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YIC Weekly Newsletter Apr 4 - 10 / 22 - 28 Nissan

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Apr 04	9:00 AM	No Services
MONDAY	Apr 05	No Services	No Services
TUESDAY	Apr 06	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Apr 07	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	Apr 08	No Services	No Services
FRIDAY	Apr 09	No Services	7:20 PM Shabbat Starts: 7:15 PM
SATURDAY	Apr 10	Services: 9:00 AM Parshat: SHEMINI	Shabbat Ends 8:21

Dear Members,

It's been a hectic 2 weeks. Our concern first and foremost was the health of our Rabbi and his entire family, almost all of whom contracted Covid-19 in one form or another. B'H, they are now all well, albeit still somewhat weak and slowly recovering. As I write these words though, the Rabbi's computer seems to have contracted Covid, or maybe it's a Chometzdik computer; it hasn't been working for 2 days now.

The Government in their wisdom - or surely lack of it - has been changing the rules as they go along, more often it seems than they change the clothes they wear. Last week we were allowed 25 worshippers in shul, although we were closed. At the beginning of this week they increased the number of people who can attend a House of Worship to 250 keeping at a safe 2m distance, which was really meaningless, as there are virtually no such large Houses of Worship which can accommodate 250 people under such conditions, except maybe for the 3 largest Catholic churches in our city.

Today, the number of worshippers was again reduced to 25. So, as we open once again for the last days of Pesach after a 2 week closure, we invite you to shul on Friday evening, and again Saturday and Sunday (please see schedule) to join us. The first 25 members to arrive will be allowed in. Have a great Yom-Tov and a healthy week.

Issie

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

RABBI HALPERIN'S CLASS: Rabbi Halperin's Shulchan Aruch class resumes this week on Tuesday April 6th at 7:40 PM, after evening Zoom services. All of course are invited to attend.

ERRATUM: Last week we wished a **MAZAL TOV** to Jack Goldberg on becoming a grandfather when of course he became a GREAT-grandfather when precious little Bria Rose Goldberg was born on March 9 in Halifax. Once again our best wishes to the entire Goldberg family!

ANNIVERSARIES: **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** and **MAZAL TOV** to our beloved Vice President, Jack of all trades, Fred Rudy and his beautiful bride and soulmate Lillian, who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on the 8th day of Pesach, April 4. Wishing Fred & Lillian many more happy and healthy years together filled with love and laughter surrounded by friends and family near and far (Israel!)

BIRTHDAYS: a) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Beryl Grabina who celebrates her special day on Tuesday, April 6th. Wishing you many more happy and healthy ones with your beshert Simmy along with friends and family. Ad 120!

YASHER KOACH: **YASHER KOACH** to all of you, our members, for your heartfelt appreciation for our Passover baskets filled with all kinds of Pesach goodies to make the holiday special and delicious. Your countless emails and phone calls meant a lot to show how much the shul and our baskets mean to you. This is our 3rd holiday basket with Chanukah and Purim also a great success. We would like to sincerely thank once again, all those who made it possible, and especially Susan & Eugen Erdelyi, Natalie & Adrian Bercovici, Bernice & Harry Chyfetz, Miriam Levy and Sheila Wolfe for their very generous donations to our shul on behalf of this initiative.

SPECIAL YASHER KOACH FROM THE PRESIDENT: As President I get many emails thanking me for the wonderful newsletter I send out every Saturday night, as well as informative emails sent throughout the week. I am complimented on its contents, its timeliness, the layout, the 3 successful drive-bys we've had for Hanukkah, Purim, Pesach and so on. So I would like to impress upon everyone that this is not a 1-man job. While I am the editor, and do sometimes decide what goes in or not, the newsletter does not go out without the help of numerous people, so let's start with **KUDOS TO: Fred Rudy** for his informative and nostalgic Memory Lane Columns - now at 110+ - and going strong. He always has something appropriate and timely every week, and his wife Lillian helps him, and together they both make sure I have it on time. **KUDOS TO: Mindy** for her weekly announcements. She puts them all together, writes them up and sends them to me en bloc. Except for minor changes here and there, this is entirely her work. Besides announcements for simchas and such, unfortunately we also have announcements for obituaries. Here I count on **KUDOS TO: Past President Frank Cwilich**, who with his vast knowledge of most of our members, is able to put together an obit column that is respectful, meaningful and pays tribute to the person who passed. Not easy to do, but Frank never fails to deliver a meaningful newsletter "hesped." **KUDOS TO: Bobby Bergson**, who delivers the Yahrzeits for the week - one month at a time, so they are always ready and up to date. Sometimes there is a tech problem and I am not a techie. So **KUDOS TO: Sam Duchoeny**, who steps up to the plate and fixes my mistakes, and always updates the newsletter when required on a timely basis. Of course nothing happens from a religious point of view without **Rabbi Banon** so **KUDOS TO: the Rabbi** who makes sure we are always up to date with davening times, candle lighting, and instructions on what we can and can't do at certain holidays. He checks my work religiously. And of course **KUDOS TO: each and everyone of you** who send in emails and items that may be of interest to our entire membership. Without them there is no content. Finally I take responsibility for the rest, mistakes and all.

