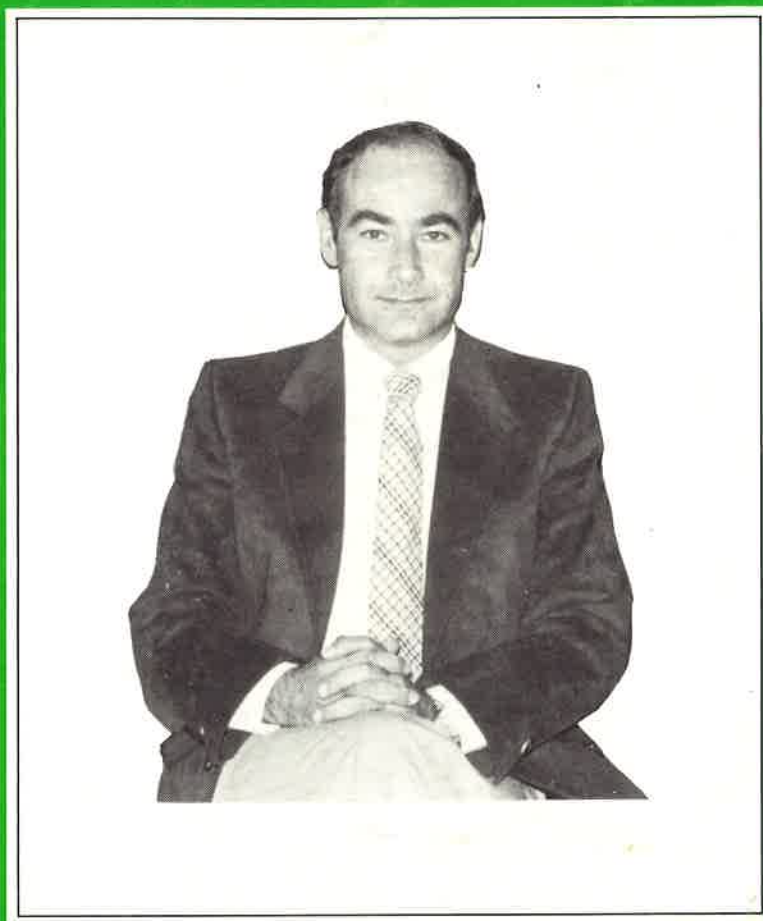


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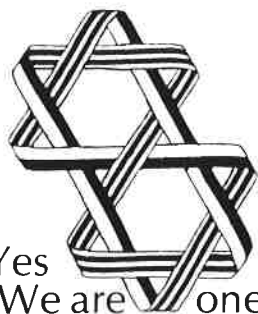
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends:

Shalom,

The Atlantic Jewish Council Conference in Moncton this fall was a great success. Those who attended the sessions returned home with a much deeper insight and understanding of our community. We were fortunate to have many professionals who were willing to help make our efforts also worthwhile. Now to the job of attempting to meet as many needs of our community as we are able.

To our Past President **Martin Chernin**, a hearty "Y'asher Koach". It is my sincere hope that you will continue to serve the Atlantic Jewish Community with your resolve and expertise. It is your kind of leadership and commitment that we all need and respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Executive Director on board. **Shimon Fogel** has been graduated from McGill University with a doctorate in Political Science and brings to us a deep and sensitive feeling for the Jewish community. Shimon's background in Jewish community work is very broad. He last served as National Director of Community Services for Canadian Jewish Congress. During his tenure with CJC he made many friends in Atlantic Canada and developed a deep understanding of our problems and needs. The Executive joins me in welcoming Shimon and pledge our full support for his endeavors.

The Atlantic Jewish Council is an established fact of Jewish life in our

Region. In the past, we have been able to provide our constituent communities with numerous cultural and educational events that many of us may not have otherwise been able to experience. There are, I feel, areas of Jewish communal life that leave a little to be desired. First and foremost of these is Education—education on the State of Israel; Holocaust Remembrance; oppressed Jewry. Secondly, I feel that the Atlantic Jewish Council should evolve effectively as the voice of Atlantic Jewry with respect to the non-Jewish community. A role of the AJC could be one of sensitizing of the majority culture to the concept of the "equalities of culture". That is, that no one culture is better or superior to another and that we all have a place and something to offer in making Canada a better place for all of us. On a national level, all major organizations—Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Zionist Federation, B'nai Brith, ORT, Hadassah, Young Judea, etc. (which we in turn represent in the Atlantic Region)—have made enormous contributions to the well-being of all Canadians. Here in the Atlantic Region, we have offered and contributed input that has been much appreciated by the various National Organizations. In so doing, we have neglected doing the same in our own area. In Nova Scotia, AJC has been fairly active with the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. This type of activity must be expanded into other Atlantic Provinces.

To keep the Atlantic Jewish Council

flowing and growing requires large amounts of dollars. Our dollars come from various sources. Canadian Jewish Congress has almost doubled its contribution to our Region over the past few years. The Canadian Zionist Federation continues to support with dollars, our right to exist and grow as Jews in Atlantic Canada. We do have a "right" to share with our Brother Jews of the large urban centres those things that go to keep the people an ongoing, viable entity. The major contribution to our budget comes from the combined United Israel/Jewish Appeal campaigns. In other words, it's our dollars that allow AJC to function. The money we contribute each year not only goes to trying to help solve Israel's mounting social problems, but some stays right here at home, to help us continue as a vibrant, ongoing and proud community.

There are those that feel we can continue growing and maturing as independent communities. I disagree. As long as we have "mass murderers" walking free in Canada, as long as we face the James Keegstras in the classrooms or the Malcolm Ross' in the print media, as long as Jews suffer persecution in countries like Russia, Iran, Syria; as long as Jews in New Brunswick's teaching system have to fight for their rights vis a vis Jewish holidays; as long as issues such as these exist, we must become more united and our voice must be strong and as one.

Shalom.

by David Attis

OBSERVATIONS

In a particular town in Europe, there lived two men who had peculiar addendums to their names. The first was always referred to as "Nachum the Na'ar" (Nachum the Fool); and the second was known as "Avreimele the Apikoris" (Avreimele the Non-believer).

Well, one day it came into Nachum's head to discover why it was that he was referred to as the na'ar and Avreimele was known as the apikoris, since he felt he was as much of a non-believer as Avreimele, if not more so!

So, Nachum, who had never before met Avreimele, retrieved the latter's address and made his way through the city to Avreimele's house. Nachum arrived at what he believed to be the correct house

and knocked on the door. A voice on the inside called out, bidding the visitor to enter. Lo and behold, as Nachum walked into the house he was met with the sight of an old man, with flowing white beard and "piyyos" sitting at a long table with the holy books of our tradition packed onto the table. Very much startled, and realizing his mistake, Nachum started to bow out of the room believing that somehow the address given him incorrect. The old man at the table raised his hand and asked who it was Nachum wanted to see. Almost embarrassed, Nachum recounted his story rushing to add that the address was obviously mistaken. Much to Nachum's surprise, the old man identified himself as the very same

Avreimele. Surprise gave way to indignation, and Nachum exclaimed that now the title of Apikoris should surely fall to him since it was clear that Avreimele was a pious Jew rather than a non-believer.

Avreimele sat Nachum down and explained to Nachum why they had been given their respective names. "You see," said Avreimele, "a Jew can only proclaim himself to be an Apikoris after having studied and learned all there is to know about our religion. I, in fact, have not yet reached that point, but still continue to learn and question." "However," he continued; "when a Jew proclaims himself to be a non-believer without having inquired into our scholarly

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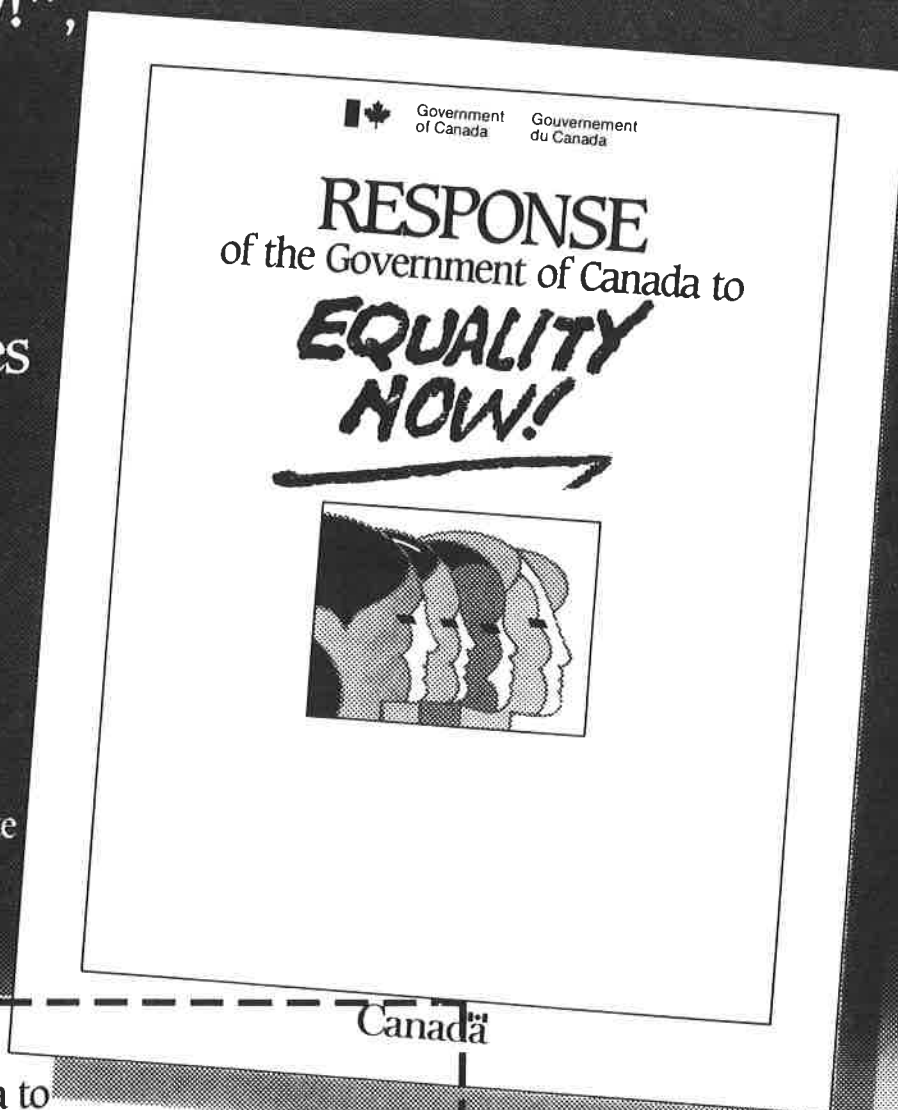
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Atlantic Communities Say Farewell to Shirlee and Gijay



A farewell reception was held recently for Shirlee Fox, outgoing Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, and Guillermo Levinton, Shaliach and interim Executive Director. About 100 people joined in to wish them well. Telegrams were read from those who could not attend.

Guillermo (or Gijay, as we all knew him) took over the post on a temporary basis, after Shirlee Fox, who became AJC Executive Director in 1979, retired in March. Gijay also worked with the youth of the Atlantic Region, coordinating programs and generally being a friend. He is now back in Israel, where, during the summer he was Camp Director for Bili-um Israel.

As director, Shirlee coordinated the

Jewish cultural activities and Zionist programming for 12 Jewish communities in the Atlantic Region, serving as liaison to the Human Rights Commission, the Council of Christians and Jews, the Multi-Cultural Association, school boards, government and media.

Shirlee also edited Shalom Magazine, spent countless hours preparing the Atlantic Community Directory and coordinated radio and television programs.

She was also liaison for programs from the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada-Israel Committee, and directed office staff facilities for United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish National Fund and Hadassah for the Atlantic Region.

Shirlee, a founding officer of the AJC, and its first secretary, has served as President of the Hadassah Halifax Council and regional chairman of Hadassah for Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. She has been a member of the National Executive of Hadassah, and regional vice-president of the Atlantic UIA women's division. She was AJC associate director from 1977 to 1979.

