



# Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation Chevra Mishnayis

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## YIC Weekly Newsletter Apr 11 - 17 / 29 Nissan - 5 Iyar

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Apr 11	9:00 AM	No Services
MONDAY	Apr 12	7:00 AM (Rosh Chodesh)	No Services
TUESDAY	Apr 13	7:00 AM (Rosh Chodesh)	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Apr 14	7:00 AM	No Services
THURSDAY	Apr 15	7:00 AM	No Services
FRIDAY	Apr 16	7:00 AM	6:30 PM <b>Shabbat Starts: 7:24 PM</b>
SATURDAY	Apr 17	Services: 9:00 AM Parshat: <b>TAZRIA-METZORA</b>	<b>Shabbat Ends 8:31</b>

Dear members

It has been a very newsworthy few days this past week and promises to get even more so in the days to come. The new variants of Covid-19 are overtaking and taxing our health care system, locally for sure, and in the rest of Canada. Thankfully B'H, I believe that most of our YIC members have now been vaccinated with our first dose, and breathing a sigh of relief for this small miracle, a great relief to all of us. Nevertheless, the conflicting announcements coming from the mouths of some of our politicians leave us wondering sometimes whether their brains have all been infected with Covid-19. They don't seem to listen to the doctors pleading with them to take more urgent steps to put a halt to this pandemic. For those of you who get the Saturday Gazette, Josh Freed's regular column - today on Page 6 instead of Page 2 - is a breath of fresh air; he takes on Legault and his government head on.

This past week we commemorated **YOM HASHOA**, with all the inherent bad memories this brings to our Holocaust survivors, and to the 2nd generation as well, here and around the world. **NEVER AGAIN** should always be our battle cry! Next week in the space of less than 2 days, we will commemorate Yom Hazikaron for Israel's fallen in its wars and terrorist related events. It will be a time to celebrate, albeit somewhat mutedly and on Zoom with our fellow Jews in Israel and around the world. **AM YISRAEL CHAI** will ring out once again.

Worldwide, the world mourns the passing of Prince Phillip, and we have included a small tribute to him at the end of this newsletter. B'H, things will get better. Have a great week!

Issie

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** a) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Miriam Levy, who celebrates her special day on Sunday, April 11th. Wishing you many more happy and healthy ones celebrated with Bernie and all your family and friends. b) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our VP & Cemetery Chairman Stan Plant's lovely wife Marilyn, who celebrates her special day on Monday, April 12th. May you celebrate many more happy and healthy birthdays with your beshert Stan and your friends and family. c) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Shaar Shalom's Treasurer Hirsh Schnayer, who celebrates his 66th birthday on Monday, April 12. May you celebrate many more with your beshert Sharon and all your friends and family. **MAZAL TOV** and ad 120 to the birthday girls and boys!

**DONATIONS:** More donations were made to the shul this week: A generous donation was made by Seymour Forman in appreciation of the Passover baskets that were enjoyed by many members as noted in last week's newsletter. As well, Bella Green donated in memory of her late husband Irving z'l's beloved father Usher Green's 50th Yartzheit, and to the continued progress of her son, our VP David Green's ongoing weight loss and improved health after surgery.

**CONDOLENCES:** The Executive, Clergy and members of the Young Israel of Chomedey extend their heartfelt condolences to Gaby Zechmeister, long-time member of the Young Israel, and to the extended Zechmeister family, on the passing of Gaby's brother Karl, on Wednesday March 31. Karl was the son of the late Iren and the late Odon Zechmeister. Most beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, and uncle. He leaves behind a family whom he loved very much: Edit; Sandy and Michael, Michaela, Justin; Elizabeth, Eva and Douglas; Gabor and Emily, Darren, Igor and Liane, Alex; Kati, Bela, and Piri. Ever present in the lives of the late Magda and the late Miska Szekely. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family and many dear friends. Karl demonstrated incredible strength and determination, never letting his medical issues keep him from enjoying and living each day the way he wanted to. He was a passionate man who was always there for his family. A private graveside service took place on Monday April 5th.

