



# Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation Chevra Mishnayis

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## YIC Weekly Newsletter Feb 28 - Mar 6 / 16 - 22 Adar

| DAY       | DATE   | SCHACHRIS   | MINCHA / MA'ARIV                       |
|-----------|--------|---|--|
| SUNDAY    | Feb 28 | No Services   | No Services                            |
| MONDAY    | Mar 01 | No Services   | No Services                            |
| TUESDAY   | Mar 02 | No Services   | No Services                            |
| WEDNESDAY | Mar 03 | No Services   | No Services                            |
| THURSDAY  | Mar 04 | No Services   | No Services                            |
| FRIDAY    | Mar 05 | No Services   | 5:30 PM <b>Shabbat Starts: 5:29 PM</b> |
| SATURDAY  | Mar 06 | Services: 9:00 AM<br>Parshat: <b>Ki TISA</b><br>Services on Erev Shabbat<br>and on Shabbat only | Shabbat Ends: <b>6:33 PM</b>           |

Dear Members,

Thanks to all the members of the Young Israel and Shaar Shalom who took part in our super successful Purim Mishloach Manot drive-by. Notwithstanding our lockdowns and curfews, we were B"H able to have 2 Megillah readings in shul, with the Thursday evening one on Zoom, attended by a respectable Zoom audience. **YASHER KOACH** to Rabbi Banon who not only disposed of the wicked Haman and his family, but also read the Megillah in super-fast time, mostly by heart I would imagine. (See photos at the end of the newsletter)

A **YASHER KOACH** also to Mike Andradi, President of Shaar Shalom who has been organizing weekly Wednesday evening programs on Zoom for both shuls. All of them have been both informative and entertaining, with the emphasis in many cases on Jewish and Israeli history, with much more to come - so Mike informs me.

And last but not least, the count down to Pesach starts - 30 days to go!!!

Keep Well! Stay Safe - Stay Healthy!

Issie

**RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS:** Rabbi Banon's Bible class this week takes place on Thursday March 4th at 8:15 PM. All of course are invited to attend.

**BIRTHDAYS:** **MAZAL TOV** to Marilyn Narvey, who celebrates a milestone birthday on March 5 (we'll keep you guessing!!) May you have many more healthy and happy years with Carl and your family. All the best to you on your special day. Ad 120

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to Marvin Baker on the passing of his mother's brother and his uncle, Dr. Norman Flax of St. Louis, Missouri, this past Feb 21. Dr. Flax was Marvin's Sandak (G-dfather), and a man dedicated to his work as a doctor in education and social work in St Louis. He will be missed by his wife and children, his grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews and all his friends and students whom he helped in making a difference in their lives. He was 90 years old at the time of his passing.

*"May The Family no Know Further Sorrows"*

**CONDOLENCES:** The Young Israel of Chomedey extends its sincere condolences to the family of the late Norman Liebergott Z'L, who passed this past Wednesday Feb 24th at the age of 88. Norman was an active member of the Young Israel of Chomedey for decades along with his adored wife, Mary. He served on our Executive in various positions as Mary contributed to the programs of our Sisterhood. His friendly nature and clever sense of humour were appreciated by his many fellow worshippers at the synagogue. He took his executive duties in the shul seriously and responsibly and always offered well thought out responses and suggestions for shul improvements. He was respectful to our clergy and could be counted on to help support our various programs and services. His wisdom and integrity helped to make our shul a very special place in our vibrant community. Norman was a distinguished PhD research scientist for Pulp and Paper and an adjunct professor for McGill University. He will be remembered for his uncanny sense of humour, love of trivia and his much sought-after logical advice. Norman will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

