



## MEMORY LANE # 107 (EDITED)

### FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY 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 himself 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 Liguornick on the birth of a Granddaughter, Ariela Garmaise / 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 ZL 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

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