*"May the Family Know no Further Sorrows"*

**CONDOLENCES:** The Young Israel of Chomedey joins the Shaar Shalom in mourning the passing of Rita Scholl, wife of Shaar Shalom member Sid Scholl, a permanent member of our joint Minyannaire's club. Rita always enjoyed coming to services at the Shaar Shalom. She had a beautiful smile and greeted everyone with genuine warmth and friendship. Her wonderful Sid looked after her constantly and it was no secret that if Sid did not make it to a Minyan that morning, it was certainly because he was dealing with yet another health crisis facing his beloved Rita. She always seemed to recover after a fierce battle and people were overjoyed to see her returning to the synagogue. She was loved and respected by all, was kind to everyone and always maintained a positive attitude. She appreciated the services, enjoyed the kiddushes that followed and always found the time to greet her fellow members and exchange pleasant conversation, showing sincere concern for their welfare. She loved going to the theatre with Sid and enjoyed the experience very much. She was a remarkable, caring lady who loved her devoted family with all her heart and loved being an active member of the Shaar Shalom. A private graveside service took place on Friday April 9th. Our sincerest condolences to Sid and the entire family.

*May her family & many, many friends be comforted  
among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem*

**JUST DISCOVERED:** I have just discovered that we have a long-time member of the Young Israel who is as close to "**AMERICAN ROYALTY**" as one could possibly get. Eleanor Grief-Spence, who lives in Belleville, Ontario, has been a long-time member and supporter of our shul. Part of her email address has the endearing word "ketzele" in it. What could be more hamish than that? It seems that one of her twin sons (she has 3 sons), Eric, is married to a beautiful young lady by the name of Jackie Spector, who by chance happens to be the cousin of US Ambassador to Israel and everyone's favourite, **David Freedman**. So there you have it - first reported in the YIC newsletter. (*Maybe I'll get the Pulitzer Prize for this news flash*).

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

## Yahrzeits for the week of Apr 12 - 18 / 30 Nissan - 6 Iyar

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER	FOR DECEASED	RELATION
Apr 14	Iyar 2	Harry Chyfetz	Bella Chyfetz z"l	mother
Apr 15	Iyar 3	Sonia Budner	Rifka Budner z"l	mother in law
Apr 16	Iyar 4	Nancy Bresler	Rose Cohen z"l	mother
Apr 17	Iyar 5	Phyllis Abramovitz	Adele Ziss z"l	sister
Apr 17	Iyar 5	Debbie Shainbach	Shmuel Bellman z"l	father
Apr 18	Iyar 6	Hyman Black	Ethel Black z"l	mother
Apr 18	Iyar 6	Nathan Black	Ethel Black z"l	mother
Apr 18	Iyar 6	Renee Greenstein	Yocheved Powell 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.

**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 11th**

**Schachris services in shul at 9:00 AM**

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

**Monday April 12th through Friday April 15th**

**Schachris services in shul at 7:00 AM**

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

**Monday April 12th – via Zoom**

**Our MONDAY MORNING Shmoozaton at 10:30 AM**

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

**Monday April 12th through Thursday April 15th - via Zoom**

**Mincha /Ma'ariv Services at 7:20 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25IMkNrZnl-RUT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Wednesday April 14th - SHAAR SHALOM program via Zoom**

**(TO BE ANNOUNCED) at 8:00 PM**

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

**Thursday April 15th - via Zoom**

**Rabbi Banon's Bible Class at 8:15 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5131434099?pwd=bTI1d2dXNmVGKzdWU25IMkNrZnl-RUT09>

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

**Friday Apr 16th - 6:30 PM**

**Erev Shabbat Services in shul**

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**Saturday April 17th - 9:00 AM**

**Shabbat Services in shul**

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

**Saturday April 17th – via Zoom**

**Ma'ariv and Havdalah Services at 8:50 PM**

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

## Tazria-Metzora

Leviticus 12:1-15:33



The Parshahs of Tazria and Metzora continue the discussion of the laws of tumah v'taharah, ritual impurity and purity.