Born in England, Shirlee moved to Montreal with her family, then married Max Fox and settled in Halifax in 1963. She is co-owner with her daughter, Janice, of Kettle Creek Canvas Co.

Shirlee will be missed a great deal in the AJC office. We wish her all the success in her new business.



**SHALOM
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GIJAY**



A TRIBUTE TO MARTIN CHERNIN

by David Attis

In "Ethics of the Fathers" our Rabbis teach us that he who "runs away from honour, honour runs after him". The Talmudic scholars must surely have been thinking of individuals like **Martin Chernin** in connection with his phrase.

At the recent Atlantic Jewish Council Annual Meeting, Martin Chernin stepped down as President of the Council; a position he has held over the past four years. During his tenure as President he has helped nurture the Atlantic Jewish Council into a strong and dynamic organization. But he did it not in order to gain personal prestige, rather, in order to enhance the Jewish community in Atlantic Canada. During his tenure as President Martin represented the Maritime Jewish community to the highest Jewish institutions in the country, but again he did this not in the interest of seeking the limelight for himself, rather,

to provide better services for the Jews back home.

The Rabbis further expound on the subject of honour and claim that "he who shows honour to others, himself is given honour". In this respect, Martin Chernin has typified the Rabbinic maxim. His involvement in Jewish concerns were not restricted to the Atlantic Jewish Council. He has and still holds leadership positions in a multitude of organizations including United Israel Appeal, Canadian Jewish Congress, National Budgeting Conference and State of Israel Bonds to name just a few. This does not include the quiet support which he extends to the universities and direct charities in Israel and the Diaspora.

Given this incredible dedication to the Jewish people it would be unfair of us to say anything but "Dayenu - it is enough". But for Martin, it's not enough. He has, over the years, given

untold number of hours to the community, sacrificing at times personal concerns. He is known both regionally and nationally as a dedicated worker on behalf of "Amcha".

Most of all, he is known for the manner in which he gives of himself. Ever present with a smile and a sense of good humour, he instills in those who work with him a renewed sense of commitment to the Jewish community. His "Heimish" presence in any gathering—be it in Montreal or Toronto or Israel—has always reflected so well on the Atlantic community. He has indeed earned the respect and honour that he never expected or coveted.

We acknowledge and pay tribute to Martin Chernin's loyalty and perseverance on behalf of the Atlantic Jewish community, and pray that he will continue to be a source of inspiration and leadership to all of us.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF PRE-WAR POLISH JEWRY

A Celebration of Boyhood Days

by Norman Lipschutz

My earliest recollections go back to the time I roamed the neighbourhood with my three cousins, the family later augmented by two additional arrivals. I was indeed fortunate to enjoy this companionship, for I was an only child. My cousins have thus taken the place of any brothers and sisters I would have otherwise missed. They were a comely lot and great fun to be with at all times. Together, initially we made up a foursome—two boys and two girls. **Masha, Ethel and Moishe** gave my life meaning in those early formative years. They were very charming, heartwarming and oh, so sensitive! To be sure, there were the neighbours' kids, and many a summer afternoon we'd engage in make-believe warfare, with peashooters, sling-shots, bows and arrows and pebbles gathered from backyards and city streets accounting for our entire arsenal . . . We had our generals and our lieutenants. The truth is I never enjoyed such games. These were somehow foreign to my make-up and character. Yet I remember participating in them. These exercises in warfare served us well at least on one occasion when we were attacked by Gentile kids one Spring day on our way back from gathering reeds in the neighbouring Pripet Marshes. These were to serve for the purpose of decorating our humble abode during the festival of Shavuoth when every Jewish home was bedecked in greenery. Our "military" training taught us to ward off the attack and to reach our homes in safety, with spoils intact, though we nearly drowned in the attempt: in our strategic retreat we stepped into high water and had difficulty extricating ourselves from the muddy holes. Still, though drenched to the bone, we considered it sort of a victory over our tormentors, and an adventure to be proud of!

Our spirit was further buoyed when the word spread that a Jewish deliverer by the name of **Vladimir (Zev) Jabotinsky** was to visit our city, as part of a tour of Poland. Moishele and I raced all the way to the train station that memorable afternoon, and what greeted our eyes was beyond belief: thousands of Jewish men, women and children were awaiting, with enormous expectation, the arrival of a man the Poles nicknamed "King of the Jews". A mighty roar went up from the

huge crowd when their hero appeared on the platform. Young "Betar" and "Brith Ha'Chayil" members took up positions. Others on horseback formed a guard of honour and accompanied their leader's open carriage all the way to the central Synagogue's courtyard, where additional thousands of admirers awaited his arrival. Moishele and I raced all the way back to Pilsudskiego and listened with awe to the tumultuous welcome accorded a Jewish leader who exhorted his co-religionists to turn their back on Europe and storm the gates of Palestine, in order to avert the pending catastrophe. This visionary was truly imbued with prophetic foresight and he forewarned of the oncoming onslaught by the Nazi hordes. I wish our people would have taken his predictions more seriously at the time; but eternal optimists that we are . . . who could have believed the worst from the land of Heine and Goethe? That in the land of Beethoven and Mozart; that in the bastion of European "Kultur", a monster would arise, to engulf the continent and ultimately the world in unspeakable horrors. The Jewish people especially were to pay dearly for having mistrusted the words of the messenger sent by G-d to warn His people of the approaching Holocaust.

The atmosphere in the Synagogue on the arrival of Rosh Ha' Shana was distinctly holy. The elders of the Congregation were all dressed in white, as was the Cantor, the Rabbi and the Boys' Choir. Close to a thousand Jews attended services in the Central Synagogue in the city of Pinsk, and it was a magnificent sight to behold, overpowering in celebration and rich in emotion.

My maternal Zeide, **Dov-Ber**, was a Stoliner Chossid, and his Shul differed both in ritual and form from the other Orthodox houses of worship. My mother, more deeply religious than was my father, attended services at Stoliner headquarters. I enjoyed the best of two worlds, alternating between my mother's and my father's synagogues. It was this experience that was responsible in later life for my acquisition of a deep sense of tolerance.

It was in my Grandfather's Chassidic environment that I learned to appreciate Jewish religious fervor; the ecstasy, the overflowing of emotion, the inspiring chants, the deep spirituality—as the wor-

shippers stormed the Gates of Heaven—all left their deep mark upon an impressionable youth, even unto this day! And when the Chassidim chose to engage in celebration, the music, the dancing were all filled with exuberance and rapture!

It was on the Eve of Yom Kippur that the children of every Jewish household were required to enter into an age-old ritual which scared the wits out of us, especially the very young. It was the Kapporoth ceremony that one would embark upon with a great deal of awe and considerable trepidation. Father or mother would raise a hen or rooster (depending on the sex of the child) over our heads, and in circular motion would recite a specially prescribed prayer. The bird was not always co-operative, as if instinct had forewarned that it was destined for slaughter . . . and choose to act in a rather unruly manner and often raise a storm while over the child's head . . . I for one was always fearful that Mom or Dad would lose their grip and the monster overhead, G-d forbid, might spring to the attack, in a last minute attempt to avenge the contemplated atrocity. The ritual over, we would breathe a sigh of relief. Once tightly secured, the birds would promptly be dispatched to the slaughterhouse, where the Shoichet would quickly take over and choke the life out of his victims with a single stroke of his long, sharp knife. This blood-thirsty attempt on the life of an innocent creature deeply disturbed my conscience . . . and a Shoichet from then on I would approach with a considerable amount of mistrust.

In preparing for the Festival of Succoth, it was an anticipated custom for every Jewish household to build a Succah adjoining the house. We helped our uncle in this task, with boards, nails and the like. Our own home enjoyed a ready-made Succah. All that was required was to open a wing to heaven, so to speak. We also enjoyed the task of covering the roof with twigs and branches and eagerly participated in decorating the Succah with various fruits and greenery. The family would thereafter partake of their festive meals inside the Succah; however, should rain interrupt the proceedings, the children were quick in helping to remove dishes and all, and in making a hasty retreat to the comfort of one's

home.

Simchath-Torah had spelled an end to the festive season, but not before we had great fun in celebrating this most joyous of holidays with great pomp and splendor.

My earliest recollection of this inspiring Jewish holiday goes back to the time when Dad was struggling to attach an apple to the stem of a Simchath-Torah flag. Same was to serve as a sort of receptacle for a candle. Proudly, we would march in a long children's procession, following in the footsteps of our elders who were carrying the Holy Scrolls, exuberantly waving our flags and singing appropriate songs, in the spirit of the ancient Jewish tradition. The Chazan, the famous Cantor Schmidt, and the unforgettable Boys' Choir would lead the Congregation in resounding renditions. The parents would delight in watching their children joyously participating in centuries-old ceremonials, yet so close to their hearts.

Zeide Shloime was the proud owner of a vast orchard where one could find fruit trees of varied profusion, intertwined with shrubs of raspberries, strawberries and similar species. The grounds also contained a sizable earthen cellar where one could find cheeses, jams, jellies, dill pickles and homemade wines and liqueurs. Grandfather would delight in having me taste of that delicious Slivovitz, whenever my parents and I came to visit. But my greatest pleasure was derived from being given the opportunity

to obtain access to the orchard, to which one had to pass through a gate which was well-secured by a heavy chain-lock. Zeide would lead me into his cherished domain, followed by the bearded goat. Grandfather taught the goat to perform for my amusement, following which he would proceed to instruct me as how best to reach the ripe fruit on the trees. There were red cherries, rosy-cheeked apples, big and juicy pears, delicious plums, all for the picking. I'd listen to his advice and proceed to follow his directions, with very good results. Occasionally I overextended myself in climbing a fruit tree, but it was well worth the effort. Afterwards, I would lie on the grass, gaze at the heavens above, through the branches laden with manifold fruit, enjoy the cooling breeze, partake of my day's work, and dream childhood dreams. The Garden of Eden could have offered no greater rewards!

Zeide Shloime, of blessed memory, in addition provided a home for a variety of canaries, budgies, and other multicoloured songbirds. Romantic that he was, he would delight in their beautiful performance, and he would reward them with a kiss. His collection was augmented by a number of geese, ducks, turkeys and numerous chickens, all in all a very exciting world for an impressionable young boy. Even to this day, I take pleasure in returning to the days when life held so much promise, and when man was in tune with nature and good Mother Earth!

Halifax B'Nai Brith Citadel Lodge Activities

B'nai Brith Citadel Lodge Number 3099 has an active schedule of events planned for the rest of this year and well into 1985. It will continue to provide monthly dinners for residents of Northwood Manor in Halifax—the first such dinner was held on September 21st, with the remainder to be on Sunday evenings with a specific program and speakers anticipated. The Lodge continues to support the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, with a picnic that was held at the Oakfield Provincial Park on September 9, 1984.

Its 5th Annual Barbecue was held on August 5th, and was a success, being attended by members, their families and friends. This has become a traditional summer highlight for the Lodge. Many thanks to all those who attended and assisted with the barbecue.

Members of Lodge continued to play softball every Tuesday night throughout the summer and although attendance was less than hoped for on certain occasions, those who did play enjoyed themselves. A baseball and basketball team were sent to Camp Kadimah and although losing, played admirably. Hockey began mid-October for a 24 week schedule.

The Lodge's Bowlathon, which took place in late June with 27 participants, raised funds for Camp Kadimah. This successful event follows the Lodge's previous fund-raising activities for Camp including a walkathon, a skatathon and a bikathon.

The Lodge held a pizza party for its members and their wives on September 22nd at the Halifax Holiday Inn—Citadel and Cunard Rooms. It will continue to hold regular meetings on a monthly basis thereafter. We look forward to the continued support from the community. Any interested person wishing to join the Citadel Lodge is asked to contact Mr. Ralph Garson, our membership chairperson.



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EULOGY FOR MORRIS GORBER OF MONCTON

by Rabbi Michael Wolff

We recognize people by their names. They are known by their names. A person's name is what distinguishes one person from another. The name tells us about a person.

Moses, when he meets G-d for the first time at the Burning Bush, asks G-d what is his name. A person's name tells about him.

