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Guest Editorial



The Quality Of Life In Israel

by: Leo H. Marcus
National Executive Director
United Israel Appeal of Canada

There is cautious optimism in Israel that the recent agreement between Israel and her southern neighbour, Egypt, may herald a period of tranquility, at least for the next three years, on the Egyptian-Israeli Border. There is also hope that an arrangement can evolve on the Syrian Border to ensure that no new flare-ups will occur there.

One would have to live in a fools paradise to believe that the success of the most recent Kissinger initiative places Israel on the road to peace. The reality of the situation is that peace can, at best, be hoped for in the dim future - and may not come for many generations.

If one is to learn from the past, it becomes clear that the best guarantee for peace is a strong Jewish State. Adhering to the axiom "If You Wish Peace - Prepare For War", the Israeli taxpayer is called upon, as never before, to provide a greater portion of his income for security purposes. With this fact in mind, the tasks of Jewry in the free world become obvious.

A cardinal principal in establishing Israel was and is that there should be a Jewish State where every Jew who wishes to, or has to, can come to live in dignity. Should the day ever arrive when the doors of Israel are not open to every Jew who wishes to enter, we will

have failed in the central purpose for the State's creation. The door of immigration must remain open! While the flow of immigrants from Soviet Russia has slowed down, we are still hopeful that hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews will eventually be allowed to join the main stream of Jewish life. There are new areas of the globe where Jewish survival is in question. Here too, we must be prepared to receive them in Israel.

The Israeli tax payer cannot shoulder responsibility for the State's security and also the costs of immigration. That becomes the sacred task of each and every one of us.

It is one thing to bring an immigrant to Israel. It must also be of concern in our work, that the immigrant finds conditions in Israel where he and his family can have at least the basic necessities of life so that he can enjoy a dignified existence.

Emigration figures from Israel in 1974 were alarming. Thousands of Israelis left the country because they couldn't have life's basics - the quality of life forced them to seek a haven elsewhere.

Because Israel is surrounded by more than 100 Million Arabs, every individual who leaves the country makes the up-building and consolidation of the Jewish State that much more difficult. Those who leave, likewise discourage some who contemplate "Aliyah". One lesson forthcoming from the Yom Kippur War, when the entire Arab World joined forces to destroy Israel, was that, living in a sea of Millions of Arabs, Israel's population must be bolstered through increased immigration.

The partnership between Israel and World Jewry, forged in creating the third Jewish commonwealth, must be made viable. The Israelis must, by definition, look after their own security. Immigration, caring for the integration of the new immigrant, eradicating poverty, and helping to up-grade the entire fabric of life becomes our task.

Canadian Jewry has played an important role in Israel's 27 years of independent existence. We cannot and must not be found wanting in the tasks which face us today.

David Ben-Gurion Z"l (1889-1973)



The Halifax Jewish Community honoured the memory of David Ben Gurion Z"l at a joint service held at the Beth Israel Synagogue on Monday, November 10, 1975.

"We have a very few like him in our political life today. The politician who is also a man of action and of letters, philosopher and scholar. If some specialists should accuse him of amateurism, then I say they are honouring him thereby, for a statesman and a man of action cannot but be an amateur. Quite remarkable to his interest in philosophy, in biblical research and in ancient Greek culture. Such qualities are sorely lacking among the people engaged in politics in Israel today!" -Yitzhak Ben Aharon

Atlantic Jewish Council Board Meeting



Seated from Left to Right: S. Paul Zive, Vice President; Ben Prossin, President; Joseph Zatzman, Chairman; Dr. Leon Kronitz, special guest and Executive Vice-President, Canadian Zionist Federation; Shaul Landa, Regional Director.



Seated L. to R.: Shaul Landa, Regional Director; Max Forman, Past President; Frank Medjuck, Executive Member at Large; Martin Herschorn, CZF Representative; Barbara Paton, Regional Vice-President, Mainland Nova Scotia.

October 25 (evening) and 26, 1975
Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Dr. Leon Kronitz**, Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Zionist Federation, as special guest, brought greetings from the Canadian Zionist Federation and explained in fascinating detail the activities planned around the C.Z.F. Convention in Israel scheduled for February 9 - 18, 1976.
- **Dr. Mendel Burnstein** and **Stephen Pink** were confirmed as Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively, of the Camp Kadimah Committee. The outgoing Chairman, **Ralph Medjuck**, was thanked for his untiring efforts on behalf of Kadimah by Council president **Ben Prossin**. A new camp committee will shortly be appointed.
- **Mr. Ralph Medjuck** presented a report on the 1975 Camp Kadimah season. The Council will support all efforts at liquidating the camp debt.
- **Mr. Elliot Jacobson** and **Mr. Michael Marcus** outlined U.I.A. activities and indicated their optimism at achieving the goals established for each community.
- **Shaul Landa**, Regional Director, presented a report on regional activities. It concentrated on Major Events, Ongoing Community Programming; and Special Projects.
- **Marty Zatzman** outlined the activities of the newly formed Hillel-AUJS Student Organization.
- **Alan Mark** briefed the Board on Young Judaea activities and plans for the future.
- The Board adopted a resolution condemning the U.N. Committee resolution describing Zionism as a form of racism. The resolution was submitted to the press.
- Regional representatives reported on activities in their particular communities.
- **Mr. Harold Medjuck** was asked to look into the treatment of the Holocaust in textbooks being used on the High School and University levels.
- **Gerry Fisher** was appointed Chairman of the Committee for Oppressed Jewish Communities.
- The Board approved the 1975-1976 budget submitted by **Mr. Ben Prossin**, the Council's President.
- The presence of **Dr. Leon Kronitz** was most appreciated and helpful. Special mention must be made of the style and approach adopted by Chairman, **Mr. Joseph Zatzman**. The sessions ran smoothly and efficiently and the entire agenda consisting of some twenty items was expediated in a most satisfactory manner.
- A heartfelt thanks to the out-of-towners who attended the Board Meeting and who contributed so much to its success.

ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENT:

- **Mr. Ben Prossin**, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, is pleased to announce the following appointment:
- **Mr. Shaul Landa** as Regional Director for the Atlantic Jewish Council, effective October 1, 1975. Mr. Landa has served as Director of Camp Kadimah for the past two seasons, spent two years in Israel as a teacher and community worker and was a Director of Biluim Canada from 1970 to 1972. His association with and involvement in Jewish and Zionist programming covers a span of eighteen years.



Shaul Landa, his wife Ilana, and their children Eli and Tal.

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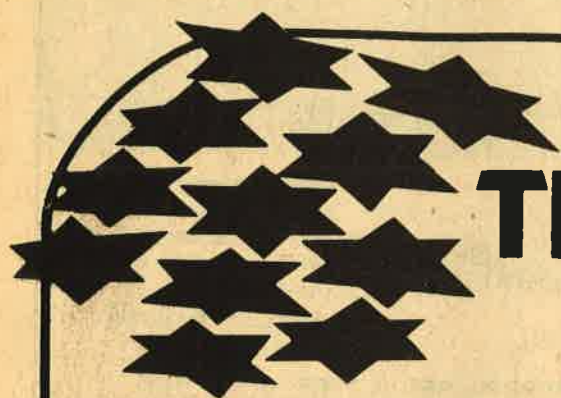
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HILLEL-A.U.J.S.: Adopt-A-Student Program

We are asking members of the Halifax Jewish community to adopt an out-of-town Jewish student. Too often in the past, Jewish students from outside of Halifax were ignored and left to fend for themselves as far as contacts with Jewishness were concerned. The Atlantic Jewish Council office has prepared a list of these students, their cities of origin, their present addresses and the telephone number at which they can be reached. Organizations and individuals are invited to participate in this worthwhile project.

Thank You For Your
Co-Operation and Involvement

**Marty Zatzman,
President,
Hillel-AUJS**



Israel and Canada The Great Get-Together

In February of '76 a great many Canadians will be visiting Israel to participate in the Fourth National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation. Representing eleven constituent Zionist organizations of national stature, the Federation has planned a most dynamic and imaginative program which will take participants to all parts of the country and give them an opportunity to meet Is-

rael's heroic people . . . from government leaders to city folk, to farmers in the field. This event will represent a milestone in the history of warm and friendly relations between Canada and Israel . . . and if you would like to come along, we'd be happy to have you with us! Contact us for more information.



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TO YOUR RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

National Convention In Israel- A Milestone For Canadian Zionists

CZF Convention Chairman Louis D. Silver reports that preparations for the Fourth National Convention of the Canadian Zionist Federation, scheduled to be held in Israel from February 9 to 18, 1976 are in high gear. The response to early releases was overwhelming and registration is in full swing. The slogan "Israel is Zionism - Zionism is Israel" underscores our priorities.

Zionists as well as unaffiliated members of the Jewish community are taking advantage of the exceptional convention trip package offered (\$670 from Montreal) which includes return flight by El Al jet, de luxe accomodation at Hilton Hotels in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israeli breakfasts and several additional meals, as well as all convention program features: meetings with prominent Israelis, touring, workshop excursions for special interest groups, and much more. Arrangements for extended stays in Israel are possible upon request.

Planned for convention delegates and observers are gatherings addressed by the President, the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, the Leader of the Opposition, cabinet members, the Mayor of Jerusalem and other luminaries.

Israeli experts will give background talks during "workshops on wheels", focusing on topics such as Economy and Industry; Defense; Aliyah and Absorption; Education; Politics; Medical, Health and Research Institutions; Developing Urban Communities, and Minorities. The entire program combines touring with an in-depth study of the contemporary Israeli scene. Sight-

seeing excursions will cover many points of historical and archeological interest, off the beaten track and not accessible to regular tourists.

Requests for detailed, 12-page brochure, reservations and deposits should be directed to the C.Z.F. Regional Office at 1551 South Park St., Halifax Tel. 422-7491.



Left to right Lou Silver and Dr. Leon Kronitz in Jerusalem with Shimon Peres who has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker at the CZF Convention in Israel.

Atlantic Region Convention Participation Escalating

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION CONVENTION TO DATE (NOVEMBER 30) FROM THE ATLANTIC REGION

Mr. & Mrs. Myer Abraham, Yarmouth
Mr. Simon Dubinsky, Halifax
Mr. & Mrs. Myer Zatzman, Dartmouth
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Offman, Halifax
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Nathanson, St. John's
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Mr. & Mrs. Louis Allen, New Waterford
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Freeman, Fredericton
Mr. L.H. Goldman, Fredericton

Mrs. Celia Fried, Halifax
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Lynch, Yarmouth
Mr. & Mrs. Len Gorber, Moncton
Mr. & Mrs. D. Fierling, Halifax
Mr. James Powell, St. John's

MANY MORE HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE WAY. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THEM!!

AJC Research Program

by: Gerry Fisher

A Research Proposal, to survey the attitudes of specific target populations of the Halifax Jewish community was operationalized this month. The present research proposal was developed after many months of discussion between Gerald Fisher, of the Maritime School of Social Work, and various organizations and individuals in the local Jewish community, in particular, with the executive and staff of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The purpose of the research is twofold: 1) to develop an accurate base of information from which to draw a comprehensive picture of where our community presently stands in relation to significant issues of Jewish concern; 2) to develop a pool of accurate information from which the Atlantic Jewish Council can develop substantial short and long range programming.

Technical support for the project is being provided without charge by the research and planning components of the Maritime School of Social Work. Given the complexities of the sampling techniques to be used, computer time has been reserved at the research department of Dalhousie University, in order to translate the results into intelligible and practical information.

Funding for the project is being provided by the Secretary of State's Office for Multi-Cultural Affairs. Although the project was originally envisioned to encompass fairly detailed interviews of the entire Jewish population of Halifax, time and funding limitations have rendered a comprehensive survey unrealistic. In view of this, the scope of the project has been streamlined to retrieve information concerning the needs of four population groups targeted by the Atlantic Jewish Council for immediate programming attention.

