

JEWISH INSIGHT

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Happy Shavuot

House of Israel Congregation

invites you to our

Summer Golf & Gala

honouring

Phil & Sandra Gutherz

Outstanding Supporters of our Community

Thursday, July 6, 2017
(see page 6 for details)

Special Guest Performance at Gala



Six Boys take the stage, each equipped with only a microphone, a black blazer and the resolve to entertain. Be ready to hear full-fledged contemporary pop and soulful rock anthems with hard-hitting "drums", deep bass and powerful lead vocals.

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SHABBAT SHAVUOT DAILY June 22 - August 27 Fri. Evening7:00 p.m. Evening Services8:30 p.m. Mornings......8:45 a.m. Sat. Morning......9:30 a.m. Sat. Evening Evenings Wed. Morn. May 31......10 a.m. June 3-July 22......8:30 p.m. June 25-July 20..... 8:30 p.m. Ten Commandments July 29-Aug. 128:00 p.m. July 23-Aug. 3.....8:15 p.m. Aug. 19-Sept. 2......7:30 p.m. Sept. 9-Sept. 16......7:00 p.m. Thurs. Morn. June 1.......10 a.m. Aug. 6-Aug. 17.....8:00 p.m. Yizkor Sun. Morning......8:45 a.m. Aug. 20-Aug. 24...7:45 p.m.

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FROM YOUR RABBI

A few weeks ago my siblings and I observed the yahrtzeit (date of passing) of our father, Harav Ephraim Carlebach OBM. In shul, there is a picture of our father with a plaque stating the number of years he served the House of Israel as Rabbi; 1977 – 1985.

Immediately after his passing, with the blessings of the Rebbe, I followed my father's holy work in the Laurentians and became Rabbi of this wonderful synagogue.

Someone mentioned that by combining these years, from 1977 until now (2017); we find 40 years of Carlebach Leadership. I am humbled to be part of this legacy.

The number 40 has great significance throughout the Torah. The number 40 represents renewal and new beginnings. The number 40 has the power to lift us to a new spiritual state.

This association between 40 and renewal can be can noticed by the Biblical Mitzvah of Mikvah (Ritual Bath); where the measurement of 40 seah of water is required. Immersion in a mikvah is the absolute Jewish symbol of spiritual renewal.

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The number 40 plays an important role in the giving of the Torah and entering the Land of Israel. Following the revelation of the Ten Commandments Moses ascended Mount Sinai for 40 days and came down with G-d's eternal gift; the Luchot-Tablets. And it took our ancestors 40 years of wandering (in the desert) to prepare and elevate themselves for entering Israel.

In fact all human life is directly affected through the number 40. The Talmud states that it takes 40 days for an embryo to be formed in its mother's womb.

For many decades our synagogue up north has served the entire Laurentian community. We are grateful to all of our generous supporters. Together with you and our synagogue leadership may we see continuous growth and renewal for generations to come.

Our Shul is a center of spirituality and comradery; we look forward to greeting you soon.

Chag Sameach.

Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach

IMPORTANT DATES

FAST OF 17TH OF TAMMUZ TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017

On this day a number of calamites befell the Jewish People.

Among them were the breaching of the walls of Jerusalem (422~BCE & 70~BCE) that signified the destruction of the city, the Holy Temples, and the beginning of an exile.

This day is observed as a public fast day. Fast begins at 3:13 a.m. and ends 9:25 p.m. This day begins the "Three Weeks" – a period of national mourning for the destruction of the two Temples, during which we don't celebrate weddings or schedule festivities.

TISHA B'AV JULY 31 & AUGUST 1, 2017

This day is noted as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar.

Among the number of calamities, which befell the Jewish people on this day was the actual destruction of both Holy Temples (433 BCE & 70 BCE). This period is commemorated as a 25-hour fast day. Bathing, wearing perfumes or leather shoes, and marital relations are not permitted. Fast and all restrictions start on Monday, July 31 at 8:28 p.m. We sit on a low chair and do not put on our Tallit and Tefillin until Tuesday afternoon (during Mincha service). Fast ends on Tuesday, August 1 at 9:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Dear Members and Friends,

I am very happy to have this opportunity to advise you of our summer plans, following what seems like a very long winter. Many of us were present on May 13th to help the Rabbi and Rebbetzin celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Sarah Esther. It was a wonderful simcha and it was so nice to see the synagogue so crowded. Everyone

enjoyed a fabulous service and a beautiful kiddush . Sarah Esther delivered a meaningful message and showed her maturity and her potential for leadership. Mazel Tov to the entire Carlebach family and may we all share many more simchas in the future.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Rabbi for maintaining a Minyan throughout the winter. It took a major effort on many cold weekends I am sure. "Yasher Koach Rabbi!"

