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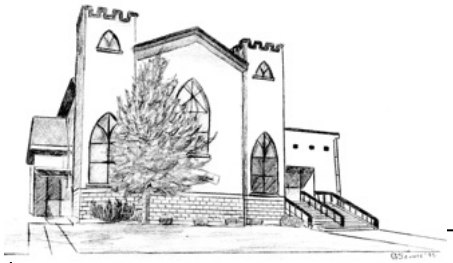

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✡Bulletin, Moncton – Dieppe - ריברביוח, NB ✡

Nomination & Election of Officers

In accordance with Article VIII Section 1 of our Constitution, the Board of Directors has appointed Victoria V., Rhonda R. and Ralph R. to form the **nominating committee**.

We invite all members to show an interest in serving on the board.

We need you!

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors can submit his/her name to the Committee. Nominations will cease fifteen (15) days before the Annual Meeting.

All members in good standing (*i.e. dues 2023-2024 paid in full or* **arrangements** *made with the treasurer*) will be able to vote at congregational meetings.

General Annual Meeting: March 23
1:30 p.m.

A thought to the memory of all past members
who are not with us anymore.
They will always be remembered.

A special thought for
Lorne Gorber z"l
Harry Gorber z"l
Goldie Johnston z"l
Herby Gorber z"l

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

Dec. 13: **4:16**	Jan. 17: **4:47**	Feb. 21: **5:36**	Mar 28: **7:25**
Dec. 20: **4:18**	Jan. 24: **4:55**	Feb 28: **5:47**	April 4: **7:34**
Dec. 27: **4:23**	Jan. 31: **5:05**	Mar 7: **5:56**	April 11: **7:43**
Jan. 3: **4:30**	Feb. 7: **5:16**	Mar 14: **7:06**	April 18: **7:53**

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

Joyce Attis **Kislev Dec**	18	19	BessieSelick **Febr.**	16	14	Rose Cohen **March**	29	29
Esther Gorber	24	25	Juliette Tayar	16	14	**Nissan April**		
Minnie Attis	25	26	Rhoda Gaum	17	15	Annie Jochelman	3	1
Harry Lampert	29	30	Max Rinzler	29	27	Golda Lampert	5	3
Anna Selick **Tevet Janu**	2	2	**Adar 1 March**			Heidi Cohen	6	4
Irving Schelew	7	7	Morris Selick	1	1	Isaac Selick	8	6
Ruth Sichel-Lena Hans	10	10	Hene Coleman	1	1	Noah Fuller	9	7
Ury's mom	12	12	Lois Maklin	5	5	Saddie Rich	10	8
Kay Cohen	15	15	Zev Wolf Lampert	7	7	Reggie Lackman	10	8
Arkie Coleman **January**	21	21	Vita Leah Attis	9	9	Samuel Selick	11	9
Fruma Rinzler	23	23	Reuben Maklin	10	10	Jake Rubin	11	9
Kendra Fay Rinzler	23	23	Helen Savage	12	12	Bella Jake	12	10
Manley Sichel	24	24	Eli Ilson	13	13	Fruma Rubin	12	10
Joan Mayer	24	24	Benjamin Selick	14	14	Max Eli Rinzler	14	12
Shevat Jan.			Morris Smith	14	14	David Singer	14	12
Maurice Jake	1	30	Aaron Coleman	15	15	Evelyn Block	15	13
JoshuaHeshel Gorber	1	30	Sophie Attis	15	15	Abie Block	17	15
DoloresDianneRubin **Febr**	3	1	Luba Lampert	21	21	Hyman Jochelman	18	16
ChaimLezer Coleman	9	7	Louie Klimitz	23	23	Helen Jochelman	18	16
Gilbert Weil	9	7	Leah Attis	29	29	ChannaSheinaPfeffer	19	17
Darcy Dillon	11	9	**Adar 2**			Hyman Brumer	20	18
BessyColemanSamLipton	13	11	Nathan Cohen	2	2	Bessie Greenblatt	21	19
Gordon Birnbaum	14	12	PoliBrumerMeltzer	7	7	Bill Davidson	25	23
Molly Cohen	15	13	Max Savage	11	11	Gerald Birnbaum	25	23
Joel Coppel	16	14	Steve Gergely	23	23	Louis Berelovitch	26	24

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NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2025

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, March 23, 2025. 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 March* 8. The names of the candidates will be posted shortly after.

Report from the President.

(*In writing this bulletin, I am using the "Moncton report" that* ***Shalom Magazin****e asked me to prepare at the end of December. That report is already written, so it saves me a little bit of work. I have just added a couple of paragraphs at the end as my report to the community).*

December 27, 2024

You will find the Moncton report a few lines later, at the end of this article.

I like to start with something personal. I don't do that very often.

I have two questions to put to you, the reader.

One is about the reports that I have been writing for a few years in this magazine. The other one is to ask how much you the reader are aware of the necessity to spend a little bit of money to maintain Jewish structures in the area where you live.

