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June 21 - Sept. 2, 2019
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Weekday Evening....See Website

PASSOVER

Evenings – 7:30 p.m.
Mornings – 10:00 a.m.

SHAVUOT

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Mornings – 10:00 a.m.

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FROM YOUR RABBI

While to many winter this year has been long and cold; we at the House of Israel enjoyed a fabulous season. Our services and activities were well attended and much warmth and joy was felt throughout the Shabbatim and months spent together.

Much bracha to our fellow parishioners who have shown tremendous support in responding to our call when organizing a minyan (and saying kaddish). Many thanks to our gracious kiddush hosts and generous sponsors who have enhanced our services, holidays and events.

We are blessed with a fabulous President, Howard Diamond who involves himself entirely to the spiritual and practical needs of our shul. Howard, "you're the best!" No synagogue is secure without a good and efficient office staff; and our congregation is indeed fortunate. Debby and Anna are outstanding. With Anna's professionalism and Debby's proficiency and attentiveness to our members / supporters, we have a dream team.

Pesach, the holiday of 'freedom' is quickly approaching and soon we will gather our families to celebrate its central message – our sacred freedom – to live truthfully and serve faithfully. It is our gift (and obligation) to relate to our children their connection to our people and their role in our destiny. We received this eternal message from our parents and we in turn pass(over) it to the next generation.

Millenniums ago, Moses shared a Divine message that is still so pivotal to us today; the 'Shema'. The shema contains the words "and you shall teach your children"; prefaced by "And you shall love G-d your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might..... upon your heart". Rabbi Moshe Alshich, a 16th century Biblical commentator explains how these three verses are actually connected. We can only pass on to our children that which we love ourselves. It is our expression of love to G-d and joy to fulfilling His Torah that influences our children in their choices and freedoms; not our requests.

It is gratifying to serve as your Rabbi for 34 years. My wife, Chani and I thank G-d for all our blessings. Our service to you is a labour of love. We look forward to our own upcoming simchas; a wedding, bat mitzvah and who knows? Baruch Hashem!

The House of Israel is a blessed place and with your support we are able to serve the entire Laurentians! With your support we will continue to provide a place of worship, community and friendship; instilling a love for our Creator, our People and our Holy Land.

A Happy and kosher Pesach. This year in Jerusalem!

Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach

Join us for
THE PASSOVER SEDER
Friday evening, April 19, 2019
Saturday evening, April 20, 2019
for time, location and info please call the Chani 514-912-4500

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PRESIDENT'S GREETING



Being involved with the House of Israel has helped me to realize that an important part of the Jewish religion is to promote family togetherness. Whether it be a Shabbat meal, a Purim party or a Passover Seder, our shul is a conduit to draw families to our beautiful services every weekend and every holiday. It's so wonderful to see such good attendance. Also when children attend shul with their parents, we really appreciate the fact that

the children are the future of our shul. Something Rabbi Carlebach said that made a memorable impression on me was when children become noisy in shul, as they often can be, the Rabbi always says not to say "Shush!!" Instead children should be welcomed and appreciated as part of the shuls environment & Jewish experience. They are the ones that will carry forth our religion and culture.

After 65 years of existence, we are very blessed to have our Rabbi and Rebbetzin Carlebach. As the years have gone by, we have witnessed their own family expansion and growth. Weddings from New York to Italy, to Russia, to Peru, the Carlebachs have accumulated more Air Miles than anyone else I know.

I would like to acknowledge the retirement of both Frances Kessner and Estelle Blank, who were active co-presidents of our Women's Council for many years. Our thanks to both of them for their sincere devotion. They were instrumental in raising much needed funds for our shul. I wish to thank the Women's Council for their generous contribution towards our new security system.

Last October, after the Pittsburgh massacre, we called in CJA, as well as the Provincial Police to complete a security audit and advise us on what we should do to protect ourselves. We took their advice and have installed a front door keypad lock, a new video surveillance system, panic buttons that summon the police very quickly, as well as some other protective measures. We now feel

very safe and we have held some smaller events to honor the memory of the eleven people who were murdered. We pray that such an event never happens anywhere again, but we must also keep on guard!

As we are the only full time synagogue in the Laurentians, we exist on membership fees, donations, and several fund raising events. Our summer Gala did extremely well and the winter Raffle was well organized and brought in near record sales. We are now selling advertising space in our Ad Book. The theme this year is "Honouring our Grandparents" and the ad sale results so far are excellent.

