2Ui9TbmF3TGJUeDRqQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 5788 6952

Passcode: 827112

Sunday Dec 6th through Thursday Dec 10th

Zoom Ma'ariv services at 7:30 PM

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Monday Dec 7th - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Tuesday Dec 8th - 8:00 PM

WEBINAR - The Jews of Africa by Dr. Jack Hirschberg

The history of Jewish migration during the 4 great Diasporas

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Wednesday Dec 9th - 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Hanukkah Drive-By in the parking lot of our shul (see separate email)

Rabbi Banon's Bible class - Wednesday Dec 9th

on Zoom - evening at 8:15 PM

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Thursday Dec 10th - 7:00 AM

Shachris services in shul

Thursday Dec 10th - 6:30 PM

MONTREAL LIGHTS - Celebrating HANNUKAH Together

(see separate email - <https://montreallights.com/>)

Friday Dec 11th - 3:55 PM

Mincha /Ma'ariv services in shul

Saturday Dec 12th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat - Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Vayeshev Genesis 37:1-40:23



Jacob settles in Hebron with his twelve sons. His favorite is seventeen-year-old Joseph, whose brothers are jealous of the preferential treatment he receives from his father, such as a precious many-colored coat that Jacob makes for Joseph. Joseph relates to his brothers two of his dreams which foretell that he is destined to rule over them, increasing their envy and hatred towards him.

Simeon and Levi plot to kill him, but Reuben suggests that they throw him into a pit instead, intending to come back later and save him. While Joseph is in the pit, Judah has him sold to a band of passing Ishmaelites. The brothers dip Joseph's special coat in the blood of a goat and show it to their father, leading him to believe that his most beloved son was devoured by a wild beast.

Judah marries and has three children. The eldest, Er, dies young and childless, and his wife, Tamar, is given in levirate marriage to the second son, Onan. Onan sins by spilling his seed, and he too meets an early death. Judah is reluctant to have his third son marry her. Determined to have a child from Judah's family, Tamar disguises herself as a prostitute and seduces Judah himself. Judah hears that his daughter-in-law has become pregnant and orders her executed for harlotry, but when Tamar produces some personal effects he left with her as a pledge for payment, he publicly admits that he is the father. Tamar gives birth to twin sons, Peretz (an ancestor of King David) and Zerach.

Joseph is taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, the minister in charge of Pharaoh's slaughterhouses. G-d blesses everything he does, and soon he is made overseer of all his master's property. Potiphar's wife desires the handsome and charismatic lad; when Joseph rejects her advances, she tells her husband that the Hebrew slave tried to force himself on her, and has him thrown into prison. Joseph gains the trust and admiration of his jailers, who appoint him to a position of authority in the prison administration.

In prison, Joseph meets Pharaoh's chief butler and chief baker, both incarcerated for offending their royal master. Both have disturbing dreams, which Joseph interprets; in three days, he tells them, the butler will be released and the baker hanged. Joseph asks the butler to intercede on his behalf with Pharaoh. Joseph's predictions are fulfilled, but the butler forgets all about Joseph and does nothing for him.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

Dear Young Israel and Shaar Shalom Members,

Hanukkah is around the corner – literally.

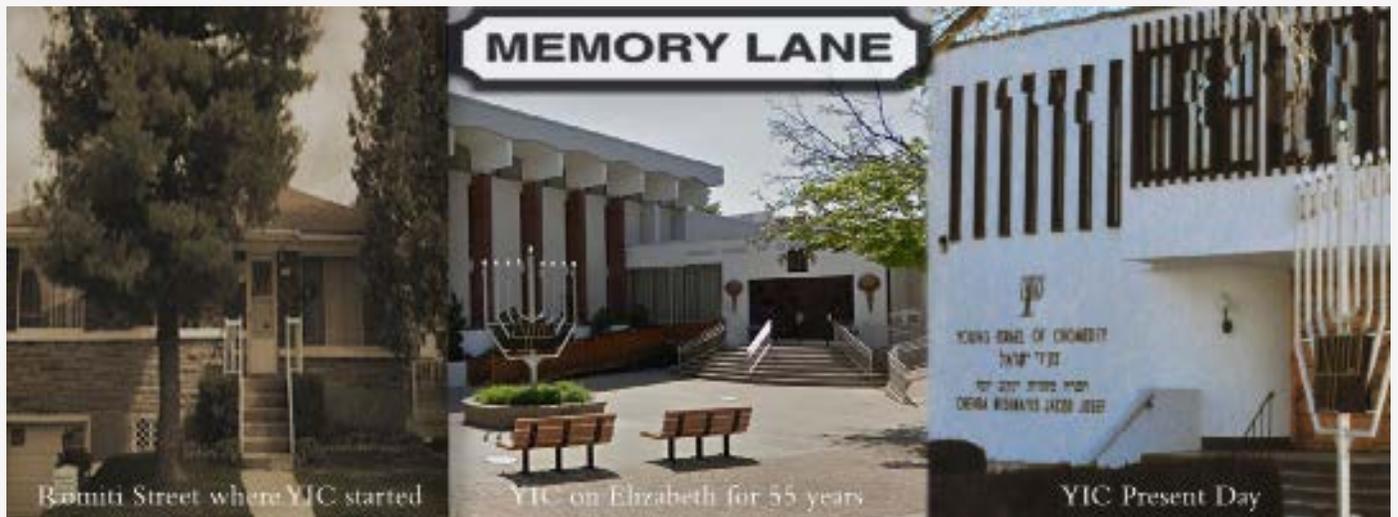
It is the Festival of Lights where we light up the world. At this time every year, Menorahs around the world are lit up in public places so that we, the Jewish People, can spread light and love throughout the world.