I am filling many positions here in the Synagogue of Greater Moncton: president of the Shul, gabbaï, editor and sole writer of the community bulletin, part of chevra kadisha, often performing burial services, looking after our investments, supervising the repairs of the building. I am also the one who sends the report to Shalom Magazine. Not that I want to do it - when **Nancy Cohen,** the previous report writer left Moncton, I asked for a volunteer. Nobody accepted. I am not complaining, I just want people to realize that small Jewish communities like ours can only survive if someone accept to do things in a volunteer way.

We are lucky, here in Moncton, to have a few people willing to spend time doing things for the community. They are what we call in French, "*des travailleurs dans l'ombre*". Thank you, ***Shayna, Victoria, Carole, Eitan, Ury, Arick, Theodore, Tim, Betty, Avigail, Jack, Peter, Jordan, Michael and Raphaël.***

Question #1 - I often wonder if my reports are read. I never hear anyone making a comment. So, if you don't mind, I am asking you, the reader, ***are you really reading this report***? If so, what do you think of it? Should it be done differently? Let me know by sending an email at weilfr@gmail.com - toda raba.

Question #2 - Another thought to share with you: there are some who realize the importance to have a structure supporting Jewish life in our region. But some do not. In Moncton many families are interested to continue Jewish traditions and celebrate festivals like Lag Ba'Omer, Purim, Shavu'ot, Rosh HaShana, Hanukkah in a non-religious way. They want to continue the Jewish traditions but are totally opposed to contribute financially on a regular basis to a structure that would have a synagogue and a cemetery.

Our forefathers/mothers thought that Judaism cannot survive if we don't have a structured organisation. That is why they built the Synagogue, with all the families contributing to the expenses, even though some were not very rich. They realized that is the only way to continue the traditions for generations to come. Why is this no more obvious to all nowadays? Someone might answer that it is a question of finance, that families can't afford dues, but I doubt that.

I would appreciate your thoughts. Feel free to write me at weilfr@gmail.com.

I have condensed the Moncton report in the few lines below. You can find **many pictures** related to the events by opening the links that are at the end of the paragraphs:

1. High Holidays services in the synagogue – we were lucky to have a world class 'Chazzan, **Shlomo Brummer**, he has an outstanding voice. Throughout the year we are lucky here in Moncton to have a minyan every Shabbat.

2. Pre Rosh-Hashanah event on the Sunday preceding R.H. Very large attendance - organized in collaboration with the MJCC. See pictures here https://photos.app.goo.gl/FNJBo7qyVUT9yFpF9

3. October 7 ceremony - large crowd attended, Jews and non-Jews. We received many compliments. TodaRaba, **Victoria** & **Arick**. See pictures here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/f5YfcPK8C4v4kqmX7

4. On November 3, a Peace conference was organised in Moncton by a very peaceful Muslim group, the **Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at**. I spoke as well as the Archbishop of Moncton. See pictures here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pdd38vMpU6BDDSSm8

5. Hanukkah event held in the synagogue on December 22 - many activities for kids. See pictures here : https://photos.app.goo.gl/gUoKvTQBSPmGBWNb9
The Menorah was lit publicly at City Hall on December 28. City Hall has made it known that they have a new policy and it includes lighting the Menorah every year. No more controversy. https://photos.app.goo.gl/gUoKvTQBSPmGBWNb9

6. Extensive work has been done on the exterior of the building by **Timothy Davis** - he is very

good at restoring old buildings. Some of the window frames were rotten to the core. Our synagogue (built in 1926) was classified as a City of Moncton Heritage building 2 years ago. We were eligible for and received a grant of maximum 10K (representing 50% of expenses). We have spent over 65 000 $ during the year doing repairs and are looking at ways to raise more funds - If you have advice that can help us, it will be greatly appreciated.

7. Some of our great members have left us - **Goldie Johnston**, **Harry Gorber, Lorne Gorber** and **Herby Gorber**.

8. A impressive Holocaust Exhibit was shown at the Lutz Mountain Heritage Museum from Nov 25 to Nov 27. It was organized by **Jasmine Kranat** helped by **Andrew Boghen**. Many school kids came to visit the exhibit. On Wednesday evening we had the pleasure to hear **Ivana Fogerty** whose Grand Mother was a victim in Czechoslovakia. Pictures can be found here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/zyhUYkz3wSq5JGEbA

Wishing all a beautiful 2025.

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 communuty tremendously because we all must 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 if we set up a **Jewish cultural centre**: 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 we are continuing the **repairs to the building started last year**. The synagogue was built in 1926 (soon we will celebrate its 100th anniversary). With the help of Olivier, I have applied for another ten thousand dollars grant to Heritage Moncton. We received it last year, let us hope that we will receive it again this year.

Last year we received a grant to cover some of the extra expenses we are facing in increasing the security of the building.

Francis Weil