



Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation Chevra Mishnayis

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YIC Weekly Newsletter Mar 25- 31 / 9 - 15 Nissan

Sun Mar 25:	Shachris - 8:30 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Mon Mar 26:	Shachris - 7:00 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Tue Mar 27:	Shachris - 7:00 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Wed Mar 28:	Shachris - 7:00 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Thu Mar 29:	Shachris - 7:00 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM
Fri Mar 30 :	Shachris - 7:00 AM	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 6:45 PM
Sat Mar 31:	First Day of Pesach	No Rabbi's Class this morning
	Shachris - 9:00 AM	Mincha /Ma'ariv - 6:45 PM
	Light candles after 8:06 PM (from an existing flame)	
Sun Apr 1:	Second Day of Pesach	Shachris - 9:00 AM
	Mincha / Ma'ariv - 7:00 PM	Yom Tov ends - 8:08 PM

Kiddish Sat Mar 24: Today's sumptuous Kiddush was sponsored by George & Rose Finkelstein in honour of the 10 year yartzheit of George's beloved father Jenö z'l. Every year the Finkelsteins sponsor a beautiful Kiddush right before Pesach and this year was no exception. Jenö z'l was a cherished husband, father, grandfather & great-grandfather. He is loved and missed by the entire Finkelstein family.

Liquor Donations: a) A bottle was donated by Fred & Lillian Rudy in honour of the Yahrzeits of Fred's beloved father Willie Rudy z'l and Lillian's beloved mother Rachel Greenberg z'l

Rabbi Banon's Class: There will be no class this week.

Anniversaries: MAZAL TOV to Sandra and Billy Rubin, who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary on March 29th. Many more in good health!

Mazal Tov: To VP Dave Green who just became a Great Uncle. As his mother, YIC member Bella Green writes: Hi family & friends! I, Bella Green, Great Grandmother, have been lucky enough to have been presented with my 6th great grandchild early this morning, March 20. A little boy weighing in at 7 lbs 4 oz and in perfect form. The score is now even, 3 girls & 3 boys. He is the son of Ashley & Jason Elfassy (parents). Ashley is the younger daughter of Ellen & Earl Adler (grandparents). **MAZAL TOV** to all and Good health. Bella

Newsletter: Please note that the newsletter next weekend, will be sent and posted on our website on Sunday night April 1st after Yom Tov.

Yashir Koach: To Norman Fogel and his entire crew who did an admirable job in getting our Pesach bulletin out approximately 10 days before Pesach. Norman, Ed Braiter, Max Stollar, Mindy, Susan Erdelyi and Bobby Bergson all contributed, and to all a **YASHIR KOACH!**

Birthdays: Eli Werner's son Sheldon informs me that his dad turned 85 years old today on Shabbat. We wish him **HAPPY BIRTHDAY and only GOOD HEALTH**, and no further sorrows for him and his family.

Mike Andradi Article. Scroll to the end to read a very interesting article on the Holocaust, written by a close friend of Mike Andradi, whose name is mentioned in the article. (You may have to magnify the article as it's in small type).

Welcomes: Welcome back to Moe Rosenstein, Irving Zwirek and Larry Shadowitz after lengthy winter sojourns down in sunny Florida. They all look great and refreshed in time for Pesach. Welcome also to Nahptali's future son-in-law, and a relative from Israel visiting us. **BRUCHIM HABAIM!!**

Condolences: The Young Israel of Chomedey is sad to announce the passing of Bernice Werner (née Kenigsberg) on Tuesday, March 20. Bernice courageously fought cancer for a long time, before she passed away. She was the beloved wife of Young Israel member Eli Werner, and a devoted mother of Sheldon Werner, Tamara Weiser, Sharon Werner and Reisa Mivill. The funeral took place on Thursday, March 22, with burial at the Young Israel of Chomedey Cemetery. Shiva at her home - please check the office for hours and address. Eli and Stanley will be saying Kaddish every morning and evening at the davening times listed above. Contributions in her memory may be made to the MAB-Mackay Foundation, (514) 488-0043 ext.: 1410, or to cancer research.

Condolences also to YIC member Myrna Ramelson on the passing of her sister-in-law Estelle Ramelson on March 22. She was the beloved wife of the late Samuel Ramelson, the adored mother of three children, eleven grandchildren, and a great-grandmother of one. She will be sadly missed also by her many niece, nephews, family and friends. The funeral took place on Friday March 23, with the burial at the Eternal Gardens Cemetery in Beaconsfield. The Shiva will be at the Shaare Zedek Congregation on 5305 Rosedale Ave

"May the Families be Comforted among the Mourners of Zion and Jerusalem."

