



## **MEMORY LANE # 95 (EDITED)**

### **FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY**

### **1984**

#### **A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NORMAN GROSS:**

EACH MEMBER CAN LOOK BACK WITH SATISFACTION AND DEEP PRIDE AT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR SHUL DURING THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS.

EACH MEMBER HAS, IN HIS AND HER OWN WAY, PLAYED A PART IN REACHING THIS MILESTONE, OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY. THROUGH OUR COMBINED EFFORTS, WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE OLDEST AND LONGEST ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE IN LAVAL. WE HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND MAINTAIN OUR STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE DURING THE COMING YEARS, AND COUNT UPON YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY FROM OUR LITTLE BUNGALOW ON ROMITI STREET!

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NAT YACOWAR:**

SINCE ITS INCEPTION 25 YEARS AGO, OUR SHUL HAS PLAYED A DOMINANT AND FUNDAMENTAL ROLL IN THE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF LAVAL. IT BEGAN AS A CENTER SERVING THE RELIGIOUS NEEDS OF A GROWING COMMUNITY, BUT SOON EXPANDED TO MEET MANY OTHER NEEDS. IT WAS THROUGH THE YOUNG ISRAEL THAT MANY JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS MADE A START IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT WAS THE FIRST HOME AND STARTING POINT FOR THE TALMUD TORAH, THE YM-YWHA, GEVURAH CLUB, THE JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY, ISRAEL BONDS, COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL, YOUNG JUDEA, CUBS, SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES, COMMITTEE FOR TAX SUPPORTED JEWISH SCHOOLS AND MANY OTHERS.

IT HAS UNDERGONE MANY STAGES IN ITS GROWTH AND IS CONTINUING TO EXPAND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY. PROUD OF ITS PAST, AND CONFIDENT OF ITS FUTURE, MAY THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY CONTINUE TO FLOURISH AND PROSPER.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN LAWRENCE CIGELNICK:**

AS I LOOK BACK ON THE PAST 2 YEARS AS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, I HAVE SEEN MANY OF OUR OLDER MEMBERS MOVE OUT OF THE COMMUNITY, LACKING REPLACEMENT WITH YOUNGER BLOOD, BUT I'M HAPPY TO HAVE SEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP AS OF OUR HIGH HOLIDAYS. AS CONGREGANTS, WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP BY APPROACHING NEW, OR EVEN OLDER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE OUR SYNAGOGUE CAN ONCE AGAIN BOAST OF AN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPROACHING 800 MEMBERS!

#### **A REPORT FROM THE TREASURER IRVING FELDGAIER:**

WE CAN BE PROUD OF THE FINANCIAL GROWTH AND STABILITY THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THESE PAST 25 YEARS. OUR FIRST ANNUAL BUDGET REPRESENTED EXPENDITURES OF ONLY A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS. OUR PRESENT BUDGET HAS SINCE GROWN TO \$250,000.00 DOLLARS AND THE CURRENT REPLACEMENT VALUES OF OUR MOST MODERN SYNAGOGUE AND HALLS HAS EXCEEDED \$2,000,000.00 DOLLARS - AN ACHIEVEMENT MADE POSSIBLE BY A SACRIFICING AND DETERMINED MEMBERSHIP. WE ARE NOW FACING THE CHALLENGE OF UPGRADING OUR FACILITIES, WHICH WILL REQUIRE A PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE THE FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF OUR SYNAGOGUE DURING THE COMING YEARS SO THAT WE CAN MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

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