These four groups are: 1) Golden Agers 2) Young Adults 3) University Students 4) Young Judaeans. Information will also be collected related to Jewish education needs, family and social services, youth counselling and the attitudes of those Jewish people who express only marginal identification with Jewishness in its active sense.

Preliminary investigation into several of these areas has already begun. For example, it has already been established that the registration procedure at Dal-

housie University is inadequate in terms of its information pool on Jewish students, specifically, the Dalhousie registrar's office distributes a "supplementary registration form" at the time of registration, giving students the opportunity to declare their religious persuasion, among other personal information. Until this year, the Dal printout was the only formal source of information from which Hillel-AUJS was able to develop its membership list. We have now determined that, for what are hoped to be the usual bureaucratic reasons, that the Dal registration list does not produce the full number of Jewish students that sign the registration form.

Present plans for continuing the study are as follows: detailed research instruments are nearing completion which will retrieve the desired information from all for target populations. The first group to be surveyed will be the university students. This will involve the personal interviewing of as many identified Jewish students as possible, regardless of their relationship to Hilleul-AUJS. The second target group will be those members and potential members of Young Judaea. Plans call for an information form to be mailed to every member of Young Judaea in the Halifax area, as well as to a representative sample of those in the young Judaea age-group who are not presently affiliated. The research relating to those two groups will be completed, hopefully, by the middle of December.

Following the completion of those aspects of the study, attention will then be turned to senior citizens and young adults. Given the numerical size of these populations, it will be impossible to personally interview entire groups. Given that mailed questionnaires have such a low rate of return, appropriate samples from each group will be selected and personally interviewed.

The information collected from these four groups will hopefully provide the council with enough factual information to provide for long-range programming in each area. Beyond filling that immediate need, the research will turn its attention to the community at large, collecting information from people along the entire spectrum of Jewish identification. In this way, we plan to add substantial depth to the outline of the community already established.

It should be impressed upon everyone that the study's validity depends almost entirely on the full cooperation of all those asked to take part. Should you be contacted by the survey team, we urge your cooperation in this worthwhile venture.

Tay-Sachs Screen Held

During the month of October, successful Tay-Sachs Screening Programs were held in Halifax, Fredericton and Sydney. The screening program was directed by **Dr. Philip Welch**, of the Department of Pediatrics at Dalhousie University, with the assistance of medical student, **Jeff Chernin**, under the auspices of the **Atlantic Jewish Council**.

Gail Green of Halifax, shown having a blood sample taken during the Tay-Sachs Screen in Halifax. Administering the test, left to right are medical students **Jeff Chernin** and **Don Flanender**, working under the supervision of **Dr. Philip Welch** (right in photo) of Dalhousie University.



The Bible refers to Lebanon with admiration. The Cedars of Lebanon were used in the construction of the Temple. All reference to the country implies that it was a happy, rich country that was highly respected by the Hebrews of ancient times. Like the rest of the Middle East, and after thousands of years of lethargy, the area awakened. Lebanon and Israel have become the only independent democratic states in that part of the world.

How tragic it is to see the killing and bombing between people who speak the same language in a country that has established a reputation for stability and has become in financial matters, the Switzerland of the Middle East.

What is at the root of this problem? While the media tries to hide it, the facts are that the more enlightened democratic Christian element are sick and tired of the country being taken over by the El Fatah and their leaders, Arafat and Habash. They represent a mixture of eight different groups, most of them fanatically communistic, either under the influence of Moscow or Peking. What a tragedy! The Christian and Moslem elements in this country have been sharing mutual power and living at peace with one another until the balance was upset by the terrorist El Fatah, thereby

is a beacon of light for the rest of the world and proves that Israel can succeed in getting the peaceful co-operation of all the different elements. Whoever had responsibility for setting up of the refugee camps and giving these war refugees special status unlike any of the other refugees in history, are guilty of a terrible crime. Perhaps the Governments concerned were even then beholden to the bribery of oil and wanted to appease the countries under whose deserts the oil was found. It is the duty of all humanitarian people to demand these refugee camps be phased out and thus remove the cause of the tragedy of the agony of Lebanon.

It has just been announced that up to October 16, Nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the undeclared civil war in Lebanon has cost 6,000 lives and billions of dollars in property damage. Perhaps the most permanent and satisfactory solution to this unfortunate situation would be the exchange of the Moslem population in the West Bank for the Christian population of Lebanon. Then Lebanon would have a homogeneous Moslem population. Also, the West Bank would have a completely Democratic Christian community which would be glad to live in peace along side a friendly Jewish state. Certainly, the situation as it now exists will not be solved easily, or soon. The Christian element in Lebanon always welcomed the

The Agony of Lebanon

by Samuel Jacobson

endangering the Christians who would then become a minority.

For centuries, the Christians had been persecuted by the large Moslem majority because at that time, Lebanon was part of the jurisdiction of Syria.

All this proves that the abomination, while well intentioned, of giving these war refugees special treatment, could result in tragedy not only for this small country, but could endanger the peace of the world. Is it not strange that while certain elements in the Christian world cry out against the falsely accused persecution by Israel of the Moslem and Christian minority, not a word is heard about the persecution of the Christians by the Moslem majority in Lebanon?

Would that part of the Christian world like to see this kind of terror, civil war and murder going on in Israel? That certainly could be the result if those who oppose an Independent Jewish state in Israel were to have their way.

How fortunate are the people---Christians, Moslems and Jews---who are living at peace with one another and prospering under a benevolent democratic government in the state of Israel. This little democracy

return of the Jews to Israel as it gave them a greater sense of security and protection from the constant persecution they had suffered for centuries from their Moslem friends. Of course, Mr. Arafat promises a secular Democratic peaceful state for Christians, Moslems and Jews if he were to have his way. The world can see what kind of secular Democracies the whole Arab world have not got.

Incidentally, now that the Canada-Israel Committee has succeeded in preventing the PLO from attending a conference on Human Rights in Toronto, what are they doing about the danger to Israel athletes at the coming Olympics? Why not demand that all Arab countries who have given havens of refuge to Arab terrorists at Munich and elsewhere in the past be requested to sign a document that they will co-operate with all security measures at the Montreal Olympics, will refuse to give any help or shelter to any future terrorists of any kind, and that Israel be allowed special security forces of their own to defend their athletes.* The Munich Massacre must never happen again!

* Or they should not be allowed to participate in the Montreal Olympics.

Correction from last edition:

Area of Israel is 3,500 square miles and not 83,500 as printed. Typographical error was responsible.

Boys Town Jerusalem Holds Inaugural Meetings In Atlantic Region



Marven Block, Atlantic Region Chairman



Eric Exton, National President

The national president of **Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem**, **Eric Exton**, will address Get-Acquainted meetings in Halifax, Sydney and Fredericton sponsored by the Atlantic Region of the organization during January.

The announcement of Boys Town's introduction to the Atlantic Region communities was made by **Mr. Marven Block**, Chairman of the Atlantic Region of the Canadian Friends of Boystown, Jerusalem.

"Although a number of our constituents have visited Boys Town and are actively engaged in furthering its goals, this will be the official start of a continuing organization in the midst," **Mr. Block** announced.

"This unique institution of learning is now celebrating its 27th anniversary and is justly proud of the many graduates in both the academic and technical fields who are contributing so much to Israel today," the Atlantic Region Chairman stated.

Mr. Exton, a distinguished community leader and businessman in Ontario, has devoted much of his efforts to acquaint Canadians with the achievements and concepts of **Boys Town in Jerusalem**. He will be accompanied by his wife, Esther, and the national executive director of the organization, **Bernie Mandell**, who will be visiting other communities as well.

Persons wishing to meet **Mr. Exton** or to receive further information on Boys Town may call Mr. Block at 425-5077 in Halifax.

For further information, contact: Cdn. Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem 121 Old Forest Hill Rd., Toronto M5N 2N6. Telephone (416) 789-7241



THE U.N. AND ZIONISM

The UN Wounds Itself

When the representative of a racist butcher like President Idi Amin of Uganda can cast his vote at the United Nations, as a welcome member of the General Assembly majority, to condemn Zionism as "a form of racism", the United Nations comes perilously close to destroying its own usefulness.

For this vote was not the outcome of any honest examination of the nature of Zionism. It did not arise from a philosophical inquiry into the extent to which most world religions, including Islam and Christianity, view their own adherents as special beneficiaries of divine favor. It did not stem from any serious analysis of the structure and law of the State of Israel. It was by no stretch of the imagination a conclusion to be drawn from a comparison of the status of ethnic, cultural, linguistic or religious minorities in Israel with their counterparts in countries like Iraq, Syria or the Soviet Union. It was based neither on fact nor on principle.

It was nothing more nor less than the irresponsible exercise of brute power, the tyranny of the majority, used against all the principles and ideals of the United Nations to isolate and crush one of its members.

And that, for the United Nations, is a guaranteed route to self-destruction. For if power is to be the only deciding voice in world affairs the world will be ruled by the superpowers with the intercontinental, nuclear-armed, ballistic missiles, not by the non-aligned and Third World countries that wield the majority vote in the General Assembly.

The United Nations can and has been criticized on the ground that it is neither fair nor realistic to give countries like Togo and Gambia equal voting weight with China or the United States. Until recently, however, it has been possible to argue in reply that, in a world where all other institutions are based on the relationships of pure power, the General Assembly provides a forum based on the noble ideal of one state, one vote, a world body in which the small and the weak have an equal voice with the great and powerful.

But any such defence collapses when the General Assembly transforms itself, as it did in the vote on Zionism, from a forum to a lynching party. For the arrogant use of voting power in the General Assembly will not change the balance of the real power relationships of this world. It will only destroy the moral claim of the United Nations to serve as a moderating influence, a voice of international conscience, on the exercise of that power. And the losers in this destruction will not be the superpowers, nor any of the advanced industrial states of Western Europe and North America. The losers will be the Third World countries of Africa and Asia, so many of whom allowed themselves to be manipulated by the power of Arab oil wealth into joining this unprincipled exercise in bullying and attempted intimidation of a United Nations member.

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Atlantic Jewish Council Reaction

The following resolution was adopted by the ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL at its recent Board Meeting:

October 17, 1975, will be recalled in the History of Nations as a DAY OF INFAMY. It was a Day of Infamy at the United Nations. A front of Arab Nations and their allied states formalized their hatred of Israel, the Jewish people and the movement that created the Jewish State as a haven for the remnants of the Holocaust and as the home for future millions of Jews by adopting a resolution in which Zionism was equated with Racism.

We express our solidarity with the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement in our country and all over the world. Zionism is **not** Racism. The Zionist ideal is the ideal of anti-racism. The Zionist movement was established to fight anti-semitism and thereby fight against racism.

Few other nations in the world suffered as much as the Jewish people through its long history from Racial Hatred, from Anti-Semitic outbursts and from Reactionary Forces. We condemn the resolution which the U.N. Committee on Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs adopted on October 17th. It was not merely Anti-Zionist; IT WAS ANTI-JEWISH.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to the States who opposed the Arab-Sponsored Resolution and we are proud of the fact that our country, CANADA, voted against it.

Note: The above resolution was originally passed in response to the U.N. Committee resolution of October 17, 1975. It applies, sadly enough, to the General Assembly resolution of November 11, 1975.

Mr. Ben Prossin, Mr. Max Forman, and Mr. Sam Jacobson represented the region at the National Emergency Meeting of Canadian Jewish Leadership, held in Ottawa on November 19, to discuss the U.N. Resolution.

Shalom To Good Eating

by Myrna Rubin

We all enjoy a coffee break or tea break now and then, and most of us like to have a little nosh with it. So for all you noshers, I am happy to bring to you two delicious coffee cake recipes that were submitted to me by Pam Jacobson and Barbara Gaum, Halifax. Although, I haven't been able to try these cake ideas as yet, I've been guaranteed by both Barb and Pam that they are delicious.