Refuah Shlema: a) A huge **REFUAH SHLEMA** goes out to Reisha Melnick, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. With Hashem's help and all our prayers, Reisha will overcome, and we wish her well, and a speedy recovery. b) And to everyone recovering from various ailments and illnesses, a speedy **REFUAH SHLEMA.**

Unreal images bring 70 years of Israel's history to life - a 3-minute video

<https://israelunwired.com/incredible-images-bring-70-years-of-israels-history-to-life-in-just-3-minutes/>

WATCH: How the Mossad Eliminates Top Terrorists, Deterring Further Attacks

https://unitedwithisrael.org/watch-how-the-mossad-eliminates-top-terrorists-deterring-further-attacks/?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Israel+Has+%27Zero+Tolerance%27+for+Nuclear+Threats;+How+the+Mossad+Eliminates+Top+Terrorists;+Look+Who+Defends+Terror+Payments&utm_campaign=20180322_m144639181_Israel+Has+%27Zero+Tolerance%27+for+Nuclear+Threats;+How+the+Mossad+Eliminates+Top+Terrorists;+Look+Who+Defends+Terror+Payments&utm_term=Terrorist-with-target-249x169_jpg

Yahrzeits for the week of Mar 26 - April 1 / 10 - 16 Nissan

COMMON DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Mar 26	Nissan 10	Jack Goldberg	for	Robert Levine z"l	father in law
Mar 26	Nissan 10	Marilyn Narvey	for	Elia Shmeil z"l	father
Mar 26	Nissan 10	Amy Simon	for	Chaya Schipior z"l	grandmother
Mar 27	Nissan 11	Oscar Handelman	for	Minnie Handelman z"l	mother
Mar 27	Nissan 11	Marilyn Plant	for	Ruth Greenberg z"l	mother
Mar 29	Nissan 13	Eleanor Grief Spence	for	Issie Elkin z"l	father
Mar 30	Nissan 14	Diane Bresinger	for	Zvi Greenstein z"l	father
Mar 30	Nissan 14	Renee Greenstein	for	Zvi Greenstein z"l	father in law
Mar 30	Nissan 14	Esther Levine	for	Betty Korzenstein z"l	sister in law
Mar 31	Nissan 15	Robert Bergson	for	Lillian Bergson z"l	mother
Mar 31	Nissan 15	Anita Cohen	for	Eva Mroz z"l	relative
Mar 31	Nissan 15	Marilyn Narvey	for	Esther z"l	sister
Mar 31	Nissan 15	George Finkelstein	for	Jeno Finkelstein z"l	father
Mar 31	Nissan 15	Charles Millman	for	Claire Grossner z"l	mother
Apr 1	Nissan 16	Larry Puritt	for	Nusan Puritt z"l	father
Apr 1	Nissan 16	Luba Bosis	for	Malka Wulf 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.

Delegation of Power of Attorney for Sale of Chometz Pesach 5778 (2018)

I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Avram Banon, to act in my place and stead, and on my behalf to sell all Chometz possessed by me, knowingly or unknowingly as defined by the Torah and Rabbinical Law (e.g. Chometz, possible Chometz, and all kinds of Chometz mixtures, including Chometz that tends to harden and adhere to inside surfaces of pans, pots, or cooking utensils, and all kinds of live animals and pets that have been eating Chometz and mixtures thereof).

Rabbi Avram Banon is also empowered to lease all places wherein the Chometz owned by me may be found, particularly in the premises located

at: _____, and _____, and elsewhere.

Rabbi Avram Banon has full right to appoint any agent or substitute in his stead and said substitute shall have full right to sell and lease as provided herein.

Rabbi Avram Banon also has the full power and right to act as he deems fit and proper in accordance with all the details of the Bill of Sale used in the transaction to sell all my Chometz, Chometz mixtures, etc., as provided herein.

This power is in conformity with all Torah and Rabbinical laws and also in accordance with the laws of the province of Quebec and of Canada.

To this, I hereby affix my signature on this ____ day of Nissan in the year 5778,

corresponding to the ____ day of _____ 2018.