But this year – it may be somewhat different.

So... let us do our little bit to spread Light, Love, Cheer and a Festive atmosphere, in our little tiny corner of the world, in our own community, and with our shul members and friends.

Next Wednesday Dec 9 at 5-5:30 PM we will have a drive-by in the parking lot of our shul. No getting out of cars, and no congregating in the streets. In a strict drive-by atmosphere Rabbi Banon and I will be handing out Hanukkah goodies to all our members and friends. **EVERYONE** is invited. Please send me your **RSVPs by Sunday noon Dec 6th**, so that we can prepare, and make sure that everyone is included. Please email me if you are able to attend and the members in your immediate household. My email is info@topicalsetc.com or info@judaicasales.com And please – do not forget to wear a mask.

Have a wonderful and joyous Hanukkah.



MEMORY LANE # 95 (EDITED)
FROM THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY 25TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE 1984

A MESSAGE FROM PESIDENT NORMAN GROSS:

Each member can look back with satisfaction and deep pride at the accomplishments of our Shul during the past twenty five years. Each member has, in his and her own way, played a part in reaching this milestone, our 25th anniversary. Through our combined efforts, we have achieved the distinction of being the oldest and longest Orthodox Synagogue in Laval. We have great confidence that we will continue to flourish and maintain our standard of excellence during the coming years, and count upon your continued support. We have come a long way from our little bungalow on Romiti Street!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NAT YACOWAR:

Since it's inception 25 years ago, our Shul has played a dominant and fundamental roll in the development of the Jewish Community of Laval. It began as a center serving the religious needs of a growing community, but soon expanded to meet many other needs. It was through the Young Israel that many Jewish organizations made a start in our community. It was the first home and starting point for the Talmud Torah, the YM-YWHA, Gevurah Club, the Jewish Public Library, Israel Bonds, Combined Jewish Appeal, Young Judea, Cubs, Scouts, Girl Guides, Brownies, Committee for Tax Supported Jewish Schools and many others. It has undergone many stages in its growth and is continuing to expand to serve the community. Proud of its past, and confident of its future, may the Young Israel of Chomedey continue to flourish and prosper.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE CIGELNICK:

As I look back on the past 2 years as Membership Chairman, I have seen many of our older members move out of the community, lacking replacement with younger blood, but I'm happy to have seen a slight increase in membership as of our High Holidays. As congregants, we all have a responsibility to help increase our membership by approaching new, or even older members of the community. I hope that in the near future our Synagogue can once again boast of an active membership approaching 800 members!

A REPORT FROM THE TREASURER IRVING FELDGAIER:

We can be proud of the financial growth and stability that has been achieved these past 25 years. Our first annual budget represented expenditures of only a few thousand dollars. Our present budget has since grown to \$250,000.00 dollars and the current replacement values of our most modern Synagogue and halls has exceeded \$2,000,000.00 dollars – an achievement made possible by a sacrificing and determined membership. We are now facing the challenge of upgrading our facilities, which will require a personal commitment to enhance the financial integrity of our Synagogue during the coming years so that we can meet the challenges of the future.

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!

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Shaar Shalom is proud to announce our ZOOM Events Calendar for December 2020

Circle the dates on your calendar because you don't want to miss out.

Dec 2 - Matt Del Vecchio and Stefanie Cadou

A Montreal based husband and wife team,
specializing in assisting seniors in transition

Dec 8 - The Jews of Africa by Dr. Jack Hirschberg

The history of Jewish migration during the 4 great Diasporas

Dec 13 - Shaar Shalom & Young Israel of Chomedey ZOOM Chanukah Party

Dec 17 - An Evening of Music with Janie Respitz

Dec 23 - Tommy Schumacher

Author of "Makeup Tips from Auschwitz" and
"How Vanity Saved My Mother's Life"

Dec 30 - An evening with Dr. Joe Schwarcz PHD

Director, McGill Office for Science and Society

Our Events all open at 7:45 PM for schmoozing
with an 8:00 PM program start.

Zoom Invitation Links will follow during the week of the Events.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Celebrating over Sixty Years of Service to the Community