



# Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation Chevra Mishnayis

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## YIC Weekly Newsletter Aug 26 - Sept 1 - / 15 - 21 Elul

DAY	DATE	SHACHRIS	MINCHA / MA'ARIV
Sunday	Aug 26	8:30 AM	7:15 PM
Monday	Aug 27	7:00 AM	7:15 PM
Tuesday	Aug 28	No Services	7:15 PM
Wednesday	Aug 29	No Services	7:15 PM
Thursday	Aug 30	7:00 AM	7:15 PM
Friday	Aug 31	No Services	7:00 PM - Shabbat Starts 7:15 PM
Saturday	Sept 01	Parshat Ki Tavo No Rabbi's Class Services at 9:00 AM followed by Kiddish	No Mincha Class Mincha at 7:20 PM followed by Shalosh Seudos and Ma'ariv  Shabbat Ends 8:18 PM

**Kiddish Sat Aug 25:** Today's Kiddish was sponsored by Sharon & Dave Apelbaum in honour of the Yahrzeit of Dave's mother Clara Z"L on Aug 25, and also to celebrate the sale of their house and their moving into an apartment by the river. May they live there in good health. Also co-sponsored by Daniel Cohen.

**Rabbi Banon's Class:** The Rabbi's class this week will be on Thursday Aug 30 at 8 PM, following evening services.

**Move:** Long time YIC member Ethal Kendall moved last week to Cote St.Luc; we wish her health and long life in her new accomodations..

**Birthdays:** a) **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Marlene Helfield, on Monday Aug 27th, b) and another **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to VP Stan Plant, also on Aug 27th. c) And **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**, also on this most popular day of Aug 27th to Shaia Leibinger who turns a young 91 years old. Health and long life to all 'till 120!

**Volunteers:** This week we will need a couple of volunteers to help set up seats for the High Holidays. It does not require heavy lifting, but does require someone who can lift and move chairs, and place them where required. Time is important, as only two weeks remain before the start of Rosh Hashana, and the seats have to be placed, so that we know where to allocate YOUR seats, and then number them. It is important to do it quickly, and anyone volunteering, **please contact me or Dave Green via email.**  
**Thank you.**

**Rosh Hashana Bulletin:** The Rosh Hashana Bulletin has already been posted to our website. During the holidays please do not access the bulletin on line; please **access only the hard copy** you will have received by then.

**Unveiling:** On Sunday Sept 2, there will be an unveiling for the late Joe Budner Z"l, which will take place at the Young Israel Section of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Duvernay, Laval. Joe was a long time member of the Young Israel, and it is only fitting that our members show respect to the Bodner Family, and make every effort to attend. The unveiling take place at 11:00 AM. **Note:** At this time, It is perhaps noteworthy to point out that it is customary to visit graves of loved ones in the days before the High Holy Days, and so this particular Sunday, Sept 2 - being exactly a week before Rosh Hashana - seems an appropriate time to do so.

**High Holidays:** Seat sales have started for the High Holidays, and are proceeding at a brisk pace. At the end of this newsletter there is a letter with the schedule for purchasing seats similar to last year. Please make early arrangements with the office, giving everyone a chance to get your seats purchased as early as possible and ensure seating with your family, friends and so on. The seat layout will be similar to last year, and the seats themselves will start going up this week. As previously indicated, there will be more aisles, making it easier to get to your seat with minimum interruption. There is no change in the membership fees or Holiday seating.

**Remembrance Ceremony:** Please note that tomorrow morning, Sunday Aug 26th at 10:30 AM, there will be a special Remembrance Ceremony honouring Jewish Serviceman and Women in the Canadian Armed Forces who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom. The ceremony takes place at the Baron de Hirsch Cemetery on de La Savane, using the entrance closest to Victoria Ave. A bulletin with all the relevent information is attached. Please make every effort to attend.

