



Timetable for lighting the Shabbat candles (see <http://tiferesisrael.com/davening.html>):

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Dec. 15: 4:16 | Jan. 19: 4:47 | Feb. 25: 5:38 | Mar 29: 7:26   |
| Dec. 22: 4:18 | Jan. 26: 4:57 | Mar 1: 5:48   | April 5: 7:36  |
| Dec. 29: 4:23 | Feb. 2: 5:07  | Mar 8: 5:58   | April 12: 7:45 |
| Jan. 5: 4:30  | Feb. 9 5:18   | Mar 15: 7:08  | April 19: 7:54 |

•**Yahrzeit**, (*begin the evening preceding the date below*). Call 854-9053, if someone in your family is missing from the list.

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| Joyce Attis <b>Kislev Dec</b> | 18 1  | Bessie Selick <b>Jan</b> | 16 26 | Rose Cohen <b>April</b>  | 29 8  |
| Esther Gorber                 | 24 7  | Juliette Tayar           | 16 26 | <b>Nissan</b>            |       |
| Minnie Attis                  | 25 8  | Rhoda Gaum               | 17 27 | Annie Jochelman          | 3 11  |
| Harry Lampert                 | 29 12 | Max Rinzler <b>Febr</b>  | 29 8  | Golda Lampert            | 5 13  |
| Anna Selick <b>Tevet</b>      | 2 14  | <b>Adar 1</b>            |       | Heidi Cohen              | 6 14  |
| Irving Schelew                | 7 19  | Morris Selick            | 1 10  | Isaac Selick             | 8 16  |
| Ruth Sichel-Lena Hans         | 10 22 | Hene Coleman             | 1 10  | Noah Fuller              | 9 17  |
| Ury's mom                     | 12 24 | Lois Maklin              | 5 16  | Saddie Rich              | 10 18 |
| Kay Cohen                     | 15 27 | Zev Wolf Lampert         | 7 18  | Reggie Lackman           | 10 18 |
| Arkie Coleman <b>January</b>  | 21 2  | Vita Leah Attis          | 9 20  | Samuel Selick            | 11 19 |
| Fruma Rinzler                 | 23 4  | Reuben Maklin            | 10 21 | Jake Rubin               | 11 19 |
| Kendra Fay Rinzler            | 23 4  | Helen Savage             | 12 23 | Bella Jake               | 12 20 |
| Manley Sichel                 | 24 5  | Eli Ilson                | 13 24 | Fruma Rubin              | 12 20 |
| Joan Mayer                    | 24 5  | Benjamin Selick          | 14 25 | Max Eli Rinzler          | 14 22 |
| <b>Shevat Jan.</b>            |       | Morris Smith             | 14 25 | David Singer             | 14 22 |
| Maurice Jake                  | 1 11  | Aaron Coleman            | 15 26 | Evelyn Block             | 15 23 |
| Joshua Heshel Gorber          | 1 11  | Sophie Attis             | 15 26 | Abie Block               | 17 25 |
| Dolores Dianne Rubin          | 3 13  | Luba Lampert <b>Mar</b>  | 21 1  | Hyman Jochelman          | 18 26 |
| Chaim Lezer Coleman           | 9 19  | Louie Klimitz            | 23 3  | Helen Jochelman          | 18 26 |
| Gilbert Weil                  | 9 19  | Leah Attis               | 29 9  | Channa Sheina Pfeffer    | 19 27 |
| Darcy Dillon                  | 11 21 | <b>Adar 2</b>            |       | Hyman Brumer             | 20 28 |
| Bessy Coleman Sam Lipton      | 13 23 | Nathan Cohen             | 2 12  | Bessie Greenblatt        | 21 29 |
| Gordon Birnbaum               | 14 24 | Poli Brumer Meltzer      | 7 17  | Bill Davidson <b>May</b> | 25 3  |
| Molly Cohen                   | 15 25 | Max Savage               | 11 21 | Gerald Birnbaum          | 25 3  |
| Joel Coppel                   | 16 26 | Steve Gergely <b>Apr</b> | 23 2  | Louis Berelovitch        | 26 4  |

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**NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS:  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2024**

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. All members in good standing as of that date are entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact the Nominating Committee (see page 1) **before January 20**. The names of the candidates will be posted shortly after.

## Report from the President.

*(I am using the report to Shalom Magazine I have sent a few days ago as my report in this bulletin. It saves me a little bit of work. I have just added a few last paragraphs for the Moncton audience).*

Since our last report, many events happened in the greater Moncton area.

August saw happy and sad happenings: on one hand it was the Bar Mitzvah of twins Oren and Alon Waks, on the other hand it was the passing away of 96-year-old Betty Hans, as well as of Joel Ilson, the 75-year-old brother of Joannie Sichel, he passed away in London, England. And just a few days ago, the community was very sad to lose one of its long standing member, Harvey Cohen, z"l.

The Community had a last outing before the summer ended: a traditional BBQ at the home of Betty Druckman Rubin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

High Holidays that soon followed were well attended. Building and later taking down the Sukkah were two other occasions to get people together.