This coming summer promises to be a very exciting one for the House of Israel. Plans are already underway for our annual Golf Tournament and Gala Dinner which is scheduled for July 6, 2017. Thanks in advance to Phil & Sandra Gutherz for their generous donation; to Sheldon Bercovitch, Gerald Kessner and Brian Byer and their great team for putting this major event together. This year we will be adding special entertainment. Please be sure to participate and help in any way you can – the more that our members participate, the more successful the event will be.

Our Women's Council is planning their annual Family Fun Day – Walk-A-Thon. We look forward to another successful event.

A community "Challah Bake" is planned with all the citizens of Ste. Agathe invited and this original idea should attract a large crowd. Debby Leboff is hard at work on our

Ad book and Reesa has kindly volunteered to help her. Please give them your full support as this represents important income for our Shul. Our new computer system is operating very well and our accounting and other services are much improved thanks to the efforts of Stephen Berzan and we thank him for his devotion to our Synagogue. In order for us to be able to continue to play the important role that we play for the Jewish Community of the entire Laurentians, we have to assure that our financial needs are met. I would ask that everyone bring their accounts up to date and pay all outstanding amounts. I would also encourage everyone to participate in as many of our programs as possible.

As I've mentioned before one of the most important assets our Shul possesses are our Past Presidents. I know I could not manage without them and I thank them so much for their input. I want to especially mention the many initiatives that Murray Dalfen undertakes to help our synagogue financially and otherwise and we appreciate it very much. Special heartfelt thanks to the Rabbi, the Rebbetzin and their entire family for all that they do for the Synagogue on a daily basis.

As I write this some 900 Montrealers are on the Mega Mission to Israel. How great that is and how proud I am as a Montrealer that this tremendous message of support for Israel was thought of here! I encourage all of you to include trips to Israel in your travel plans. It is so much easier now that we have non stop flights from Montreal.

In closing may I just underline how supremely lucky our generation is to see the establishment and the flourishing of Israel; it is the realization of a dream of Jews all over the world for so many generations.

RoseLee and my entire family join me in wishing everyone and their families a most enjoyable and summer!

Bernie Shuster

THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL



Dear Friends.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful winter.

We are again looking forward to our Family Fun Day which this year will take place on Sunday, August 6th, 2017. You can walk, bike or jog. We thank our gracious sponsors and devoted participants who have supported us in previous years and hope you will support us again this

year! – Participant \$54 pp / \$100 family / \$180 sponsor All donations will be gladly accepted. The event will start at the Synagogue at 8:30 am and refreshments will be served at the finish. Our continued success depends upon your participation. We look forward to a wonderful day! Warmest regards,

Frances Kessner & Estelle Blank Women's Council Co-Presidents









WHAT IS SHAVUOT?

Shavuot, one of the three major Festivals (the other two being Pesach and Sukkot), marks the

giving of the Torah to the entire Jewish people at Mount Sinai 3,329 years ago. This holiday comes exactly fifty days after Passover. Every year on this day we renew our acceptance of G-d's gift. The word Shavuot also means "weeks". It culminates the spiritual preparation of the seven week "Omer" period which commenced on the second night of Passover. During this time the Jewish people cleansed themselves of the scars of bondage and became a holy nation ready to enter into a spiritual covenant with G-d.

THE GIVING OF THE TORAH

The word "giving" is related to the word "gift" since the Torah wasn't merely "presented" or "given", but was a special gift which created a profound and permanent impression upon the Jewish people and bound us to G-d. On that momentous day at Mount Sinai, only the giving of the Torah occurred, whereas our receiving the Torah takes place every day. In addition, the Torah was given to all Jews alike, without distinction.

The giving of the Torah was far more than an historical event. It was a far reaching spiritual event – one that touched the essence of the Jewish soul then and for all time. Our Sages have compared it to a wedding between G-d and the Jewish people. We became His special nation and He became our G-d.

WHAT IS THE TORAH?

The Torah is composed of two parts: the Written Law and the Oral Law. The Written Torah contains the Five Books of Moses, the Prophets and the Writings. Together with the Written Torah, Moses was also given the Oral Law which explains and clarifies the Written law. It was to be transmitted from generation to generation and eventually was transcribed in the Talmud, Midrash and Zohar.

The Torah is not mere human knowledge subject to revision but represents Divine immutable universal guidelines, tried and tested by the Jewish people over several millennia in every country and culture throughout the world. Torah provides a framework for daily living based on the most authoritative moral

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code. The Torah is a most precise and eternal yardstick against which to measure our deeds and lifestyles.

HOLIDAY CUSTOMS

On the evenings preceding a Jewish holiday, women and girls usher and welcome in the holiday by lighting candles, and saying the proper blessing.