When we hold our shuls services, the camaraderie among the people is quickly recognized and appreciated. I have witnessed guests from literally all over the world. I always ask people, "What do you think of our shul?" and the answer is always the same, "Beautiful!" I always enjoy hearing feedback. It's a thrill to hear such warm comments from so many different people.

Now that winter has ended, we are glad to welcome back members that have been away in warmer climates. However the cold weather here has never stopped us from getting a minyan. Also we are hearing of more and more Jewish people moving to our area up north full time. We hope to meet them in the future.

I often ask my wife, Shelley, for her opinion on how to manage the daily operations of the shul. I always welcome her suggestions so I would like to thank her for her guidance and BH, hope that she will continue to give me her support. The office, which is being run by Debby Leboff and Anna Langlais, has been running very efficiently and we owe them a great deal of thanks.

Warmest regards to everyone and I hope to see you all in shul, anytime, where you can personally witness our enjoyable services. As you look around, you can also appreciate the magnificence of our House of Israel Congregation which is set in the most scenic area of the Laurentian mountains!

Howard Diamond

SOUVENIR CALENDAR 2019-2020

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Date boxes are limited – Please respond early



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5780**

Rosh Hashana

Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2019

Yom Kippur

Oct. 8 - 9, 2019

To reserve your seat call

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE

As editor of the Bulletin, Past President and Treasurer of the Women's Council, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the history and shed some light on the status of our council.

The Women's Council has been an integral part of the House of Israel since 2001. At that time our women members were able to get together & form a strong core group. Our first project was the "House Tour". Everyone on the council participated and the result was that not only were funds raised but good friendships were made and everyone had a great time. We were grateful that so many homeowners graciously allowed us to show their beautiful homes.

The funds the council raises are always used for projects that will enhance the Shul. When the Shul was being renovated, the Women's Council contributed funds to create new and modern kitchens. Over the years the council bought new glasses, tablecloths, serving pieces, flower centrepieces and helped the Shul whenever we could. Recently, we donated money to help the Shul buy new cemetery plots and upgrade the security system.

Over the years there were many women who were active as Presidents. I myself was president from 2001 to 2006. Thereafter, Recia Liebman joined me as co-president for another two years. Elaine Sinyor, Debbie Remer, Estelle Blank, & Frances Kessner also served terms as presidents. I'd like to thank all the past presidents and Women's Council board members for their hard work and dedication to our Shul.

Recently our Presidents, Estelle Blank and Frances Kessner retired due to certain circumstances in their lives. The years that they held the position were very profitable and fun years. I'd like to thank this dynamic duo for their hard work in setting up the "Walkathon", which was a project that the whole Shul participated in and enjoyed.

On behalf of the Women's Council, I would like to extend condolences to Frances Kessner on the passing of her husband, Gerry, a wonderful past president. I'd also like to wish Estelle and Moshe good luck in their future endeavours in Whistler BC.

As a result of these changes, the Women's Council has been dormant for many months. Looking for a new President is not an easy task. The dynamics in the Shul have changed. The people who participated in activities prior have moved on with their lives. Also, as people aged, they sold their country homes. The Women's Council needs new blood in order to revitalize itself. As women we have much to contribute to our Shul – every home needs a woman's touch. A Shul is not only a place of worship or about raising funds. It is a place for people to learn, participate in programs, congregate and nurture friendships in a Jewish environment. It is incumbent upon us to preserve our Jewish traditions and ensure the continuity of the House of Israel for future generations. I urge you to become active and make the House of Israel a part of your life.

Respectfully submitted,

Chainie Zikman

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our House of Israel Synagogue is located in the town of Ste. Agathe where the majority of people are French speaking and of the Catholic faith. What do the people of this community know about this Jewish building with the Hebrew writing outside and the people that come to worship and congregate there? It is our responsibility to open up our doors and reach out to them in order to educate them about who we are and our Jewish religion and culture. Our Shul considers this "outreach" as an important project.

In past years there have been many school groups invited to visit our synagogue for a hands on visit with the Rabbi and Rebbetzen as well as the BMC Seminary.

The results have been impressive. The school classes were very receptive and really appreciated the opportunity to learn about our Jewish traditions. The

responses of the older girls from the Catholic schools were amazing- they were so grateful to share in a discussion with the girls from the BMC Seminary.