**Hasbara / Israel Public Diplomacy:** As we all know, today's propaganda which emanates from all sides of the political spectrum against Israel, and especially referencing the Israel-Palestine / Arab / Moslem debate is never ending. Unfortunately, much of the time, we, the ordinary people are often not fully equipped to counter these relentless attacks with the necessary elements to refute these propagandists and stop them in their tracks. A group of professionals have come up with a 13-point reference to do just that, and allow many of us to answer back when confronted with attacks against Israel. At the end of this newsletter is a list of this 13-point reference. It is worthwhile to study it, and when confronted with a verbal attack against Israel, you can choose the talking point that is most suitable. It may not agree with everyone's point of view but it is, nevertheless, a great learning tool for confronting this debate.

**Yashir Koach:** A big **YASHIR KOACH** to Sam Duchoeny, who continues to help with developing the newsletter, and giving it a more professional look every time he looks at it. Thanks Sam.

**Refuah Shlemah:** a) A warm welcome and A **REFUAH SHLEMA** to George Finkelstein, who was in shul for the first time in a few weeks, and who continues to recover, in and out of the hospital after a medical intervention 2 weeks ago - we wish him a speedy recovery; b) Also a continued **REFUAH SHLEMA** to Danny Pascal who looks great after his heart operation, and has already been back to shul a few times; c) And of course a **REFUAH SHLEMA** to all members who are facing health issues. A speedy recovery to all.

**Great Religious Musical video**

<https://israelunwired.com/open-your-eyes-the-redemption-is-coming/>

## Yahrzeits for the week of Aug 27 - Sept 2 / 16 - 22 Elul

COMMON JEWISH DATE	JEWISH DATE	MEMBER		DECEASED	RELATION
Aug 29	Elul 18	Eleanor Tylbor	for	Chaja Arbiserr z"l	Mother in law
Aug 29	Elul 18	Daisy Millman	for	Leslie Sandor z"l	father
Aug 29	Elul 18	Esther Rosen	for	David Ian Rosen z"l	son
Aug 30	Elul 19	David Midlash	for	Yechiel Midlash z"l	father
Aug 31	Elul 20	Ruth Lesser	for	Simmie Simon z"l	sister
Sept 2	Elul 22	Ruth Lesser	for	Myer Lesser z"l	husband
Sept 2	Elul 22	Riva Weigensberg	for	Jack Weigensberg z"l	brother in law
Sept 2	Elul 22	Esther Rosen	for	David Ian Rosen z"l	son

Any Young Israel member **MISSING** a Yahrzeit notice in the shul bulletin, please email the info directly to [therudys@videotron.ca](mailto: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  
*The Parshah in a Nutshell*

## Parshat Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8

Moses instructs the people of Israel: When you enter the land that G-d is giving to you as your eternal heritage, and you settle it and cultivate it, bring the first-ripened fruits (bikkurim) of your orchard to the Holy Temple, and declare your gratitude for all that G-d has done for you.

Our Parshah also includes the laws of the tithes given to the Levites and to the poor, and detailed instructions on how to proclaim the blessings and the curses on Mount Gerizim and Mount Eival—as discussed in the beginning of the Parshah of Re'eh. Moses reminds the people that they are G-d's chosen people, and that they, in turn, have chosen G-d.

The latter part of Ki Tavo consists of the Tochachah ("Rebuke"). After listing the blessings with which G-d will reward the people when they follow the laws of the Torah, Moses gives a long, harsh account of the bad things—illness, famine, poverty and exile—that shall befall them if they abandon G-d's commandments.

Moses concludes by telling the people that only today, forty years after their birth as a people, have they attained "a heart to know, eyes to see and ears to hear."





