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*YIC Weekly Newsletter: Aug 20 - 26 -- 28*  
*Av - 4 Elul*

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**Sunday Aug 20:** *Shachris: 8:30 AM*      *Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:30 PM*

**Monday Aug 21:** *Shachris: 7:00 AM*      *Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:30 PM*

**Tuesday Aug 22 – 1st day Rosh Chodesh Elul:** *Shachris: 7:00*

*AM:      Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:30 PM*

**Wednesday Aug 23: 2nd day Rosh Chodesh Elul:** *Shachris: 7:00*

*AM:      Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:30 PM*

**Please note:** On Wednesday Aug 23, we start blowing the shofar every day during the month of Elul after morning services.

**Thursday Aug 24:** *Shachris: 7:00 AM*      *Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:30 PM*

**Friday Aug 25:** *Shachris: 7:00 AM*      *Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:00 PM*

**Saturday Aug 26:** (Parshat Shoftim) *Shachris: 9:00 AM*

*Rabbi's Class (led by Yossi) 7:00 PM*      *Mincha / Ma'ariv: 7:40 PM.*      *Shabbat ends at 8:29 PM*

**Kiddush Sat Aug 19:** A beautiful Kiddish was sponsored by Eleanor Tylbor on the occasion of the 1st Yahrzeit of the passing of her beloved husband Jacques Z'L last Aug 28th. Jacques Tylbor was a valued and respected member of our shul for many years and together with his always supportive wife and popular Chomedey columnist, Eleanor, participated in just about every simcha and activity in the shul. Jacques used his impeccable French and beautiful Parisien accent to deal with the Lottery Regie when it came to doing all the paperwork to run our successful bingo programs for many years. A long time resident of Chomedey, and a dedicated family man, Jacques came to services daily to honour the memory of his beloved parents when they passed on. Jacques undoubtedly passed on his genes to his son, Michel, who became deeply involved with our shul, in preparing essential options for the shul's impending sale of our building and the relocation plans. Everyone in our community had the greatest respect for Jacques, a special man whose unconditional love for his wonderful family was praiseworthy and whose strong commitment to the welfare of his precious community continues to be inspirational. We are proud and honoured that Ellie continues to call the Young Israel of Chomedey her spiritual home. Ellie and the Tylbor family - son Michel and daughter-in-law Debra, daughter Barbara and her partner Allan, grandchildren Chloe, Braedan, Adam &

Benjamin and many Tylbor friends honoured us by their hosting of our Shabbes Kiddish.

**Liquor Donations:** A bottle was donated by Len Dworkin in honour of his father Dov Chaskel's Yahrzeit on 12 Av / Aug 12.

**COLLECTION of MAZAL TOVS!!!** **MAZAL TOV** to a year filled with simchas for Lenny & Arlene Sculnick. Firstly, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16 and many many more in good health. And.... Arlene & Lenny both celebrated their 80th birthdays this past November, Arlene on November 14 and Lenny on the 15th. **(Why did you wait so long for us to sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY??)** And last but definitely not least, they welcomed their first great-grandchild into the world last August, a little girl Billie Rose, who will be turning 1 on August 31. Proud parents are Chelsea Sculnick Lefcourt and Ryan Lefcourt. May the family celebrate many more simchas together in health and happiness. **MAZAL TOV AGAIN!!!**

**Birthdays:** **a)** A Huge birthday wish and **MAZAL TOV** to Shaia Leibinger on the occasion of his 90th birthday on Monday 29th Av/Aug 21. May he celebrate more birthdays with us in good health. **b)** **MAZAL TOV** to Simmy & Beryl Grabina's son Ian who turned 41 on August 18. May he celebrate many more in good health together with his parents and family. **Ad 120!!**

**Welcome:** **a)** Welcome to the entire Tylbor family who hosted our Shabbat kiddish this morning (see above). **b)** Welcome also to Perry Silverman, long time member of our shul for many years who, despite his mobility problems, was in shul this morning to partake in our services together with the Tylbor family. **c)** And welcome to Bernie Peroff, who was in shul this morning after being away for 3-4 weeks, also with mobility problems. Great to see you all.

**Yashir Koach:** A huge Yashir Koach to all members of the Young Israel of Chomedey, of the Chevra Mishnays, and of Shaar Shalom who came out in large numbers to pay their respects to the Smith Family on the loss of their beloved son Stanley. We had large Minyans for morning services, and literally overflowing Minyans every evening at the Smith home. Thanks to all. And a big Yashoir Koach to Yossi who delivered an inspiring Dvar Torah each evening after Mincha. May we all meet only on happy occasions.