The name **Morris Gorber** in Moncton is special; it's important. People know **Morris Gorber**. People know the Gorber Family. **Morris'** name was honoured. **Morris Gorber** generated respect. He was well-known, well-liked, feared and venerated.

Mr. Gorber always received in Shul, while I've been here, a special Aliyah. He always received Shilishi—the highest honour in Aliyot—because it is the first Aliyah given Yisrael, the simple Jew. After Kohane and Levi, **Mr. Gorber** was The Simple Jew, yet the most honoured.

Morris Gorber's Hebrew name, when called for an Aliyah, was **Mordechai Ben Yehoshua Herschel**. We all know who **Mordechai** was.

Mordechai was the leader of the Jewish community in Persia during the rule of Ahashverus. **Mordechai** was a statesman, the head of the community, its leader, and its conscience.

Mr. Morris Gorber, too, was a **Mordechai**. A leader in the Jewish community. He helped found the synagogue. He was a Vice-President on the Board. He was also the head of Chevra Kaddisha. He was the Gabbai—Gabbai for **Rabbi Medjuck** and **Rabbi Kutziner**. He was still Gabbai for me.

The services were not proper for me—they lacked Taam, taste—if **Mr. Gorber** was not present. He was here punctually, every Shabbat morning at 9:00. He ran the services. He said when to start. He corrected mistakes. He was like the sergeant-at-arms. A true Gabbai, who guided synagogue ritual.

Things or events could not take place in the community without **Mr. Gorber** advising on how they should be run or what ritual procedure should be followed. One always checked with **Mr. Morris Gorber** first.

Mr. Morris Gorber was the true statesman. He led with wit and humour. He was the force to be recognized. The true **Mordechai** of synagogue life.

Morris Gorber had another name, a

beautiful name. He was better known to his family and friends as "Pa". He was a true "Pa", a true father. Warm and loving, hard on the outside and soft on the inside. His family loved him very much. He loved his family and he loved people. **Morris Gorber's** family was huge—two daughters, **Helen** and **Isabell**; five sons, **Charlie**, **Bill**, **Harry**, **Sam** and **Herbie**; eleven grandchildren, **Gary**, **Harvey**, **Anne**, **Sandra**, **Cheryl**, **Frieda**, **Bruce**, **Jay**, **Jessica**, **Jonathan** and **Lorne**. **Morris Gorber** also cared for and raised an orphan, **Frieda Smith**.

Morris Gorber also had a huge extended family, for his friends and relatives were treated like the immediate family. The house was always open. If I visited on a Sunday, I would always find people there—**Lamperts**, **Rubins**, **Colemans**,

Roses. If I visited on a Yom Tov, especially Pesach, the amount of people present at the **Gorber** house was staggering. I marveled at his ability to house and feed so many people. **Mr. Gorber** thought the more people in the house, the better.

Morris Gorber was like a true patriarch. He nurtured a family, guided it, governed it, watched it grow. He fully deserved the love and honour and respect that people gave him, for he loved people. He understood them and cherished them.

Ethics of the Fathers, Ch. 4, 1st Mishnah, says "who is truly honoured, he who honours others". **Morris Gorber** should be truly honoured, for he honoured people. He was first a **Mordechai** and most importantly, he was a "Pa", a Father to all.

JNF Receptions in New Brunswick

On Sunday, June 3, the Jewish National Fund of Fredericton, under the chairmanship of **Mitchell Budovitch**, hosted a most successful cocktail reception at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue. This event was held in honour of all foundation holders who had recently undertaken a long-term commitment to help complete JNF's Galil Canada project in northern Israel. Galil Canada certificates were presented to the honourees and a new audio-visual presentation was shown depicting the extensive work being done by JNF in Israel today. Guest speaker for the evening was **Daniel Pe'er**, Educational Emissary to Jewish National Fund of Canada and former news editor and host of "Kolbotek"—Israel television.

Irwin Lampert, vice-president of JNF Canada for the Atlantic Region, chaired a similar event in Moncton earlier in the year. Galil Canada certificates were presented to the new foundation holders at a Sunday morning brunch in the Tiferes Israel Synagogue. The guest speaker of this event was **Eli H. Hassidov**, Jewish National Fund Emissary to Eastern Canada.

The Jewish community in Atlantic Canada has always supported the ongoing work of JNF. It is through the efforts of dedicated people such as yourselves that Jewish National Fund has managed to achieve success in reclaiming

the land in Israel. On behalf of **Bobby Mayers**, National President; **Michael Goldstein**, Executive Vice-President of Canada; and **Irwin Lampert**, vice-president Atlantic Region, Jewish National Fund wishes each of you a Happy New Year. May you and your family be blessed with a year of health, happiness and peace.

Israel Radio Short Wave Service

Israel Radio now broadcasts in English eight times daily, with the latest news from Israel and the Middle East, plus a variety of programs on all aspects of life in Israel. Each broadcast opens with a ten or fifteen minute news bulletin.

Broadcast times for the Atlantic Region are: 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on frequencies 9815, 9440 and 7412 kiloHertz; and midnight on frequencies 9815, 9440, 9425 and 9009 kiloHertz.

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MONCTON EVENTS

by Joan Sichel

Two bar mitzvahs were recently celebrated in Moncton. **Josh**, son of **Annette and Oscar Coleman**, was called to the Torah early in the summer. Congratulations to the proud family.

Danny, son of **Jody Zohar Attis and Morty Attis**, recently celebrated his bar mitzvah in an unusual way; he had two celebrations, learned two Haftorahs and led the congregations both in Moncton for the Attis family, and in Israel for the Zohar family. Friends and relations on both sides of the ocean were able to celebrate. Congratulations to the proud family.

The Moncton community was deeply saddened by the sudden death of **Morris Gorber**, at age 81. For over 50 years Mr.

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P.E.I. News

The new season for the Hebrew School began on October 13 at the home of **Rosalie Simeone**. This year, there will be a varied program of Hebrew, crafts, history, song and dance.

Best wishes are extended to **Anca and Michael Laxer** upon their move to Brockville, Ontario.

Participation is requested for the Adult Study Group. In the past we have discussed **H. Schonfield's The Passover Plot**, begun studying **Max Dimont's Jews, God and History**, and surveyed the Torah. Join your friends and give your preferences and suggestions for future activities.

It's never too late to start learning Hebrew. **Rosalie Simeone** is conducting classes for those who are interested.

APOLOGY

Shalom apologizes for the delay in printing this edition of the magazine. We welcome our new printers, Ford Publishing on board.

Glance Bay Roasts Dr. Phil

A tribute to **Dr. Phil Simon** was held on September 2, 1984, in the form of a Roast put on by the Congregation Sons of Israel Synagogue, Glance Bay.

Ellie Marshall acted as a **Dean Martin** - style host. He entered the room with wine glass in hand singing "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime". Between speakers from the head table of roasters, which included **Ben Lipkus**, **Dr. Alan Simon**, **Avvie Druker** and **Stewart Sable**, a fake phone would ring from time to time with messages and greetings from close friends and colleagues who could not attend: **Dr. Mel Brown** from Bangor, Maine; **Dr. Cyril Gaum**, of Boston, who was lecturing in Dallas, Texas, at the time; **Dan Petrie**, Director and Writer of **Bay Boy**; and **John Turner**, who was then temporary Prime Minister.

Four presentations were made to Dr. Phil; a plaque from United Israel Appeal presented by **Daniel Mendleson**; donations to Tel Aviv University from family in Dr. Phil's name; a plaque from the Congregation Sons of Israel, presented by **Sandra Zilbert**; and a specially-made sweatshirt, on which was written "The Bay Boy" on one side and "The Boy from Birch Grove" on the other. Following the presentations, telegrams and messages from wellwishers were read.

The Roast concluded with the following poem, written by Ellie Marshall:

He's a master at the Podium,
a wizard at the drill.

If a cavity is shown to him,

he attacks it for the kill.

His crafts extend through thick and thin, with a multitude of skill.

If you mention a certain project to him, or even a new pill,
He'll make up a script for it and direct it for the thrill!

The guy is made of stuff and things, some hope, a lot of drive,
Not just the mere ingredients that permits one to survive.

It's in those little wishes, and large amounts of will

That spouts this man to greater heights, and probably until

He earns his worth, but always keeps the Faith.

Of course, it's Dr. Phil!

Dr. Phil responded (and defended himself) with a very touching thank-you speech, which finalized a beautiful and memorable evening in tribute to a very worthy person.

A letter was received from **Dr. Sandy Hoffman**, regretting his not being able to attend, sums up very well the feelings about Dr. Phil by the whole Jewish Community of the Atlantic Region:

"It is rather redundant for me to tell you how deserving Phil is of such an honour. He has been a pillar of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Community, being active in practically every aspect of Jewish endeavor. Certainly, Glance Bay has been and is extremely fortunate to have a Phil Simon as one of its citizens.



Koom Ahaim, July 6 - 8, Saint John, N.B.

by Gloria Pink, Halifax, N.S.

The Saint John, New Brunswick Jewish community called out Koom Ahaim and the response was overwhelming. From as far away as Australia and Norway more than 500 former residents and descendants converged upon Saint John for a weekend of celebration, nostalgia and a look into our past.

The dense fog that greeted us upon our arrival in Saint John did nothing to dampen our spirits—after all, what would Saint John be without fog!

The emotional atmosphere of the entire weekend was felt immediately as we gathered at the hotel to register for the weekend. We pinned on our name tags, put on our glasses and began to look for familiar faces. Old acquaintances were renewed, introductions were made, dulce passed around and the constant phrase of "Do you remember . . . ?" began to be heard.

Our first glimpse of our beautiful Shul was for Friday night services and an Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning brought us back again for services and a Kiddush. The Saint John women certainly lived up to their reputation as having some of the best cooks and organizers.

It is very difficult to describe the emotions that overcame us upon seeing over 500 people (all with a Saint John heritage) sitting in the Shaarei Zedek Synagogue. Reality and sadness intruded when we realized that our Shul now has only a little over 60 members, down from 200 families twenty years ago. The once large and vibrant Jewish community has dwindled and we wonder if there is any hope for the future.

The weekend would not have been complete without a visit to the Jewish Community Centre. Here Saint Johners prepared a museum of historical memorabilia. Old photographs, religious items, minutes of past meetings and much more brought back many memories.

Saturday evening provided time to have private family gatherings and then onto the new Trade and Convention Centre for a huge party.

A solemn Cemetery service took place Sunday morning. It was a time for reflection and memories of those family and friends no longer with us.

Brunch at the Delta followed and it was here that we first heard the Koom Ahaim Song. Five hundred of us joined in the chorus and wiped tears from our

eyes as we listened to the words and memories that the song evoked.

A Sunday night final banquet brought the weekend to a close. The highlight of the evening was a slide presentation of the history of the Saint John Jewish Community presented by Marcia Koven. We saw Saint John as it once was—a vibrant community, rich in people and heritage, the Saint John we remembered.

We left Saint John thanking all of you for giving us the opportunity to walk down memory lane and wishing there was some way we could guarantee the future of Saint John's Jewish community.

To Danny Elman, to Marcia Koven and all those committee members who helped organize Koom Ahaim, we answered your call and say thank you—no one could have done it better.

Koom Ahaim, koom ahaim,

From far and from wide.

Koom Ahaim, koom ahaim,

To the river and tide.

Koom Ahaim, koom ahaim,

To Saint John, N.B.

Everyone's coming to make history.

New Year Greetings from C.Z.F.

Mrs. B.M. Bloomfield
President

On the eve of Rosh Hashana 5745, I send my personal greetings and those of the National Officers of the Canadian Zionist Federation to all our members across Canada, to the Government of Israel, to the heroic soldiers of Zahal who stand on guard for Israel, and to our brothers and sisters in the land of Israel.

We wish all our members and the entire household of Israel a year of health, prosperity and much happiness.

To the Yishuv in Israel, we send our best wishes for a year of fulfillment and peace.

L'shana Tovah Tikatevu!



