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YIC Weekly Newsletter May 16 - 22 / 5 - 11 Sivan

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	May 16	9:00 AM	8:00 PM
MONDAY	May 17	9:00 AM (Shavuot)	7:00 PM
TUESDAY	May 18	9:00 AM (Shavuot)	No Services
WEDNESDAY	May 19	No Services	No Services
THURSDAY	May 20	7:00 AM	No Services
FRIDAY	May 21	No Services	7:00 PM Shabbat Starts: 8:07 PM
SATURDAY	May 22	Services: 9:00 AM Parshat: NASSO	Shabbat Ends 9:12 PM. Ma'ariv and Havdala Services on Zoom at 9:35 PM

SHAVUOT - CHAG SAMEACH
ZMAN MATAN TORAH
GIVING of the TORAH



RABBI BANON'S BIBLE CLASS: Rabbi Banon's Bible class this week takes place on Thursday May 20th at 8:15 PM. All of course are invited to attend.

MAZAL TOV: a) **MAZAL TOV** to our long-time members Moishe Levinger and wife Frida on their granddaughter Emily Shashua's recent graduation from McGill University's Speech Therapy Program. Emily will be continuing on with her studies at SUNY (State University of NY) for her Master's in Speech Therapy. Proud parents are Susan and David Shashua. Wishing Emily all the best in her future endeavours!!!

ANNIVERSARIES: **MAZAL TOV** to Eleanor Grief Spence & husband Harvey Spence who celebrate their 5th anniversary on May 14, 2021. Wishing the happy couple, who found love in their senior years, many more years of good health and happiness and LOVE. All the best and many more!! From your loving family and friends.

DONATIONS: The situation in Israel as we all know is quite grave. For the past week and more, Israel has been subject to hundreds if not thousands of rockets being unleashed by Hamas from the Gaza strip reaching Israel in its most densely populated cities. Mass rioting has been also taking place in many Israeli Arab towns and villages, in a misplaced show of support for Hamas in Gaza and Fatah in the West Bank. Seven or possibly more Israelis have been killed in these rocket bombardments, including a 6-year old girl and an 85 year old Holocaust survivor, who was killed while seated in her wheelchair, alongside her caregiver. Israeli first aid organizations have been stretched to the limit in providing first aid where needed. Two weeks ago, it was the Meron tragedy that captured the world's interests, and the Young Israel was planning to help out with aid there. Given the circumstances of the past 10 days, I approached our entire Exec online, as well our Board, a number of whom got back to me ASAP, and in light of the need all over Israel at this time, it was decided to make equal donations to three major organizations where the need is greatest. The amount of \$3,240 which is equivalent to 180 times Chai has already been and/or will be donated to a) **MAGEN DAVID ADOM** - Israel's national emergency medical, disaster, ambulance and blood bank service; b) **UNITED HATZALAH** - an Israeli free and volunteer-based emergency medical services organization based in Jerusalem. Its mission is to provide immediate medical intervention during the critical window between the onset of an emergency and the arrival of traditional ambulance assistance; and c) **ASSOCIATION for THE WELLBEING of ISRAEL'S SOLDIERS**. This organization promotes the wellbeing of soldiers wherever they may be in time of need, and the need right now is for those soldiers which includes over 9,000 reserve soldiers recently mobilized and massed along the front lines facing Gaza. Let's all hope and pray that they all return safely to their families.

OF NOTE: Yesterday, 73 years ago on May 14, 1948, corresponding to the Hebrew date 5 Iyar 5708, on Erev Shabbat, the **STATE of ISRAEL** was proclaimed by David ben-Gurion. The past is history. The present and future still remains to be written - B'H.

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Bella Green who was taken by ambulance this week to the hospital, with what was diagnosed as a mild heart attack. She is now back at her residence and we wish her well; b) a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Mike Andradi's wife Sara, who underwent a cataract procedure on Friday, and we wish her B'H a speedy recovery; c) a continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all those hurt and recuperating from the Meron tragedy of 2 weeks ago; and d) a physical and mental **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all those suffering from the situation in Israel today. Let us all hope and pray B'H for their speedy recovery, and for a speedy end to this critical situation. e) And finally a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all who are not well.