COCONUT COFFEE CAKE

Pam Jacobson

1 pkg. active dry yeast	1/4 cup sugar
2-2 1/4 cups sifted	1/4 cup butter or marg
all purpose flour	1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk	1/4 cup flaked coconut
1 egg	1 tbsp. butter or marg.
1/4 cup sugar	melted

- * Coconut Topping
- * Confectioners Icing

In small mixer bowl combine yeast and 1 cup of flour. Heat milk, 1/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup butter, and salt just till warm, stirring occasionally to melt butter. Add to dry mixture in mixer bowl; add egg. Beat at low speed with electric mixer for 1/2 minute, scraping sides of bowl constantly. Beat 3 minutes at high speed. By hand, stir in enough of the remaining flour to make a moderately stiff dough. Turn out on lightly floured surface; knead 3-5 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease surface, cover; let rise in warm place till double, about 1 hour. Combine 1/4 cup sugar and coconut. Turn dough out on floured surface. Cover, let rise 10 minutes. Roll dough to 12 x 8" rectangle. Brush with 1 tbsp. melted butter. Sprinkle with coconut mixture. Roll up starting with long side. Cut into 12 - 1" slices. Place cut side down, in greased 9 x 1 1/2" round baking pan. Sprinkle coconut topping over coffee cake. Let rise in warm place till double, about 30 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees till golden brown, 25-30 minutes. Remove from pan and cool right side up. Drizzle Confectioners' Icing over cooled cake.

* **Coconut Topping:** In small mixing bowl mix 1/4 cup all purpose flour, 2 tbsp. brown sugar, 2 tbsp. granulated sugar. Cut in 2 tbsp. butter or marg. till mixture is crumbly. Add 1/4 cup flaked coconut.

* **Confectioners Icing:** Combine 1/2 cup sifted confectioners' sugar and 2 tsp. milk.

BLUEBERRY COFFEE RING

Barbara Gaum

to make 2 rings (serving 10 to 12)

YEAST DOUGH	
1/4 cup lukewarm	1/4 cup vegetable oil
water (110° to 115°)	1/4 cup lukewarm milk
1 package active dry yeast	(110° to 115°)
1 teaspoon plus 3	8 tablespoons butter
tablespoons sugar	cut into 1/2-inch bits
3 to 4 cups flour	and softened, plus
1/2 teaspoon salt	3 tablespoons butter,
	softened

Pour the lukewarm water into a small shallow bowl and sprinkle the yeast and 1 teaspoon of the sugar on top. Let the mixture stand for 2 or 3 minutes, then mix well. Set the bowl in a warm, draft-free place (such as an unlighted oven) for 5 to 8 minutes, or until the mixture almost doubles in volume.

Combine 3 cups of the flour, the remaining 3 tablespoons of sugar and the salt in a deep bowl, and make a well in the center. Pour in the yeast mixture, vegetable oil, milk and eggs and, with a large spoon,

gradually incorporate the dry ingredients into the liquid ones. Beat until smooth, then beat in the 8 tablespoons of butter bits.

Gather the dough into a ball and place it on a lightly floured surface. Knead it by pushing it down with the heels of your hands, pressing it forward, and folding it back on itself. Repeat for about 10 minutes, meanwhile sprinkling in up to 1 cup more flour, adding it by the tablespoonful and using only enough to make a smooth, elastic dough.

With a pastry brush, spread 1 tablespoon of the softened butter inside a deep bowl. Place the dough in the bowl and turn it about to grease all sides evenly. Drape loosely with a kitchen towel and set aside in the warm, draft-free place for about 45 minutes, or until the dough doubles in bulk. Meanwhile brush the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter evenly over two large baking sheets and set aside.

BLUEBERRY FILLING

2 cups firm ripe fresh	3 tablespoons cornstarch
blueberries	2 tablespoons strained
1/3 cup sugar	fresh lemon juice

While the dough is rising, prepare the blueberry filling in the following fashion: Combine the blueberries, 1/3 cup sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice in a 2- to 3-quart enameled or stainless-steel saucepan. Bring to a simmer over moderate heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Still stirring from time to time, simmer uncovered over low heat for about 10 minutes longer, or until the mixture is thick enough to coat a spoon heavily. Remove the pan from the heat and let the blueberry filling cool.

Punch the dough down with a single blow of your fist and divide it in half. On a lightly floured surface, roll out one half of the dough into a rectangle about 16 inches long and 10 inches wide. Spread the top to within 2 inches of the edges with half of the blueberry filling and, starting at one of the 16-inch sides, roll the dough jelly-roll fashion into a cylinder. Crimp the ends of the cylinder tightly together with your fingers to seal them. Then place the cylinder on a buttered baking sheet and fold the ends together to make a horseshoe or ring. Roll, fill and shape the second half of the dough in the same manner, then set them both aside in a warm, draft-free place for about 45 minutes, or until they double in bulk.

Helpful Cooking Hints

1) If the whipping cream looks as though it's not going to whip, add three or four drops of lemon juice or a bit of plain gelatine powder to it, and it probably will.

2) If it's important to you to get walnut meats out whole, soak the nuts overnight in salt water before you crack them.

3) If you are using pared apples in a salad or fresh-fruit dessert, soak them for ten minutes in moderately salted water after you peel and cut them. They won't turn brown.

I would very much appreciate ideas for future issues. Send them to:

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YOUNG JUDAEA ALIVE AND WELL

Activities: Retrospect & Prospect

Young Judaea this year is quite definitely revitalizing itself from the depressions of last year. This is due to a number of factors, chief among them being the return from Israel of some leaders, the successful summer at Camp Kadimah, the formation of the Atlantic Jewish Council, and most importantly, the dynamic work of Shaul Landa. The Judaeans role of integrating itself into each community for the purposes of fostering a comprehensive, creative and ongoing community programme is of paramount importance for this region at this time.

Programmatically, the year opened with a **Regional Mifgash**, or re-union, that was held at Camp Kadimah October 10-13. The basic aims of Mifgash were threefold: to let everyone have a positive social experience, to provide programmes that would motivate action back in the centres, and to have a chance to meet with various centre and the region.

The programme commenced on Friday evening -- Erev Shabbat. After an excellent Shabbat meal there was a service followed by presentations from various centres that had been prepared in advance. The next morning there were outdoor services followed by lunch. Activities for the Shabbat afternoon were passive ones, notably discussion and interest groups.

The next morning there was a combined 'Arab

Propaganda and Anti-Semitism' workshop. The thrust of this program was for everyone both within their assigned sub-group and as a larger body to understand the aims of Arab propaganda and the forms of anti-semitism.

That afternoon was a meeting of representatives from the eight centres present at Mifgash. The topics covered methods of organization, future programmes and feedback from the field-trips to Fredericton and Cape Breton.

Mifgash ended on Monday morning, October 13. By all standards, it was a success. It could conceivably become an annual event.

Upcoming Judaeans events include the Judaeans caravan--a song, dance and drama troupe from Halifax. This is immediately followed by the **National Convention** (Kinus) in Kitchener, Ontario from December 27-31 for **all members 15 and over**. At the end of January or early February a **leadership workshop** will be taking place. Our intention is to send monthly program packages to each centre in order to ensure regular activities.

Keep well or as we say,

Chazak v'Ematz,
David Newman, Madrich Tochnit
Azor Atlantic, Canadian Young Judaea

Shnat Hachshara

AND THE QUALITY OF JEWISH LIFE

by Alan Mark,
Mazkiv of Atlantic Region
Young Judaea

Today, the family and Jewish community play an increasingly minor role among all the influences acting on Jewish youth. Peer groups, school, books and television are all pushing a positive, ongoing Jewish upbringing into the background.

What is needed to counter these effects is an intense, enjoyable, totally Jewish experience; one in which youth can live their Judaism, learn about Judaism and Israel, and, most important, appreciate what it is to be a Jew. For myself, such an experience was Shnat Hachshara. Myself and twenty-three other Young Judaea gave us precisely the type of experience needed to re-activate Jewish youth.

The program ran from September to June. During the first two and one half months, half the day was devoted to work and half to the study of Hebrew, with qualified teachers

hired by the Kibbutz. Work included the Pardess (oranges), Refet (cowshed), Chamamah (hot hours), Chadar Ochel (dining hall), Lool (chickens), Gan Y'Ladim (children's house), etc. In addition, we were assigned families on kibbutz, and between regular visits to them, and striking up relationships at work, a very relaxed atmosphere quickly developed.

Throughout the year we received more than seven weeks of seminars -- a three week period at the Machon in Jerusalem in the winter, two weeks in Tel Aviv under the auspices of Hanoar Hatzioni (our affiliated youth movement in Israel) and a seminar in Jerusalem at the end of the year. Topics included Jewish history, problems in Israel today, Hebrew, Jewish law, American Jewish literature, Holocaust studies, History of the Yishuv, leadership training and many, many more. As well, we

arranged for many guest speakers to visit us on Kfar Glickson. And, of course, throughout the year we toured Israel extensively--from the Golan to Sinai (west of Mitla, no less!).

But as crucial as the formal structure was the intimate self-learning process which we ourselves unconsciously developed. Through living so closely with our peers, the groups quickly became an intense, but informal, intellectual forum. What we received from our seminars we took back with us to kibbutz and discussed and argued amongst ourselves, often well into the early morning hours. From this type of experience, I feel many of the participants left Israel -- whether permanently or temporarily -- with very positive and, very definite feelings about Judaism, Israel and their relationship to them.





A Letter To The World From Jerusalem

I am not a creature from another planet, as you seem to believe. I am a Jerusalemite, a man of flesh and blood. I am a citizen of my city, an integral part of my people.

I have a few things to get off my chest. Because I am not a diplomat, I do not have to mince words. I do not have to please you, or even persuade you. I owe you nothing. You did not build this city; you do not live in it; you did not defend it when they came to destroy it. And we will be damned if we will let you take it away.

There was a Jerusalem before there was a New York. When Berlin, Moscow, London and Paris were miasmal forest and swamp, there was a thriving Jewish community here. It gave something to the world which your nations have rejected ever since you established yourselves — a humane moral code.

Here the prophets walked, their words flashing like forked lightning. Here a people who wanted nothing more than to be left alone, fought off waves of heathen would-be conquerors, bled and died on the battlements, hurled themselves into flames of their burning Temple rather than surrender; and when finally overwhelmed by sheer numbers and led away into captivity, swore that before they forgot Jerusalem, they would see their tongues cleave to their palates, their right arm wither.

For two pain filled millenia, while we were your unwelcome guests, we prayed daily to return to this city. Three times a day we petitioned the Almighty: "Gather us from the four corners of the world, bring us upright to our land; return in mercy to Jerusalem, Thy city, and dwell in it as Thou promised."

On every Yom Kippur and Passover we fervently voiced the hope that next year would find us in Jerusalem. Your inquisitions, pogroms, expulsions, the ghettos into which you jammed us, your forced baptisms, your quota systems, your genteel anti-semitism, and the final unspeakable horror, the holocaust (and worse, your terrifying disinterest in it) — all these have not broken us. They may have sapped what little moral strength you still possessed, but they forged us into steel. Do you think that you can break us now, after all we have been through? Do you really believe that after Dachau and Auschwitz we are frightened by your threats of blockades and sanctions? We have been to Hell and back — a Hell of your making. What more could you possibly have in your arsenal that could scare us?

I have watched this city bombarded twice by nations

calling themselves civilized. In 1948, while you looked on apathetically, I saw women and children blown to smithereens, this after we had agreed to your request to internationalize the city. It was a deadly combination that did the job: British officers, Arab gunners and American-made cannon.