REFUAH SHLEMA: A continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to the Rabbi and his family who are slowly recovering and coming out of Covid-19 isolation, and a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all others who are not well.

Yahrzeits for the week of Apr 5 - 11 / 23 - 29 Nissan

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER	FOR DECEASED	RELATION
Apr 5	Nissan 23	Esther Brown	Mirella Salem z"l	mother
Apr 5	Nissan 23	Cindy Krupka	John Krupka z"l	grandfather
Apr 5	Nissan 23	Leonard Sculnick	Israel Sculnick z"l	father
Apr 6	Nissan 24	Eli Elias	Mordechai Elias z"l	father
Apr 7	Nissan 25	Bella Chorán	Jack Borts z"l	brother
Apr 8	Nissan 26	Phyllis Abramovitz	George Abramovitz z"l	husband
Apr 9	Nissan 27	Sandra Rubin	Nathan Rubin z"l	father in law
Apr 9	Nissan 27	Sharon Apelbaum	Harry Rothman z"l	father
Apr 10	Nissan 28	Seymour Forman	Myrna Forman z"l	wife

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.

*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: *Services in shul are limited to the first 25 people to arrive*

**Sunday April 4th - 8th Day of Pesach
Schachris services in shul at 9:00 AM**

Services in shul are limited to the first 25 people to arrive

Ma'ariv Services at 8:35 PM via ZOOM

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Monday April 5th through Thursday April 8th – at 7:10 PM via Zoom
Mincha / Ma'ariv services every evening**

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Monday April 5th – at 10:30 AM via Zoom
Our MONDAY MORNING Shmoozaton**

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

**Tuesday April 6th - at appx 7:40 PM via Zoom
Rabbi Halprin's Class on the Shulchan Aruch**

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Wednesday April 7th - at 7:45 PM via Zoom
Rabbi Dr. Geoffrey Haber, BCJC, BCC, RP, BA, MA, DMin, DD
Supervisor-Educator in Clinical Pastoral Education.**

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

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

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Friday Apr 9th - 7:20 PM
Erev Shabbat Services in shul**

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**Saturday April 10th - 9:00 AM
Shabbat Services in shul**

Services in shul are limited to the first 25 people to arrive

**Saturday April 10th – at 8:45 PM via Zoom
Ma'ariv and Havdalah Services**

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

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PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Shemini

Leviticus 9:1-11:47



On the eighth day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to "differentiate between the impure and the pure."



**MEMORY LANE #112 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
PASSOVER 2000 EDITION**

Message from Rabbi Spiro:

Dear Fred:

What a nice feeling to know we are still remembered! The Purim "Shalach Manos" of the Shul arrived today. It was a nice package, with wine, goodies, and plenty of sweets. May we all be happy and have sweetness in our lives and see our enemies vanquished. We hope all of our members are in good health. Please convey our thanks to all of them. We appreciate your humorous tid bits you send us, which keep us laughing and, of course, your bulletins for the Shul which keep us up to date on what's happening in Chomedey. All the best to you, Lillian, and everyone in the Shul.

Happy Purim and best wishes for a very happy Pesach. Sincerely, Rabbi and Simma

The Connection Between Purim and Pesach

Purim is the beginning of the period when one is required to begin reviewing the laws of Pesach. Purim and Pesach are related in a number of ways with the role of wine in each celebration. At Purim, the Talmud says that "A person is obligated to drink until he doesn't know the difference between "cursed be Haman" and " Blessed be Mordechai", however, on Pesach the 4 cups of wine represent the four expressions of redemption which the Torah uses, namely, "I took you out", "I saved you", "I redeemed you", and "I took you for Myself as a people". To forget and to remember are both great gifts of Hashem. Forgetting enables us to come to terms with our own mortality and that of our loved ones. And remembering helps sharpen our self-identity and identification with our people.

Message from the Mayor of Laval Gilles Vaillancourt

Dear Members of the Young Israel Synagogue,

I am truly pleased to extend my best wishes for Passover to the Jewish Community in Laval. We are pleased, as Laval residents, to have such a dynamic community in our city. A community that enhances the values of its culture. I would like to offer each one of you my best wishes for a Happy Passover.

Gilles Vaillancourt Mayor of Laval

Message from Raymonde Folco M.P. Deputy for Laval West

Dear Friends, I am extremely pleased to extend my best wishes to the members of the Jewish Community of Laval, for a Happy and Healthy Passover. Happy Passover!

Rarmonde Folco M.P.

The following events are now in the planning stages for the upcoming Summer Season. We will keep you informed of the dates and times as soon as they are finalized:

Sunday, May 7, Raymonde Folco, our Federal M.P., will be our guest speaker at the Sunday morning breakfast.

Another of our fabulous "Turn Friday Night into Shabbos" Evenings that are always a hit.

Many interesting and informative guest speakers.

Another informative "Ask the Rabbi" evening.

A special visual presentation and guest speaker for Yom Hashoah.

Our annual Spring Bazaar on June 18. Lots of volunteers are needed.

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*(**YASHIR KOACH** to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember!)*