It is customary to stay awake on the first night of Shavuot (Tuesday, May 30) and to read the "Tikkun Lail Shavuoth" anthology; selections from the Written and Oral Torah.

All people, especially children, should hear the Torah reading of the Ten Commandments in the Synagogue on the first day of Shavuot (Wednesday, May 31).

On Shavuot we dedicate ourselves to increase our Torah study throughout the year.

DAIRY FOODS

It is customary to eat dairy foods such as blintzes and cheesecake on Shavuot. Full dairy courses can be served as the main meal or as a lighter snack preceding the traditional meat dinner.

One reason for eating dairy is that when the Jews received the Torah on Shavuot, they had no kosher utensils for meat preparation, so they ate dairy, which is relatively easier to prepare.

THE BOOK OF RUTH

It is customary to read the Book of Ruth on the second day of Shavuot. Ruth was a sincere convert who embraced Judaism with all her heart. Through her conversion, Ruth entered into a covenant with G-d; on Shavuot, the Jews entered into their covenant with Hashem through their acceptance of the Torah. Shavuot is the birthday and yahrzeit of King David (as well as Reb Yisrael Baal Shem Tov,) and the Book of Ruth records King David's ancestry. Ruth and her husband Boaz were King David's great grandparents. Ruth, who merited to become the Mother of Royalty, represents the spiritual striving and accomplishments of Jewish women.

YIZKOR

On the second day of Shavuot, Thursday, June 1 (as on Passover, Sukkot and Yom Kippur) it is customary to recite Yizkor, a prayer in memory of a departed relative or friend.



Celebrate Shavuot & Discover!

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 30 - 8:30 P.M.

Services • *Yom Tov Dinner • All Night Torah Study

DAIDIC MAYO

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 31 – 10:00 A.M.

Ten Commandments

followed by Dairy Kiddush, Cheese Fest and Ice Cream Party! Bring your children!!!

*suggested donation \$18





LES PAINS D'AMOUR LOAVES OF LOVE

The members of House of Israel invite the entire S. Agathe population to participate in a

PUBLIC CHALLAH BAKING July 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

House of Israel Congregation 27, rue Saint Henri O. S. Agathe THE ART OF CHALLAH
L'ART DE HALLA

Les membres de la congrégation de la maison d'Israel invitent la population à participer à un

Baking

ATELIER DE FABRICATION DE PAIN TRADITIONNEL JUIF 9 juillet, 2017 à 10h00

Synagogue au 27, rue Saint Henri O. S. Agathe

for info please call Corinne @ 514-816-3554



The House of Israel Women's Council invites you to

FAMILY FUN DAY
WALK - BIKE - JOG
TOUR DE VILLE



Join us!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2017

Registration and starting point 8:30 a.m. House of Israel St. Henri Street

minimum contribution: \$54/p.p. • \$100/family • sponsor: \$180

Followed by a delicious light lunch

PLACE AN AD IN OUR JOURNAL!

This year our Annual Ad Journal will give us a dose of "Wit & Wisdom".... a little 'oy'.....a little 'joy'! Something every person can use in their lives! A recipe for good health! Enjoy! Remember our Ad Journal is one of our major fundraisers, so please support our shul by making this a success!

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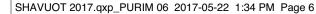
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House of Israel

Golf & Gala 2017

honouring

Phil & Sandra Gutherz

Thursday, July 6, 2017

Gala Guest Performers

\$250 includes
green fees and carts
light brunch, BBQ lunch,
lavish dinner with open bar
at House of Israel,
Sainte-Agathe

Golf:

La Bête Golf, Gray Rocks 1760 Ch. du Golf, Mont Tremblant, Qc J8C 2K6 **Shotgun: 11:30 a.m.**



Gala:

House of Israel

27 St. Henri O., S. Agathe J8C 1C5

Cocktails & Open Bar: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND GOLF RATES

Food Stands Patron \$ 2,600 Co. logo at food stands & 2 comp. Golf tickets full receipt Corp Patron 500 Co. logo at Golf Hole & 1 comp ticket to Golf & Gala full receipt Gala Patron 500 2 comp. tickets to Gala full receipt Golf & Gala 250 1 ticket to Golf & Gala \$125 receipt 1 ticket to Golf 150 \$75 receipt Golf 100 1 ticket to Gala \$50 receipt Gala Donation full receipt

To be a Sponsor or purchase tickets please call Sheldon Bercovitch @ 514.781.2888 or Brian Byer @ 514.781.3863

All golfers must prepay their fees in order to reserve their place.

מול טוב – Mazal Too

We wish the following members and their families a very hearty Mazal Tov on their happy occasion.