And then the savage sacking of the Old City: the willful slaughter, the wanton destruction of every synagogue and religious school: the desecration of Jewish cemeteries; the sale by a ghonlish government of tomb stones for building materials, for poultry runs, army camps — even latrines.

And you never said a word.

You never breathed the slightest protest when the Jordanians shut off the holiest of our holy places, the Western Wall in violation of the pledges they had made after the war — a war they waged, incidentally, against a decision of the UN. Not a murmur came from you whenever the legionnaires in their spiked helmets casually opened fire upon our citizens from behind the walls.

Your hearts bled when Berlin came under siege. You rushed your airlift "to save the gallant Berliners." But you did not send one ounce of food when Jews starved in besieged Jerusalem. You thundered against the wall which the East Germans ran through the middle of the German capital — but not one peep out of you about that other wall, the one that tore through the heart of Jerusalem.

And when the same thing happened 20 years later, and the Arabs unleashed a savage, unprovoked bombardment of the Holy City again, did any of you do anything? The only time you came to life was when the city was at last re-united. Then you wrung your hands and spoke loftily of "justice" and the need for the "Christian" quality of turning the other cheek.

The truth is — and you know it deep inside your gut — you would prefer the city to be destroyed rather than have it governed by Jews. No matter how diplomatically you phrase it, the age old prejudices seep out of every word.

If our return to the city has tied your theology in knots, perhaps you had better re-examine your catechisms. After what we have been through, we are not passively going to accommodate ourselves to the twisted idea that we are to suffer eternal homelessness until we accept your Saviour.

For the first time since the year 70 there is now complete religious freedom for all in Jerusalem. For the first time since the Romans put the torch to the Temple everyone has equal rights. (You preferred to have some more equal than others.) We loathe the sword — but it was you who forced us to take it up. We crave peace — but we are not going back to the peace of 1948 as you would like us to.

We are home. It has a lovely sound for a nation you have willed to wander over the face of the globe. We are not leaving. We have redeemed the pledge made by our forefathers: Jerusalem is being rebuilt. "Next year" — and the year after, and after, and after, until the end of time — "in Jerusalem!"

— Eliezer Ben Yisrael

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OUR INCREASING DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS, OUR URGENT DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE RESUMPTION OF LARGE-SCALE IMMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION LEAVE NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION BUT TO ASSUME MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCING OUR ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE DECISIVE IN MEETING THE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES WHICH WILL HAVE CRUCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR FUTURE.

YITZHAK RABIN

There are many other ways we can tighten our belts without tying a noose around the neck of Israel.



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CHANUKAH

Reluctant Heroes, Then As Now

The Maccabean Revolt against the Syrian Greeks was an act of last resort. It was only after the Temple has been profaned and the idolaters persued the true believers even to the small towns surrounding Jerusalem, that the standard of revolt was raised.

The history of the period of the 2nd Temple is very obscure until the wars of the Hasmoneans which we celebrate in Chanukah. Jerusalem and Judea, for two hundred years, had been a small principality of 2,000 square miles, ruled by a high priest, tributary to the Persian Empire. For 150 years, it was an obscure back-water, a mere milestone on the road connecting two Greek empires wrestling for hegemony; the one centered in Egypt, the other centered in Syria. The Jews of the 2nd Temple were satisfied with religious autonomy without the trappings of an independent state. Jewish nationalism was, however, aroused when even this small patch of freedom was invaded. During the various wars engaged between Antiochus and the Maccabees, neighboring tribes and nations saw their opportunity to wipe out the last vestiges of Jewish identity and nationhood attached to the land of Israel. After his victory and the events leading to the celebration of Chanukah, Judah, the Maccabee, answered the distress calls of his brethren in the out-lying districts of Israel, threatened with extermination by their neighbors. In response to this challenge, the Hasmoneans, within a generation, enlarged the borders of the state so that they concided with the boundaries of David and Solomon at the height of their glory. In fact, then, the resort to arms was a desperate last resort to escape total extinction, an ancient repsonse of "Ain Berairah", "no alternative". This was the "Aleph Beth" of Jewish survival in the ancient homeland, then, as it has been in our day; the more our right to exist has been denied, the more we have been threatened, the more strongly have we responded.

The Jews of Israel in 1948, would have settled for a bi-national state with the Arabs for the sake of peace, coupled with the right to exist. Once that very right was challenged, there was no alternative but to fight. In conflict after conflict since then, the boundaries of Israel have grown, not because of any desire for aggrandizement, but because of the necessities of the fight for life.

The parallels between then and now are easily to be seen. The most urgent necessity now, as then, is the need for unity within the Jewish Commonwealth and between the Commonwealth and the Diaspora. Disunity, in those days, led to the eventual dissolution and conquest of Israel by the mighty power of Rome. Unity and co-operation between all Jews within Israel and without, is the sine qua non of continued existence of the Jewish State and of the Jewish people.

We approach this Chanukah in a mixed mood of somberness and exhilaration. We might wish that we lived in a less exciting age, but we cannot lose sight of the needs of the hour and the necessity of meeting the challenge. As we ponder the story of Chanukah and its implications, we can see our way clear to meet the requirements of the hour. Inspired by the Lights of Chanukah, we face the future with confidence.

Hadari Enthusiastically Received

On Tuesday evening, October 26th, the Halifax community had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Amnon Hadari, noted Israeli literary figure. Mr. Hadari's visit to Halifax was arranged through his participation in the 1975-1976 Scholars-in-Residence program sponsored in Canada by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

In 1949, Mr. Hadari was a founding member of Kibbutz Geshar Haziv, working in agriculture, as well as in various counselling and teaching capacities. In 1970, he left the kibbutz and moved to Jerusalem, affiliating himself with the Hebrew University. He recently received the Hebrew University prize for literature for his book on American Jewish Literature entitled *The Royal Estate*. Mr. Hadari is presently employed by the information and education office of the World Zionist Organization, as coordinator for educational projects for the United States.

Mr. Hadari's lecture covered a variety of vital topics. He began his

talk by portraying to us, in stirring detail, the spiritual and moral conflicts faced by young Israeli citizens in regards to their military responsibilities.

He went on to discuss the change in mood of Sabras towards Diaspora Jewry between 1967 and 1973. He felt that the myth of Israeli invincibility created by the victory in 1967 led to a false sense of superiority and independence from world Jewry. He felt that the close call in 1973 quickly dispelled that attitude and has created a situation in which cooperation and solidarity between Diaspora Jews and Israelis is both vitally necessary and deeply appreciated.

He went on further to discuss issues such as the social gap in Israel between European and Oriental Israelis. He provided statistics that would point that this effort could be greatly enhanced if Israelis didn't have to devote so much energy and resources to their defence needs.

Mr. Hadari's main theme was to bring home the fact that Israel is a unique and that of towards which we all have a responsibility. He felt it incumbent on us to realize that Israel is far from Utopian society and that our responsibility should be

directed at understanding the realities of Israel and being responsive to them.

Mr. Hadari's schedule in Halifax also included an afternoon at the English faculty of Dalhousie. The conversation there included discussion of authors such as Phillip Roth, Bernard Malamud, Thomas Pynchon, Robert Shaw, and Irving Layton.

Mr. Hadari was interviewed by the Halifax Mail Star on Wednesday. He also found time in his schedule to spend several hours with members of Hillel-AUJS and Young Judaea.

It should be noted that Mr. Hadari's lecture was attended by approximately 90 people certainly the largest audience for an event of this kind to be seen in Halifax recently. Amnon Hadari also spoke in St. John's, Newfoundland, and Sydney, Nova Scotia. His lectures there were well attended and enthusiastically received.

It is the intention of the Atlantic Jewish Council to continue to provide the local and regional community with an on-going program of speakers and events of Jewish interest. Your continued support and attendance is deeply appreciated.

MEETING OF CZF NATIONAL PROGRAM AND INFORMATION COMMITTEES

On Sunday, September 11, 1975, Zack Rubin attended a meeting of the National Program Committee and Information Committee, at the Zionist Centre Head office, Montreal. The meeting was co-chaired by Sam Kaplan of Vancouver (Chairman of the Public Information Committee) and Joyce Deitcher (Chairperson of the Program Committee).

The major topic on the agenda was discussion and approval of the proposed merger of the two above mentioned committees. In addition to the merger, the agenda included program suggestions (including seminars and information committees in all Jewish communities across the country), and proposals for projects aimed at promoting the National C.Z.F. Convention, to be held in Israel in February, 1976.

Some of the other topics discussed at the meeting were CZF Publications, Scholars-in-Residence Program 75-76, National Yom Haatzmaut Programming, and Program Resources (films, speakers registry, entertainers, etc.).

One other topic which received a great deal of attention at the meeting was the need for a much greater programming effort at activating and involving two segments of the Jewish population which are particularly inactive at the moment, except for a small core of activists. These groups being University students and the young adults and married couples.

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The Age Of The False Prophets Must Come To An End!

by Norman Lipschutz*

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How can one rejoice on Israeli Independence Day when Israeli mothers and fathers are mourning for their fallen sons and daughters? How can one engage in spirited Israeli songs and dances (at a scheduled night of entertainment in a Maritime town) when husbands are kneeling at the fresh graves of their fallen wives, their expression full of anguish and resignation? How can one even sit at a table and partake of food without a feeling of nausea from viewing scenes of horrors perpetrated by Arab guerrillas and, in retaliation, by Israeli bombers? Don't be shocked fellow Jews and Zionists:-The innocent-spilt blood of an Arab mother or child should equally disturb our conscience.

Golda threats' to chop off the hands of Arab terrorists', following closely upon her other similar pronouncements wherein she vowed to destroy the Arab guerrilla movement. Now Jewish history speaks of an underground --a Jewish underground, not so long ago, overpowering the mighty British Empire. With all due respect to our former Premier-- she's fond of denying the existence of the Palestinian people, thus refuses to identify the problem. If there is no problem, there cannot be a solution. Consequently almost daily we are confronted with one horror after another.

A wise leadership would have identified the problem at its very inception benefits to both Arab and Jew. Instead, our leaders in their infinite "wisdom", and no small measure of arrogance, chose to engage in propaganda. The Israeli Ministry of Information requested wise counsel from people around the globe--the writer of these lines included--but chose to ignore the basic problem... Now, "azm'meg shoin"--it would be well to discuss the plan in some detail, for only in its institution will Israel find a durable peace.

Threats of destruction, from whichever side, must cease forthwith. It is not the road to peace! It is foolhardy to suggest that we can destroy the Arabs, even the Arab guerrillas, as it is to call for Israel's elimination. Rather let us turn towards peaceful and constructive pursuits. Let us point out to the Arab Oil magnates that they too have a responsibility towards their Arab brethren...and in unison we shall succeed in finding a solution to the problem, which, as I gather, is as troublesome to the Arab states as it is to Israel.

A Jewish mother can see the writing on the wall. After having suffered the loss of a dear father and brother, she is desperately afraid for the future of her children. She is crying out for a solution. A new and revitalized Jewish leadership must heed her plea. Send all our false prophets packing, may they be here or in Israel. And we pray that from Zion shall come forth enlightenment, and truth and justice from Jerusalem.

CANADIAN PROFESSORS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

by Dr. Thomas A. Levy
Fredericton, N.B.

Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East (CPPME) was launched on a nationwide basis in Toronto on November 10, 1974. Its sponsors include such distinguished Canadian academics as Ron Atkey, Lloyd Axworthy, John Brierly, Maxwell Cohen, Emil Fackenheim, Gerhard Herzberg, Henry Hicks, Judy Lamarsh, Laurier Lapierre, Irving Layton, Gerald Le Dain, Albert Legault, David Lewis, Ronald St. John MacDonald, Donat Pharand, Maurice Pinard, Walter Tarnopolsky and Miriam Waddington, among others. CPPME's principal object is to work for a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab states. This task is furthered in part by academic study and analysis of the social, political and economic issues underlying the conflict areas of the Middle East. In so doing, CPPME hopes to increase both awareness and understanding of these issues in the academic community and among the public at large.