We also sponsored the children from Ste. Agathe Academy to visit the Montreal Holocaust Museum many times. The teachers and grade 6 students really appreciated our support.

We received many letters thanking us for giving them this opportunity to learn the lessons of the Holocaust and to meet a survivor.

When you give, its nice to receive. A few months ago, a class from one of the local schools came to our shul to offer prayers and show their support to the Jewish community after the Pittsburgh massacre – an honourable gesture. As another outreach programme, the Rabbi invited a class from Ste. Agathe Academy for a discussion on Antisemitism which was well received.

One big event that the community of Ste Agathe participated in and enjoyed was the "Challah Bake". It was so popular that we are hosting it again this summer.

Yasher Koach to the HOI! May our shul continue to warmly welcome people of different backgrounds and faiths fostering open communication and understanding between our communities.



RAFFLE 2018



The Raffle this year took place on Saturday night, December 29th. The biggest winner of the night was our Shul! We sold 1,169 tickets and grossed \$37,400. This was thanks to a tremendous sales team of 17 people, especially our Rabbi, who sold 667 tickets himself.

Fred Dayan won the first prize, a four night stay at a suite in the Setai

Resort in South Beach, Miami, including return air fare for two from Montreal to Miami. This prize is valued at \$11,500. The second prize, a package of juvenile items from Dorel, was won by Mitch Fazekas. The value of the second prize is \$1,000.

We are very fortunate that we don't have to pay for the hotel or the Dorel package – they are donated to us. For a number of years Patrick Weisel has generously donated a suite at the Setai Resort. The Shul earns so much each year because of Patrick's generosity. We are so lucky to have him as our member. Also for many years, Martin Schwartz and Jeff Segel have donated the fabulous package of juvenile items from their company, Dorel. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you to all of the 17 sales people, who each contributed in their own way to this successful endeavor. Yasher Koach!

Gerry Phillips
Raffle Chairman

WINTER SHABBATON

Our winter Shabbaton in memory of Moishe Chaim Carlebach is always interesting and fun. This winter our guest resident was no other than the Rabbi's brother, Rabbi Alex Carlebach from South Africa. The topic he chose to bestow his wisdom on was "Family Matters".

His humour, presentation and insight were so well received. The



following morning he gave an inspiring sermon after which he received a seven minute standing ovation.

We were fortunate to have another Shabbaton in March featuring

Dr. Csaba Nikolenyi, Director of the Azrieli Institute of Jewish Studies. He spoke on a most timely topic – the upcoming elections in Israel. He gave us an overview of the Israeli political system. His clarity and insight were most appreciated.

The Shabbaton was complimented with a traditional Shabbat dinner and kiddush. In between courses, people had a chance to talk and schmooze with each other. An enjoyable time was had by all.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sefirat Ha-omer – 49 days
April 20 – June 7, 2019

We begin 'Counting the Omer' each night, in anticipation of receiving the Torah, 49 days after leaving Egypt. It begins Saturday night, April 20th, (2nd eve of Pesach) and ends Friday night, June 7th.

The 49 days embody the 49 steps of self-improvement – beginning with the departure from our "personal" Egypt, until our arrival at Mount Sinai, when we are ready to accept the wisdom of the Torah.

This period has assumed another aspect in the course of time. During the early 2nd Century between the holidays of Pesach and Shavuot, a plague lasting 33 days broke out amongst the students of Rabbi Akiva. Twenty-four thousand students died during this short period. Celebrations (such as weddings) are postponed during this time.

Yom Hashoah – Thursday, May 2, 2019
Holocaust Memorial Day.

Yom Hazikaron – Wednesday, May 8, 2019
Memorial Day for fallen Israeli soldiers.

Yom Ha-atzmaut – Thursday, May 9, 2019
Happy Birthday Israel!

Lag B'omer – Thursday, May 23, 2019

On the thirty-third day "Lag" of the Omer, the epidemic amongst Rabbi Akiva's students ceased. The mourning period is suspended on this day and celebrations are permitted.

This day also marks the Yahrtzeit – passing date of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, author of the Zohar.

Yom Yerushalayim – Sunday, June 2, 2019
Jerusalem Day

Celebrating the reunification of our holy city in 1967.