Shul happenings this week in a nutshell:

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

Sunday May 16th - 9:00 AM

Schachris Services in shul - also on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8548084446?pwd=MzN4RitLUG1STjhMVklISVI4ZzlaQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 808 4446

Passcode: 154749

Sunday May 16th - 8:00 PM

Erev Shavuot Services in shul

Monday May 17th - 7:00 PM

2nd Day Shavuot Services in shul

Monday and Tuesday May 17-18th - SHAVUOT - 9:00 AM

Schachris Services in shul

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Wednesday May 19th and Thursday May 20th – at 7:30 PM via Zoom

Mincha / Ma'ariv services every evening

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

Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Wednesday May 19th - at 12:00 NOON via Zoom

LIVE TOUR from BUDAPEST JEWISH QUARTER

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

Meeting ID: 580 765 7815

Passcode: 3508890

Thursday May 20th - at 8:15 PM via Zoom

Rabbi Banon's Bible Class

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Meeting ID: 513 143 4099

Password: 6812571

Friday May 21st - 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat Services in shul

Saturday May 22nd - 9:00 AM

Shabbat Services in shul

Ma'ariv and Havdalah Services at 9:45 PM - via Zoom

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Shavuot 2021, a two-day holiday in the diaspora (only 1 day in Israel), is celebrated this year from sunset on May 16 until nightfall on May 18, and coincides with the date that G-d gave the Torah to the Jewish people at Mount Sinai more than 3,300 years ago. It comes after 49 days of eager counting, as we prepared ourselves for this special day. It is celebrated by lighting candles, staying up all night to learn Torah, hearing the reading of the Ten Commandments in synagogue, feasting on dairy foods and more.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF SHAVUOT?

Shavuot means “weeks,” and it refers to the Biblical Holiday celebrated on Sivan 6 (and 7 in the Diaspora) on the anniversary of the giving of the Torah at Sinai. It celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between the second day of Passover and Shavuot. The same Hebrew word also means “oaths,” which is the subject of the Talmudic tractate of Shavuot.

Shavuot is also the celebration of the wheat harvest and the ripening of the first fruits, which is the reason for the other two biblical names for this holiday: 1) “Yom Habikkurim” or the “Day of the First Fruits.” 2) “Chag HaKatzir,” the “Harvest Festival.” In the Talmud, Shavuot is also called “Atzeret,” which means “The Stoppage,” a reference to the prohibition against work on this holiday. In the holiday prayer service, we refer to it as “Zeman Matan Torachteinu,” the “Time of the Giving of Our Torah.”

HOW IS SHAVUOT CELEBRATED?

- Women and girls light holiday candles to usher in the holiday, on both the first and second evenings of the holidays.
- It is customary to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of Shavuot.
- All men, women and children should go to the synagogue to hear the reading of the Ten Commandments on the first day of Shavuot.
- As on other holidays, special meals are eaten, and no “work” may be performed.
- It is customary to eat dairy foods on Shavuot. Menus range from traditional cheese blintzes to quiches, casseroles and more.
- On the second day of Shavuot, the Yizkor memorial service is recited.
- Some communities read the Book of Ruth during morning services, as King David—whose passing occurred on this day—was a descendant of Ruth the Moabite.
- Some have the custom to decorate their homes (and synagogues) with flowers and sweet smelling plants in advance of Shavuot.

For much more on Shavuot go to [Chabad.org/Shavuot](https://www.chabad.org/Shavuot)

Yahrzeits for the week of May 17 - 23 / 6 - 12 Sivan

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER	FOR DECEASED	RELATION
May 17	Sivan 6	Sandy Dworkin	Braunie Loshinsky z"l	mother
May 17	Sivan 6	Annie Borenstein	Abraham Naiman z"l	father
May 17	Sivan 6	Laura Nayman	Abraham Naiman z"l	father in law
May 17	Sivan 6	Irving Nick Pfefer	Larry Pfefer z"l	brother
May 18	Sivan 7	Mildred Handelman	Max Cohen z"l	father
May 18	Sivan 7	Seymour Grabina	Yehuda Grabina z"l	father
May 18	Sivan 7	Marjorie Weiss	Mayer, Yetta, Channa, David	Weiss family
May 19	Sivan 8	Eli Elias	Chana Elias z"l	mother
May 21	Sivan 10	Wesley Bernknopf	Mendel Bernknopf z"l	father
May 21	Sivan 10	Bella Choran	Edith Borts z"l	mother
May 21	Sivan 10	Sandra Greenberg	Rachel Leah z"l	mother in law
May 21	Sivan 10	Ann Applebaum	Chan Baila z"l	grandmother
May 21	Sivan 10	Leonard Sculnick	Tevie Sculnick z"l	brother
May 23	Sivan 12	Joseph Blankfort	Chana Blankfort z"l	mother

