

How old are you in dog years?
Or should I say "Shmitah years"



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YIC Weekly Newsletter May 2 - 8 / 20 - 26 Iyar

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	May 02	9:00 AM	No Services
MONDAY	May 03	7:00 AM	No Services
TUESDAY	May 04	No Services	No Services
WEDNESDAY	May 05	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	May 06	7:00 AM	No Services
FRIDAY	May 07	No Services	7:00 PM Shabbat Starts: 7:51 PM
SATURDAY	May 08	Services: 9:00 AM Parshat: BEHAR BECHUKOTAI	Shabbat Ends 9:02 PM Ma'ariv and Havdala on ZOOM at 9:25 PM

Dear Members,

As I write these words on Friday afternoon on Lag ba'Omer - on Erev Shabbos, it is difficult for me to concentrate and put anything into words as I keep receiving the news from Israel on the tragedy that took place on Har Meron on the eve of Lag ba'Omer. The last news item confirmed 45 dead, with over 150 wounded, and some in very dire straits. This is an unbelievable tragedy and our hearts and prayers are with the families of the dead and wounded.

The Montreal Hassidic community, and indeed all Montrealers also feel the pain of the 2 Montreal families who lost loved ones in the tragedy. The Executive, the Board of Directors, the Clergy and the membership at large of the Young Israel of Chomedey extend sincere condolences to the family of Shraga Gestetner Z'L, a 35-year-old Hassidic singer from Montreal, and a father of 5 young children, who was living in Monsey, New York, and to the family of Montreal Yeshiva student Dovi Steinmetz Z'L, who was a student at Yeshiva Mir Yerushalayim.

"May the Mourners be comforted amongst the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem."

RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class this week takes place on Thursday May 6th at 8:15 PM. All of course are invited to attend.

RABBI HALPERIN'S CLASS: Rabbi Halperin's Shulchan Aruch class this week takes place on Tuesday May 4th at appx 7:30 PM. Because 2 weeks later, Tuesday is on 2nd day of Shavuot, the lesson will also cover a few Yom Tov laws & traditions. All of course are invited to attend.

BIRTHDAYS: a) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Ida Cwilich, lovely wife of Past-President Frank Cwilich who celebrates her special day tomorrow, Sunday, May 2nd. Ida, wishing you many more in good health and happiness with your beshert Frank and your friends and family. b) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to long-time member Paul Kulik who celebrates his 86th birthday on Thursday, May 6. Paul is always ready and available whenever he's needed for a minyan, morning or night. Wishing you a year filled with good health and happiness surrounded by family and friends. Long life till 120 to both birthday kids.

REFUAH SHLEMA: A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all those wounded at the Har Meron Lag ba'Omer tragedy and of course everyone else who is not well. May they all merit a speedy recovery.

Yahrzeits for the week of May 3 - 9 / 21 - 27 Iyar

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER	FOR DECEASED	RELATION
May 5	Iyar 23	Beatrice Duchoeny	Raizel Finkelstein z"l	mother
May 6	Iyar 24	David Smith	Harry Smith z"l	brother
May 7	Iyar 25	Esther Levine	Fred Levine z"l	husband
May 7	Iyar 25	Eleanor Grief Spence	Joe z"l	brother in law
May 8	Iyar 26	Frank Bass	Label Bass z"l	father
May 9	Iyar 27	Marlene Helfield	Eddie Helfield z"l	husband

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 May 2nd - 9:00 AM

Schachris Services in shul - also on ZOOM

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8548084446?pwd=MzN4RitLUG1STjhMVkIISVI4ZzlaQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 808 4446

Passcode: 154749

Sunday May 2nd through Thursday May 6th – at 7:00 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 May 3rd and Thursday May 6th - 7:00 AM

Schachris Services in shul

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Monday May 3rd – at 10:30 AM via Zoom

Our MONDAY MORNING Shmoozaton

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Passcode: 154749

Tuesday May 4th - at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Rabbi Halperin's Class

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Wednesday May 5th - at 1:00 PM (Special Time) via Zoom