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FREDERICTON NEWS

by Jennie Brown

Greetings to the following who have celebrated Anniversaries: **Frank & Daisy Budovitch**, 42 years; **Rabbi David & Edyth Spiro**, 39 years; **Meyer & Eta Berk**, 37 years; **Harry & Sheila Chippin**, 36 years; **Professor & Bertha Landau**, 35 years; **Joe & Helen Budovitch**, 35 years; **Sid & Rita Tobin**, 32 years; **Ezra & Bella Rose**, 30 years; **Weldon & Toby Graser**, 25 years; **Professor Isadore & Marlene Unger**, 23 years; **Alfred & Leona Brown**, 20 years; **John & Harriet Lenard**, 18 years; **Mitchell & Carolyn Budovitch**, 17 years; **Peter & Sharon Pinsler**, 17 years; **Allen & Rhona Ruben**, 17 years; **Ivan & Lois Levine**, 14 years; **Warren & Miriam Cohen**, 14 years; **Joe & Cheryl Abrams**, 13 years; and **Steven & Rhoda Fransblow**, 4 years.

Congratulations to **Neil**, son of **Bob and Roz Brown**, upon his graduation from Fredericton High School. Congratulations also to the following graduates from College: **Leonard**, son of **Max and Mary Velensky**, upon receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree from McGill University in Montreal; **Miriam Cohen** upon receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Thomas University in Fredericton, as well as receiving honours in English; **Elena**, daughter of **Bob and Gwen Velensky**, upon receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from McGill University in Montreal; and **Simone**, daughter of **Irwin and Betty Rosenzweig**, upon receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacology from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston.

Mazel Tov to **Jack and Betty Levine** upon the birth of their grandson, **Zvi**, and great-grandson to **Joe Tobin**. Proud parents are **Lawrence and Adele Levine**, of Toronto.

Condolences to **Sandra Levine**, upon the demise of her father, **Percy Davis** of Saint John. Condolences to **Russa Feldman** and her family of Woodstock, N.B., upon the demise of her husband, **Hyman Feldman**. Condolences to **Sue Levine** upon the demise of her brother, **Moe Greenberg** of California. Condolences to **Gertie Budovitch** upon the demise of her mother, **Sarah Greenberg** of Ottawa. Condolences to **Bella Rose**, upon the demise of her father, **Morris Gorber** of Moncton. Our Community was saddened by the demise of **Elenore Budovitch**. She is survived by her three

daughters, **Barbara** of Montreal; **Marlene** (Mrs. Gordon) **Fischel** of Moncton; and **Sherri** of Toronto; her brother **Irving Meyers** and her sister **Miriam Meyers** of Florida. Condolences to **Marlene Unger**, upon the demise of her father, **Alfred Parker** of Minto, N.B. May the survivors be spared of further sorrow.

Sharon Rose has taken up residence in Toronto. We wish her good luck and much happiness. **Larry & Carol Lifshitz** and family have taken up residence in Montreal. Carol was active in Hadassah and Sisterhood, and will be missed. We wish them many years of good health and happiness. **Sarah Jacobson** has left for Ottawa to take up residence. We wish her many years of good health.

Rabbi David and Edyth Spiro have returned from Israel, where they had attended the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Elie**, son of **Michael and Betty Spiro** of Toronto.

Neil, son of **Bob and Roz Brown**, has left for London, Ontario, where he is enrolled in Western University. **Ian**, son of **Alfred and Leona Brown**, has left for Toronto to resume studies at York University. **Oscar and Polly Jacobson** have left for Ann Arbor, Michigan, to visit son and daughter-in-law, **Mark and Jean**. They are joined by their son, **Stuart**, of Toronto, for the celebration of Oscar's 80th birthday. We wish Oscar many more happy years.

Speedy recoveries to **Dora Chippin**, **Betty Levine**, **Sam Brown**, **Polly Jacobson** and **Bessie Rose**.

The University of New Brunswick Convocation was held on May 24, 1984, and conferred the title of Professor Emeritus to **Irene Leckie**, one of the founders of the U.N.B. Nursing program. **Irene Leckie** arrived at U.N.B. in 1959 as one of the original four faculty members hired to establish the nursing program. Born in Winnipeg, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta, where she was the recipient of the W.K. Kellogg Fellowship. She completed a Master of Science Degree in Nursing at Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan, in 1956. She was Dean of the Faculty of Nursing from U.N.B. from 1978 until she retired last year. Prof. Leckie is involved with the Literary Council as a teacher, volunteers her time at Transition House (a home for battered wives and children), is secretary for the Creative Arts Council and is area chairwoman for the Kidney Foundation. She resides with her sister, **Vanessa**.

A testimonial dinner was held on September 2, in honour of **Rabbi David and Mrs. Edyth Spiro**, in recognition of his

forty years serving the Fredericton community.

Lou and Sue Levine hosted a delightful Shabbat Kiddush celebrating Lou's third Haftorah since Rosh Hashana. He was so excited, he decided he wanted the third Haftorah to represent his second Bar Mitzvah.

On June 18, Ottawa Vaade Ha'ir celebrated the Golden Jubilee Anniversary by honouring the living past presidents. **L. Harry Goldman** was the founding General Secretary from 1934 until he and his wife, **Amelia (Levine) Goldman** left Ottawa to reside in Fredericton. They have both been helpful in community and Zionist activities.

Best wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Moncton Events cont'd

Gorber has been a stalwart of the community, and will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Congratulations to the proud new parents, **Lewis and Cathy Attis**, on the birth of their daughter, **Leah Erin**.

The Sisterhood of Tiferes Israel is fortunate to have an enthusiastic new young president, **Diane Wanderer**. We wish her every success in this important and time-consuming role. We thank her family, husband **Irwin**, and pre-school children, **Adam and Sara** for sharing her with the community.

Moncton is very pleased to welcome a new cheder teacher to assist **Rabbi Wolff**. **Sam Fogel**, formerly of Montreal, is attending the Universite de Moncton law school and is working with the 30 cheder students. He is also teaching the teens.

Youth activities have started once again. September 1984 marked the start of the fifth year of the operation of the Jewish Pre-school in Moncton. **Mrs. Berys Richardson** will again be teaching a group of 15 Jewish and non-Jewish 4- and 5-year-olds.

The Youth Bowling league that started last spring is looking for new members. The Brownie Pack that meets on Sunday evenings, thanks to the great efforts of **Mrs. Lorna Gorber**, is open to girls ages 5 to 8.

Adult classes and activities will include the Jewish Book Club, which meets monthly. The group discussed **The Little Drummer Girl** at the October meeting. The Chevrov Club welcomes inquiries. **Rabbi Wolff** is setting up various adult education classes.

A Happy Rosh Hashonah and an easy fast on Yom Kippur from all of Moncton.

RABBI DAVID SPIRO DINNER

By Allen Ruben

Over 200 friends and relatives gathered at the Sgoolai Israel Synagogue on Sunday, September 2nd to honour Rabbi David Spiro and his wife, Edyth, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Rabbi Spiro's appointment as spiritual leader of the Fredericton Jewish Community.

The dinner, chaired by the synagogue president, Seymour Kaufman, saw salutations brought by Bernie Vigod, president of B'nai B'rith, Marilyn Kaufman, president of Hadassah-Wizo and Joan Levine, president of Sisterhood.

Tributes were paid to the Rabbi by Hyman Budovitch who as president of the synagogue in 1944 was instrumental in wooing Rabbi Spiro to Fredericton. Michael Spiro, now a prominent Toronto lawyer, and son of the Rabbi reflected upon his recollections of being the subject of his father's first B'rith. Michael, resorted to the secondary evidence rule by presenting his four sons to the congregation as proof of a job well done.

Bertha Climan of Montreal, the first bride to be married by Rabbi Spiro recalled how the then very young and somewhat nervous Rabbi almost married her sister to her husband. Additional tributes came from Harold Velensky who, along with his eldest son, Jeffrey, was the first father/son team to be bar mitzvahed by the Rabbi. Not to be outdone, Lionel Goldman, now a promi-

nent accountant practising with the Rabbi's son-in-law Louis Newman, (also prominent) in Montreal, spoke of being the first B.B.M.B. (B'rith, Bar Mitzvah, Marriage, B'rith of Son) performed by the Rabbi.

On a much lighter vein, Gertrude Cohos of Calgary in a letter read by her mother, Faye (Mrs. Ben) Medjuck queried the Rabbi as to why after being fully educated by him and being the first female graduate of his talmud-torah classes she was not bat-mitzvahed.

Mitchell and Arnold Budovitch reflected on the pains and suffering of cheder classes in the good old days while direct from Broadway Sydelle and Cary Grobe demonstrated how through the Rabbi's recent Yiddish classes they have become fluently bilingual. Poet-in-residence Weldon Graser supported by world renown tenor Sidney Tobin, brought the house (of worship) down with their musical history entitled "If He Had a Minyan" sung to the tune of "If I Were a Rich Man".

Betty (Mrs. Jack) Levine presented Mrs. Spiro with a bouquet of flowers.

Louis Levine, on behalf of the Fredericton Jewish Community, presented the Rabbi with a commemorative plaque and informed him that the congregation has created the Rabbi David Spiro Scholarship at the University of New Brunswick supported by an annual \$500.00 prize to be awarded to the

student with the best essay related to Jewish History.

The finale of the evening was the warm and emotion-filled words from Rabbi Spiro who summed it all up by saying that regardless of how many Rabbits follow in his footsteps there will never be one who will love this community more than he.



Notwithstanding the grandeur of this gala event, the highlight of the weekend was seeing the marvelous gleam in the Rabbi's eye as his wonderful children and grandchildren performed the entire Shabbos services including the Friday night sermon delivered by his son Michael and the Shabbos morning sermon delivered by his son-in-law from New York, Martin Schiffmiller.

Justice Minister Proposes Measures Against Hate Propaganda

Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan announced in June new measures against the dissemination of hate propaganda in Canada.

"While Canada remains a country in which different races may coexist peacefully," said Dr. MacGuigan, "minority groups and provincial Attorneys General have noted that prosecution of hate propagandists has been unnecessarily difficult under the present Criminal Code. These measures should help solve this problem without going so far as to endanger freedom of expression in Canada," added Mr. MacGuigan.

The measures will be an essential element in the federal government's response to the Report of the Special Committee on Participation of Visible Minor-

ities in Canadian Society, which was submitted to Parliament on March 8, 1984. The complete federal response from all departments was finished in July.

These measures would involve a number of amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada.

—Remove the word "wilfully" from subsection 281.2(2), which states that "Everyone who, by communicating statements, other than in private conversation, wilfully promotes hatred against any identifiable group is guilty of" an offence (emphasis added).

The word "wilfully" means that the Crown must prove that the accused specifically intended to publicly promote hatred against an identifiable group. This has been almost impossible to

prove.

Deleting the word "wilfully" from the definition of the offence would remove this difficulty, and would reflect recommendation 35 of the Report of the Special Committee on Participation of Visible Minorities in Canadian Society.

However, this change would not reduce the protection afforded to the citizen expressing an opinion in good faith. Crown prosecutors would still be required to prove that the accused recognized the likely consequences of his or her statements, accepted that risk, and went ahead regardless of the consequences.

—Make it clear that the accused is responsible for establishing defences, available to him or her pursuant to the Criminal Code, against the charge of disseminating hate propaganda.

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AJC—ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, September 14, 1984

Dear Diary:

Well, I just arrived in Moncton and registered at the hotel. In the lobby, I met a whole host of people who are speaking at the Atlantic Jewish Council Conference—including **Yakov Aviad**, the Consul General of Israel, who made the trip from Montreal just to spend some time with us.



Tonight we begin the Conference with Shabbat Services at the Tiferes Israel Synagogue. A man they call the "Singing Rabbi", **Shlomo Carlebach** led the services in a way I never saw before. He clapped and pounded on the table and swayed until I got dizzy looking at him! Actually, though, it was a lot of fun.

At dinner, **Bob Wilmot** of the Canada Israel Committee gave a discussion on the new Canadian government and the role we could play in helping get Israel's message across.

Later on, I stayed up real late just talking to other delegates back at the hotel.