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.*

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

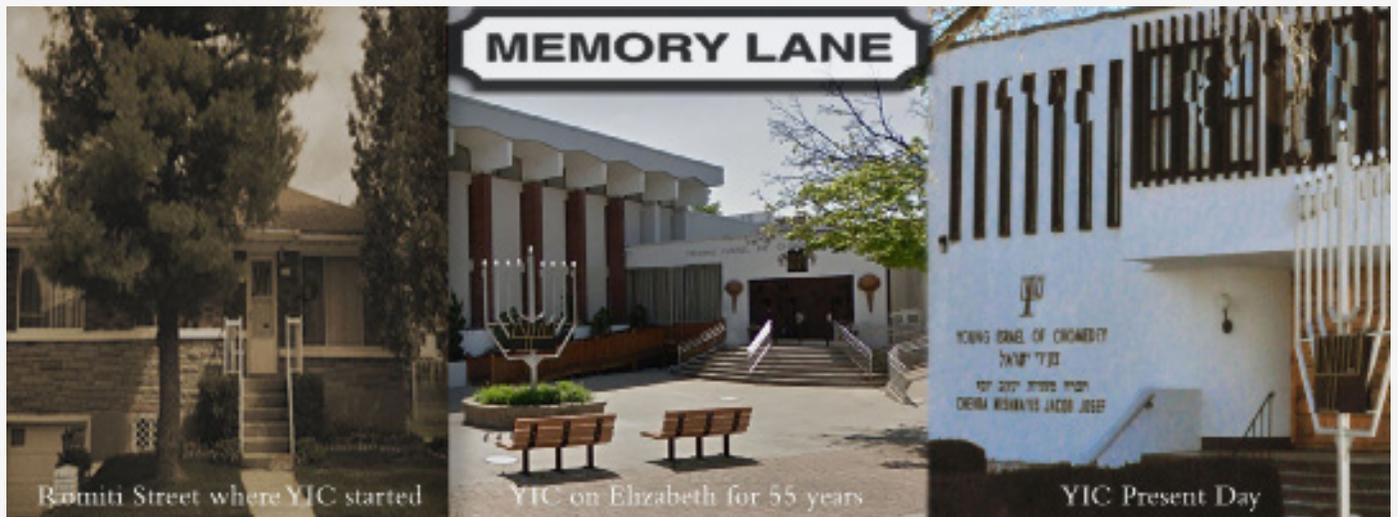
Nasso
Numbers 4:21-7:89



Completing the headcount of the Children of Israel taken in the Sinai Desert, a total of 8,580 Levite men between the ages of 30 and 50 are counted in a tally of those who will be doing the actual work of transporting the Tabernacle.

G-d communicates to Moses the law of the sotah, the wayward wife suspected of unfaithfulness to her husband. Also given is the law of the nazir, who forswears wine, lets his or her hair grow long, and is forbidden to become contaminated through contact with a dead body. Aaron and his descendants, the kohanim, are instructed on how to bless the people of Israel.

The leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel each bring their offerings for the inauguration of the altar. Although their gifts are identical, each is brought on a different day and is individually described by the Torah.



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LEGENDS AND CUSTOMS OF SHAVUOT

Many of the customs and traditions of Shavuot evolved from legends and stories describing the experiences of the Israelites at Mount Sinai. Tradition tells us that the Israelites overslept on the morning of G-d's visit, and to compensate for this negligence, Jews hold a vigil on the eve of Shavuot and stay awake from dusk to dawn with readings of the Torah and Talmud called Tikkun Leil Shavuot, the "Restoration of Shavuot Eve".

Another custom is the eating of dairy foods, coming from a passage in the Torah which reads; 'and he gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey'.

Another explanation is that before the visit from G-d the Jews did not keep kosher or follow Kashrut laws. On this first Shavuot they found out that their utensils were non-kosher and unfit for use. Finding themselves without kosher meats or utensils they were forced to only eat dairy foods. Today we celebrate Shavuot by eating blintzes, cheesecake, and other dairy dishes.

Another legend tells of finding Mount Sinai blooming and lush with greenery and flowers. From this legend grew the custom of decorating the home and Shul with tree branches and flowers.

The 'gematria,' sum of the numerical equivalents of the Hebrew letters making up the word "chalav," milk, is forty (letter "chet" (8) plus letter "lamed" (30) plus letter "beit" (2) equals forty) corresponds to the number of days that Moses studied Torah with Hashem on top of Mount Sinai.

THE GENESIS GROUP OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY PRESENTS.....an informative and entertaining evening with noted Radio and TV celebrity and Vanier College Chemistry Professor DOCTOR JOE SCHWARCZ. His topic for this evening will be "Science, Sense and Nonsense"

Where: At the Young Israel of Chomedey, 1025 Elizabeth St, Chomedey

Time: Tuesday Evening April 28th at 8:00 p.m. **Cost:** \$3.00 per person – refreshments included

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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!)