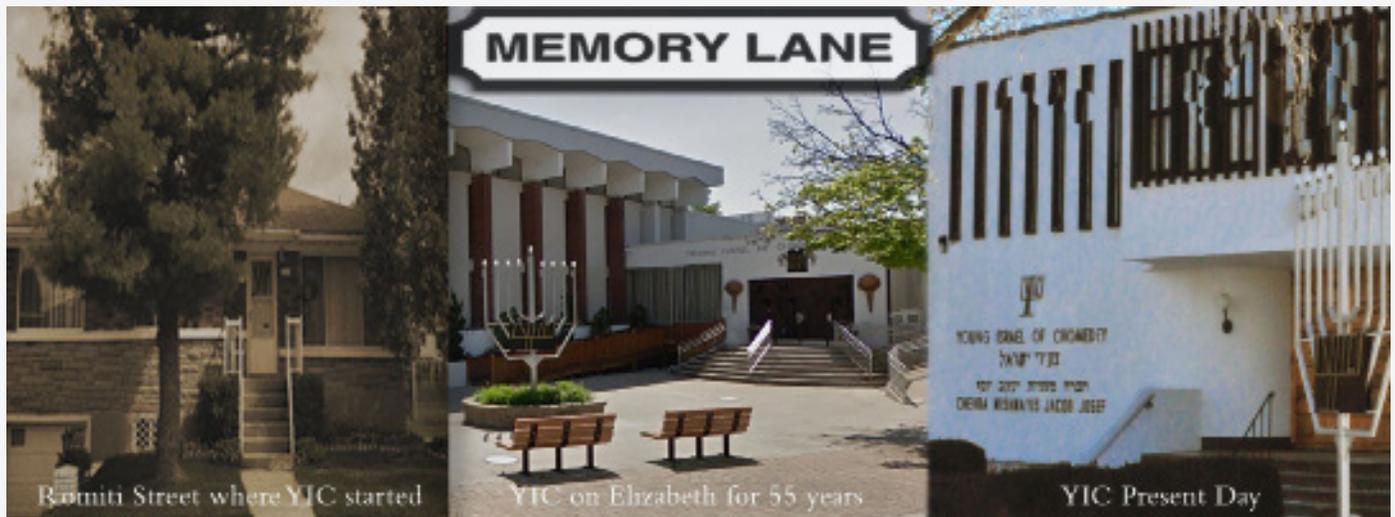
A woman giving birth should undergo a process of purification, which includes immersing in a mikvah (a naturally gathered pool of water) and bringing offerings to the Holy Temple. All male infants are to be circumcised on the eighth day of life.

Tzaraat (often mistranslated as "leprosy") is a supra-natural plague, which can afflict people as well as garments or homes. If white or pink patches appear on a person's skin (dark pink or dark green in garments or homes), a kohen is summoned. Judging by various signs, such as an increase in size of the afflicted area after a seven-day quarantine, the kohen pronounces it tamei (impure) or tahor (pure).

A person afflicted with tzaraat must dwell alone outside of the camp (or city) until he is healed. The afflicted area in a garment or home must be removed; if the tzaraat recurs, the entire garment or home must be destroyed.

When the metzora ("leper") heals, he or she is purified by the kohen with a special procedure involving two birds, spring water in an earthen vessel, a piece of cedar wood, a scarlet thread and a bundle of hyssop.

Ritual impurity is also engendered through a seminal or other discharge in a man, and menstruation or other discharge of blood in a woman, necessitating purification through immersion in a mikvah.



**SPECIAL MEMORIAL EDITION OF MEMORY LANE # 113  
FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY  
SPRING 2000 EDITION**

**YOM HASHOAH: SIX MILLION JEWS, including one and a half million children, were murdered in the Holocaust** – a systematic genocide of one third of the entire Jewish population. Holocaust Day is a day to remember the victims – those that survived, and the many who did not. It is also a day to recall what human beings are capable of doing to one another. We memorialize the Holocaust for the sake of those that were murdered, those that survived, and for our own sake as well. George Santayana once wrote, “Those who cannot remember history are doomed to repeat it”.

**JEWS MURDERED BY COUNTRY IN EUROPE:**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Population 1939</b>	<b>Number Murdered</b>	<b>% Murdered</b>
POLAND	3,300,000	2,800,000	85
USSR	2,100,000	1,500,000	71.4
ROMANIA	850,000	425,000	50
HUNGARY	404,000	200,000	49.5
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	315,000	260,000	82.5
FRANCE	300,000	90,000	30
GERMANY	210,000	171,000	81
LITHUANIA	150,000	135,000	90
HOLLAND	150,000	90,000	60
LATVIA	95,000	85,000	89.5
BELGIUM	90,000	40,000	40
GREECE	75,000	65,000	80
YUGOSLAVIA	75,000	55,000	73.3
AUSTRIA	60,000	40,000	66.6
ITALY	57,000	15,000	26.3
BULGARIA	50,000	7,000	14.0
OTHERS	20,000	6,000	30
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,301,000</b>	<b>5,978,000</b>	<b>72</b>

**Source:** Cited in Landau, The Nazi Holocaust, Chicago: Ivan R. Dee, 1994

These data originally appeared in Poliakov and Wulf (editors), Das Dritte Reich und die Juden: Documente und Aufsätze (Arani Verlag, GmbH, Berlin, 1955)

**Supporting the Nazis:** Daimler-Benz, which published this ad in the 1930's is accused of employing tens of thousands of slave and forced laborers in occupied Europe:

**“WIR DIEN DER NATION – DIE DAIMLER-BENZ AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT”  
(WE SERVE OUR NATION - DAIMLER-BENZ CORPORATION)**