IN CHERISHED MEMORY OF THE  
JEWISH SERVICEMEN OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES **צ"ל**  
WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES



**Erev Yom Tov pre-High Holiday Memorial Service**  
**Sunday, 30th Ave. August 28th 2018 3 PM**  
**Veteran's Memorial Park, CR 22, Field of Honour**  
**Cimetière de Hénoch**  
**Boulevard De La Savane (Entrance Closest To Victoria Avenue)**

### PARTICIPANTS

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF  
QUEBEC

CITY OF MONTREAL

CONSULATE GENERAL STATE OF ISRAEL

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

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LEAGUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

BYNAI BIRTH CANADA, QUESNOY

CANADIAN LEBANON ORGANIZATION

CMA - THE CENTRE FOR ISRAEL  
AND JEWISH AFFAIRS

CLUBSHEB CENTRE

FEDERATION CIA

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF MONTREAL

MONTREAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION  
BRANCH FREDERICK HENON  
BRANCH 97

### PROGRAM

Larry G. Rowenthal

Canadian Paratrooper

Lt. Colonel Alain Colson

Canadian Armed Forces

David Levy

Colonel General of Israel

David Silverman

MMA O'orce McGee

Rabbi Zasha Silberstein

Director, United Chabered

Director, Mahan Balfeld - A House for Home

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Representing the Mayor and City of Montreal

Sergeant Kyle Aeneas, Transporter

438 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, RCAF

Yitzhak Benzer

Member of B'nai Bith Quebec Council,

"El Mahan Rosh'ander" Memorial Prayer

"Yachin"

Laying of the Wreath

For further information please contact Larry G. Rowenthal,  
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Dear YIC Members and Congregants,

The year 5778 is almost gone, and 5779 is upon us. I trust that for the most part, we all had an enjoyable and meaningful year. For those who lost loved ones, the YIC Executive offers our sincerest condolences once again. And to those who are under the weather for whatever reason, we all pray for a Refuah Shlema, for a full and speedy recovery for us all.

Once again we look forward to the rapidly approaching High Holidays, beginning on the evening of September 9, which will again be conducted by our own Rabbi Avram Banon and Rabbi Zalmen Stiefel from Florida, both of whom ensure that our services will be very meaningful as always.

Our Sanctuary this year has undergone major and esthetically pleasing changes. Those members who attend shul on a regular basis are already witness to these changes; those of you attending for the first time since last year, will be very pleasantly - and comfortably - surprised.

Although we continue to have an annual deficit in the vicinity of \$100K, which will continue to grow in future years, the good news is that the investments from our proceeds of the sale of our building on Elizabeth will somewhat mitigate these losses, and so your Executive has decided in the best interests of our congregants, to keep our membership fees and seat prices the same as last year – see below.

**As seating will once again be limited due to the capacity of our shul, preferential seating will be allocated to all those members, whose outstanding amounts will be fully paid prior to the holidays. Membership and seating fees are as follows:**

#### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

- a) Members who do not attend shul **at all** throughout the year, but nevertheless wish to retain their Young Israel of Chomedey affiliation, are considered **INACTIVE**. The membership fees for this category remains at **\$150**.
- b) Members who attend shul during the High Holidays and/or at various times throughout the year will be considered as **ACTIVE** and will be charged a membership fee of **\$250**, same as last year.

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS**

- a) Members' seats are **\$150**.
- b) Non-members' seats will be **\$200**
- c) Seats for full time students or children over 12, or those who for valid reasons will only attend once during the High Holidays, will be charged **\$100**.

Seats will be sold to members and non-members as follows:

- a) Fully-paid up **ACTIVE** members can purchase their seats immediately.
- b) Fully-paid **INACTIVE** members can purchase their seats from Aug 20.
- c) Non-members seats will be available **ONLY after Aug 26**, and will be allocated only after all members' seats have been allocated.

#### **KOL NIDRE PLEDGES WILL BE BILLED AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.**

Please call the office to arrange payment for your seats (Full payment please), or in rare cases, and if necessary, you can make other arrangements by appointment with the Office Manager to meet with or speak to a member of the Executive. The patronage and loyalty of our members is crucial to the survival of the Young Israel of Chomedey Congregation.

