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9 Shvat 5781

STATEMENT BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF MONTREAL

We are pleased to advise you, that due to the unified effort of the Jewish organizations as well as Shuls across the province, especially the Council of Hassidic Jews in Quebec, the discussions with the Quebec government and more precisely Public Health have borne fruit. Effective Friday, January 22 / 9 Shvat, the Government has agreed to allow ten adult members of our community to come together to form a minyan as long as appropriate public health measures are in place. For further information, please consult our website at www.jccmontreal.org

Since the start of the pandemic the focus of the Jewish Community Council has been on the health and well-being of our community, which for Jews means addressing both our physical and spiritual needs. We appreciate the government's sensitivity to our situation and wish to thank them for their understanding and openness.

We are also grateful to have been able to give a voice to a wide range of organizations representing a broad cross-section of our community. In recent days, as per the list below, the leaders of more than 80 shuls have reached out to us, expressing their support for our approach. All of the organizations have helped provide us with the strength to move forward and persist in challenging circumstances.

For the past ten months the Jewish Community Council has been at the forefront of efforts encouraging members of our community to take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have and will continue to urge everyone to be vigilant, stressing the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, washing our hands frequently and being tested for the virus. We also wish to pay tribute to our healthcare workers, who have been pillars of strength throughout the pandemic. Thank you for being there for all of us.

While the arrival of the vaccine brings hope, this is definitely not the time to become complacent. Having said that, we are convinced that allowing a Minyan to take place, is critical to the physical and spiritual well-being of Jewish Montrealers.

Once again, on behalf of the Shuls listed below, we welcome this change in policy and thank the government for its understanding.

Agudas Yisroel	Chabad Old Montreal & Griffintown	Kollel Avreichim CSL
Ahavas Yisroel Viznitz	Chabad Rohr Jewish Student Center at McGill University	Kollel Kesser Torah
Anshei Lubavitch	Chabad of South Shore	Meor Hagola (uptown)
Bais Yakov Belz	Chabad St. Lazare & Hudson	Meor Hagolah (Outremont)
Belz Avraichim	Chabad St. Sauveur	Mesivta - Outremont
Beth Chabad Cote St. Luc	Chabad of the Town	Mesivta - Uptown
Beth Rambam	Chabad University of Montreal	Minchas Soles
Bobov	Chabad on Westminster	Minyan Avreichim Zichron Boruch
Breslov Center	Chabad of Westmount	Montreal Torah Center
Centre Chabad	Chabad Zichron Kedoshim	Munkatch
Chabad on Campus Laval Quebec City	Chareidim	Ohr Somayach
Chabad Chabanel	Chouva Israel	Satmar Avreichim
Chabad Chai Center	Congregation Nusach Hoari	Satmar Hutchison
Chabad Chomedey	Congregation Oneg Shabbos	Satmar Ohel Chaim
Chabad Cote des Neiges	Congregation Sepharade	Satmar Park
Chabad Dollard	Maghen David	Sedei Yitzchak
Chabad Kirkland	Congregation Tzeirei Hadas	Shaarei Tefilah CSL
Chabad Lasalle	Dorval Jewish Center	Shomrim Laboker
Chabad Latino Montreal	Eitz Chaim	Tiferet Yisrael
Chabad Laval	Grand Rabbinate Sepharade du Quebec	Tob
Chabad MADA	Hekhal Shalom	Toldes Yakov Yosef Skver
Chabad Mile End	Imrai Chaim Wiznitz	Tosh Boisbriand
Chabad Mont Tremblant	Jewish Russian Community Center	Tosh JM
Chabad Montreal West	Khal Chaasidim	Tzemach Tzadik Wiznitz
Chabad NDG & Loyola Campus	Klausenberg	Zibo
Chabad of Nuns Island		Zichron Yakov Yitzchok Belz