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YIC Weekly Newsletter Apr 12 - 18 / 18 - 24 Nissan

DAY	DATE	SCHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
SUNDAY	Apr 12	No Services Day 2 Chol Hamoed	No Services
MONDAY	Apr 13	No Services Day 3 Chol Hamoed	No Services
TUESDAY	Apr 14	No Services Day 4 Chol Hamoed	No Services
WEDNESDAY	Apr 15	No Services - 7th day Pesach	No Services
THURSDAY	Apr 16	No Services - 8th day Pesach	No Services
FRIDAY	Apr 17	No Services	No Services Shabbat Starts: 7:25 PM
SATURDAY	Apr 18	Parshat: SHEMINI No Services until further notice	Shabbat Ends: 8:33 PM

CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19

Dear Members;

It is now 4+ weeks since Rabbi Banon and I made the decision to close our shul for what we then thought to be no more than 2-4 weeks. Wishful thinking now!!! A timetable for returning to daily Minyanim would now be an uneducated guess. On the pessimistic and negative side, members are contemplating a return before the High Holidays! B"H, it will be well before then. On the optimistic and positive side, I am proud of our entire membership who have heeded the call to stay put, and through personal emails, telephone calls and the like, members have informed me that they're doing relatively well. Our shul community is small, and as we all heed the dire warnings to stay at home, we will - B"H - get through this.

I am thankful to all of our members who continually keep sending me articles, photos, videos etc, many of which are of course duplicated, since many of us also get the news from the same sources. I try to pass on as much as I can, and I apologize to those who may send in something that is not passed on - for various reasons; keep them coming.

Next Thursday Apr 16th, when we would normally find ourselves in shul to say Yiskor for our departed loved ones, we will of course not do so. Instead, let us say a silent YISKOR, and keep them in our minds and hearts as we light memorial candles in their memory. And let us **Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.**

Issie Baum

BIRTHDAYS: a) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jacob "Yaki" Brown who celebrated a birthday last Shabbat April 4th, and we all wish him a **REFUA SHLEMA**. b) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Miriam Levy who celebrated this Shabbat, April 11th. Miriam, wishing you the happiest of birthdays, with many more to come, to be celebrated with Bernie and your loving family and friends - at the appropriate time. c) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Marilyn Plant, our VP Stanley Plant's wonderful wife; may you celebrate many more in good health and happiness with your beshert Stan and all your friends and family. Ad 120 to everyone.

YASHIR KOACH: **YASHIR KOACH** to our own beloved Rabbi Avram Banon who stepped up - despite his own family's illnesses - and organized a crew to deliver approximately 70 baskets to the Jewish community in Laval. To quote the Rabbi.....

"As soon as I sent out the message to my father's shul - Centre Sepharade - 5 minutes later I had enough volunteers who offered to partake in the Mitzvah. A true Mitzvah in this difficult time, helping those that will be home alone for the Seder for probably the very first time in their lives." So a **YASHIR KOACH** goes to all those who participated. See images below.

Rabbi Avram Banon / Eli and Chana Leah Banon / Rabbi Yehonathan Arzoine /Jacky Ouknine Jonathan Ouknine / Nino Malka / Moe and Avi Levy / Eyal and Lidia Elkayam.

"May this special Mitzvah protect our community and bring on blessings to all those who need it." **AMEN!!!**



YASHIR KOACH: A **YASHIR KOACH** to my dear "balaboosta" Zila, who all by herself, and absolutely without any help from me, managed during the first 3 days of the holiday to add a couple of inches to my waistline, without me even feeling it. A Passover miracle in and of itself!!! I told her to prepare for only 2, but she "pretended" we were 12. Only 5 days to go!!!

REFUAH SHLEMA: a) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to members of Rabbi Banon's family - those who are recovering and those still ill with Covid-19; b) A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to "Yakki" Brown, doing his best to stay positive as he continues his struggle and, c) And a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to the entire House of Israel and the world at large as we all fight the good fight at this time.