Wishing everyone a very Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year. **SHANA TOVA!!!!**

Issie Baum  
President

# Hasbara / Israel Public Diplomacy

**Here's a short list of the themes & concerns that are the essential cutting edge of what hasbara activity should be dealing with & putting forth arguments and facts about Israel. This is not an exhaustive list, but one that includes the necessary elements for defending Israel and offering the possibility for a future relationship with Israel and Zionism's enemies based on coexistence and peace.**

- 1.** There was never an Arab Palestine. Quite simply, it never existed in all of history. On the other hand, in the 1922 League of Nations mandate decision, the Jewish historic national home is to be "reconstituted" having existed first as a tribal federation, then the First Monarchy and the Second Temple Commonwealth.
- 2.** Almost until the 1930s, the major demand of the Arabs of Palestine was that the territory of Palestine be joined to the French Syria and Lebanon mandate as they considered the area Southern Syria.
- 3.** A Palestinian Arab nation never existed. They considered themselves as Southern Syrians (see #2 above). All attempts to claim, for example, that Jesus was a Palestinian or that today's Arab Palestinian population is an ancient resident group in this area, is incorrect.
- 4.** The Arab conflict with Israel and Zionism has always been and continues to be not one over territory or borders, but rather over Israel's right to exist.
- 5.** Israel is not a colonialist project. Jews are the indigenous population. Arabs themselves are the true colonialists and imperialists, having come out of the Arabian Peninsula in the first third of the seventh century, conquered and occupied the Jewish homeland whose name the Roman occupiers had altered from "Judaea" to the new province of "Palaestina." Any Arab claim to being "Canaanite" or "Jebusite" is pure unsubstantiated myth.
- 6.** The British Mandate decision, supported unanimously by more than 50 countries, recognized the Jewish right of "close settlement" on all the land west of the Jordan River. Jewish settlement rights to the lands east of the river were, for the time being, postponed but never proscribed.
- 7.** Jewish settlement in the historic Jewish homeland can never be "illegal." In fact, the activity of rejuvenating a Jewish presence throughout the territory should be termed "resettlement."

**8.** If there is to ever be a “two-state solution,” it cannot be one in which there are two Arab states in the area of the former Palestine without Jews and one which is Jewish but is also populated by Arabs. A fair population distribution is warranted.

**9.** An ethnic-cleansing campaign carried out through violent terror operations including murder, pillage, and destruction of homes, property, and fields, was accomplished by Arabs between 1920-1948. Some 20,000 Jews were expelled from their homes in locations such as Hebron, Jerusalem, and environs, including Gaza, Nablus/Shechem, Jenin, Jericho, Tul Karem, Gush Etzion, and other sites.

**10.** Arabs have always rejected any diplomatic or political agreement, as well as any compromise, including the removal of Transjordan from the Mandate for the Jewish National Home, an Arab Legislative Assembly, several partition schemes in 1937-39, the 1939 White Paper which reneged on the original Mandate intention that deigned to establish not a Jewish national home but a “Palestine State,” as well as the 1947 UN Partition Plan. Afterwards, they refused the offer of Israel to return all the territories except for Jerusalem at the infamous “Three No’s” 1967 Khartoum Conference, the Dayan Functional Plan, the Allon Plan, the Begin Autonomy Plan, the Camp David II offer and subsequent Clinton Parameters of 2000-01, the Olmert/Livni Offers, the Netanyahu Construction Moratorium of 2009-10, and more.

**11.** The Palestinian Authority is a non-democratic dictatorship ruled by a variety of competing terrorist warlords. The political, human, and civil rights of its Arab residents are virtually non-existent. It promotes terror and intransigence, does not encourage peace and coexistence with Jews and Israel, while religiously promoted anti-Jewish prejudices are ingrained through its educational system from the lowest grades up.

**12.** The Palestinian Authority had adopted a “pay to slay” policy that motivates its populace to murder Jews so their families can receive money.

**13.** If any peace arrangement is to be explored, it can come only after there is full peace between the PLO/Fatah and Hamas for a number of years and then after a deprogramming process of the terror and anti-Jewish educational content of the schools’ curriculum as well as the PA’s sponsored media outlets has been in force for a decade.