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YIC Weekly Newsletter Dec 27 - Jan 2 / 12 - 18 Tevet

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Dec 27	No Services	No Services
MONDAY	Dec 28	No Services	No Services
TUESDAY	Dec 29	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Dec 30	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Dec 31	No Services	No Services
FRIDAY	Jan 01	No Services	4:05 PM Shabbat Starts: 4:03 PM
SATURDAY	Jan 02	Parshat: VAYECHI Services on Erev Shabbat and on Shabbat only	Shabbat Ends: 5:13 PM

Dear Members,

It has not been a good week; as a matter of fact the last few months have not been very good. There is no easy way, and no pleasant words to whitewash the situation. Covid-19 has seen a drastic increase - day by day by day - in positive cases, unfortunately resulting in increased deaths; here in Quebec, in Ontario, and pretty well everywhere. Quebec and Ontario are in serious lockdowns, in the hope and prayer that this will flatten the curve. Forget the US for a moment - they are unique in the problems they face, pandemic or otherwise. *(And not to ruffle the feathers of Trumpeters!)*

In Israel starting this Sunday, the country goes into its 3rd lockdown of the pandemic. And no wonder! With more cases daily in Israel than we have in all of Canada, what else is to be expected? With over 50,000 Israelis already having visited Dubai since the Abraham Accords were signed, what else is to be expected? With whole neighborhoods and towns ignoring rules against gatherings at synagogues, weddings and funerals, particularly in Israel's ultra-Orthodox religious communities, what else is to be expected? So, when we pray, let's also keep our bretheren in Eretz Hakodesh in our hearts and minds.

The Young Israel and Shaar Shalom have decided to close our shul for weekday services at this time, for varying reasons. Let's all pray that this nightmare ends soon!

Issie

RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class takes place this week on Thursday Dec 31st at 8:15 PM. All are invited to attend and participate.

RABBI HALPERIN'S SHULCHAN ARUCH CLASS: Rabbi Halperin's Shulchan Aruch class will take place this week on Tuesday Dec 29th at 4:45 PM, right after Ma'ariv services. All are invited to attend and participate.

BIRTHDAYS: a) **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY MILESTONE 80th BIRTHDAY** to Pres Issie Baum, who celebrated his Jewish birthday on the 2nd of Tevet, and his secular birthday this coming Friday Jan 1. Good health to Issie and his dear wife Zila, and may they celebrate many more years with family and friends ad 120. (*Not too shabby, considering I wrote it myself!*) and b) a **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY MILESTONE 80th BIRTHDAY** to Gabbai (temporaire ??) Moshe Levinger who celebrated his Jewish birthday on the 7th of Tevet, and his upcoming secular birthday on Wednesday Jan 6th. We all wish him and his beloved Frida many more years with family and friends ad 120. and c) a **MAZAL TOV** and **HAPPY MILESTONE 70th BIRTHDAY** to Yehuda Rappaport who celebrates his day on Monday, December 28th. Wishing Yehuda many more in good health and happiness Ad 120.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all who are not well.

*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 28 - Jan 3 / 13 - 19 Tevet

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Dec 28	Tevet 13	Cary Weigensberg	for	Edward Weigensberg z"l	father
Dec 28	Tevet 13	Mardy Weigensberg	for	Edward Weigensberg z"l	father
Dec 28	Tevet 13	Charles Millman	for	Yecheskel Grossner z"l	grandfather
Dec 29	Tevet 14	Herbert Cohen	for	Mordechai Cohen z"l	father
Dec 29	Tevet 14	David Smith	for	Sam Smith z"l	brother
Dec 29	Tevet 14	Jack Goldberg	for	Bessie Goldberg z"l	mother
Dec 29	Tevet 14	David Apelbaum	for	Kalman Apelbaum z"l	father
Dec 29	Tevet 14	Marvin Baker	for	Robert Baker z"l	uncle
Dec 29	Tevet 14	Marvin Baker	for	Aaron Baker z"l	uncle
Dec 30	Tevet 15	Ruth Mardinger	for	Tuvia Korn z"l	father
Dec 30	Tevet 15	Yehuda Rappaport	for	Yehoshua Rappaport z"l	father
Dec 30	Tevet 15	Todd Segal	for	David Segal z"l	father
Dec 31	Tevet 16	Nancy Bresler	for	Myer Cohen z"l	father
Dec 31	Tevet 16	Sandra Kozlick	for	Edith Abramovitch z"l	mother
Jan 1	Tevet 17	Sonia Budner	for	Moishe Birencwaig z"l	father
Jan 1	Tevet 17	Gina Fogel	for	Moishe Birencwaig z"l	father
Jan 2	Tevet 18	Yehuda Rappaport	for	Sara Rappaport z"l	mother
Jan 2	Tevet 18	Adrian Bercovici	for	Tzpura Bercovici z"l	mother
Jan 2	Tevet 18	Amy Simon	for	Issie Simon z"l	father
Jan 2	Tevet 18	Brenda Black	for	Estelle Shefter z"l	mother
Jan 3	Tevet 19	Bernie Borenstein	for	Leo Borenstein z"l	father
Jan 3	Tevet 19	Lewis Blau	for	Moe Staviss z"l	father in law
Jan 3	Tevet 19	Miriam Levy	for	Rochel Kaplansky 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:

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday services in shul have been cancelled until further notice)

**Rabbi Halperin's Shulchan Aruch class - Tuesday Dec 29th
on Zoom - evening at 7:45 PM - after Zoom Ma'ariv Services**

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Wednesday - Dec 30th 7:45 PM

A Shaar Shalom ZOOM Evening with Dr. Joe Schwarcz

"Director of McGill University's "Office for Science and Society"

<https://zoom.us/j/97575656056?pwd=aURob2txdm14WmlTdKFFcUU0bTFPUT09>

Meeting ID: 975 7565 6056

Passcode: 588555

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Friday Jan 1st- 4:05 PM

Erev Shabbat services in shul

Saturday Jan 2nd- 9:00 AM

Shabbat - Schachris services in shul

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Vayechi

Genesis 47:28-50:26



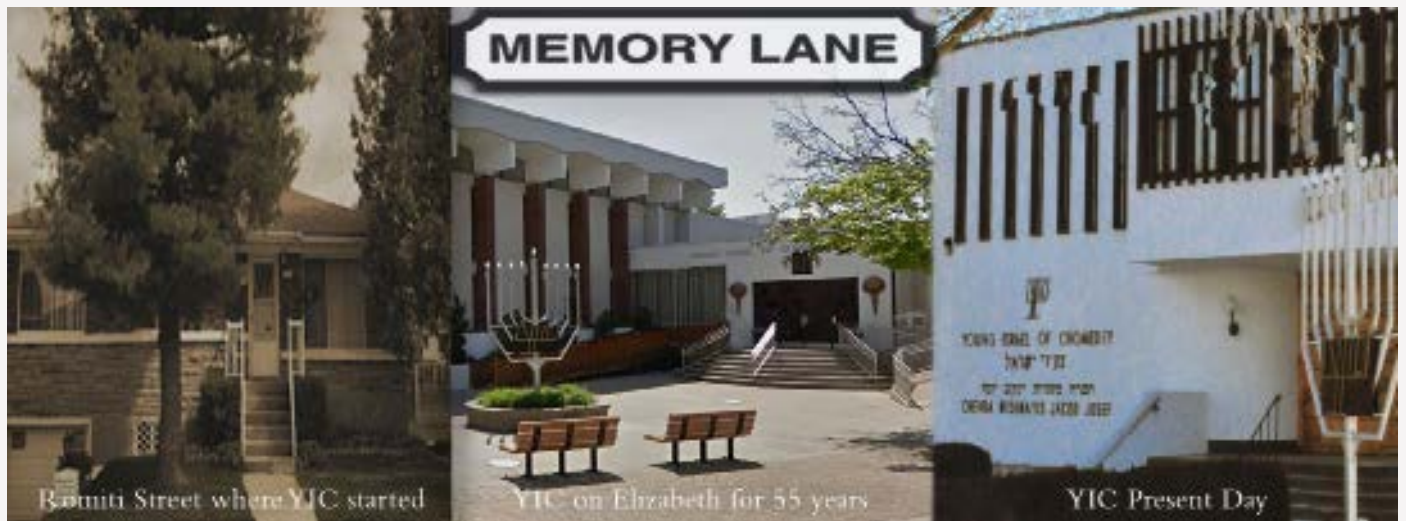
Jacob lives the final 17 years of his life in Egypt. Before his passing, he asks Joseph to take an oath that he will bury him in the Holy Land. He blesses Joseph's two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, elevating them to the status of his own sons as progenitors of tribes within the nation of Israel.

The patriarch desires to reveal the end of days to his children, but is prevented from doing so.

Jacob blesses his sons, assigning to each his role as a tribe: Judah will produce leaders, legislators and kings; priests will come from Levi, scholars from Issachar, seafarers from Zebulun, schoolteachers from Simeon, soldiers from Gad, judges from Dan, olive-growers from Asher, and so on. Reuben is rebuked for "confusing his father's marriage bed"; Simeon and Levi, for the massacre of Shechem and the plot against Joseph. Naphtali is granted the swiftness of a deer, Benjamin the ferociousness of a wolf, and Joseph is blessed with beauty and fertility.