**Anniversaries:** a) b) A very **Happy 44th Anniversary** to our very own Ambassador to Cuba, David Blobstein and wife Marilyn, on Sunday Aug 20th. Many more in good health.

**Refuah Shlema: a)** A **REFUAH SHLEMA** To our beloved Gabbai Naphtali Sheinbach who has been out now for over a month with serious back problems, now a little better we've heard. We all miss you in shul – Jerry especially.) **b)** And another **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Mindy's dad, who is still recuperating in the hospital; we wish him a very speedy recovery. **c)** And a **REFUAH SHLEMA** goes out to Larisa bat Leah who continues to recover from double heart surgery. **d)** Another **REFUAH SHLEMA** extended to Joe Budner - Yosef ben Rivkah - who has been suffering from some serious health problems lately. Joe has been an active member and a Shabbat regular for years, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. **e)** **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Bernie Peroff, who has been having severe arthritis problems the last few weeks, making it very difficult to get around. We all wish him a speedy recovery. **f)** And to all who are under the weather, a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all.

**Seat Sales:** High Holiday seating went on sale officially last Sunday Aug 13th, and seating plans have been finalized. You have two options: Please call and make plans to come to the office to choose and pay for your seats as soon as possible - or - rely on the allocation made by the office. In any case, payment must accompany your purchase of seats. Every effort will be made to accommodate those who are partially handicapped for one reason or another, and if you fall into that category, please let the office know. **IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL:** We would ask that each and every member consider that our High Holiday seating arrangements this year are not what they were in years past, and inevitably there may be someone, or a few someones who may not be happy. This is a new hall, with a limited seating capacity for approximately 200 seats - men and women, which would make for a sold-out hall. **Please....** bear this in mind, and do not take out your venting on the office staff who will be working hard to try and accommodate everyone. Also, please remember that there are a finite number of aisle seats. Not everyone asking for an aisle seat will get one.

**Allocation of seats will be as follows:**

- All members who attend services regularly on Shabbat, and/or during the weekdays, and/or on the various holidays throughout the year will have their seats allocated first. This allocation ends on Tuesday Aug 22.....
- after which, if you have not reserved and paid for your seats by Aug 22, you will automatically roll over into the next category of fully paid-up members. This category will be able to reserve and pay for their seats until Sept 1 after which, if not reserved and paid, this category will automatically roll over into the next category starting Sept 3.....
- which is all non-members who wish to purchase seats. This last category and any roll-overs from previous categories will be able to purchase and pay

for their seats until Sept 18/19, or until seats are sold out, whichever comes first.

**Please also note** the letter members received with their statements some 2 weeks or so ago. **a)** All statement amounts and all old debts prior to the ending of our fiscal year on June 30, 2017, must be paid **IN FULL** prior to seat sales. **b)** And given that we have only 200 seats, and anticipating a big demand for seats, all seat sales must be paid at time of purchase.

**Another important note:** To repeat – this is a new hall with limited seating capacity. We may **NOT BE ABLE** to accommodate everyone once all seats are sold. Please.....guide yourselves accordingly, and make your reservations and payments as soon as possible. Everyone can reserve right away, but allocations – after payment is made - will be as indicated above. Any questions may be directed to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

**NEW EXECUTIVE:** This morning, the executive took it's place on the bima for the first time. Issie Baum in his "inaugural" address indicated that this would be a consensus exec, where all decisions, where and when possible would be made as a group. It would be a **WE** exec, and not an **I** exec, "we would endeavour to make decisions as a **WE** and not as an **I**." Issie said that this idea came to him from a famous quote, and he paraphrased, "Don't walk behind me, I may not always be able to lead; Don't walk in front of me; I may not always be able to follow; just walk beside me and help me along. He further stated.. "We'll probably make a mistake here and there, and we will stand corrected when it is brought to our attention. We will be accessible to all members, and we ask all members to freely make suggestions, and let us know of your concerns if any. They may not – in the overall realm of things be accepted, or even considered – but, they will always be heard; we will always welcome and respect your views and your comments." Issie thanked the members for their trust and confidence placed in the new executive.

Issie praised George Finkelstein's tenure as President of our shul, indicating it was not just the last 2-1/2 years that George stepped up to the plate to serve the shul, but a culmination of many years in the making as a devoted member of the Young Israel of Chomedey. Issie believed that the successful sale of our building, and our move to SS, which resulted in joint Minyans with SS on a daily basis, and ensured Ashkenazi Minyans in our dwindling community for some years to come, were the high-lights of George's term of office. On behalf of the new executive and shul membership, Issie wished George lots of health and increased quality time with his family.