Saturday, September 15, 1984

Dear Diary:

Today was a real busy day. First, **Jim Archibald** of Canadian Jewish Congress spoke about the Canadian Jewish community. After lunch there were two workshops back at the hotel. One was given by **Marty Penn** and **Barbara Stern** of the Canadian Committee of Soviet Jewry, where they updated the news about the Refusniks, which was most upsetting, and then went on to explain what we could do to help. After that there was a second session conducted by **Manuel Prutschi**, who is the Director of the Joint Community Relations Committee. That was a good prelude to the Assimilation workshop conducted by **Rabbi Wolff** of Moncton. Diary, you can't believe what kind of discussion we had. It

seemed like everyone had something to contribute and I feel like I have learned a great deal today.



Tonight we had a very fancy dinner sponsored by the Jewish National Fund. **Daniel Pe'er**, the Walter Cronkite of Israel, was the keynote speaker and in addition, **Eli Hassidov** of the JNF Montreal office spoke. Later on, there was a concert featuring **Shlomo Carlebach**. We danced and sang till 1:30 in the morning. He told stories and nobody wanted it to end.



Sunday, September 16, 1984

Dear Diary:

Well, today is the final day of the Conference. This morning was jammed with activity. **Phyllis Pinchuk** of the Education Resource Centre in Montreal spoke. She brought all sorts of resource material that I took home with me. **Marilyn Segal** of Canadian Zionist Federation was there too, and promised to visit our communities. **Maxyne Finkelstein** then gave a talk on Senior Citizens that really helped give us ideas on programming for them.

Then **Erol Araf** spoke at the State of Israel Bonds Brunch. **Howard Karp** was there, too, and they showed a slide show which was really beautiful. At the closing of the Brunch, **Milton Harris**, the Presi-

dent of Canadian Jewish Congress ran down the whole Canadian Jewish Agenda, including the Keegstra trial, Nazi war criminals and even the Kosher meat requirements with regard to Agriculture Canada's new categorizations!

In the afternoon we all bid a fond farewell to **Shirlee Fox** as Executive Director, and welcomed **David Attis** as the new President, along with his executive.



Monday, September 17, 1984

Dear Diary:

I'm home now, and have finally had the chance to put these words in writing. I'm still keyed up from the weekend. You can't imagine all the fun you missed and those sessions will really help me in trying to work harder for the Community.

THE RABBI ANSWERS . . .

"The Rabbi Answers" column is to be a regular feature in upcoming issues of Shalom Magazine. The Rabbis of all Congregations in the Atlantic Region have consented to respond to questions that are submitted; each issue will feature responses from alternate guest columnists. Questions may range from politics to ethics to history to fine points of Jewish law. We welcome your submissions.

Question: When did the last official Jewish prophet live? Why haven't there been any prophets since then? Are the "books" of the prophets officially closed?

Answer: In order to answer this question, one must first define what is a prophet and what prophecy is, according to Jewish tradition.

A prophet is someone commanded by G-d to speak on G-d's behalf. He transmits G-d's words, in most cases, (the prophet Jonah being an exception), to the Jewish people or to their secular leaders. The basis for this definition is found in the Torah in the book of Deuteronomy Ch. 18 Verses 15-23 and I quote

from verse 18, "I will raise up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee (Moses), and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."

The prophet does not necessarily predict the future. He hands over a message, usually one of exhortation, for people to be good, to practice justice and humanity towards their fellow man. He urges the people to obey G-d's law, in spirit as well as in practice. A prophet could not change or amend Torah law. A person who claimed that G-d had changed his mind and wanted a new order, was rejected as a false prophet because all prophecy had to be in accordance with Torah law. Prophecy was a message of obedience to Torah law.

The last official prophets were Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi who witnessed the return of the Jews from their Babylonian exile and the start of the building of the Second Temple in the year 516 BCE. The age of prophecy ended with the completion of the Second Temple. The "books" of the prophets were officially closed with the Jewish canonization of

the Bible by Ezra the Scribe at the end of the Fourth Century BEFORE the common era.

I can offer two reasons why no prophets have existed since Haggai. First, the Jewish people did not listen to the prophets. They did not heed their warnings nor obey their urgings to repent. Since the Jewish people did not listen, G-d stopped appointing prophets. Second, new prophets were not needed. The message of the prophets, as it is, still pertains to today. The message of being proper human beings, of being proper Jews, of being ethical and moral is still relevant today. We do not need "new" prophets to come and tell us so. We need only read over the words of the prophets, as they are. By studying the Torah today by ourselves, we can receive the words of prophets and G-d's message as if it was brand new. The message, the lesson to be learnt, is always new because it has never changed.

Rabbi Michael Wolff
Congregation of Tiferes Israel
Moncton, N.B.

In submitting questions to this column, they must be typewritten and addressed to the Atlantic Jewish Council, 1515 South Park St., Ste. 304, Halifax, N.S., B3J 2L2

Jewish National Fund Appointment

Mr. Alexander (Bobby) Mayers, National President of Jewish National Fund of Canada, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Michael Goldstein as Executive Vice-President, effective September 25, 1984. He succeeds Major General David Ofer who will be returning to Israel.

Mr. Goldstein, who previously held the position of Executive Director (Eastern Canada) of the JNF has an extensive background in Montreal Jewish Community Service Organizations. From 1977-81 he was the Director of Program Management for the Jewish Family Services Social Service Centre and prior to this post, was the Director of the Davis Branch of the YM-YWHA.

Mr. Goldstein is a graduate of Concordia University (B.A.) and holds a master's degree in social work from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University (N.Y. City). He lived in Israel from 1966-67 and graduated from the Institute of Youth Leaders from abroad.

He brings to his new position not only

several years of experience with JNF, but a well-rounded background in Canadian Jewish activities, not least of which is his involvement with the Saidye Bronfman Centre's Yiddish Theatre and his membership on the board of the Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal.

Mr. Goldstein will be concerned with the strengthening of the image of JNF in Canada and encouraging new leadership and greater involvement from younger members of Canadian Jewry.

He is married to Leah Goldstein and the father of three children.



Mr. Alexander (Bobby) Mayers, National President, Jewish National Fund of Canada, is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Goldstein (left). He succeeds Major General David Ofer (right) who will be returning to Israel.



CAMP KADIMAH

1984

DIRECTOR'S

by Sheldon Cohen

Another great summer has drawn to a close at Camp Kadimah. We will cherish the memories and friendships for a long time, I'm sure. This has been a wonderful summer of sun and fun. Who can forget Wetics '84, Maccabia, overnights, special programs, hayrides, socials, rock video night and the terrific banquet? Visitor's Day '84 had to be one of the best in many years. It was so nice to see so many familiar faces from years past.

At this time I want to thank the staff for a fine job during the summer. Your cooperation and efforts were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to **Mitchell Brown** for his support and fine job in the

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dual role as Assistant Director and Waterfront Director. To **Kenny Gordon**, section heads, specialists and all head staff, congratulations on a job well done. To **Jack and Chava Petreanu**, **Hal Barnett** and **Kathy Dodge**, bravo on keeping our tummies full and taking care of us when we weren't feeling well.

Last but not least, a special thanks to all you campers and Macharniks for your good behaviour (most of the time) and spirit and sportsmanship during the summer. You are the ones we all work for and without you, there would be no Camp. We love you all. Have a wonderful year in school and we'll see you all back here next summer. Take care.

Goshrim Section Song

Sung to the tune of Bad, Bad Leroy Brown

On the Chadar side of Kadimah, it's the coolest side of Camp,
And if you dare to wander on down our way, you'll see our style cannot be cramped.
Us Goshrim kids are laughin', and always on the move,
We have our fun and when it's done, we're sure you'll all approve.
We're GOSH-RIM '84, the greatest kids you'll ever score,
Kadimah, wait and see, we're sure that you will all agree,
Gosh this year has all the gear
And that's where you'd want to be.
GOSH!



Giborim Section Song

Sung to the tune of Zippideedooda

Watch out Kadimah the Gibbies are here,
Through the summer you will all hear us cheer.
Though we are small, we'll outshine all the rest,
We'll show you with our zip and our zest.
All summer we'll be playing,
And when we're done, we know what you will be saying.
Boating, swimming, sports and bama,
We don't have time to miss Ma and Pa,
Everyday there's fun and much more,
Giborim section of Camp '84.



Winner of the 1984 "Best Kadimah Song" Award

"Kochot Section Song"

Sung to the tune of Rock and Roll

We are Kochot of 1984,
We've got the ruach, and so much more,
The other sections ain't got the same soul,
Ours is the one that's on a roll.
Even though the summer takes its toll,
Lasting friendships, chevra is our goal,
Bama, Melyad, Sports and Tzofit too,

Hey Kadimah, we're a really cool crew.
Gib, Gosh, Machar you know we go with the Flo,
We got him now and we won't let him go,
Us kids are ready now to show you the way,
We're getting so much better everyday.
Everyday—our chevra's getting closer everyday,
Through the hard times and the good times too,
Key Kadimah, we're the ones for you.



A TRIBUTE TO CAMP KADIMAH by Miriam Gaum

My first year at Kadimah was in 1982,
And not knowing anyone it was hard to be new.
Soon it came to an end and we would all be free,
But I knew that for sure I'd be back in '83.
And sure enough the days flew by, I couldn't believe I was here,
But it soon ended once again and we all had a great year.
When I got home I was so depressed and I'm not the only one that could say,
That with no exaggeration I mentioned Camp and my friends at least ten times a day.

Those ten months of waiting dragged and went by so slow,
But for the third time at Kadimah I was all ready to go.
I'd have to say that this year so far is the best,
And for my first year in Machar (like they say) is better than the rest.
As a camper this might be my last year,

And the memories of all the happy faces I love so dear,
Will always stay inside my heart
And I know on the last day I'll be crying when we part.
I will always regret not coming here from the time we were in gib, and in this case
Who knows? I might be back to take Sheldon's place!!

1984 CAMP KADIMAH SEASON RECAP

by Andrew Wolfson
Deputy Chairman

Kadimah '84 was without a doubt the most successful season of the past decade.

The Camp season was highlighted by a Camp Reunion/Reception prior to Visitor's Day, held at the Citadel Inn in Halifax to help celebrate Kadimah's 40th year.

The enrollment has increased from a low of 136 campers in 1982 to 174 in 1984, of which 128 campers were from the Atlantic Provinces and 46 from Ontario, Quebec and the United States. We have been fortunate to have **Sheldon Cohen** as our Director for the past four consecutive summers and he will be returning in '85 for his fifth season. Our excellent staff played a major role in making the past season so successful.

What does the future hold for Kadimah?

If Kadimah is to grow and prosper, we will have to attract more children from

outside the region. Our numbers are dwindling in the smaller centres such as Newfoundland, Cape Breton and Saint John. At one time these communities sent over sixty children to Kadimah. Now we are lucky to get ten campers from these areas. The major centres such as Halifax, Moncton and Fredericton will have to bear more of the load and support our Camp as never before.

Over sixty percent of our staff were from outside the Maritimes. The Kadimah reputation is well known throughout the whole of Canada. We are already in the midst of hiring our staff for the 1985 season. In order to get the qualified staff that our children require, we are often competing with other camps in Canada and the U.S. Obviously, our costs are increasing but we must maintain our high standards.

The physical plant itself is in good condition with the addition of the **Peter Stone** "Mo'adon" in 1983. We have continued to maintain our buildings and the campsite in general. There is always

room for improvement. If our enrollment continues, we will need one new cabin and our water and sewer facilities will have to be updated.

As our expenses increase for staff, repairs and food costs due to inflation, our fees must be increased to cover these expenditures. Camp is non-profit but we must bring in a balanced budget, keeping in mind the need for capital expenditures each year.

For over forty years, Kadimah has brought our children together from all the communities of Atlantic Canada and has continued to provide a total Jewish experience.

In closing, I would like to thank the other members of the Camp Committee for their dedication and hard work; Sheldon Cohen and our staff; and most of all, the campers and parents for their continued support.

Editor's Note: Photographs of the Reunion/Reception are on display and may be ordered at the offices of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

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BOOKS OF INTEREST

The Fateful Triangle. Israel, The United States and the Palestinians. By Noam Chomsky. Black Rose Books, 481 pages, \$28.95 (cloth), \$14.95 (paper).