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**PURIM DRIVE-BY:** Wed Feb 24th saw an endless line of cars - more than 40 - pass by our parking lot doors in a meticulously executed successful Purim Drive-By event. Everything went off without a hitch, with only one car coming in the wrong way towards the end, so thanks to everyone for following the directions. And for sure, everyone went away feeling the Purim atmosphere. **YASHIR KOACH** are in order for many, but I would like to start with a **HUGE YASHIR KOACH** to Rabbi Banon and his entire family, who turned up en masse to hand out the **MISHLOACH MANOT** bags to everyone. Rabbi Banon ordered and he and Rebbetzin Rochel and their kids prepared the Purim Gift box and put it all together. The Rebbetzin bought the beautifully coloured gift bags that everyone loved so much. **YASHER KOACH** to our office manager Mindy, who ordered and picked up all the plastic bags and boxes, and fish and challas and made sure they were delivered on time. **YASHIR KOACH** to Mike Andradi and Shaar Shalom who provided us with the "graggers," and apologies to the few who didn't get them as we initially forgot to put them in the bags. **YASHER KOACH** to Stan Plant, who as Chief Traffic Manager made sure we had no pileups or accidents, and that we stayed 6 feet apart so that no car would catch **CAR-ona** virus. Last but not least another **YASHER KOACH** to the Rabbi, Mindy, Issie's wife Zila, who came in at 3 PM, to pack all the bags and prepare them for distribution. **A FRELICHEN PURIM** was had by all.

**REFUAH SHLEMA:** **a)** A continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Simmy and especially Beryl Grabina, who is still in pain, as she recovers slowly but surely. They both send their regards and thanks for our good wishes. **b)** And a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all who are not well.

## Yahrzeits for the week of Mar 1 - 7 / 17 - 23 Adar

| COMMON DATE | JEWISH MEMBER DATE |                 | FOR DECEASED         | RELATION |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------|
| Mar 1       | Adar 17            | Edith Gasoi     | Saul Gasoi z"l       | husband  |
| Mar 3       | Adar 19            | Gerson Byer     | Chone Byer z"l       | father   |
| Mar 3       | Adar 19            | Suzanne Borer   | William Porgesz z"l  | father   |
| Mar 4       | Adar 20            | Sephie Segal    | Joseph Blizovski z"l | father   |
| Mar 4       | Adar 20            | Leonard Dworkin | Irene Dworkin z"l    | mother   |
| Mar 7       | Adar 23            | David Slavat    | Anne Frank z"l       | mother   |
| Mar 7       | Adar 23            | Linda Schwartz  | Ruth Schmidt z"l     | mother   |

Any Young Israel member **MISSING** a Yahrzeit notice in the shul bulletin, please email the info directly to [therudys@videotron.ca](mailto: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.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A pessimist sees a dark tunnel  
An optimist sees a light at the end of the tunnel  
A realist sees a freight train in the tunnel  
The train driver sees 3 idiots standing on the train tracks

**STAY SAFE  
STAY HEALTHY  
STAY HOME**

*(But come to shul if you feel comfortable.  
Just check-in with the Rabbi, Issie, or the Office.)*

# Shul happenings this week in a nutshell:

*PLEASE NOTE: Limited services in shul with 10 people ONLY – and by RESERVATION ONLY*

**Sunday Feb 28th through Thursday Mar 4th – at 7:30 PM via Zoom  
Ma'ariv services every evening**

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099  
Password: 6812571

**Monday Mar 1st – at 10:30 AM via Zoom  
Our MONDAY MORNING Shmoozaton**

<https://zoom.us/j/5807657815?pwd=c3o1cURXZ0JycjJ6THN4bjhvSXV1dz09>

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815  
Passcode: 3508890

**Wednesday Mar 3rd - at 7:45 PM via Zoom**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

<https://zoom.us/j/5807657815?pwd=c3o1cURXZ0JycjJ6THN4bjhvSXV1dz09>

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815  
Passcode: 3508890

**Thursday Mar 4th - at 8:15 PM - via Zoom  
Rabbi Banon's Bible Class**

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**Friday Mar 5th - 5:30 PM**

Erev Shabbat Services in shul  
(By Reservation Only)

**Saturday Mar 6th - 9:00 AM**

Shabbat Services in shul  
(By Reservation Only)

**Saturday Mar 6th - at 6:55 PM - via Zoom  
Ma'ariv and Havdalah services**

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099  
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# PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