A Visit to the Western Wall and City of David - LIVE from JERUSALEM

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Meeting ID: 854 808 4446

Passcode: 154749

Thursday May 6th - at 8:15 PM via Zoom

Rabbi Banon's Bible Class

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

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Password: 6812571

Friday May 7th - 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat Services in shul

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Saturday May 8th - 9:00 AM

Shabbat Services in shul

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Ma'ariv and Havdalah Services at 9:25 PM - via Zoom

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

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

BEHAR BECHUKOTAI

Leviticus 25:1-27:34



On the mountain of Sinai, G-d communicates to Moses the laws of the Sabbatical year: every seventh year, all work on the land should cease, and its produce becomes free for the taking for all, man and beast.

Seven Sabbatical cycles are followed by a fiftieth year—the Jubilee year, on which work on the land ceases, all indentured servants are set free, and all ancestral estates in the Holy Land that have been sold revert to their original owners. Additional laws governing the sale of lands, and the prohibitions against fraud and usury, are also given.

G-d promises that if the people of Israel will keep His commandments, they will enjoy material prosperity and dwell secure in their homeland. But He also delivers a harsh “rebuke,” warning of the exile, persecution and other evils that will befall them if they abandon their covenant with Him. Nevertheless, “Even when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away; nor will I ever abhor them, to destroy them and to break My covenant with them; for I am the L-rd their G-d.”

The Parshah concludes with the rules on how to calculate the values of different types of pledges made to G-d.



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FROM THE BULLETIN OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
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“The Way it Was” by *Menachem Jacobson*

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In our town, when I was growing up, we had only two kinds of Jews: those who came to shul or those who didn't come. In fact, I remember that the rabbis used to speak week after week to those who came to shul about those who didn't come.

There were six synagogues in town. When it came to organizing a minyan somewhere else in town, whether for a shiva or a yahrzeit, invariably, my father sat in the den by the phone calling, until he got a few more than the quorum. “Is Syd in? This is Sam Jacobson. Boris passed away. If Syd gets in before 8:00, tell him that he may make a minyan. Tell him it's important.”

My father didn't know to differentiate between Jews. If they were willing to come, and able to daven, not just hold a siddur, they would be counted in. As the acting City Judge, he knew everyone in town, and he was not embarrassed to ask, and even sometimes demand. “If you don't come, we can't make a minyan, Irving. You'll go to your meeting a little bit later. It's for Boris, Irving. He left three little kids. O.K., I'll see you later”. This was the way it was all over, just 20 or 30 years ago. A different time, a different world!

We had 10,000 Jews in our town, but there was only room for 3,000 in our 6 synagogues. That was only if they all showed up at once, as they did on the High Holidays, then, having “paid their dues” they'd disappear for another year. By and large, those who did come to shul davened. They knew how to read “faster than lightening”. Most had learned in some cheder or Hebrew School. When it came to a shiva or a yahrzeit minyan, they were there, tefillin in hand, and proud to all be men of the same faith.

I remember the time that the rav sent letters to his hundreds of members, begging them to come to shul each Shabbos for at least an hour. “Join us”, he wrote. “Help us to restore the shul to it's full usefulness.” We needed people. Oh sure, there were still about a hundred in shul on the average Shabbos – the biggest minyan in town - and we had the only daily minyan that met both morning and night, but the shul, at one time seated over 1000. Now sections were roped off so that people would all sit in the front and the empty space would not be so blatant.

Growing up with this background, I have always felt that there are no “types” of Jews, only one Torah, one halacha and varying degrees of perfection.

URGENT PLEA

We are having an extremely difficult time getting a minyan mornings and evenings! There are people saying Kaddish who are unable to do so.

Fred Rudy will be calling on you shortly to make a commitment of one or two mornings or evenings each week to insure that we have a minyan every day. Please give your name to the shul office, the Rabbi, Nachma, or directly to Fred who is in the process of making a permanent list of men who we hope to be able to call on for this mitzvah.

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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!)*