Review by Linda McQuaig

During the Israeli siege of West Beirut, it became commonplace to hear political commentators blame the assault on the Palestine Liberation Organization. If innocent Palestinian and Lebanese civilians were being killed by the Israeli bombardment, so the argument went, it was the PLO's fault for retreating to Beirut, where it could hide behind civilians. The New York Times went as far as to accuse the PLO of "the biggest hijacking in history—half of Beirut is hostage."

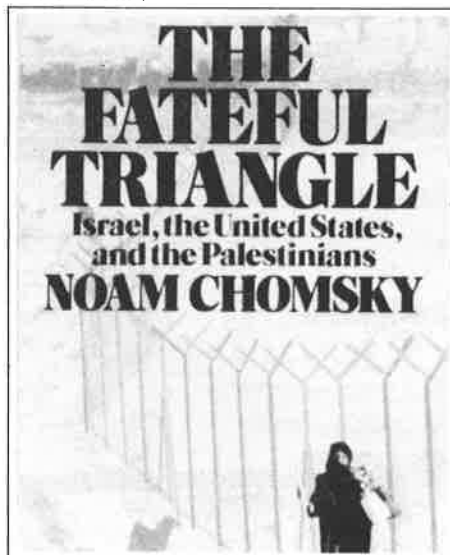
Noam Chomsky notes that this was an odd kind of hostage-taking indeed, in which the "rescuers" were killing the hostages. He also points out that with similar logic, British troops could have been accused of running to hide behind the civilian population when they retreated from Dunkirk in the Second World War. Of course no such allegations were made against the British. But the fact that the Israeli siege was regularly blamed on the PLO, Chomsky argues, is indicative of the extent to which American political commentators have granted Israel virtual immunity from criticism. He notes disdainfully that following the siege of Beirut and the Sabra and Shatila massacres, the United States showed its disapproval by actually increasing its already phenomenal level of aid to Israel.

In this tough-minded analysis, Chomsky argues that this considerable U.S. tolerance for Israeli aggression has given Israel a blank cheque to behave as it wants. And what it has wanted more than anything is to crush any sign of Palestinian nationalism or political organization, which was its real motive for invading Lebanon.

Chomsky starts from the assumption that both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs have equal human rights and a valid claim to self-determination within the territory of the former Palestine. But while the United States defends Israel's right to exist at any cost, it has no corresponding concern that Palestinians have even the most basic necessities of life, let alone the right to form a state. This indifference to the fate of the Palestinians can only be justified, according to

Chomsky, if one accepts the racist assumption that Palestinians are not entitled to equal rights. (As for the often repeated argument that the obstacle is the PLO's failure to recognize Israel's right to exist, Chomsky shows the PLO's position to be considerably more flexible than that of Israel, which has consistently rejected any meaningful self-determination for the Palestinians.)

Much of the power in this fascinating book lies in Chomsky's relentless attempts to expose those underlying Anti-Arab assumptions in the United States' Middle East policy. With equal relish he takes on the political commentators and intellectuals (from the New York Times' editorial board to the academics who grace the pages of leading journals) and finds them implicitly accepting the same biased notions, while always appearing to be liberal.



He exposes these assumptions quite effectively by conjuring up imaginary comparisons. For instance, Israel has a South African-style law that allows Arab workers from the occupied territories to work in Israel by day, but bans them from staying there overnight. Some employers get around the law by locking their Arab workers up overnight in their factories. When several Arab workers burned to death in a night-time fire at a Tel Aviv factory, the incident caused no outrage among commentators in the United States. Chomsky asks what the reaction might be in the United States "if it were learned that Jewish workers were burned to death in a locked room in a Moscow factory or kept in factory detention camps because they are not permitted to spend the night in Russian

areas?"

As in his other political writings, in which he has also examined the role of intellectuals, Chomsky concludes that these supposedly independent critics almost always end up toeing the government line, packaging it neatly for public consumption. This kind of argument of course has made Chomsky many enemies. It might partly explain why, despite his international reputation as a brilliant linguistics scholar, his political writings have been largely ignored.

In writing about the nature of popular assumptions, Chomsky draws almost entirely on published sources. His dispute is usually not with information on the public record, but the way that information has been interpreted. Thus, in a criticism of the much-lauded Kahan Commission which investigated the Sabra and Shatila massacres, Chomsky criticizes the commission for failing to draw the damning conclusions that its own findings could justify. While the commission found that the higher Israeli political figures fully expected the Phalangists to carry out a slaughter when they were brought into the refugee camps, it came to the weak conclusion that Israeli leaders had only some "indirect responsibility". The commission even decided that no "responsibility should be imputed to the Defence Minister (Ariel Sharon) for not ordering the removal of the Phalangists from the camps when the first reports reached him about the acts of killing being committed there." Chomsky asks whether the commission would have been as gentle in its criticism had the Israeli army failed to intervene while, 200 metres away, Palestinians were carrying out a massacre of hundreds of Jews. Or, more pointedly, he asks whether there would be a similar tolerance for Nazis who let loose Ukrainian and Croatian anti-Semites to carry out atrocities against the Jews.

These are difficult, painful questions for Israel and its supporters. But they are perhaps all the more important because they raise issues largely ignored in North America, where in some quarters any criticism of Israel has been portrayed as anti-Semitism. (Chomsky repeatedly points out that the Israeli media are far more critical of Israeli policies than are the North American media). But since Israel has been able to pursue its policies largely because of massive support from the world's most powerful country, it is surely time that some of these questions also made their way into the North American forum of ideas. **The Fateful Triangle** is a good beginning.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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Maisie & Harry Block—Halifax

Lillian Budovitch, Morton & Shelley—Willowdale

Judy & Arnold Budovitch, Eric & Paul—Fredericton

Mendel & Shirley Burnstein & Family—Halifax

Martin Chernin—Sydney

Mr. & Mrs. Mendel Chernin—Sydney

Warren, Miriam, Robie & Marcie Cohen—Fredericton

Howard & Karen Conter & Adam—Halifax

Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Davidson—Sydney

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Ralph & Ruth Garson, Craig, Marc & Andrea—Halifax

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Janet & Alan Stern, Adam & Debra—Halifax

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Harold & Myrna Yazer—Halifax

Zelda & Leon Zelikovitz & Family—Halifax

Beatrice Zemel & Joel—Halifax

Ida Shofer Zifkin—Halifax

Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Zilbert, Nathan & Leah—Halifax

New Year Greetings from Hadassah-WIZO of Canada

Cecily Peters

National President, Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada

The recurrent theme of Rosh Hashana—Yom Kippur is Chesbon Hane-fesh—a "Reckoning of the Soul", a time to pause and reflect on the past and the future; a time for resolution and strength. We at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO face the New Year 5745 with faith, self-assessment and renewed commitment to the people of Israel and the State of Israel.

At this time of foreign and domestic turmoil in the State of Israel, Jews everywhere must examine their own relationship to the State. We as Canadians Jews must take a leadership role in the struggle to maintain a strong and positive Israeli image.

On Rosh Hashana we are called upon to examine ourselves and elevate our awareness, aspirations and performance. The women of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO have shown their steadfast support especially at this time when Israel is beset with so many difficulties internally and externally. We have translated our aspirations and goals into action, with our many commitments to our WIZO projects, assisting thousands of women, children, young people and golden-agers in our social services network of Women's Clubs, Baby and Child Care Centres, Youth Clubs and Community Centres; through our academic, vocational and agricultural schools; our support of pioneering learning assessment work at the Hadassah-WIZO Canada Research Institute and Child Guidance Clinic in

Jerusalem; our unique role in advancing medical technology at Asaf Harofe Hospital; our many years of Youth Aliyah work; and now, our newly-opened Absorption Centre for Ethiopian refugee children at Acco-Hofim to house, educate and rehabilitate 400 Ethiopian children. These children come to us illiterate and ravaged with infectious disease. They have to be healed, nurtured, cultivated and acculturated. Perhaps our greatest challenge to date will be to help these children acclimatize and meld into Israel's contemporary society. We are prepared to face that challenge.

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu—May you all be inscribed in the Book of Life, Good Health and Good Fortune, and may the New Year be one of peace.



Rosh Hashana Greetings from United Israel Appeal

Allan Offman

**President
U.I.A. of Canada Inc.**

Walter Hess

**Executive Vice-President
U.I.A. of Canada Inc.**

The Jewish New Year is a solemn season of self-examination and self-judgment. We of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., in examining and judging our record take considerable pride in the consolidation of U.I.A. Campaigns

throughout the country—and yet, it remains a qualified pride. This great community in Canada has consistently proven itself to be amongst the highest per capita of the contributing countries to the human needs of Israel. When set against the extent of the need, however, we have to ask ourselves, most especially at this time of the year, whether we have matched our potential, whether we have met our responsibilities.

Israel is turning to us now, not for charitable donations which demean the relationship but for the moral and na-

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tradition, then Nachum, he is nothing but a Na'ar."

This little story is one I take to heart as I assume the role of Executive Director of the Atlantic Jewish Council. During the first months of my tenure, I should like to be seen as "Avreimele"—the one who investigates what is in place and why. Only after I feel comfortable with what is, will I be prepared to progress to the issue of what could be added to enhance our continuing quest for a strong Jewish identity.

I invite you, indeed urge you, to help me in this process by providing me with your insight and experience, so that together we can maintain—and strengthen—the Atlantic Jewish Community.

Shimon Fogel

tional support which one partner can call upon another in a time of peril. The case is not overstated. 30.2% of Israel's Total Budget (U.S. \$6.85 Billion) will go to servicing Israel's external and internal debt. U.S. \$3.98 Billion will go to defence. Only about one-third remains to pay for everything else required by a modern nation—energy, education, health, welfare, transportation, etc. After deducting what must be spent for absolutely essential items such as fuel, schooling, police, sanitation, basic medical services, etc., the government has left only just over one billion or about five per cent for discretionary spending on other important items such as roads, telephones, social welfare, and other activities for development of the economy and for closing the social gap.

Put in this perspective the impact of the United Israel Appeal contribution may be appreciated for its tremendous importance to the life and future of Israel. 37% of the cash flow for social welfare services in Israel is derived from U.I.A. - U.J.A. Campaigns.

May the coming year be one we will be afforded a greater ability to continue what we, the U.I.A. of Canada, have set out to do—to help create an Israel of equal opportunity where every citizen will not only have to share in its obligations but enjoy its benefits.

On behalf of the Leadership of the U.I.A., we wish to extend a happy and successful New Year to the Atlantic Jewish Council and to all our contributors in the Atlantic Region.

ROSH HASHANA MESSAGE

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by Julius Briskin, Q.C.

Executive Vice-President and
General Counsel

State of Israel Bonds Organization

Rosh Hashana is a time for reflecting on the inspiration provided by the historic heritage of the Jewish people. It is also a time to reaffirm our commitment to the State of Israel as this nation has now become the future of our heritage.

Israel currently faces economic challenges which must be met without affecting prospects of employment for immigrants who come from the four corners of the world. A new Government in Israel will shoulder an important responsibility to institute a series of measures without impairing the economic and industrial growth of Israel.

Given the importance of this task, it is evident that the State of Israel Bonds Organization will continue to play a key role by making a decisive contribution to the nation's infrastructural development; now more than ever before.

The people of Israel need to know in this period of economic difficulty that

their friends abroad are helping alleviate their burdens. Knowledge of your concrete support will bolster and encourage them as they go forward to overcome their current problems and move into a new era of economic progress.

Over the years, there have been many challenges to Israel's growth and development. Israel has met every challenge successfully. Despite wars, boycotts, and the hostility of its neighbours, the nation continued to grow and developed into a modern industrial state.