But before Sukkot ended, tragedy hit: Hamas went on a rampage in the kibbutzim and the Jewish villages close to Gaza. Israel was not to be the same after that pogrom. For many families in the region it was something that affected them very directly. There are some individuals who have gone back to Israel to join the I.D.F.

Many non-Jewish residents of the greater Moncton area have contacted the synagogue to leave messages of solidarity, in both English and French. Some have sent good amount of money to help the State of Israel, some left anonymous flowers on the steps of the synagogue.

On two occasions during October and November members of the congregation joined other Jewish families as well as non-Jewish friends. The first time was to get together and discuss way we could fight antisemitism. The second time was to join the world-wide online Remembrance Ceremony where the victims of 7-10 were remembered. On Sunday November 5, the community gathered in the Social Hall to attend the ceremony. Deborah Lyons, the Canadian special envoy on combating anti-semitism and former ambassador to Israel, was present.

The preceding Shabbat, October 28, an incident occurred during morning service in our synagogue. The police had to be called. Ever since

that day we had to have security people guarding the door.

Several politicians contacted the synagogue to express their support: John Williamson, MP from South-west N.B., Ginette Petitpas-Taylor, MP from Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe and Federal Minister, Julie Dabrusin, MP from Toronto, Sherry Wilson, MLA and NB Minister.

On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the women of the synagogue organised an evening of togetherness and of Challot baking, a Hafrashat Challah and prayer for Israel.

Most people have heard about the controversy around the Menorah at City Hall in Moncton. City Council, wanting to "separate religion and the state", had decided not to display anymore the Nativity scene and the Menorah on City grounds, a tradition that was at least 20 years old for the Menorah. The decision was taken a week before Hanukkah. Very quickly, through social media, protests were made, and a petition with over 7000 signatures was assembled. Moncton City Council realised its error and voted unanimously to revert its decision on Monday, three days before Hanukkah. As a result, the lighting of the first candle of Hanukkah became the place where people wanted to be. Normally we get barely a dozen people to come by, this year the place was so full that it was hard to move in the lobby of City Hall.

It was a great evening, we celebrated freedom of religion, friendship, and togetherness. The celebration was even sweeter with fully kosher cookies baked at Brothers Bakery in Moncton. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts were also donated by Tim Horton's.

A few days later, for the third night of Hanukkah, there was another large celebration at the City Hall. Many Jewish Haligonians had come for the occasion to meet and support their counterparts from Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton.

For those of you who would like to read a good resumé of the Menorah story, read <https://moniteuracadien.com/actualites/apres-la-polemique-la-menorah-est-de-retour-a-moncton>

On Sunday December 10th, 2023, the fourth night of Hanukkah, our community held its annual Hanukkah Dinner. The event attracted over 100 guests, including many children of all ages. This year, the organizing committee changed the

format of the event from the traditional sit-down turkey dinner to a more open concept à la Israeli celebration, focused on the activities for kids, music and refreshments served buffet-style. The food included the traditional potato latkes and lots of freshly fried sfenj (Moroccan donuts), among other yummy treats. A few fundraising activities were held during the event, such as raffles for beautiful baskets filled with festive and yummy items, a 50/50 draw, as well as an auction for gift certificates donated by some generous local professionals.

It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off a successful event for all the community. The organizing committee met several times to plan and discuss all the details, then volunteers were called to execute many tasks, from grocery shopping to cooking to decorating to compiling the playlist to planning the kids' activities, etc. A special "thank you" to **Shayna Izichkis**, who devoted a huge amount of time and energy to making this event a truly memorable community celebration!

In Moncton, we continue to work toward integrating most of the Jewish families. Quite a number are members of the synagogue, others would prefer to be part of a cultural Centre. If you read this and want to contribute, do not hesitate to contact us at [tiferesisrael@nb.aibn.com](mailto:tiferesisrael@nb.aibn.com)

Wishing all a beautiful 2024.

*Francis Weil*

**Added paragraphs for the Moncton area audience:**

May I insist with you, honorable reader, to **not hesitate to get involved with the community.**

Quite a few people are involved.

Some by just coming to the synagogue on Shabbat – this helps the community tremendously because we all have to realize that our community would soon die if there were no minyanim.

Some by helping with some necessary tasks (kitchen, chevra kadisha, setting up tables and volunteering to decorate rooms ...)

Some by accepting to help with the Jewish cultural aspect: teaching Hebrew, teaching Yoga, teaching Yiddish, teaching cooking classes, organizing ping pong tournaments ...).

As said above – do not hesitate to call us or to email us. Toda raba.

Finally, it is good to know that the board has decided to **repair the roof of the building.** The synagogue was built in 1926 (soon we will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Our friend Tim Davis told us that the roof needed work to be done. He was right.

The work has started a few days ago. The workers were able to repair some very rotten parts. Water has been sipping through some openings into the outside walls. Work will continue in January. We will apply for a grant from the City as the building has been classified Heritage building. Hopefully we will receive some money, but it will be only part of the total expenses.

We also plan to apply for a grant to cover some of the extra expenses we faced lately in increasing the security of the building.

*Francis Weil*