CPPME is non-sectarian, that is, any Jew or non-Jew who subscribes to the goal of a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab states is welcome to join. The organization as such eschews direct political action and is not identified with any political party or faction. While academics who become members may differ among themselves as to the appropriate policies or

proposals for peace in the Middle East and as to the degree of personal commitment required in pursuit of that goal, the common denominator of membership in CPPME is adherence to the principle of a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab states. This does not preclude individual members from expressing their own views in the public media or from associating themselves with other organizations concerned with Middle Eastern questions. Indeed, these activities are not necessarily inconsistent with the educational focus of CPPME.

In the Atlantic provinces, there are only two CPPME chapters- at the University of New Brunswick at Fredericton and at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. Accordingly, I am deeply grateful to **Shalom Magazine** for giving me this opportunity to draw attention to CPPME's existence and objects in the hope that chapters may be set up at the other university campuses with the Atlantic Region. Anyone wishing to establish a chapter or who desires more information should contact Professor Irwin Cotler, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec; or myself at the Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B.

In Halifax, Prof. Robert Eden of the Political Science Faculty at Dalhousie University, is organizing a chapter of C.P.P.M.E. For further information, contact him at 424-2427.

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Among the returned Service men honored at a special service in the Robie Street Synagogue were, from left to right, front row: Dr. M. Jacobson, Dr. I. Nathanson, H. Marcus, I. Harris, W. Mosher.

Second row: D. Harris, L. Fineberg, M. Pliskow, H. Leventhal, P. Kantor, J. Newman.

Third row: M. Zatzman, Dr. S. Green, S. Gordon, S. Offman, M. Fineberg, N. Arron.

Standing: I. Land, S. Rubin, R. Smilestone, H. Carson, M. Zlatin, H. Goldberg, D. Marcus, T. Hoffman, L. Roza, M. Bernstein, H. Bernstein, S. Warren, M. Pascal.

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Alan Stern

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All Rubin
Kneeling
Boris Jacobson



Not So Long Ago

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Dr. Albie Prossin
&
Dr. Mendel Bernstein

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

Sydney Leads The Region

Sydney United Israel Appeal Chairman, **Louis Siegel**, has announced a 15% increase in this year's Campaign above last years, the best increase in the Region, giving Sydney the highest per capita level of giving within the Atlantic Region.

Fredericton, under the Co-Chairmanship of **Martin Payne** and **Mike Chippin**, and **Glace Bay**, under the Chairmanship of **Eli Marshall**, ran a very close second in terms of per capita levels of giving to the United Israel Appeal.

As the year draws to a close, all efforts are being made throughout the Region in the area of **cash collection** of pledges for the various local UIA Campaigns.



Louis Siegel, Chairman of the Sydney Campaign, presenting a cheque for \$65,000, representing pledges collected to date.



Michael Marcus

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Elliot Jacobson, Regional Chairman for the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Inc., takes pleasure in announcing the appointment of Michael Marcus as Regional Director for the UIA. Mr. Marcus is well known throughout the Region for his previous work as Regional Director for the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Canadian Jewish Congress and The Atlantic Jewish Council, and has served as Director for the 1975 United Israel Appeal Campaigns.



At Fredericton UIA Reception, are seen Ben Medjuck (left), holding the plaque he was awarded for his outstanding effort as Chairman in Fredericton during the 1973 Emergency Campaign, Martin Payne (centre) and Mike Chippin (right), Co-Chairmen of the 1975 Campaign, holding the plaque they accepted on behalf of the entire Fredericton community for it's efforts during the Emergency Campaign.

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HALIFAX HADASSAH

by **Shirlee Medjuck**

Halifax Hadassah began the season with a most successful evening of Tribute for members and husbands on October 5, 1975. Hadassah's highest service award, the Esther Award, was presented to **Mrs. Bea Zemel**, in recognition of her many years of valuable service to Hadassah, having served in many chairmanships including chapter president and council president. **Mrs. Ruth Pink**, a past National Vice-President, was the speaker for the evening, and installed the Council Officers. The new officers are -- President, **Shirlee Medjuck**, Vice-President, **Marianne Ferguson**, Treasurer, **Flo Rubin**, Recording Secretary, **Leona Freeman**, Financial Secretary, **Celia Fried**, and Corresponding Secretary, **Norma Saltzberg**.

Awards were presented to past Council President, **Shirlee Fox**, and to Council members **Miriam Goldberg**, **Sylvia Rockman**, and **Barbara Paton**. Life Membership chairman, **Sandra Hoffman** announced a family of four generations of life members - **Mrs. Lena Lipton** of Sydney, her daughter **Sylvia Herschorn** of Halifax, her granddaughter **Nancy Cieplinski** and great-granddaughter **Adina** of Mexico. Four new families of three generations of Life Members were also announced - **Doris Stone**, her daughter **Tamara McIvor** and her granddaughter **Chara**; **Ruth Pink**, her daughter-in-law **Kathy** and her granddaughter **Jennifer**; **Mrs. F. Leventhal**, her daughter **Jeanette Jacobson** and her granddaughter **Shelly Berezin** of Ottawa; **Becky Arron**, her daughter-in-law **Shirley** and her granddaughter **Louise Wolfson**. The list of male members is ever-growing and that evening several new life associates were announced.

The Presidents of the five chapters for '75-'76 are: Avivah Chapter - **Lenore Brener**, Barbara Golberg

Chapter - **Annette Goldman**, Golda Meir Chapter - **Lil Newman**, Orah Chapter - **Praesidium of Presidents - Zelda Kuchinsky, Lil Aronson, Sara Yablon, Tikvah Chapter - Yvette Bowman**.

The new Community Calendar prepared by our members is nearing completion, and the five chapters are actively involved at this time for Mogen David Adom, Israel Bonds, and the Whale of a Sale; Great plans are being formulated by co-covenors **Marlene Green** and **Gloria Pink** for our Annual Spring Bazaar on May 4, 1976.

With an increase of 18 members, 22 Life Members and 8 Life Associates, Halifax Hadassah looks forward to another fulfilling year.



Left to Right: **Mrs. Shirlee Medjuck** - incoming Council President; **Mrs. Bea Zemel** - honouree; **Mrs. Sara Heinisch**; **Mrs. Shirlee Fox** - outgoing Council President; and **Mrs. Ruth Pink** - honorary Past National Vice-President, Hadassah-Wizo.

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“ATROCITIES”

AN ESSAY ON 26 CANVASSES

ATROCITY — This is one of the works by Natalie Oler collected under the title of Atrocities — an essay on 26 Canvases, which was on exhibition at the Centennial Art Gallery at Citadel Hill, Oct., 16 - Nov. 11. The exhibit is dedicated to the memory of the late Rabbi Abraham Oler and the gallery, in a catalogue note, suggests that Atrocities might have been called Lest We Forget. “The artist has indeed chosen a morose subject but one which so often is swept under the carpet,” it says. “Natalie Oler has lifted her brush to create this atmosphere because Atrocities are all too real.”

OMINOUS SIGNS AND UNSPEAKABLE THOUGHTS

by Elie Wiesel

I admit it sadly: I feel threatened. For the first time in many years I feel that I am in danger. For the first time in my adult life I am afraid that the nightmare may start all over again, or that it has never ended, that since 1945 we have lived in parentheses. Now they are closed.

Could the Holocaust happen again? Over the years, I have often put the question to my young students. And they, consistently, have answered yes, while I said no. I saw it as a unique event that would remain unique. I believed that if mankind had learned anything from it, it was that hate and murder reach beyond the direct participants; he who begins by killing others, in the end will kill his own. Without Auschwitz, Hiroshima would not have been possible. The murder of one people inevitably leads to that of mankind.

In my naivete I thought, especially in the immediate postwar period, Jews would never again be singled out, handed over to the executioner. That anti-Semitism had received its death-blow long ago, under the fiery skies of Poland. I was somehow convinced that—paradoxically—man would be shielded, protected by the awesome mystery of the Event.

There are signs and they are unmistakable. The sickening spectacle of a diplomatic gathering wildly applauding a spokesman for killers. The scandalous exclusion of Israel from UNESCO. The arrogant self-righteousness of certain leaders, the cynicism of others. The dramatic solitude of Israel. The anti-Semitic statements made by America's top general. Anti-Semitism has become fashionable once more both in the East and in the West.

No wonder then that suddenly one hears discussions on a subject that many of us had thought buried long ago: Jewish survival. Can Israel—the country, the people—survive another onslaught? How many times must it sacrifice the best of its children? How long can one go on living in a hostile world? Is it conceivable that

Hitler could be victorious posthumously?

For those of us who have lived and endured the human and Jewish condition in its ultimate depth know: at this turning point in history, the Jewish people and the Jewish State are irrevocably linked; one cannot survive without the other. As a community, we have rarely been so united. And never so alone.

Hence the fear in me. All of a sudden, I am too much reminded of past experiences. The enemy growing more and more powerful, more and more popular. The aggressiveness of the blackmailers, the permissiveness of some leaders and the total submissiveness of others. The overt threats. The complacency and diffidence of the by-standers. I feel as my father must have felt when he was my age.

Not that I foresee the possibility of Jews being massacred in the cities of America or in the forests of Europe. Death-factories will not be built again. But there is a certain climate, a certain mood in the making. As far as the Jewish people are concerned, the world has remained unchanged: as indifferent to our fate as to its own.

And so I look at my young students and tremble for their future; I see myself at their age surrounded by ruins. What am I to tell them?

I would like to be able to tell them that in spite of endless disillusionments one must maintain faith in man and in mankind; that one must never lose heart. I would like to tell them that, notwithstanding the official discourses and policies, our people does have friends and allies and reasons to advocate hope. But I have never lied to them, I am not going to begin now. And yet . . .

Despair is no solution, I know that. What is the solution? Hitler had one. And he tried it while a civilized world kept silent.

I remember. And I am afraid.

Hillel-A.U.J.S. (Atlantic Union of Jewish Students)

For the past few years our own leaders have come from a group of truly interested students. Students from a variety of Atlantic cities, students such as **Mark Roza, Helene David, David Rubin, Myron Mark, Hilton Attis** and myself. These people for the last few years have been the executive of our Hillel students group. Our programs have been generally of a social nature, but we also have incorporated such ideas as an organized Israeli Dance group, a weekend Jewish Students' Conference, some seminars and speakers brought in to lend to the more culturally-oriented programs.

Some months back, **Helene David, Hilton Attis** and myself, under the guidance of **Harold Medjuck**, sought the approval of the **Atlantic Jewish Council** for the establishment of a Jewish Student's facility in Halifax. Unanimous approval was given to our proposal at the April convention of the Council, but as always the funding is the difficult part. In time, with a proven Jewish student's program in the Atlantic region, such a facility will be realized.

Presently, however, under the guidance of **Shaul Landa** and with the leadership of our "Committee of Eight", a new and fresh student's group has been activated. Hopefully, **Hillel-AUJS** should satisfy the many and varied tastes of our student population. With the support of our Atlantic community and with the guidance of our Rabbis and resource people, this year should be the best ever for our Atlantic Jewish student population.

Marty Zatzman
President, Hillel-AUJS

**This year in
Russia, it is still
against the law to
say, "Next year in
Jerusalem!"**

SOVIET JEWRY IN GRAVE PERIL

By Gerry Fisher, Chairman,
Committee On
Oppressed Communities

Mr. David Shanoff, newly appointed National Director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, came to Halifax the first weekend in November with some bad news the persecution of the Jewish community in Russia grows worse everyday.