## Ki Tisa Exodus 30:11-34:35

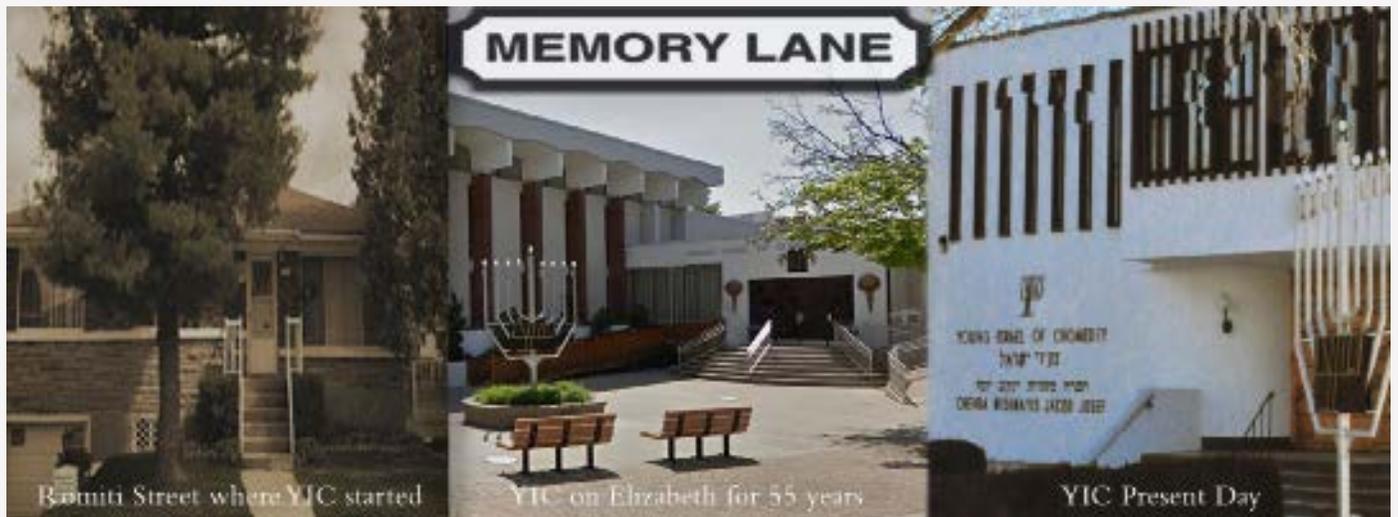


The people of Israel are told to each contribute exactly half a shekel of silver to the Sanctuary. Instructions are also given regarding the making of the Sanctuary's water basin, anointing oil and incense. "Wise-hearted" artisans Betzalel and Aholiav are placed in charge of the Sanctuary's construction, and the people are once again commanded to keep the Shabbat.

When Moses does not return when expected from Mount Sinai, the people make a golden calf and worship it. G-d proposes to destroy the errant nation, but Moses intercedes on their behalf. Moses descends from the mountain carrying the tablets of the testimony engraved with the Ten Commandments; seeing the people dancing about their idol, he breaks the tablets, destroys the golden calf, and has the primary culprits put to death. He then returns to G-d to say: "If You do not forgive them, blot me out from the book that You have written."

G-d forgives, but says that the effect of their sin will be felt for many generations. At first G-d proposes to send His angel along with them, but Moses insists that G-d Himself accompany His people to the promised land.

Moses prepares a new set of tablets and once more ascends the mountain, where G-d reinscribes the covenant on these second tablets. On the mountain, Moses is also granted a vision of the divine thirteen attributes of mercy. So radiant is Moses' face upon his return, that he must cover it with a veil, which he removes only to speak with G-d and to teach His laws to the people.



