



MEMORY LANE #1 FROM THE NEWSLETTER OF THE YOUNG ISRAEL OF LAVAL

VP Fred Rudy has been doing a massive clean up of his garage while getting his house ready to sell (hopefully in the spring), and came across a very interesting box of Young Israel of Chomedey memorabilia dating back to pre-Romiti days. For the uninitiated, that is pre Elizabeth Blvd days - eons ago!

In preparation for the 40th and 50th anniversaries of the Young Israel at the time, Fred was the "historian" of our shul, and amassed a collection of "old stuff" about the **YIC**. Given that we are now in our third location, perhaps it is time to relive some of the memories, and Fred wants to share those memories through our newsletter. What a wonderful idea! Now that most of our members are getting older (an understatement), Fred believes that all of us would get a kick reading some of what went on when many of us were in our '30s and '40s. And your newsletter editor agrees!

One of the first things that caught Fred's keen eye and which probably few in our Shul are aware of, is the origin of the word "**YIC**." Here's the story of how this came about; Fred shortened it a bit.

FROM THE PURIM, MARCH 1977 NEWSLETTER:

As we celebrate our 18th "Chai" year, may our youth go forward in the spirit of "Chai" to bring honor and respect to themselves and our new community.

Young Israel of Chomedey has taken on a new dimension. Following the direction of "**ROSHEI TEIVOT**" the initial letters of the Young Israel of Chomedey, we, the Youth of our Shul have adopted **Y I C Yihadut, Involvement and Concern!**"

YAHADUT – religious commitment, following in the footsteps of our fathers.

INVOLVEMENT - we have a staff of a dozen teenagers who are actively leading groups on Shabbat, Sunday mornings, and evenings and are serving on the executive of NCSY. (Now lead by our own Rabbi Glen Black, Nechemieh's Son in Toronto)

CONCERN - Our youth are at least concerned for our people as they are for our Shul. During the holidays our Youth have celebrated with the Jewish Convalescent Hospital, JNF, and many local programs aimed at getting the community involved.

SIGNED BY MANES LEIBER, Youth Director **YIC**.

Note: Anyone with anecdotes, pictures, memories etc, are invited to submit them to the newsletter editor, and we will try to have a nostalgia page devoted to these items.