Fast of 17th of Tammuz
Sunday, July 21, 2019

On this day a number of calamities 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 3:18 a.m. and ends 9:24 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
Saturday and Sunday, August 10 & 11, 2019

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 Saturday, August 10 at 8:10 p.m. We sit on a low chair and do not put on our Tallit and Tefillin until Sunday afternoon (during Mincha service). Fast ends on Sunday, August 11 at 8:55 p.m.

YOUR PESACH COMPANION 5779 – 2019

Pesach (Passover) celebrates the liberation of the Jewish People from Egyptian slavery. We celebrate our physical and spiritual freedom from the abominations of Egypt – its idolatry and immorality.

Chametz

Unique to Pesach is the stringent prohibition of eating or possessing chametz. Chametz is a term used for all food and drinks made from the five grains (wheat, rye, oats, spelt and barley) and their derivatives. Since they contain leaven they are forbidden during Pesach. All foods and drinks that contain even a trace of chametz (including medicines, pet foods, cosmetics, etc) must be removed. Grains like rice, peas, kasha, etc. and peanuts, corn, etc. are forbidden to Ashkenazim. While shopping for Pesach we should be careful that the foods purchased must be kosher for Pesach – chametz free.

Countdown to Chametz-Free Living

One's entire home is thoroughly cleaned, removing all crumbs and traces of chametz food. Cars, offices, clothing pockets, strollers, etc. are checked as well. To prepare the kitchen, one must kosher it from all chametz. Consult a Rabbi for details.

Selling

It is forbidden to own or derive any benefit from chametz, so all remaining chametz must be transferred to gentile ownership before Pesach. Chametz should be stored in locked closets or rooms and must be sold to a non-Jew through a competent Rabbi before Friday morning, April 19th. (See contract below.)

Searching

A formal search for any chametz takes place Thursday evening, April 18th with a lit candle, wooden spoon and feather. Before the search the following blessing is said: Baruch Ah-tah Adonoi Elohainu Melech Ha-olam Asher Ki-d'shanu

B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu Al Bi-ur Chametz.

After the search, the following declaration is made: "Any chametz or leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen, have not removed and know not about, should be annulled and become ownerless like dust of the earth".

Fast of the First-Born

When the Egyptian first-borns were stricken before the exodus, the Jewish first-born were spared. In gratitude, Jewish first-born sons fast the day before Passover (Friday, April 19th). This fast is cancelled by participating in a Siyum – a conclusion of a Talmud Tractate and a Seudah (meal) held in a synagogue on Friday morning.

Eating and Burning Chametz Deadline

On Friday morning, April 19th, no chametz may be eaten after 10:35 a.m. All chametz which is not stored and sold and which was found during the search should be burnt by 11:44 a.m.

The Seder Nights - in brief Solid Preparation and Spirited Delivery

On the first two nights of Pesach, Friday & Saturday, April 19th & 20th, we conduct a Seder – a festive yet solemn event with family and guests. We re-enact and relive the slavery and exodus from Egypt, and pray for the forthcoming redemption. Leaven food is gone, making room for thoughts of freedom. The Seder begins with Kiddush, proclaiming the holiness of the day. It is the first of the four cups of wine that we drink during the Seder and therefore Kiddush should be recited only after nightfall (8:20 p.m). To accentuate freedom, we lean on our left side when drinking.

Three matzot (preferably shmura matzah) are placed on the table under or near the seder-plate. Matzah is a basic mixture of flour and water that did not rise. It reminds us of our quick departure from slavery to freedom, how we left Egypt in a great hurry that the dough had no time to rise. Once again we lean on our left when eating the matzah.

The seder-plate consists of the following items: Baitza – a hard-boiled egg, symbolic of the festival sacrifice. Z'roah – a roasted chicken neck, symbolic of the pascal sacrifice. Marror – bitter herbs, symbolic of the bitter suffering. Charoset – a mixture of apples, nuts and wine resembling the mortar used to make bricks. Karpas – a cooked potato or raw onion, dipped into salt water so the children would ask questions. Chazeret – romaine lettuce, symbolic of our slavery.

Refer to a Haggadah – the seder manual for all procedures and recitations. Although the Haggadah is written in Hebrew and Aramaic, the story of Pesach (Maggid) should be translated and understood by all.

Last Days

The climax of our exodus from Egypt occurs at the "splitting of the sea". The Egyptian forces are defeated and a most powerful manifestation of G-d's total control of nature takes place.

An eruv tavshilin is prepared on Thursday afternoon.