**MEMORY LANE # 107 (EDITED)  
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEY  
PURIM 1998 EDITION**

**A PURIM MESSAGE FROM RABBI BERZON: Why "The Book of Esther"?**

Mordechai was a respected member of the Sanhedrin, and perhaps a prophet. He uncovered the plot of Haman, and was the one who catapulted Esther into taking action. Would not the Book of Mordechai be a more fitting name? In fact, in the prayer of Al Hanisim recited throughout the Purim festival, we say, "In the days of Mordechai and Esther". He is mentioned first. Esther realized that destiny had placed her in a most pivotal position and went into action. She therefore becomes the heroin of the saga, and she realizes that she was chosen by chance, to protect her people who were to be destroyed by Haman on a date chosen by chance. Purim and Esther's perilous role in the saga teaches us to grasp that when an individual finds themselves in a position like Esther, they are compelled to act. They must energize courage and do things that they think are beyond their capabilities. With the help of Hashem, since the mission is worthy and holy, they will succeed. **Happy and joyous Purim from Bella and Rabbi Berzon.**

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR BULLETIN EDITOR:**

Dear Friends, It's hard to believe that it was only a couple of months ago since we prepared our Channukah Bulletin, and we have learned early into the game that the lifeline between the Shul and the community is not only our bulletin, but especially our Genesis telephone committee. We need more helpers who can give us as little as an hour a week to join us. We have to make over 250 calls for every function, and we have less than a dozen people doing all of the calling, which is an impossible task. Please contact Marvin Mendelovitch, Fred Burak, or Fred Rudy and become part of our telephone committee. We need you to help out.

**YASHER KOACH:**

**To:** Jamie and Marvin Mendelovitch, Fred Burak and his Sons, Adam and Joshua, Ariel Shainbach, Sam Krupka, Harry Melnik and Fred Rudy for getting our Purim Bulletin delivered in record time, and thanks to the Sunday morning minyan/breakfast guys for doing deliveries on their way home. Despite lots of snow, below zero temperatures and very icy conditions, we managed to hand deliver 225 bulletins to the community in just 2½ amazing hours! **To:** Rhoda Proctor who launched the "Genesis Speaker Program" by bringing Rhada Parkash, a Jewish woman born and brought up in India to tell her very interesting story of growing up there.

**To:** Steven Dworzak and Fred Rudy for their time and patience in producing our very popular, beautiful bulletins. **To:** Daisy Millman and Karen Coxford who have signed up 16 players to launch our "floor hockey for juniors" program.

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**MAZAL TOV TO:**

Leah and Israel Liquornick on the birth of a Granddaughter; Ariela Garmaise and Myrna and Seymour Forman on the birth of a grandson; Jake Alexander, Sandy and Harry Grief on the engagement of their daughter Gail to Dr. Avrom Gomberg; Joyce and Morty Schrier on the engagement of their Daughter Elana to Brian Ross

**ON A PERSONAL NOTE:** Lillian and I have just received word that the Chief Rabbi of Montreal Rabbi Pincus Hirshprung Z'L has passed away. He will be sorely missed, not only by those who had the privilege of knowing him personally, but by the Greater Montreal Jewish Community. I was very fortunate to have known him for over 15 years, and he was a kind and gentle person, as well as being a great "Talmud Chochem." He was a renowned Torah Scholar! He always had time for a visit, and a Bracha. When we told him about our Son Mitchell becoming engaged to Tamar, he insisted that we bring them to the house for "a glazela tea" and a special Bracha. He will be missed by all.

**The Genesis Group** is offering you something special again this Pesach! Fred Rudy is reviving the sale of Kosher wine for the holidays. Fred has this year been able to acquire a supplier who carries over 100 different kosher wines. We have to buy them by the case of 12 bottles, but will try our best to mix the 12 bottles and supply as many different types as you would like. The goal of this project will be to offer you an excellent selection of kosher wines from around the world all year as a fund raiser for the Shul. You would be able to pass by the Shul to pick up your order, or in special cases it could be delivered to you. See the enclosed list and prepare your order. If you wish to participate in this worthy project, call Fred at 450-687-3727. Orders must be in by March 20th, and Visa will be accepted for orders over \$ 25.00

**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!)*

# PURIM DRIVE-BY



Rabbi Banon, Zila and Issie Baum and Mindy working hard packing the Mishloach Manot loot bags



Fred Rudy & Family