Pearl & Milan Bratin on the upcoming marriage of their son, Joel to Stephanie Mamann

Gail & Michael Campbell on the marriage of their son, Joshua to Stefanie Demberg

Brenda & Jack Cola on the engagement of their son, Jeremy to Melanie Josepovici

Florence & Burt Dalfen on the birth of their grandson, Dylan Levi Nadine & Ben Lieberman on the upcoming marriage of their son, Avi to Oona Welman

Susan Lieberman on the upcoming marriage of her grandson, Avi to Oona Welman

Michael Ray on his 75th Birthday

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families. May they be spared any further sorrow.

Shaindie Cutler on the passing of her brother, Aaron Adler Hershie Frankel on the passing of his mother, Sarah Frankel Doreen Glazer on the passing of her husband, Lawrence Glazer Adina Gross on the passing of her father, Morty Gross Vera Gross on the passing of her husband, Morty Gross Glenda Lubotta on the passing of her father, Edwin J. Winston Anne Meland on the passing of her brother, Ben Flamer Helena Minkoff on the passing of her father, David Segal

Joseph Neufeld on the passing of his mother, Germaine Neufeld Henri Neufeld on the passing of his mother, Germaine Neufeld Alan Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Laura Schwartz Jeffrey Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Laura Schwartz Martin Schwartz on the passing of his mother, Laura Schwartz Stephen Shiller on the passing of his mother, Sandra Shiller Estelle Tauben on the passing of her father, Leon Calderon Leslie Weitzman on the passing of her father, Leon Calderon

A Special Treat: JOIN US FOR SHABBAT, JULY 7 = 8, 2017



Jewish A Cappella

will be leading our morning service on Saturday Followed by a Lavish Kiddush



Come and join us for an enjoyable Family Shabbaton

My Faith... My Destiny

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Richard Marceau

More info and R.S.V.P. see our website thehouseofisrael.ca
• Couvert for Friday night dinner \$36 p.p.

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SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16 TICKETS \$36 SUMMER DAY CAMP for info contact the Rabbi 514.918.9080

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES FOR SHAVUOT AND SHABBAT



Tuesday, May 30, 2017 First eve of Shavuot

@ 8:20 p.m.

Recite Blessings # 2 & 3

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 Second eve of Shavuot

@ 9:35 p.m.*

Recite Blessings # 2 & 3

Friday, June 2, 2017

Parshat Naso @ 8:23 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 9, 2017

Parshat Be-haalotcha @ 8:28 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 16, 2017

Parshat Shelach @ 8:32 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 23, 2017 Parshat Korach

@ 8:34 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 30, 2017

Parshat Chukat @ 8:33 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 7, 2017

Parshat Balak @ 8:31 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 14, 2017

Parshat Pinchas @ 8:27 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 21, 2017

Parshat Matot & Masei

@ 8:21 p.m. Recite Blessing # 1 Friday, July 28, 2017

Parshat Devarim Shabbat Chazon @ 8:14 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 4, 2017

Parshat Va-etchanan Shabbat Nachamu

@ 8:05 p.m. Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 11, 2017

Parshat Eikev @ 7:54 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 18, 2017

Parshat Re-ai @ 7:43 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 25, 2017

Parshat Shoftim

@ 7:31 p.m. Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 1, 2017

Parshat Ki Tai-tzai @ 7:18 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 8, 2017

Parshat Ki Tavo

@ 7:04 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 15, 2017

Parshat Nitzavim & Va-yeilech

@ 6:51 p.m.

Recite Blessing # 1

*candles must be lit from a pre-existing flame and at the time indicated.

BLESSING #1

בַרוּךְ שַּתָּה ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֵׁר הִדְּשְׁנוּ במצותיו, וצונו להדליק גר של שבת קדש

Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshonu Bemitz-votov Vetzi-vonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Shabbos Kodesh.

BLESSING #2

Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-deshonu Bemitz-votov Vetzi-vonu Lehadlik Ner Shel Yom Tov.

BLESSING #3

Bo-ruch Ah-toh Ado-noi Elo-heinu Melech Ha-olam Shehe-che-yonu Veki-yemonu Vehi-gi-onu Lazman Hazeh.

PROCEDURE

Candles are lit approximately eighteen minutes before sunset. A minimum of two candles should be lit. Light the candles at the prescribed time. To indicate your acceptance of the sanctity of the day, spread your hands out around the candles and then bring your hands inward in a circular motion three times. Cover your eyes with your hands and recite the blessing(s). Uncover your eyes and gaze at the candles briefly. Good Shabbos (Yom Tov)!!

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATING 5778

Rosh Hashana Sept. 20 - 22, 2017 Yom Kippur Sept. 29 - 30, 2017

> To reserve your seat please call the Synagogue:

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