Mr. Shanoff's message was both clear and urgent. One out of every four Jews on this planet lives in the Soviet Union. The Soviet authorities have been conducting a systematic program of cultural genocide against these people. Despite the fact that the Soviet Union is a signee of the Universal Covenant of Human Rights, and despite the fact that the Russian Constitution specifically guarantees the rights of emigration and full expression of religious and cultural traditions (including language), the Jewish community in Russia is being victimized by a relentless repression of the most basic of human rights.



"The Round of Prisoners," by Vincent Van Gogh, at the Pushkin Museum in Moscow

Mr. Shanoff suggested that a committee be established in Halifax with the sole purpose being to bring the urgency of this matter to the prompt attention of each and every MP and MLA in the Province, including the Premier. The ultimate intention of this effort is to have our elected officials make their outrage at this situation known directly to the Soviet Government at the highest levels. Secondly, Mr. Shanoff has suggested a region-wide consciousness raising effort directed, not only at each and every Jewish individual in the region, but, via the public media, to every citizen in the Atlantic area.

Recent events have made clear, that despite the Russian government's ostensibly unalterable stand on their policy towards dissident Jews, the fact is that the Russians are particularly sensitive to organized criticism. It is clear that with increasing levels of attention paid to individual cases inside Russia, that the possibility of visas being granted, or prison sentence being reduced increases remarkably.

We have a clear responsibility to be as vocal as possible on this issue. There are positive steps we can take. It takes ten seconds to sign a petition, it takes ten minutes to write a letter. Our involvement can make a difference. In this writer's opinion, no one who reads this article should go to sleep tonight without first contacting the Atlantic Jewish Council for more detailed information on how they can make a personal contribution to this urgent effort.

Mr. Shanoff has informed us that a world-wide conference on Soviet Jewry is being convened in Brussels, February 17th to 19th. Arrangements have been made to offer a package deal for \$ 379 including return fare from Montreal, six nights in first class accommodations, including breakfast and service charges. Mr. Shanoff is interested in seeing several delegates attend from the Atlantic region. If anyone is interested in receiving further information of this opportunity, please contact the Atlantic Jewish Council Office.

ORT-ORT-ORT-ORT

by **Myrna Blurnenthal, President, ORT Hthatic Region**

As the ADA Zebberman chapter of Halifax Women's Ort swings into it's 13th (Bat Mitzvah) year of operation; we have plans to strive ahead for another successful and fruitful year. We look back 13 years ago, when Halifax Women's Ort begun by **Muriel Levine** of Ottawa with sister **Helen Webber** serving as our founding President and **Florie Fineberg** as vice-president together with a total of 24 charter members. Today, through the efforts of Ort's leaders, namely presidents, **Helen Rosen, Rona Garson, Harriet Shulman, Shireley Sherman, Barbera Alberstat** and current president, **Myrna Blumenthal** we have grown strong in numbers with 140 members.---Our strength growing even stronger!

"Freed from charity by the skills of their hands" is our motto. To be able to give life, new hope with dignity and fulfillment to those, in developing countries, less fortunate than us, living in a free country such as Canada, is a rewarding and challenging venture for all volunteer Ortists.

Just a year ago, while attending the 13th Biennial Convention of Women's Canadian Ort, it was stated by the Israeli Minister of Education, the Honorable **Mr. Yadin**, and reiterated again, just a few weeks ago by the Israeli Consulate to Canada while addressing the delegates of a National Ort board meeting in Hamilton:- "The crucial challenge of the country, Israel, is that of education; to ensure the continuity of the Israeli people, future growth and stability. Ten years ago, 20% of all secondary education was vocational and technical education. In 1974, 50% of all post elementary education students were enrolled in the Ort schools. By the end of the 1970's, the government hopes to see these figures increased by another 20%. The Ort student, the Ort graduate are vital to the economy and strength of the country." The men very **urgently** stressed the need of, and the role that Canadian Women's Ort plays as vital! "You must carry on and grow, now more than ever. **WE NEED YOU!**" The main goals of the Ort Vocational and Technical schools are as follows:-

1. To train skilled vocational and technical tradesmen of manpower.
2. To provide the students, both vocational and technical education mixed with a curriculum of the highest academic standards. "No student will be turned away-there is a programme suitable for everyone and at all 'levels' and regardless of background or means.
3. To provide all students with post-elementary education by providing many different programmes of studies with a minimum 20 year projection to need.
4. The government of Israel is hoping that by providing a post-elementary education to all that will enhance the reduction of the ethnic gap and give equal opportunity to all of its people.
5. Also provided for the students by Ort are:- Meals, clothing, dormitories, medical attention, books, social assistance and guidance counselling, scholarship and financial assistance.

The schools are geared to the **needs of the students**. Extra curricular activities, physical education and the Humanities play an important and compulsory part of the programme. All Ort school kitchens and meals provided are strictly kosher (whether the meals are prepared by the students such as in the Hotel and Restaurant trades or by volunteers.) Where a family can not afford a proper Bar-mitzvah for their son, Ort will help accomodate so that this boy may have a Bar-Mitzvah.

Perhaps, there are some of you, not already an Ort members who may wish to join us in the world of Ort. Several methods of membership are as follows:-

An active member-(For Halifax residents) Membership fee of \$6.00 per year and you would partake in meetings and assume responsibility.

An inactive member-For the same \$6.00 membership fee, a year, be counted as an Ort member and be kept informed of all activity, receive all mailings and publications but not be required, or asked, to take an active role.

A friend of Ort or a Patron.-This is basically set up for members outside the immediate Halifax/Dartmouth area, where there is no active Ort chapter but will enable you to be a supportive part of Ort. Membership fee is \$10.00. Again you will be kept informed of activities and receive all publications through the mail.

Life membership-\$150.00 is tax deductible. We now have 27 life members in Halifax. Consider the fact that it costs \$300.00 per year to provide a student education as described above and that your life membership will provide this needed opportunity for half a year. Life membership is payable in Israeli bonds, if desired.

Your membership is vital to the strength of the organization to enable us to carry on and provide such a worth while programme of education that "we" take for granted.

-By the way, as a matter of interest- Win a trip to Las Vegas or Israel. Here's how----

(A) Anyone to join Ort prior to Convention, 1976 (To be held in Ottawa Oct. 23-31/1976) will be eligible for a draw on a round trip ticket for 2 to Las Vegas!

(B) The one person who brings in the most new members from convention 1974, (Nov. 1/74) to convention 1976-stands a chance for a round trip ticket to Israel!

Anyone interested in membership, please contact membership chairman

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(Please make all contributions payable to Halifax Women's Ort)

Cape Breton Branch Atlantic Jewish Council



Dr. Phil Simon



Mr. Louis Siegel

by Ann Leviten

A meeting of a group of members of the various organizations of the Jewish communities in Cape Breton, was held on October 5, 1975, at the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue in Sydney, to formulate plans for the establishment of a working entity of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Chairmen for the meeting were: **Mr. Louis Siegel**, Member-at-Large, **Dr. Phil Simon**, Regional Vice-President, and **Mr. Shaul Landa**, Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The well attended meeting was very responsive to the remarks of the Chairmen and without delay committees were formed for the functions in the near future.

At the first presentation, under the auspices of the **Cape Breton Council**, was an outstanding speaker in the person of **Mr. Amnon Hadari**.

Mr. Landa was accompanied to Sydney by two Judaeen leaders, **David Newman** and **Miles Garson**, and held meetings with Sydney Young Judaeans which is headed by **Miss Sheri Lecker**.

A well planned programme was outlined for the coming season.

It is to be hoped that the first successful meeting will be the forerunner of many more throughout the coming year.

On November 24, this chapter presented to the general public, the outstanding **1975 Israeli Chassidic Festival**. An outstanding performance attended by over five hundred persons applauded with a standing ovation.

CAPE BRETON COUNCIL HADASSAH WIZO

Chaired by **Mrs. Harry Dubinsky**, President, the closing meeting of C.B. Council Hadassah Wizo, was held in the vestry of Temple Sons of Israel, in the form of a Potluck Supper. Convened by the President and her committee, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Business of the past year was reviewed and reported by the chairmen of their respective projects. Each was received very enthusiastically and complimented by the President. The visual report given by the Treasurer **Mr. M. Chernin** was commended and very well received.

Mrs. Garson Lecker, Bazaar Chairman of the Annual

Hadassah Bazaar, gave her report, thanking her co-chairman **Mrs. B. Leith** and the membership, for their one hundred per cent co-operation in time, effort and productivity.

A presentation of a "Merit Pin" was made to **Mrs. Lecker** by President **Mrs. Dubinsky**, for having completed two successive, successful years as Bazaar Chairman. **Mrs. Sam Bernick**, Bazaar Secretary Treasurer gave a financial report and was enthusiastically applauded for her splendid detailed account.

AWARDS

Mrs. P. (Hannah) Gaum, Bazaar Raffle Book Chairman, presented the following with "Honor Pins" for their outstanding sales.

Mrs. Nathan David for selling greatest number of books.

Sydney Chapter - Mesdames **I. David**, **S. Dodick** and **A. (Lena) Gaum**

Glace Bay Chapter - **Ms. Glenna Mendleson**

New Waterford - **Mrs. S. Claener**

North Sydney - **Mr. Michael Byron**, for his effort and large sale of books, was presented with cuff-links engraved with the Wizo Crest.

Mrs. Norris Nathanson was presented with a certificate indicating that a "Scholarship for a Needy Child at the School at Hadassim, Israel" was made in her name. This commemorated Reva's two term as Regional Hadassah Chairman for Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Mrs. Erwin Epstein, President Queen Esther Chapter of Hadassah, honored three members for their many years of outstanding service.

Certificates were presented indicating that each of the following members will sponsor one child for one month at the "Atlantic Baby Creche", in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Sam Lipton, Membership Chairman
Mrs. P. (Hannah) Gaum, J.N.F. Treasurer
Mrs. N. (Lil) Nathanson, Gift Cards

May we all look forward to a continuance of untiring effort from each and every Hadassah member in the year 1975-76.

Shalom!

MONCTON HADASSAH BAZAAR TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

by **Lena Kutziner**

The Lillian Frieman Chapter of Hadassah convened a Mini Bazaar Thursday, October 23, 1975.

Under their dynamic leadership of Bazaar Conveners **Mrs. Ruth Fuller** and **Lois Maklin**, all members were involved in all kinds of activities and preparations for this exciting day to ensure its success. And a success it was. Over \$5,000.00 was raised for Hadassah.

We are very much aware that "We are all in the same boat" and we never stop working, improving, thinking, self-educating, worrying and hoping to be able to say: "Am Israel Chai".

FREDERICTON B'NAI BRITH BOWLING LEAGUE

by **Seymour Kaufman**

The Fredericton B'nai Brith Bowling League started its fourth season on October 19, 1975. The League provides a recreational outlet for the entire Fredericton Jewish community as not only B'nai Brith members but also Hadassah members and Young Judaeans bowl. The League this year will again feature six teams. Back to defend the title will be **Harry Lang**, who last year also had the top men's average and high triple for men.

Louis Levine won last year's high single for men. For the women, **Sharon Rose**, a Young Judaeans, took both the top average and high single awards while **Marilyn Kaufman** won high triple honours.

Bowling takes place every Sunday morning at 10:30 at the Marysville Bowling Lanes. An invitation is extended to any out of towners who find themselves in Fredericton on a Sunday morning to come and join us.

Congratulations to the following:

Malcolm Goldman on receiving his doctorate degree in organic chemistry from the University of Toronto.

Joseph Medjuck on receiving his doctorate degree in communications from the University of Toronto.