Name: _____

Address/es: _____

Postal Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please bring or mail this form to:

Rabbi Avram Banon
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This form must be in the Rabbi's hand by March 29th.

CELEBRATE PASSOVER FESTIVAL OF FREEDOM

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MADA Holiday Baskets
2018



The "MADA HOLIDAY BASKETS" programs will once again provide Passover Food baskets to the less fortunate members of the Jewish Community.

As active community representatives, you are the link to helping us provide opportunities to members of the Jewish community who can benefit from this service.

To **register**, kindly complete the attached excel spreadsheet, ensuring that all details are entered. Indicate "delivery" **only** for those who are homebound/handicaped. Please return the completed form by email to holidaybaskets@madacenter.com

Please notify recipients of the schedule and location for pick up.

Deadline for Registration March 15, 2018

We look forward to working with you once again this year.

Happy Passover,
Shmuel Pinson, 514.342.4969 #247

Good News! Pesach Assistance!

Dear Friend,

With the Holiday of Pesach quickly approaching, I would like to bring to your attention: As many of us know, as we prepare for Pesach there are many that find it financially difficult to provide the basics for their families. It is therefore my pleasure to advise anyone that may need, that with tremendous thanks to the Baazov family, we are able to offer an extremely subsidized price for some basic Pesach items.

1 Pound of Shmura Matza for \$1 Limit 2 lbs per family

1 Bottle of wine 750 ml for \$1 Limit of 5 bottles per family

2 Pounds Minced Meat for \$1.50 Limit of 4 lbs per Family

Machine made Matzah 4 lbs/ \$1 Limit 20 lbs per Family

2 Dozen Eggs for \$1 Limit 5 Dozen per Family

Whole Chicken for \$1.50 Limit of 3 chickens per Family

Please be sure to inform someone you may know that is in need.

Please reserve ASAP while supplies last. Please email dovid@thechai.com with items that you would need.

Thank you!

Rabbi Naftali



Survivor Name: Ibolya (Szalai) Grossman
Submitted By: Andy Réti
Club: YOW - Toronto



I AM A BIKER BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER AND THE HOLOCAUST

By Andy Réti

I was born in Budapest, Hungary in July 1942, making me a young child Holocaust Survivor. My mother and I survived together in the ghetto but my father did not. During the Hungarian uprising in 1956, we were able to escape and settle in Canada. In 1958, my mother married fellow survivor Emil Grossman who became my wonderful step-father. In 2000 my mother wrote her memoir "An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times" and while she was still alive I wrote a sequel to it. The two books were combined under the title "Stronger Together" published by the Azrieli Foundation. The books are distributed free of charge to schools in Canada. At the book launch in 2016, I said the following:

Tonight is more than a book launching. It's a tribute to my mother, my father, my grandparents and a celebration of LIFE. I think it is very interesting that our lives, our freedom and our existing family started 60 years ago, when we left Hungary during the 1956 uprising against communism. After my mother passed away in 2005, I became a Survivor Speaker and shared our story with thousands of students. As of tonight, thanks to the incredible foresight of David Azrieli, our stories will be known by thousands more. In the audience there are people representing all aspects and stages of my life — my family, the taxi business, real estate, friends from the Holocaust and Wiesenthal centres, fellow writers and of course my biker buddies. I am especially pleased to have my oldest friend Mike Andradi here tonight. Our friendship goes back all the way to grade one. When we were 17 years old Mike and I, actually mostly Mike — I just watched — put together our first motorcycle from two baskets of parts that we shared for one glorious biking summer before it was repossessed. Yep, it was stolen but we of course didn't know that when we bought those two baskets.

I was asked to share something about myself that is not well known and is not in the book: "I am a biker because of my mother and the Holocaust." For the last 14 years motorcycling has become a big part of my life and is included in each of my Holocaust presentations. I consider motorcycles to represent freedom. My connection to motorcycles goes back to the time after our liberation when we were putting our lives back together. When I was six years old, my mother allowed me to ride a full-size motorcycle in an amusement park in Budapest. By that time, we knew that my father would never return to us and, together with my grandparents, she tried to compensate for that horrible loss by trying to give me as much as she could. She was very progressive in her child-rearing techniques and in her role as both mother and father she raised me to be independent. To my surprise, she did not remember that first ride. I bought my first new bike at age 60 and she did not want to believe that inadvertently she got me started on my biking career.