## YOM HAZIKARON

This is Israel's Memorial Day, a day to remember those who lost their lives fighting for the State of Israel. It has been expanded to include civilians killed by terror attacks as well. Throughout the world, but especially in Israel, the day is spent in reflection of the human cost of the wars fought for Israel. Since everyone is a soldier, most Israelis either have a relative or friend who was killed fighting for Israel. In a state smaller than New Jersey, everyone feels the pain of each soldier that has been killed. In February of 1997 when a helicopter crashed, 73 young soldiers died and the entire country mourned. A minute of silence will be observed at 8:00 in the evening and two minutes the following morning at 11:00

### **LIBERATION of the WESTERN WALL (KOTEL HA'MA'ARAVI) 1967**

When the Western Wall was liberated in 1967, Jews from around the world felt an electrifying excitement, as once again the Wall was in our hands! The following two stories of Israeli soldiers who participated in the liberation, exemplify how the Wall has touched the hearts of Jews throughout the ages.

#### **MOSHE AMIRAV, A PARATROOPER, DESCRIBES HIS FIRST MINUTES AT THE WALL**

"We ran there, a group of panting soldiers, lost on the plaza of the Temple Mount, searching for a giant stone wall. We didn't stop to look at the Mosque of Omar even though this was the first time we had seen it close up. **FORWARD! FORWARD!** Hurriedly, we pushed our way through the Magreb Gate, and suddenly we stopped – thunderstruck!!

There it was before our eyes! Gray and massive, silent and restrained. **THE WESTERN WALL!! OUR WESTERN WALL!!**

Slowly, slowly, I began to approach it, in fear and trembling like a pious cantor going to the lectern to lead the prayers. I approached it as the messenger of my Father and my Grandfather, of my Great Grandfather and of all the generations in all the exiles who had never merited seeing it – and so they had sent me to represent them. Somebody immediately recited the festive Blessing: "Blessed are You, O Lord our G-d, King of the Universe, who has kept us alive, and maintained us, and brought us to this time". But I could not even answer 'AMEN'. I slowly put my hands on the stones, and the tears that started to flow were not my tears. They were the tears of all Israel, tears of hope and prayer, tears of Chassidic tunes, tears of Jewish dances, tears which scorched and burned the heavy gray stones".

#### **ABRAHAM DUVDEVANI ALSO DESCRIBES HIS FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE WALL**

"Narrow alleys, filthy passageways, garbage at the entrances of shuttered shops, the stench of dead legionnaires – but we paid no attention. Our eyes were fixed on the golden dome which could be seen from a distance. There it was, it had to be! We marched faster and faster to keep up with the beating of our hearts. We were almost running. We met a soldier from one of the forward units and asked him the way, and hurried onward. We went through a gate and down some steps. I looked to the right and stopped dead in my tracks. There it was- the Wall in all its grandeur and glory!! I had never seen it before, but it was an old friend, impossible to mistake! At that moment I thought that I should not be there because the Wall belongs in the world of dreams and legends, and I am real.

Reality and legends, dreams and deeds, all unite here. I went down and slowly approached the Wall and stretched out my hand towards the huge, hewn stones, but my hand was afraid to touch it, and of itself returned to me. I closed my eyes, took a small, hesitant step forward, and brought my lips to the Wall. The touch of my lips opened the gates of my emotions and the tears burst forth! A Jewish soldier in the State of Israel is kissing history with his lips! Past, present and future, all in one kiss. There will be no more destruction, and the Wall will never again be deserted.

It was taken with young Jewish blood and the worth of that blood is eternity. The body is coupled to the rows of stones, the face is pushed into the spaces between them and the hands try to reach its head. A soldier near me mumbles in disbelief, through his tears, "we are at the Wall, at the Wall, at the Wall..."

*His Royal Highness - IN MEMORIUM*  
*The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh*  
*June 10, 1921 - April 9, 2021*



*Prince Philip's Additional Titles*

Earl of Merioneth, Baron Greenwich, Royal Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Extra Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Member of the Order of Merit, Grand Master and First and Principal Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

*(There's more!!!!)*



*Princess Alice of Battenberg*  
*Mother of Prince Philip*

Righteous Among the Nations  
Recognized by Yad Vashem  
Buried at Russian Orthodox Convent  
Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Israeli leaders on Friday mourned the passing of Britain's Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth II. Prime Minister Netanyahu said, "I express my deepest condolences to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, Prince Charles, the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom on the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Philip was the consummate public servant and will be much missed in Israel and across the world. President Reuven Rivlin sent his "deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to HM Queen Elizabeth II, HRH The Prince of Wales, the Royal Family and the people of the United Kingdom on the death of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. **May his memory be a blessing.**"