On the seventh day of Passover Friday, April 26th, we read and sing the song of "Az Yashir" – the song of the majestic triumph of G-d at the sea and the defeat of the Egyptian forces.

Yizkor is recited during the morning service on Saturday, April 27th.

**PESACH DOES NOT END UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT, APRIL 27th, AT 8:50 PM.
UNTIL THIS TIME NO CHAMETZ SHOULD BE BOUGHT OR EATEN.**



CONTRACT AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CHAMETZ 5779-2019

I (we) _____ hereby authorize Rabbi Emanuel Carlebach to dispose of all chametz that may be in my (our) possession, wherever it may be - at home, place of business or elsewhere - in accordance with Torah law as incorporated in the special contract for the sale of chametz.

City residence: _____

Country residence: _____

Other residence: _____

Business: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS FORM CAN BE REPRINTED AND FAXED TO (819) 326-8558. ALL CONTRACTS MUST REACH THE RABBI BY FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 19TH, 2019.

SHAVUOT INSIGHTS – 5779

June 8 - 10, 2019



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 3,331 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

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 (Saturday, June 8) 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 (Sunday, June 9).

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, Monday, June 10 (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!



SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 8 – 8:30 P.M.

Services • *Yom Tov Dinner • All Night Torah Study



SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 9 – 10:00 A.M.

Ten Commandments

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

***suggested donation \$18**



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



Our study classes have become a real hit! Last year the attendance was very impressive. Both men and women came to learn and participate in discussions. The warm, welcoming and comfortable atmosphere makes the classes very enjoyable. The general topic is called BCE - Bible & Current Event. The media has inundated us with so much news however do we really understand what it all means! How does it relate to the Bible? Join us - stimulate your brain! For more information, contact Irene Wexelman 819-326-2124.

Mondays

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
starting June 24, 2019

'BCE' - *Bible and Current Event*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, August 25, 2019

10:00 a.m. at the Shul

All Members

are invited to attend.

SUMMER GALA 2019

Thursday July 18, 2019 - 5:30 pm

come & schmooze with old friends & new!

open bar - dinner - live auction

Tickets - \$125 pp • Sponsors - \$500



LES PAINS D'AMOUR

LOAVES OF LOVE

The members of House of Israel and Ville de Ste. Agathe invite the entire local population as well as residents in neighbouring Laurentian towns to participate in a

2019 PUBLIC CHALLAH BAKING

Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

House of Israel Congregation
27, rue Saint Henri O.
Ste. Agathe



THE ART OF CHALLAH

L'ART DE HALLA

Les membres de la congrégation de la maison d'Israel et la ville de Ste. Agathe invite la population locale ainsi que les résidents des villes voisines à participer à un

ATELIER DE FABRICATION DE PAIN TRADITIONNEL JUIF 2019

dimanche, 21 juillet à 10h00

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Chanukah at Parliament Hill



Chanukah at HOI



Daily minyan and breakfast during winter break



Chanukah at Tremblant



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Viznitz Rebbe visits HOI



and a happy Purim we had!!



Havdallah on Ice



A HAPPY MEANINGFUL PASSOVER FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS

Mazal Tov – מזל טוב

Hana & Mike Amar on the birth of their son, Levi David
Ricky & Bernie Backman on the birth of their granddaughter, Jaye Millie
Gail & Elliot Berzan on the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Ethan
Rabbi Emanuel & Chana Carlebach on the birth of their grandson, Yisroel; on the engagement and upcoming marriage of their son, Mendel to Yehudis Blumenfeld from Peru; and on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Raizel Rivkah
Esther & Moshe Chanowitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Bracha
Heather & Jeffery Chankowsky on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Katie
Rhoda & Mitch Fazekas on the engagement of their son Casey, to Liane Kupfert
Rachel & Noah Feifer on the birth of their daughter, Penelope Sherry
Julie & Isaac Gniwisch on the recent marriage of their granddaughter, Perel to Moishe Yitzchok Caplan
Annie & Isaac Israel on the upcoming marriage of their son,