Best wishes to **Barbera** and **Malcolm Goldman**, and their two young sons **Yosef** and **Pesach**, who left October 20, 1975 on an Aliyah to Israel. They will be making their home at Gush Etzion.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

By **Esther Feldman**

The Esther Wilansky Chapter of Hadassah, Wizo, St. John's, Nfld., has recently installed a new executive. They are as follows: **Rosalie Flomen**, President; **Rose Toytman**, Vice-President; **Lisa Kantorwitz**, Treasurer; **Madeline Wilansky**, Recording Secretary; **Genevieve Lipkus**, Corresponding Secretary.

The Jewish community of St. John's now has a new spiritual leader who has revitalized our interest in Judaism, **Rabbi Yaacov Petersil**, with wife **Tamara** and

twin children. The Rabbi has already formed adult education classes which have proven to be successful thus far. The classes being offered are Beginner's Hebrew, Conversational Hebrew, Women's Bible Class, and a Basic Jewish Beliefs Class. There is a Hebrew School each week day afternoon and a Hebrew high school every Monday night.

On October 18, 1975, there was a social evening in the Beth El Synagogue where movies were shown and a guest speaker addressed us regarding Jewish National Fund.

HALIFAX NOTE:

Mr. Earle Bowman was presented with a Certificate of Merit for his outstanding service to the Canadian Paraplegic Association - Atlantic Division, at their recent annual dinner meeting. Mr. Bowman is a past President of this organization.

A UNIQUE HAPPENING IN P.E.I.

The following is a reprint of a letter written by **Mr. Jeffrey C. Fine** to **Mr. Max Forman** at the time President Shaar Shalom Synagogue. Prince Edward Island has good reason to be proud and is heartily welcomed as an active and integral part of the Atlantic Jewish Family. A special thanks to Mr. Fine, Mr. Forman and the Shaar Shalom Board for allowing us to publish this letter.

Mr. Jeffrey C. Fine,
32 Ferndale Drive,
Sherwood, P.E.I.

Mr. M. Foreman,
President,
Sha'ar Shalom Congregation,
Halifax, N.S.

September 29, 1975

Dear Mr. Foreman,

I would like to extend to you and your family our very warm wishes for a "shana tova", a year of health, peace and "ma'asim tovim". We would also like to thank you personally, **Rabbi Heim**, the members of the Religious Affairs Committee, and the Board as a whole for enabling us to commence the year with the first Jewish service ever held in Prince Edward Island. And a special "toda raba" to the member, who you relinquishing a well deserved honour, permitted us to retain the "sefer torah" for Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur.

My wife and I arrived in P.E.I. on January 1st this year. Because there is no Jewish community, we were unaware, until comparatively recently, that there were other Jewish families on the Island. An informal Sunday gathering, in July, at the summer cottage of a **Dr. and Mrs. Edward Kassner**, of Souris, provided me with the opportunity of doing some "head counting". At least three other families, notably **Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nagus**, **Dr. and Mrs. I. Rachmel**, and their son **David**, and **Mr. and Mrs. J. Naylor** responded positively to the proposal of holding High Holyday services on the Island. Having formed a "garin", a nucleus, we then set out to recruit others.

The number of Jewish families in P.E.I. has fluctuated considerably. There are a few long standing residents including **Dr. and Mrs. Israel Rachmel**, of Charlottetown, **Dr. and Mrs. Edward Kassner**, of Souris, and **Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Block**, of Charlottetown. Mr. Block, I might add, is a true "Islander", having been born and raised here. Doctors Rachmel and Kassner are very well known and highly respected through their medical practices which go back over 25 years in each case. All have retained their connections with Jewish activities and Israel. Mr. Block is a member of the Moncton Community, and his son, I believe, is a member of your Congregation. The Kassners have a daughter living on a Kibbutz in Israel. The Rachmels have always been active in Jewish causes. Dr. Rachmel has organized several Israel bonds campaigns. He and his family visit Israel annually. His knowledge of Hebrew and Jewish tradition, which goes back to Jewish high school in Lithuania was very important in conducting our services.

We acquired the religious articles for the services from several sources. A personal relation in Toronto, **Mr. David Green**, sent us a beautiful shofar and kippot. The Beth Tzedec congregation in Toronto, through the executive director, **Mr. Jack Orenstein**, sent a consignment of talitim. Sha'ar Shalom provided us with the most critical items, including the mahzorim and a sefer torah. The inclusion of the torah converted a facsimile of a service into a real service, because we were able to read, according to tradition, directly from the scroll. I want to thank you personally for contributing the cost of

insurance. I was somewhat nervous about the prospect of transporting it from Halifax to Charlottetown, but recalled that no harm came to the "luhot", the Tablets of Law, during 40 years of wandering in the desert. Unfortunately the waters of the Northumberland Strait didn't part, but the ferry crossing was very smooth in both directions.

The services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nagus. Their living room was sufficiently large for our purposes, and faces eastwards. The Nagus' willingly put up with a great deal of inconvenience. The dining room table was pre-empted for a "shulhan", the Reader's table. The rectangular living room coffee table was placed upright, enclosed by curtains, and thereby transformed into an "aron kodesh". A yahrzeit candle on the mantle shelf served as a "ner tamid". This environment and the enthusiasm and direct involvement of everyone participating in the services created a truly "heimische" atmosphere.

The "nusah" or format of the services followed the conservative mahzar, which I might add, gave many people a clearer understanding of the prayers and practices. However, our small numbers and informality gave us certain advantages in introducing a number of innovations. At several points in the service, the "shaliah tzibbur", the reader, would stop and someone, either male or female, would lead us in a responsive reading, or read aloud a section in Hebrew or English. One high point occurred on Yom Kippur, during the morning torah reading. A visitor, **Miss Carolyn Schaeffer** of Vancouver, sang the maftir and haftarah in Hebrew. In spite of her Hebrew day school education, she had not received a "bat mitzva". Somewhat contrary to the letter, but very much in the spirit of Jewish tradition, we celebrated her "bat mitzva" in this manner.

The response from Jewish residents as a whole probably represented a fair cross-section of Canadian Jewry. A very small minority didn't "want to know", and indeed were somewhat perturbed that their "refuge" in P.E.I. was being disturbed. A large percentage were superficially indifferent, or self-conscious. A frequently voiced individual viewpoint was that of being "hypocritical" in attitude. Our own response was that the Jewish approach was one of "na'ase v'nishma", to act and then to interpret, that one finds individual meaning through concrete actions. And indeed this proved to be the case. Many people, who had not been to a synagogue in years found something meaningful by attending the services. The fact that we had to surmount certain difficulties, that each person added to our small number, and that everyone, without exception, led a portion of the service, contributed immeasurably to the overall atmosphere. A more concrete action was the appeal made on Kol Nidrei, for Israel and the U.I.A., by Dr. Rachmel. You should be hearing from him shortly.

It is difficult to express any definitive plans for the future. Most Jewish families, including my wife and myself, do not envisage a long term residence in P.E.I. In our own particular case, we shall eventually require a larger community with Hebrew day school facilities. There is little prospect of formally establishing a Jewish community in P.E.I. On the other hand, there is an immediate need to forge firm ties with Israel and Canadian Jewry, perhaps through some sort of association with your Congregation.

May I close by thanking yourself, Rabbi Heim, the Board and the members for your encouragement and assistance. Your "mitzva" provided the opportunity for several Jewish families to discover, renew and reinforce their links with Judaism and Israel.

Yours sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Fine

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

Follow The Headlines . . .



Mr. Peter Herschorn, National Vice-President for the Atlantic Region is proud to announce the news of six new projects with the fund being undertaken since Rosh Hashana.

YEOMAN \$10,000

Mortimer Bernstein	Saint John, N.B.
A GROVE OF TREES - \$3,000	
Allan Ruben	Fredericton, N.B.
Morris Wilansky	St. John's, Nfld.
Isador Silver	St. John's, Nfld.
Bernard Nathanson	St. John's, Nfld.
Ruby Smilstein	St. John's, Nfld.
Nathan Lipshutz	Saint John, N.B.

You have helped Keren Kayemeth to build Israel's tomorrow — today!

thank you.



Forge Your Own Personal Link with Israel

Link your family's name for all time with Israel and her courageous people by participating in the building of CANADA PARK in the following categories:

Founder	\$100,000
(There will be only 18 Founders; and they have all been subscribed to).	
Governor	50,000
(There will be 36 Governors; as we go to press 27 subscriptions have been received).	
Forester	25,000
(There will be 100 Foresters; as we go to press, 30 subscriptions have been received).	
Guardian	18,000
Yeoman	10,000

Or, you may wish your association with CANADA PARK to take the form of a more traditional project, such as:

Forest	\$20,000
Nachala Chai	18,000
Nachala or Yoeman	10,000
Wood	6,000
Grove	3,000

You can undertake any of these projects with a minimum down payment of 10% with the balance payable at your own convenience. (The only exception is the Grove Project which requires a down payment of 20%). Israel Bonds can be used for payment of any project. The names of all donors will be perpetuated forever in the CANADA PARK Pavilion which will be a beautiful edifice within CANADA PARK.

For more information on how you too can participate in this magnificent and thrilling partnership between Jewish homes in Canada and the people and land of Israel.

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On Visiting The Soviet Union

by Linda Epstein

I had eight days to take in a completely foreign country. That means you can't waste a minute. I was one of 150 people on tour--a group organized through the Quebec Bar Association. We congregated in Montreal's International Airport where we boarded a flight on Aeroflot, the official Soviet Airlines.

We arrived in Leningrad, 12 or 13 hours later, tired, excited and unsure. The airport was modern but sterile and small, considering that Leningrad is a city of 4 million people. This is where we encountered our first run-in with Russian beauraucracy. I saw no evidence of the arrival of any other flights, but it took them a very long time to process us through customs and immigration.

I made it a point to wear my Mogen David at all times and to watch for reactions from people. It didn't take long. The man who questioned me at immigration stared at it constantly. I was not sure what this meant until he quickly took a furtive glance around him, winked at me, smiled and nodded his head towards the symbol. I can only surmise that he had a good job and didn't want to lose it by verbally acknowledging the fact that he was Jewish.

None of us at this point knew fully what the restrictions were on our movements. We had been told that photograph taking at airports and military installations was forbidden. Also we were not allowed to leave the city. To leave the city you had to have your passport and we had turned ours over to the hotel manager "for processing". We had been assured they would be returned the next day. We never saw them until it was time to leave for Moscow, where the procedure was repeated.

Our second day in Leningrad was Shabbat. There were about 20 Jews in the group and after meeting each other, we decided we would all go together to the one active synagogue remaining in Leningrad.

The building itself is very old with a small courtyard, and a high wall around it. The men and women are segregated, the women being upstairs and the men downstairs. The inside is in some ways a paradox. The floors and benches are very old wood, warped and hard, while the walls and lighting are very ornate and appeared to have been recently restored. There were perhaps 75 people at services, all of whom were over the age of 70. It was obvious to them that we were tourists, and we became the centre of attention. People appeared to be talking about us, but were apprehensive about approaching us. Upstairs where all the women were seated, there were two younger women who let us know in no uncertain terms that they worked for the government, and the reason they were there was to censor the conversations. These two spoke English, Russian, Yiddish, and Hebrew.

Slowly the people began speaking to us. One woman in particular told us she had no family left in the USSR. They had either died or left for Israel. I got the feeling that she felt she had nothing left to lose. She spoke in Yiddish to some of the women in our group. Mostly she asked questions like "Do your children attend services at shul?" and "Are you allowed to live a Jewish life?"

It was difficult to have a complete conversation with her both because of the translation problems and because the two government employees constantly interrupted. But you understand the emotion that drove the woman to defy these employees at best she could. It was not easy for her, but it was necessary.

After the service we met in the lobby, but in addition to the people who had been at the services, we were joined by many young people. Each and every one of these people had reason not to be afraid of the repercussions they knew would come. They were 'refusniks'--people who had applied for visas to leave the country and had been refused. Most of them were bitter. They had lost their jobs, or their opportunities for study. They were anxious to hear what I had to say about Israel. They had very little information about what Israel was really like, but they had been doing some studying of Hebrew underground, and we had no trouble conversing. Most seemed honestly interested in going there to live.