Now, my son, David, and my daughter, Kathy, will present a short reading from our book written by my mother:

I was very bitter for many long years but you can't live with hatred in you all the time. But to forgive? I can't! And I can't forget it either. The hurt deep in my heart will stay till I die.

Ibolya Grossman



I put down the little book that I had received from the Jewish community of Pécs in 1987, and, covering my eyes with my hands, I cried and cried. The little twenty-by-fifteen-centimetre book had the title *Book of Tears* embossed in gold letters in Hungarian and Hebrew on the black cover and a black silk cord to keep the pages together. On every page, in a black frame, there were names. Four thousand of them in total. Names of the Jewish martyrs who were deported and killed from my home town, Pécs. As I read the familiar names, a kaleidoscope of pictures ran through my mind.

I looked up my father's name first, Szalai Ignác. I saw myself as a little girl in his tinsmith shop. I liked to watch my father's skillful hands work as he made cans, buckets, cake pans and other household items from tin. The whole city had known him for his honesty, integrity and diligence. When the Jewish community sent me the *Book of Tears* at my request, it included the following note: *The president of the Jewish community of Pécs remembers your father very well. He even remembers that there were three steps to enter your father's shop.* I was very touched that after so many decades people still remembered my father.

I read the next name, my mother's: Szalai Laura. In my mind's eye, I saw a small woman, a little on the plump side, whose dark hair had just started to turn grey. She had worked so hard all her life, taking care of the household, raising five daughters, and helping out in Father's little shop. Just when she should have been starting to have an easier life after the last of her daughters got married, Mother was taken away with the rest of the Jewish inhabitants of Pécs. The next few names in the book are Stern Miksa, that of his wife and four of their five children — Tibor, Zoltan, Eva and my best friend, Gizli. In 1943, during a visit to my parents with my baby son, we took an excursion with Stern family. While we ate our lunch, we talked about children among other topics. Suddenly six-year-old Eva remarked, "I know how babies are born." "How do you know, darling? Would you tell me?" I asked the little girl. Then I added, "I would like to know also". "I found out from the big book with many pictures in it, which is on the shelf" Eva replied. Then, looking around, she pointed to my infant son and said in a hushed voice, "I can't tell you now because the baby would overhear."

Turning the page, I saw the name Dr. Sebok Sandor. He was the boy who escorted me home once and won my mother's heart with his simple acceptance of the watermelon she offered him. Then I saw my older sister's name, Margaret. She had had such a short-lived happiness with Joe Halmos, but couldn't marry him because he was a gentile. My sister Ilona's name appears next. She had been happily married and was only thirty-nine years old when she was murdered. The next name is her son, George, who was only eighteen when he was deported. When the Americans liberated the camp he was in, they separated the very sick and those with diarrhea from the others. George had the latter. One night, George snuck out of his room and stole some food. His starved stomach couldn't tolerate the food he ate, and he died the next morning.

The next familiar name was that of Dr. Wallenstein Zoltan. He had been the chief Rabbi of Pécs and the most handsome man I ever saw. At thirteen, I was very much in love with him. I can still hear his deep-toned voice as he recited the prayer to a group of us young girls all dressed in white at our b'nai mitzvah. I read on, Ernest Géza. He had been our cantor, with a clear, silver-toned voice. I could have listened to him for hours. I still treasure one of his records with the beautiful melody of Kol Nidre, the opening prayer recited on the highest Jewish holy day, Yom Kippur. Thousands of names. Thousands of memories.

The first ever R2R was in 2005 to the Washington Holocaust Museum. The theme for the ride was: "We ride to remember, so the world will not forget." I think my mother's beautiful words are a perfect illustration of this belief. I rode in that inaugural R2R and a number of others after that. In all rides, I display a poster of my mother on my bike and I dedicate my rides to her memory. My dear mother passed away in 2005, the year we had the first ever R2R. I became a Survivor Speaker in 2007 and I think I speak to at least 3000 students annually, especially during Holocaust Education Week in November of each year. Each presentation includes motorcycles, the YOWs (my home club) and the R2R. I don't think I am exaggerating if I say that at least 50 000 people have heard of the R2R from me alone. Each presentation includes my thanks to the audience for helping me to honour my mother and her legacy. Her legacy was simple — she was teaching love and understanding. So do I because I believe that every survivor story is a love story:

IT IS LOVE OF LIFE, LOVE OF FAMILY AND LOVE OF FREEDOM.