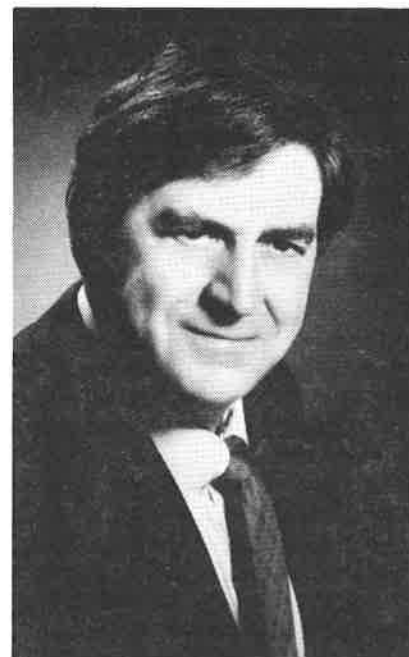
This was due in good part to the hundreds of thousands of Bond subscribers who have stood side by side with Israel and its people year in and year out.

Ever since 1951, when the State of Israel Bonds Organization was established, the people of Israel and purchasers of Israel Bonds have been partners in the building of one of the most vibrant and dynamic young nations of our time.

With the help of Bond proceeds, Israel achieved remarkable economic progress making possible a better life for its citizens, transforming victims into free men and women and laying the groundwork for preserving and defending their

hard-won independence and freedom.

I am confident that with the support of the Atlantic Jewish community, we shall continue to make progress in making sure that Israel's remarkable economic progress is maintained as we look forward to a future of hope, peace and prosperity.



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ROSH HASHANA 5745 GREETINGS

by Rabbi Eli Lagnado
Sydney, Nova Scotia

The Sages of Israel describe peace as the vessel most fit to contain those blessings which may be enjoyed by all men. Those blessings include freedom from hunger and want, freedom from fear and intolerance, confidence in the worthwhileness of effort and struggle to ameliorate one's own material and moral condition and to build for a continuing and hopeful future.

Our Jewish hopes for today and tomorrow are concerned with the welfare of our people and equally with the destiny and salvation of all men.

The numbers in our Community are not large; we form less than one percent of the total population. A small minority indeed, but a fortunate one in the sense that we are part of a nation nourished in the spirit and practice of a true democracy. We constitute a Jewry which has been spared the awful fate that befell many illustrious communities in Europe that were victims of the anti-Semitic brutalities of the Nazis.

It is during the period in the Jewish Calendar known as Yomim Noraim—

Solemn Days—that the Jews are summoned to renew their loyalties to the faith of the fathers in order to make it the faith of their sons. It is a period when the Jew is called upon to consider this conduct in relation to the duties he owes to his Maker and above all, in relation to his fellow man. The Solemn season is meant to make us think of ourselves as members of a society considered as an entity with a corporate being and purpose.

We reflect, therefore, on the shortcomings of society and measure how far it has been true or otherwise to the Divine purpose assigned to the society or group. This applies in particular to the Jewish people which we believe has been chosen to be a singular people and a Holy nation. The consciousness that we are members of the House of Israel is heightened for us on sacred days like the New Year and Day of Atonement, when we gather together in our places of worship and recite the ancient prayers, voicing the tears, the failings, hopes and faith of a people that has endured much, a people with whose ancestors G-d made

a covenant to continue from generation to generation.

We should never lose our vision. "Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit" saith the L-rd. The New Year message is just that. It calls upon men and nations to unite in fear of Heaven, to pay homage to the Almighty, our Father, our King. A clarion call is sounded to people to penetrate deeply into their hearts and minds, to resolve to abandon the disastrous follies of wars and the vain boasts of national arrogance, and to bend all their efforts to reshape the vessel of peace to contain lasting blessings for all the sons of men. "The L-rd gives strength to His people. The L-rd bless His people with peace."

My wife, **Liebe**, and children, **Michelle** and **Isaac**, join me in wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and meaningful New Year 5745. Throughout this holy season may your blessings all increase and may your heart be filled with special happiness and peace. Let us all pray for peace in Israel and throughout the world; and for freedom for our people everywhere.

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HAPPENINGS & EVENTS



Morton Allen Cohen, formerly of Fredericton, N.B. and now residing in Toronto, is pleased to announce his winning of First Prize and trophy for Hair Colour, and his winning of Second Prize for Hairstylist. Morton graduated from the Wilfred Beauty School in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Ben Medjuck, left, presented Certificates of Appreciation to **Mitchell Budovitch**, **Rabbi David Spiro** and **Warren Cohen** during the State of Israel Reception held in September in Fredericton.



Brian Epstein, son of **Murray and Eleanor Epstein** of Sydney, N.S., has been chosen for the one-year program to work as a Page at the House of Commons in Ottawa. Only 40 graduating high school students are selected each year for this program.



Debra Ann, daughter of **Dr. and Mrs. Milton Boniuk** of Houston, and **Perry David**, son of **Dr. Hy Sable** and the late **Juanita Sable** of Halifax, were united in marriage on August 26, 1984, in Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas.

Those attending from the Atlantic Region were: Great-grandfather, **Louis Grossman**; Grandparents, **Max and Bessie Rinzler**; Father, **Dr. Hy and Marlene**

Sable; brothers and sisters, **Suzanne, Steven** (Toronto), **Shawn, Stephanie** and **Howard Green**, all of Halifax; and **Harry and Sarah Sable** and children of Glace Bay. Relatives from Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Toronto were also in attendance.

Perry and Debra will be residing in Houston while attending University there.

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HARRIS MEETING WITH DENNIS COCHRAN

Milton Harris, President of Canadian Jewish Congress, led a delegation at the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council on Sunday, September 16, which met with the newly elected Conservative member of Parliament from Moncton, Mr. Dennis Cochran. The CJC delegation included David Attis, newly elected President of the Atlantic Jewish Council, Irwin Lampert, National Officer of CJC from the Atlantic Jewish Council, Jim Archibald, Executive Director of CJC and Bob Wilmot, Director of Parliamentary Services, Canada Israel Committee.

The delegation offered its congratulations to Mr. Cochran on his election as member of Parliament from Moncton.

After some brief period of introductory exchanges, the CJC delegation put several issues forward which are of particular concern to Canadian Jewry.

With regard to the issue of war criminals, Harris summarized the CJC position on this matter, noting that Congress pushed for the withdrawal of citizenship from, and the deportation of war criminals found to be resident in this country. Further, CJC will continue to have war criminals resident in Canada brought to the bar of justice in countries where they can be tried. CJC will continue to oppose extradition to iron curtain countries, because of the commitment with CJC to see all criminals brought to trial under the rule of law. Milton Harris pointed out that this proposal was in conformity with the situation in the United States. He informed Mr. Cochran that the Prime Minister elect has indicated to the CJC has understanding, in principle, and that it would be expected that a Conservative government would agree to proceed under the Citizenship and Immigration Act to strip known war criminals of their citizenship and proceed with deportation as the occasion may arise.

Milton Harris reviewed very briefly CJC's position with regard to amendments under Section 281 of the Criminal Code.

With regard to the issue of Soviet Jewry, the delegation pointed out that this issue was extremely important for Canadian Jewry and that we had had excellent working relationships with Parliamentarians from all parties in the past and that Congress looks forward to a new level of cooperation with the Parliamentary Committee in order to ensure that a

push is made from all sectors to favour the emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to lands of freedom.

The role of the Canada Israel Committee was carefully reviewed and the importance which the community gives to the CIC to lobby the Canadian Government on matters dealing with Canada Israel relations was clearly explained.

Certain local issues touching on the Jewish community were also broached.

With regard to the demographics of the Jewish community of Moncton, it was noted that the community was experiencing problems relating to the aging of its Jewish population and problems related to the education of young children.

It was pointed out that the Jewish community in Moncton maintains a pre-school which, according to David Attis, could be billed as the only truly "multicultural school in New Brunswick". The pre-school functions within the framework of the Jewish community in Moncton. However, certain students in the school are Christian and attend the school out of their parent's desire to expose children to a different culture and to take advantage of the excellent pre-school program put together by the Jewish community.

The pre-school program is also staffed by a non-Jewish teacher who is particularly sensitive to the need to make Christians aware of the Jewish heritage. The children learn about Jewish holidays, the Jewish scriptures and the warmth of Jewish family life. Both David Attis and Irwin Lampert referred to the good relations which exist between the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Moncton. Certain issues of concern seem to be shared. In particular, the Jewish community was sensitive to the needs of youth on the job market, and Mr. Cochran was also, in his capacity as new member of Parliament, very much aware of the problem of youth unemployment and the need to resolve the problem through private sector initiatives having a direct effect on the family. Mr. Cochran noted that this was in fact a high priority for him and his party in the riding. Despite the interest expressed in private sector initiatives, both Mr. Cochran and representatives of the Moncton Jewish community agreed that the private sector approach could not be the sole one used and all involved would have to look to

government support for community organizations, community-based services and municipalities.

With regard to English-French relations, it was agreed that both in the general population and with particular regard to the Jewish population, there were positive relationships between the French speaking community and the English speaking community in Moncton. It should be noted that certain members of the Moncton Jewish community are French speaking, including notably enough, the President of the Tiferes Israel Congregation, Dr. Francis Weil. The meeting ended on a very positive note, and both Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canada Israel Committee reiterated their desire to keep Mr. Cochran informed on issues of interest to the Jewish community.

This meeting represents just one of many scheduled by Congress with new members of the Conservative government in the expectation of educating them with regard to the issues of concern to the Jewish community.

Canadian Jewish Congress Welcomes Proposed Anti-Hate Amendments

Canadian Jewish Congress welcomes the proposed amendments to the anti-hate section of the Criminal Code outlined on June 1 by the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, Minister of Justice.

"These amendments are a major step in the proper direction," said David Satok, Chairman of the National Joint Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress. Mr. Satok added that these amendments are a signal to hate mongers that Canadians do not accept attempts to set race against race and religion against religion.

Mr. Satok indicated that while measures "do not go as far as we would have wished and have asked for," nonetheless Congress commended Mr. MacGuigan "for this step and sincerely trusts that there will be no delay in putting them before Parliament for enactment into law."

Beth Israel Sisterhood

On May 15, the Sisterhood of Beth Israel Synagogue entertained 110 ladies at the Annual Mother-Daughter Dinner.

Louise Wolfson, this year's convenor, devoted hours of planning to a most successful event. Even so, Louise found time to help Linda Raskin and Karen Sadofsky with the evening's program - A Children's Fashion Show.

Tanya Webber of Kid Stuff Seven and Up, and Shirlee Fox of Kettle Creek Canvas Co. provided our young models with their delightful outfits. Linda and Karen extend a thank you to Shirlee and Tanya and also to the following up and coming models: Erica Yazer; Candace Wolfson; Reva Coleman; Lisa Gordon; Ann Raskin; Jody Sadofsky; Robin Cohen; Bena Medjuck; Naomi Rubin; Syma Gaum; JoAnne Yazer; Jodi Lipkus; Sandra Wolman; Rachael Sadofsky; and Anita Wolman.



Up and coming models—(l-r) Ann Raskin, Jody Sadofsky, Robin Cohen and Bena Medjuck.



Syma Gaum modelling a Kettle Creek Canvas Co. outfit.

Since the Mother-Daughter Dinner marked the Annual closing, a new slate of officers was presented. Anna Newman conducted a beautiful installation ceremony with warmth and sincerity.

There were very special words for Shirley Wolman, out-going president, who is admired and respected for her dedication to Sisterhood. Barbara Yablon, Barbara Rafuse, Ella Morris, Clara Dankner and Genevieve Lipkus were all thanked for their valuable participation on the Executive.

All present welcomed and congratulated the new President Bette Ross and her executive: Sharron Ross, First Vice-President; Rose Pritzker, Second Vice-President; Annalee Cohen, Recording Secretary; Clara Dankner, Financial Secretary; and Genevieve Lipkus, Treasurer.

Rinzlers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Bessie and Max Rinzler were joined by the Halifax Jewish Community to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 10, 1984. After services at the Beth Israel Synagogue a Kiddush was held in their honour.

Rabbi M. Pritzker gave a sincere and stirring address and presented a Certificate honouring the Rinzlers' Golden Anniversary on behalf of the Beth Israel Synagogue. Certificates of Congratulations were also received from then Prime Minister Trudeau on behalf of the Government of Canada; Premier John Buchanan of Nova Scotia; His Worship Mayor Ron Wallace for the city of Halifax; and a letter of congratulations from the Hon. Gerald Regan, M.P., Minister of International Trade.