Vidal to Abigail Ederey
Valerie & Jay Lawrence on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Mollie to Max Cavazzini
Rachel & Morley Lonn on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya; on the engagement of their son, Shayne to Jessica Dekhter; and on the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tali to Joseph Sowalsky
Heather & Joseph Paperman on the recent marriage of their son, Bram to Jessica Lufty
Mili & Eli Raviv on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Nicole to Aishey Berger
Lactitia & Shalom Robret on the birth of their grandson, Nathanel
Roz Schneidman on the upcoming marriage of her granddaughter, Mollie to Max Cavazzini
Pauline & Jeff Segel on the engagement of their son, Brian to Victoria Levine
Joanne & Azriel Stock on the engagement of their daughter, Elyssa to Guy Michaeli

Condolences

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

Tina Balinsky on the passing of her mother, **Leah Balinsky**
Lily Bass on the passing of her daughter, **Heidi Bass Kohane**
Mitchell Bidner on the passing of his father, **Oscar Bidner**
Phylis Bidner on the passing of her husband, **Oscar Bidner**
Sylvia Boloten on the passing of her husband, **Leo Boloten**
Linda Bornstein on the passing of her mother, **Essie Rudy**
Edythe Deckelbaum on the passing of her husband, **George Deckelbaum**
Arnold Dubrow on the passing of his brother, **Eric Kosky**
Hershie Frankel on the passing of his grandson, **Adam Nathan Frankel**
Shana Bass Gomolin on the passing of her sister, **Heidi Bass Kohane**
Bonnie Greenspoon on the passing of her father, **Lenny Greenspoon**
Brammy Greenspoon on the passing of his brother, **Lenny Greenspoon**

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Isaac Kohane on the passing of his wife, **Heidi Bass Kohane**
Alan Marmor on the passing of his brother, **Stanley Marmor**
Orly Masciseh on the passing of her sister, **Adele Masciseh**
Ronnie Nelson on the passing of his brother, **Steven Nelson**
Eli Raviv on the passing of his mother, **Yafa Jamila Reviv**
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Hana Ruby on the passing of her husband, **Stephen Ruby**
David Smith on the passing of his brother, **Arnold Smith**
Marion Tannenbaum on the passing of her brother, **Stephen Ruby**
David Tock on the passing of his mother, **Lily Tock**
Nicolas Topiol on the passing of his mother, **Lea Fraenkel**

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CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES FOR SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS

**Friday, April 12, 2019**

Parshat Metzora
Shabbat Hagadol
7:22 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, April 19, 2019

Shabbat & 1st eve of Passover
7:30 pm
Recite Blessings # 2 & 4

Saturday, April 20, 2019

2nd eve of Passover
* 8:37 pm
Recite Blessings # 3 & 4

Thursday, April 25, 2019

7th eve of Passover
7:39 pm
Recite Blessing # 3

Friday, April 26, 2019

Shabbat & 8th eve of Passover
* 7:40 pm
Recite Blessing # 2

Friday, May 3, 2019

Parshat Acharei Mot
7:49 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, May 10, 2019

Parshat Kedoshim
7:58 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, May 17, 2019

Parshat Emor
8:06 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, May 24, 2019

Parshat Behar
8:14 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, May 31, 2019

Parshat Bechukotai
8:21 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 7, 2019

Parshat Bamidbar
8:27 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Saturday, June 8, 2019

First eve of Shavuot
* 9:33 pm
Recite Blessings # 3 & 4

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Second eve of Shavuot
* 9:33 pm
Recite Blessings # 3 & 4

Friday, June 14, 2019

Parshat Naso
8:31 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 21, 2019

Parshat Be-haalotcha
8:33 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, June 28, 2019

Parshat Shelach
8:34 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 5, 2019

Parshat Korach
8:32 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 12, 2019

Parshat Chukat
8:29 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 19, 2019

Parshat Balak
8:23 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, July 26, 2019

Parshat Pinchas
8:16 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 2, 2019

Parshat Matot & Masei
8:07 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 9, 2019

Parshat Devarim
Shabbat Chazon
7:57 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 16, 2019

Parshat Va-etchanan
Shabbat Nachamu
7:46 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 23, 2019

Parshat Eikev
7:34 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, August 30, 2019

Parshat Re-ai
7:21 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 6, 2019

Parshat Shoftim
7:08 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 13, 2019

Parshat Ki Tai-tzai
6:54 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 20, 2019

Parshat Ki Tavo
6:41 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

Friday, September 27, 2019

Parshat Nitzavim
6:27 pm
Recite Blessing # 1

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

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)!!

BLESSING #1

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

BLESSING #2

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

BLESSING #3

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

BLESSING #4

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

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