The executive takes pleasure in introducing your new YIC Board of Directors – in no particular order: Bernie Peroff, Moe Rosenstein, Norman Fogel, Ralph Levine, Lou Gontovnik, Billy Rubin, Irving Zwirek, Dave Apelbaum, Jerry Segal, Susan Erdelyi, Nat Yacower, Danny Pascal, Harry Melnick, Lucette Black. **MAZAL TOV** to all, and wishing everyone a good Directorship!

## *How and Why We Blow the Shofar During the Month of Elul*

The month of Elul is a month of preparation for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. That's why Jews blow the *shofar* (almost) every day of the month.

### **When to blow?**

The optimum *shofar*-blowing time is right after morning services, when everyone is still together. Missed it? You might still want to catch a *shofar*-blowing some time before sundown. We blow the *shofar* every day other than Shabbat, starting from Elul 1 and ending on Elul 28. We do not blow on Elul 29, the day before Rosh Hashanah.

### **What an how to blow?**

Using a kosher ram's horn, we blow a condensed version of the full sequence blown on Rosh Hashanah:

*One long blast, three midsized blasts (with a little tiny blast), nine short blasts, one long blast.*

*One long blast, three midsized blasts (with a little tiny blast), one long blast. One long blast, nine short blasts, one long blast.*

That's how it's done in Chabad; there are others who just blow the first segment. On Rosh Hashanah, the sequence is much longer, with many more requirements and specifications.

### **Why blow?**

For lots of reasons. Here are just a few:

a. After Israel sinned with the golden calf, Moses spent 40 days pleading for forgiveness. Then he ascended Mount Sinai once again for another 40 days—after which he descended with the second tablets. This ascent, which began on the first of Elul and lasted until Yom Kippur, was accompanied by *shofar* blasts. To commemorate this, we blow the *shofar* during the month of Elul.

b. Elul is the month during which we search our souls in anticipation of the High Holidays. The soul-stirring *shofar* blasts inspire us to come closer to G-d, as we read, "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid?"

c. Blowing the *shofar*—which is actually a Rosh Hashanah activity—for a month in advance confuses the prosecuting angel, who now has no idea what day is the real Rosh Hashanah.

Huh? How is blowing the *shofar* for a month going to confuse the prosecuting angel? Nobody ever delivered a Jewish calendar to his door? Wouldn't the crafty angel catch on after a few hundred years?

The Rebbe has a wonderful insight into this:

First of all, this isn't the only time we're out to befuddle the prosecution. On Rosh Hashanah we blow the *shofar* more than necessary, the Talmud tells us, "to confuse the prosecuting angel." On that Talmudic passage, Rashi explains: When the prosecutor sees how we cherish G-d's commandments—going far beyond the strict requirements—he simply has nothing to say.

Something similar happens when we blow the *shofar* for an entire month before Rosh Hashanah. By doing so, inevitably we'll feel remorse over past misdeeds and set ourselves upon a fresh new path. If so, the case is already sealed—and we won. G-d has already inscribed us in the book of life for the coming year—even before Rosh Hashanah. This leaves the prosecutor confused. What's left for him to do when the trial date finally arrives?

That's the meaning of "not knowing what day is Rosh Hashanah"—he can no longer tell when the judgment occurs. Because we proactively took care of the whole thing on our own accord—sort of a backroom deal between us and G-d.

This is also why we do not blow on the day before Rosh Hashanah: By that point we are so confident that G-d has accepted our sincere repentance during the first 29 days that we do not even need to blow on the last day of the month

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*Yahrzeits for the week of Aug 21 -27 / 29 Av - 5  
Elul*

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MEMBER

DECEASED

RELATION

DATE	DATE			
Aug 21	Av 29	Sandra Greenberg	for Efriam Kanner z"l	father
Aug 21	Av 29	Helen Iscoe	for Itzchok Iscoe z"l	grand father
Aug 23	Elul 1	Arlene Sculnick	for Stephen Nadigel z"l	brother
Aug 24	Elul 2	David Blobstein	for Eugene Blobstein z"l	father
Aug 25	Elul 3	Myrna Ramelson	for Seymour Kleinberg z"l	brother
Aug 26	Elul 4	David Sheffren	for Ruby Sheffren z"l	uncle
Aug 26	Elul 4	Beatrice Duchoeny	for Abraham Duchoeny z"l	father in law
Aug 26	Elul 4	Eleanor Wiseblatt	for Sarah Wiseblatt z"l	mother in law
Aug 27	Elul 5	Murray Kozlick	for Yerachmeil z"l	father
Aug 27	Elul 5	Saul Stark	for Harry Stark z"l	father

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