The only other time I got to a synagogue was in Moscow, but it was not on Shabbat. There were only about a dozen men there for the evening service. They also were all old. Please remember that Moscow is a city of 8 million people, and that this was the only functioning synagogue in the city. And yet for those 12 men, there again was a government employee watching and listening. This time I went only with one other person. A great fuss was made over us. I communicated in Hebrew. These men were very proud of their synagogue as it had been recently restored. It was beautiful--again very old and very traditional.

I have briefly shown the kind of hardships which Jews suffer in Russia; but I must say that I think you must keep separated in your mind the distinctions between the people in the street and the government and military complex. I do not believe that the people in the street are even aware of the great difficulties the Jews have, and those who are aware of it seem not to fully understand it. How can they understand the kind of emotionalism that is involved in being Jewish no matter where you live in the world?

Red Square in Moscow is absolutely hypnotic, especially at night. It is huge and at one end sits St. Basil's cathedral--a totally asymmetrical piece of architecture, but beautiful. There are always Soviet military guards in the square because one wall along the square is part of the Kremlin. I never once saw a gun, but these men were commanding nonetheless. If you approached the wall and got too close, they would blow whistles and motion you away with very stern looks on their faces. Yet at 2 a.m. when you are the only people in the square besides the guards, they are extremely friendly and just as curious as the man who tried to give us a lift.

I have hardly touched on the various aspects of this immense nation. Some people might chastize me for "giving my money to a country that is anti-Semitic," but my interests were very involved with the people of the country, and I don't feel guilty at all. I even feel a little proud that I could personally give the 'refusniks' more of the vital information they so desperately need about the 'outside world'.

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1975 Israeli Chassidic Festival



The 1975 Israeli Chassidic
Festival Troupe in Concert
Sydney
Halifax

A Yiddish Folk Tale Translated and Retold By Chava Weissler

Folk tales embody the values and conditions of the society that produces them. Tales are told by particular people in a particular cultural context not only because they are "good stories," but because they reflect and support the world view of the teller.

The story retold here was created by East European Jews, and reflect tensions in the social and economic roles of men and women in nineteenth century East European Jewish society.

In *The Ten Women*, collected by Cahan, we see how men responded: They needed to put male superiority beyond a shadow of a doubt by telling these stories, they bolstered their own sense of self-worth and significance in the social and theological order.

THE TEN WOMEN

Once upon a time some women gathered together and decided that they too wanted to have a **minyan** and **daven** like men. They sent a delegation to the Lord of the Universe

and argued: "How are we any worse than men? Why can't we have a **minyan** and **daven**?"

The Lord of the Universe answered: "If you can count up to ten, you may make a **minyan** for yourselves."

So the **rebbitzin** called together ten of the most important Jewish ladies in town and announced the exciting news from the Most High. Once inside the synagogue, she began to count them. Since she included herself in the total, there were eleven. So she asked one of the ladies to leave, and counted them up once again. But this time, she forgot to count herself - so there were only nine. She then called back the lady she had thrown out and counted everybody all over again. Counting herself as well, once more she had eleven.

The **rebbetzin** saw that she kept making mistakes in counting, so she decided that it would be better mold lumps of clay, and for each lady to stick her thumb into the lump. They would know how many were present by counting the holes.

But in the group was one lady who was a snuff-sniffer. When it was her turn to stick her thumb into the clay, she felt as if she were about to take a pinch of snuff: She used two fingers and made two holes.

When the **rebbitzin** counted the holes, she saw that there were again eleven. She reasoned that with fingers there was always a possibility of making a mistake. She thought up a new plan: to use tongues, since each person had only one tongue.

The clay was molded again.

But in the group was one lady with a long nose, and when she bent over to stick her tongue into the clay, her nose went in too and she made two holes: one with her tongue and one with her nose.

When the **rebbitzin** counted up the holes, the world darkened in her eyes: The same story all over again! She didn't seem to be able to put together a **minyan**. She ran off as fast as she could to the rabbi to ask what to do.

The rabbi said: "What can I do if Jewish ladies have long noses and stick them into places where they don't belong?"

And the moral of the story is: Women, don't stick your noses into men's affairs!

Massada Club Takes Off

The vibrant Shomer Club of Saint John has been joined in operation by the newly created Massada Club in Halifax; organized by the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The purpose of the club is to organize entertaining programs on a regular basis, and to involve the Halifax Jewish community in a most worthwhile project. The club is directing its programming primarily to those fifty and over. However, a number of forty's have been attending events (and we love it!)

The Massada Club is being organized by the following volunteers: Irene Glube, Ethel Michaels, Edith Schneidman, Naomi Rutman, Celia Fried, and Miriam Jacobson.

The opening program, on October 26th, included a Camp Kadimah film, the Young Judaea Dance Troupe, and Howard Karp singing Jewish melodies, Michal Golani playing the accordian, Buzz Groups, and Refreshments.

The second program, on November 16th, included Anna Newman reading Yiddish from Sholom Aleichem, the Young Judaea Caravan Choir, and refreshments.

Future programming plans include special concerts, a Yiddish Film Festival, interest speaker, formation of interest groups, joint programs with the Shomer Club of Saint John, and eventually, a drop-in centre for informal activities, to be open on a regular basis.

The Massada Club is sponsored by the Women's League of Shaar Shalom and the sisterhood of Beth Israel Synagogues, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Atlantic Jewish Council.

Young Adult Club

The "Young Adult Club" was conceived in the early fall of this year by a group of young people interested in having a frank discussion of current and social issues of both a Jewish and secular nature. It is under the auspices of the Atlantic Jewish Council directed by Shaul Landa.

The discussions are held on the second Saturday of every month at the home of someone in the Club. A guest, knowledgeable in the particular topic of the evening, speaks to the group for a short time and this is followed by an interchange of ideas between the membership and the speaker. The discussion lasts for approximately an hour and the remainder of the evening is left for a social gathering.

The topic of the first meeting was "Christians and Jews--How Far is Close?" Approximately twenty-five young adults between the ages of 25 and 35 met the result was very successful. The guest speaker was Reverend DonTrivet. The group will meet again on Dec. 13.

Larry Freeman

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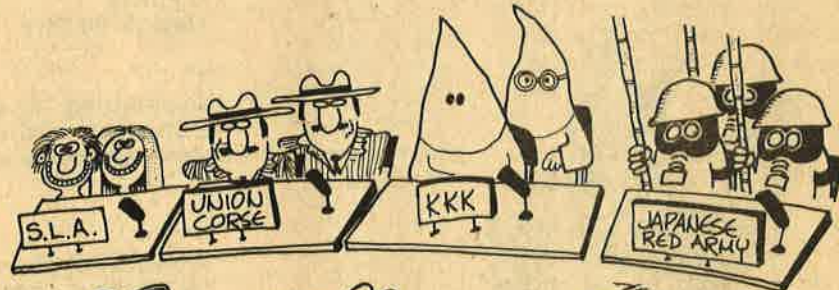
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Dry Bones

OK! SO THE P.L.O. IS
INVITED INTO THE U.N.
AND WE'RE INVITED OUT...
SO DO YOU REALLY THINK
IT'LL END THERE?...
SO THE "THIRD WORLD"
DOESN'T REALIZE IT
BUT THEY'D BETTER
WATCH OUT 'CAUSE
HERE COMES...

THE FOURTH WORLD

OR.. "THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER
THEY'VE ALL BOMBED, BLUDGEONED,
AND BULLIED THEIR WAY IN."



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IN A CASE
OF BEER
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Atlantic Jewish Council CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS

DATE	EVENTS	PLACE(S)	AUSPICES
Oct. 10-13	Mifgash	Camp Kadimah	AJC, YJ, CJC, ZOC, CZF
Oct. 5, 12, 19	Tay-Sachs	Halifax, Sydney, Fredericton	CJC
Oct. 23	Hadassah Bazaar	Moncton	Hadassah
Oct. 25-26	AJC Board Meeting	Halifax	AJC
Oct. 26-28	Amnon Hadari, Speaker Scholars-in-Residence	St. John's, Sydney, Halifax	CZF
Oct. 30	Book Sale	Halifax	ORT
Nov. 1-2	Hadassah Seminar	Sydney	Hadassah
Nov. 10	Ben Gurion Memorial Service & Program	Halifax	Beth Israel Shaar Shalom
Nov. 16	Bond Function D. Schoenbrun, Speaker	Halifax	State of Israel Bonds
Nov. 23	Bingo	Halifax	ORT
Nov. 24-25	1975 Israeli Chassidic Festival	Sydney (24th) Halifax (25th)	AJC
November	Book Month Display	Halifax	Hadassah
Nov. 30	Bond Dinner honouring Erminie Cohen	Saint John	State of Israel Bonds
Dec. 1	Israel Awareness Week Bake Sale	Halifax	YJ
Dec. 21-24	YJ Performance Caravan	TBA	YJ, ZOC, CZF, Camp Kadimah
Dec. 7	Friends of Technion Meeting	Halifax	Cdn. Technion Society
Dec. 27 - Jan. 3	Young Judaea National Convention	Kitchener, Ont.	Young Judaea, ZOC
Jan. 3-4	CZF - Hadassah Regional Public Affairs Workshop	Halifax	AJC, CFZ, Hadassah
Jan. 10-11	Hillel-AUJS Workshop	Halifax	Hillel-AUJS
January 11	Hadassah National Conv.	Montreal	Hadassah
January	Young Judaea Leadership Workshop	Halifax	Young Judaea
Jan. 16-20	Nadler-Rubin Performance	TBA	CJC
Feb. 9-18	C.Z.F. National Convention	Israel	CZF
February	Bond Dinner	Moncton	State of Israel Bonds
Feb. 21	50th Anniversary Ball	Halifax	Hadassah-Wizo

ONGOING COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

PROGRAM	PLACE	SPONSORSHIP
Shomer Club (Golden Agers)	Saint John	Synagogue Sisterhood (Shaarei Zedeck)
Sydney / Glace Bay Council	Sydney	A.J.C.
Massada Club (over 50's club)	Halifax	A.J.C., Shaar Shalom Women's League, Beth Israel Sisterhood, C.J.C.
Hillel-AUJS (University Students Club)	Halifax	A.J.C., C.J.C., Hillel
Young Adult Club (25-35 age group)	Halifax	A.J.C., C.J.C., C.Z.F.
Adult Conversational Hebrew	Halifax	C.Z.F.
Coed Club	St. John's	B'nai Brith

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A. Existing

TYPE

1. Shalom
2. A.J.C. Bulletin
3. A.J.C. Resource Centre
4. Program Archives

DESCRIPTION

- Information and human interest publication focusing on Jewish and Zionist activities and issues
- First issue published in September.
- Events calendar, published monthly, informing communities of local and regional events.
Halifax Edition - Oct. 5 — Regional Edition - Oct. 27
- A brochure is available which includes resource personnel, speakers, topics. The list makes available phone numbers, addresses, and contact people. In the near future we hope to establish a Jewish Speakers Bureau.
- Tapes, newspaper clippings, photographs, and articles of interest.

B. Proposed

TYPE

1. Atlantic Jewish Community Directory
2. Jewish Family and Social Services Agency
3. Monthly Television Program

DESCRIPTION

- Address and telephone numbers of all Jewish homes in the Atlantic Region.
- Jewish organizations, their locations and phone numbers.
- Advertising
- Would be published annually
- Adoption, Pre-retirement, Senior Citizens
- Youth Counselling
- Welcome committee for newcomers
- Video taped programs publicizing regional events and featuring music and interviews. Tapes will be made available to the centres having required facilities.



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