***** Videos - Images - Trivia *****

No new videos this week - all sent before Passover

Yahrzeits for the week of Apr 13 - 19 / 19 - 25 Nissan

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Apr 13	Nissan 19	Bernice Bernknopf	for	Max Solomon z"l	father
Apr 14	Nissan 20	Sonia Budner	for	Sam Budner z"l	brother in law
Apr 14	Nissan 20	Rose Leibinger	for	Sam Budner z"l	brother
Apr 15	Nissan 21	Beatrice Duchoeny	for	Shia Finkelstein z"l	father
Apr 15	Nissan 21	Charlene Burak	for	Yisroel Turner z"l	father
Apr 15	Nissan 21	Amy Simon	for	Molly Simon z"l	grandmother
Apr 16	Nissan 22	Bernie Peroff	for	Lily Peroff z"l	mother
Apr 16	Nissan 22	Anne Byer	for	Freda z"l	mother in law
Apr 17	Nissan 23	Esther Brown	for	Mirella Salem z"l	mother
Apr 17	Nissan 23	Leonard Sculnick	for	Israel Sculnick z"l	father
Apr 18	Nissan 24	Eli Elias	for	Mordechai Elias z"l	father
Apr 19	Nissan 25	Bella Choran	for	Jack Borts z"l	brother

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.

PARSHAT HASHAVUA - WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Shemini

Leviticus 9:1-11:47



On the eighth day, following the seven days of their inauguration, Aaron and his sons begin to officiate as kohanim (priests); a fire issues forth from G-d to consume the offerings on the altar, and the divine presence comes to dwell in the Sanctuary.

Aaron's two elder sons, Nadav and Avihu, offer a "strange fire before G-d, which He commanded them not" and die before G-d. Aaron is silent in face of his tragedy. Moses and Aaron subsequently disagree as to a point of law regarding the offerings, but Moses concedes to Aaron that Aaron is in the right.

G-d commands the kosher laws, identifying the animal species permissible and forbidden for consumption. Land animals may be eaten only if they have split hooves and also chew their cud; fish must have fins and scales; a list of non-kosher birds is given, and a list of kosher insects (four types of locusts).

Also in Shemini are some of the laws of ritual purity, including the purifying power of the mikvah (a pool of water meeting specified qualifications) and the wellspring. Thus the people of Israel are enjoined to "differentiate between the impure and the pure."



**MEMORY LANE #61 (EDITED)
FROM THE BULLETINS OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF CHOMEDEY
PASSOVER MESSAGES**

1961: FROM RABBI SPIRO'S MESSAGE:

Passover and Shavuot are complimentary to each other. Receiving the Torah can only be fully appreciated when there is first complete freedom, which Passover symbolizes. Here in Canada we are blessed with the freedom to worship as we please. It is folly not to take advantage of this freedom and celebrate the receiving of the Torah by prayer and attendance at services.

1962: FROM PRESIDENT MAURICE J. BOXER'S MESSAGE:

We have escaped from Egypt and settled in a land of hope, surrounded by institutions of our choosing and making. Though a young community we have made history. In record time we have built a Synagogue, elected one of our members to the City Council, and one to the Protestant School Board. May we solidify our positions and continue to march forward! May we learn to make proper use of our possessions and facilities, of our potentialities and rights, to curb our natural impulses and be good neighbours. We have much to be thankful for!

1965: FROM RABBI SPIRO'S MESSAGE:

The unprecedented prosperity of the Jewish Community on the North American Continent has been the subject of much discussion. It is almost as if this Passover we will be sitting down to the richest Seder meal of all generations. Tonight we ask "Why is this night different from all other nights?" The answer is "We were once slaves, poverty stricken and oppressed and it was G-d who saved us" says the Haggadah. If G-d did save us, did He do so to test us, to see if we could survive this freedom and prosperity? At the Seder we drink four cups of wine to celebrate our freedom. Before each one we pronounce a benediction. If we can hallow our freedom and prosperity in North America with a benediction, we will indeed be unique. We will then be the richest and most successful generation of Jews.

(Yashir Koach to Fred Rudy for providing us all with these memorable historical moments, which some of us may still remember! **AND THIS IS ONE IS ESPECIALLY TIMELY!)**W

A Few of our Members' Pesach Tables



The Burak's Seder Table



My "balaboosta" ready to serve my Pesach Calories



The Apelbaum's Seder Table



The Baum's Seder Table