A large funeral procession consisting of Jacob's descendants, Pharaoh's ministers, the leading citizens of Egypt and the Egyptian cavalry accompanies Jacob on his final journey to the Holy Land, where he is buried in the Machpelah Cave in Hebron.

Joseph, too, dies in Egypt, at the age of 110. He, too, instructs that his bones be taken out of Egypt and buried in the Holy Land, but this would come to pass only with the Israelites' exodus from Egypt many years later. Before his passing, Joseph conveys to the Children of Israel the testament from which they will draw their hope and faith in the difficult years to come: "G-d will surely remember you, and bring you up out of this land to the land of which He swore to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."



**MEMORY LANE # 98 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEY
SPRING 2000 EDITION**

ISRAEL IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHERE:

- *All the rooms in public buildings have mezusos in their doorposts.
- *The sign on the hospital entrance reads "Today entry of Kohanim is permitted."
- *A passerby on the street, upon hearing the call from a balcony for "a tsender" will run to complete the minyan of a mourner
- *When a family goes away for a holiday, they turn over their keys to a friend or neighbor who needs sleeping space for their holiday guests
- *All trucks, busses and ambulances are parked overnight in front of the driver's home in case of an emergency
- *The check-out people in stores and supermarkets dress up in costumes for Purim
- *All handicapped persons have permanently assigned parking spaces in front of their homes
- *There are over 10,000 Synagogues
- *There are over 12,000 doctors for a general population of over 4.5 million which is the highest ratio in the world
- *All Jewish Holidays are national holidays
- *The remains of soldiers uncovered by archaeologists, are given a proper Jewish Military burial 2000 years after they fell in battle
- *An invitation to a Simcha automatically implies husband and wife, all children, grandparents, and grandchildren, without reply cards
- *Most blond, blue eyed kids are Jewish
- *Soldiers pore over tractates of the Talmud at the side of their Sherman tanks
- *Almost every home is a private hotel, with relatives and friends from all over the planet dropping in all through the year
- *The capital city has seventy names
- *Total strangers on the street, in busses, and in public places greet you with a hearty "Shalom Aleichem" and a "Shabbat Shalom"
- *Bank guards and street beggars read Tehillim as they sit
- *All your neighbors are Jewish! So are your doctors, dentists, grocers, carpenters, painters, plumbers and electricians
- *Bulletin boards in all government offices and public buildings list the daily davening times
- *In the Haifa Subway System the doors are inscribed with the Torah's commandment to rise before old age and to honor the elderly
- *Bins of bread, rolls, milk, and other foods are deposited at dawn in front of closed grocery stores and restaurants - and no one touches them

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!

**Please reserve the date of December 30th at 7:45PM
for the presentation by Dr. Joe Schwarcz**

Dr. Joe Schwarcz is Director of McGill University's "Office for Science and Society" which has the mission of separating sense from nonsense.

He is well known for his informative and entertaining public lectures on topics ranging from the chemistry of food to the connection between the body and the mind.

Recently the Office has focused on trying to unravel the mysteries of COVID-19.

Professor Schwarcz has received numerous awards for teaching chemistry and for interpreting science for the public and was the first non-American ever to win the American Chemical Society's prestigious Grady-Stack Award for demystifying chemistry.

He was awarded the 2010 "Montreal Medal" which is the Canadian Chemical Institute's premier prize recognizing lifetime contributions to chemistry in Canada.

In 2015 he was named winner of the Balles Prize for critical thinking by the US based Committee for Skeptical Inquiry. In 2018 he was the recipient of McGill University's "Principal's Prize for Public Engagement Through Media."

He has also been awarded honorary degrees by Athabasca University, Cape Breton University, the University of Windsor, and Simon Fraser University.

Professor Schwarcz hosts "The Dr. Joe Show" on Montreal's CJAD and has appeared hundreds of times on The Discovery Channel, CTV, CBC, TV Ontario and Global Television.

He also writes a newspaper column entitled "The Right Chemistry".

He has authored eighteen books including "Radar, Hula Hoops and Playful Pigs," "The Genie in the Bottle," "That's The Way The Cookie Crumbles," "Dr. Joe And What You Didn't Know," "The Fly In The Ointment" "Let Them Eat Flax" "An Apple A Day," "Brain Fuel," "Science, Sense and Nonsense," "Dr. Joe's Brain Sparks," "Dr. Joe's Health Lab," "The Right Chemistry," "Is That a Fact," "Monkeys, Myths and Molecules," "A Feast of Science," and his most recent, "A Grain of Salt."

Professor Schwarcz is also an amateur magician and often spices up his presentations with a little magic.

We look forward to seeing Dr. Joe's presentation.

Mike

President, Shaar Shalom

Congregation Shaar Shalom is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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