Visiting from out-of-town were their parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossman, son and daughter-in-law Morley and Debbie Rinzler of Moncton, N.B., sister Mrs. Lillian Chippin of Fredericton, N.B., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rinzler and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rinzler of Moncton, N.B.

A dinner was later hosted by Morley and Debbie for members of the family.



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*extends warmest wishes
for the New Year*

to all our friends across Canada.

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joy, good health, and Peace
for Israel and all mankind.*

The Joys of Homemaking

by Jo Ann Gardner

Succoth, like Passover and Shavuoth, is one of the great Jewish Pilgrimage Festivals, so-called because in ancient times celebrants all came to one place, the Temple in Jerusalem, to observe it. Over the course of the year, these festivals retell the saga of the Jewish people from their earliest days as wandering Aramaeans to their acceptance of a special Covenant with one G-d, as expressed in the Torah. Each celebration is also tied to and woven around those seasonal agricultural rituals which are common to groups of people living in the Middle East.

At Passover, in the spring when the barley is ready to harvest, the Jewish people infused existing pagan rituals with a new spiritual meaning based on the folk tales surrounding the origin of the Jewish nation, as retold in the Biblical Exodus. Not only was the season of Aviv, the season of ripe barley, the time to celebrate the harvest, it was also the time to commemorate the beginnings of the Jewish nation. At Shavuoth, after seven weeks of back-breaking labour when the people were ready to harvest the wheat and celebrate the occasion with offerings of the first fruits of the harvest, this ritual was given a new Jewish meaning; the first fruits were also the two tablets of Commandments which Moses received from G-d on Mt. Sinai. Finally, at the end of the growing season, when all agricultural people celebrate the harvest, the Jews celebrated their harvest by commemorating the sojourn of the Jewish nation to the Promised Land, thanking G-d not only for the harvest but for his spiritual guidance as expressed in the Law (Simchas Torah).

When the Jewish people were forced to leave their homeland, their holidays were already firmly intertwined with the physical realities of the land of Israel. (See *Nature in Our Biblical Heritage* by N. Hareuvini for a detailed description and analysis of this phenomenon.) In this way, the Jews carried their homeland with them throughout their dispersal when they lived on sufferance in many lands. Holidays with an agricultural component lived on as long as they were tied to the people's remembered history.

Be that as it may, neither Succoth nor Shavuoth has fared very well in the North American Diaspora. Perhaps this is because, unlike Passover and Chanukah, they are not as amenable to redefi-

nition in the modern, i.e. secular idiom. Jews who wish to conform to the Gentile society in which they live find it much easier to attend a Seder or light the Chanukah candles because the act can be interpreted along secular lines, i.e. "man's desire for freedom". No such comforting definition can be ascribed to Succoth, a time when observant Jews eat their meals in a festive hut of sorts called a succah, wave the lulav and ethrog (ceremonial plants) at special religious services, and take part in a processional carrying the Torah scrolls. In some small communities, it is becoming increasingly difficult to gather a minyan to carry on the special Succoth religious services.

There has been some attempt on the part of Jewish writers to redefine Succoth as the Jewish Thanksgiving. It is pointed out that the Pilgrim Fathers, steeped as they were in the Old Testament, got the idea for their fall harvest celebration from the Biblical command, "You shall keep the feast of the ingathering when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labour" (Exodus 23:16). But this has not worked, because if Succoth is nothing more than a festive meal, a time of family reunion and turkey dinners, then it is much more convenient to have such a Thanksgiving dinner when everyone else does, i.e. at Thanksgiving.

There is growing evidence, though, that many North American Jews, liberated for several generations from the 'yoke of Torah' are returning to more traditional observances. It is not unusual to hear of Jewish university and college students building succahs on their campuses, nor of young families establishing a tradition of festive Succoth meals eaten in their backyard succah. By these actions, these Jews are saying, "We are Jews and we are different. We eat our Thanksgiving meal in a succah, perhaps at some inconvenience, to show that we are one with our ancient forbears who lived in such a dwelling at this season in their journey to the Promised Land." The fact that Jewish farmers in Israel today actually harvest the fruits of their labour from the soil of the original Ingathering has given a new dimension to this ancient holiday.

Whether or not you eat all your Succoth meals in a succah, they should be festive, joyous occasions. Besides the traditional candles and wine, the challa could be made in the shape of a ladder to express the connection between life on

earth and heaven, with our prayers travelling upward to G-d.

The table should be laden with bowls of fruit and vegetables in season, and bouquets of flowers. The meal itself is generally rich with various courses that may include fruits, soup, roast chicken or turkey, relishes, vegetables and a sweet dessert. For outdoor serving, dishes that are easy to prepare and serve are advisable. The following could be used whenever you eat your Succoth dinner:

Chopped Eggplant Relish

1 medium eggplant
1 small onion, minced
1/2 green pepper, minced
1 small tomato, peeled, chopped
1 tablespoon oil
1 tablespoon vinegar or lemon juice
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Place whole eggplant in baking pan in 350 degree oven, bake until skin is wrinkled and soft. Remove from oven, peel off skin. Add onion, green pepper and tomato, chopping until well blended. Beat in oil, vinegar, salt and pepper. Chill. (From *Treasure for My Daughter*).

Harvest Soup

1/4 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 medium onion
2 lbs. vegetables, such as green beans, zucchini, carrots, celery, potatoes, peas, all trimmed and coarsely chopped
2 cups shelled fresh beans (shell beans or baby limas could be used)
2 large sprigs Italian parsley
2 tablespoons fresh or 1-1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
5 cups cold water

Heat oil, lightly brown garlic, discard and add onion, brown and add the remaining vegetables. Add cold water, bring to a boil and simmer, covered, for about one hour. (Adapted from *The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews*).

Cottage Cheese Knishes

Batter:
1-1/4 cups flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 tablespoons sugar
2 eggs
2/3 cup milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
pinch salt

Filling:

1 lb. pressed cottage cheese (dry) or if available use 2% cottage cheese and omit sour cream
2 tablespoons butter or oil
2 egg whites
1 tablespoon sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon sugar

Mix batter ingredients. Set aside. In another bowl, mix together all the filling ingredients. Grease an 8" x 8" x 2" pan. Pour half of the batter in the bottom, spread filling over batter. Top with the rest of the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. This can be baked ahead, re-

frigerated and reheated. Serves 6-8. Delicious with sour cream and strawberry jam. (From Jewish Family Celebrations).

The High Holiday season is brought to a close on Simchat Torah. A wonderful and festive way to mark this occasion is to serve round foods, a symbol of the wholeness of the year and the Torah, which has no beginning and no end. A very effective centerpiece for the holiday table is a watermelon basket. Simply halve a firm, ripe (but not overripe) watermelon and remove the meat by cutting in wedges. Cut up other fresh fruits and fill the cavity to overflowing with fruits of all colours. Trim with purple grapes.

Canadian Technion Society Appointments

Mr. Eugene Stearns, P. Eng., Chairman of the National Board of Directors of the Canadian Technion Society, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Harold Laxer as the Executive Director, Eastern Region. A Montrealer by birth, Harold Laxer brings with him a wide business experience and deep knowledge of the Jewish community; his most recent appointment was with State of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Laxer looks forward with great anticipation to a fruitful association with the Canadian Technion Society, its members and friends. He may be contacted at the organization's Montreal office at (514) 288-0682.

Atlantic Region members of the Canadian Technion Society are Mr. Justice J.L. Dubinsky, President, Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter; Dr. Richard Goldbloom, Chairman of the Atlantic Provinces; and Mr. Jack P. Rafuse, Q.C., Member of the local Executive.



Mr. Harold Laxer, newly appointed Executive Director.

EMUNAH WOMEN OF CANADA

At the National Triennial Convention held at Grossinger's Hotel in the Catskills of New York, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women's Organization of Canada officially changed its name to Emunah Women of Canada. "Emunah" in Hebrew means faith. The Organization continues to fulfill its original goals of the past forty-one years.

To help in building Israel within a religious framework is its ideology and goal. The multitude of underprivileged children are the main focus of the Organization. A vast network of day care centres, nurseries, kindergartens, afternoon clubs, vocational schools and community centres have been built and are being maintained throughout Israel, as well as a children's village.

Children from the age of three months to eighteen years are exposed to an authentic religious education and environment that fosters the development of self-respecting, responsible, and well-adjusted individuals.

It is affiliated with the World Emunah Religious Zionist Women's Organization (Head Office in Jerusalem), which serves as an umbrella for nineteen countries.

With 120,000 members, World Emunah uses innovative programs to strengthen religious consciousness in Israel, and to break the cycle of poverty of new immigrants from Arab and African countries.

These objectives are met through vocational and academic training for girls, adult education, senior citizen's programs and other much needed social services.

Their "tehillah" literacy program is unique in terms of bringing the new im-

migrants into the 20th century, while encouraging them to preserve their own culture and religious heritage with dignity.

Another important aspect of our program lies in strengthening Jewish life in Canada and deepening the Jewish knowledge and commitment of our members here. In addition, our members are involved in every aspect which affects Jewish life in Canada. Our members as individuals and the Organization as a unit is involved in the efforts of the United Israel Appeal, Israel Bonds and the Jewish National Fund.

We are active constituent members of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Zionist Federation. The work of Bnei Akiva, the Mizrahi Youth Movement, is also of prime concern to us. As active members of the Parents' Committee, we assist and help in the expansion of the work of this youth group.

As its Convention, Emunah Women of Canada installed their new executive: National President is Bess Silber of Montreal; National Vice-Presidents are Miriam Novick, Montreal, Baila Aspler, Montreal, Sue Magder, Toronto, Esther Steinberg, Vancouver, Clara Badeker, Edmonton, and Rose Pritzker, Halifax; Miriam Stern of Montreal is National Treasurer; and Edith Rothschild of Toronto is Chairman of the National Administrative Board.

The secret of happy living is not to do what you like but to like what you do.
Ida Marcus

NOTICE

All copy for the Nov/Dec '84 edition of Shalom should be in our office not later than Dec. 1, 1984.

Justice Minister cont'd

Under the present wording of Section 281.2, it is unclear whether the accused must establish the defences or whether the Crown must prove that they do not apply in the circumstances of the case. Clearly placing the responsibility for establishing a valid defence with the accused would accord with the usual rules of evidence, and would reflect recommendation 37 of the special Committee's report.

The Criminal Code would thus require the accused to establish that: —the statements communicated were true; —in good faith, he expressed or attempted to establish by argument an opinion on a religious subject; —the statements were relevant to any subject of public interest, the discussion of which was for the public benefit, and on reasonable grounds he believed them to be true; or —in good faith, he intended to point out, for the purpose of removal,

matters producing or tending to produce feelings of hatred towards an identifiable group in Canada.

—Eliminate the requirement that a provincial Attorney General must consent before a prosecution for disseminating hate propaganda may commence.

This change would accord with recommendation 36 of the Special Committee's report.

The requirement for the Attorney General's consent was originally conceived to avoid unfounded prosecutions. However, many Canadians, particularly minority groups, have raised the concern that when these cases do not come to court because consent has not been given, the reasons are seldom available to the public. It has been argued that in these cases an Attorney General should stop truly unfounded cases publicly, by staying charges in open court.

"I endorse recommendations 35, 36 and 37," said Dr. MacGuigan. "Recommendation 40 will be referred for consid-

eration to the Sentencing Commission which will be established by the Government as I announced on February 7." Recommendation 40 calls for amendments to the Criminal Code to allow judges to impose an additional consecutive sentence when the principal Criminal Act is racially motivated.

The Sentencing Commission will recommend possible sentencing guidelines to provide better information to judges and to reduce the potential for unwarranted disparity among sentences. The Commission will also examine, among other things, maximum and minimum sentences in the Criminal Code.

"These measures I will be proposing will not by themselves cure the problem of racism," cautioned Mr. MacGuigan. "However, once passed into law, and when combined with existing human rights legislation and civil remedies such as libel, these measures should effectively discourage the spreading of hate propaganda in Canada."

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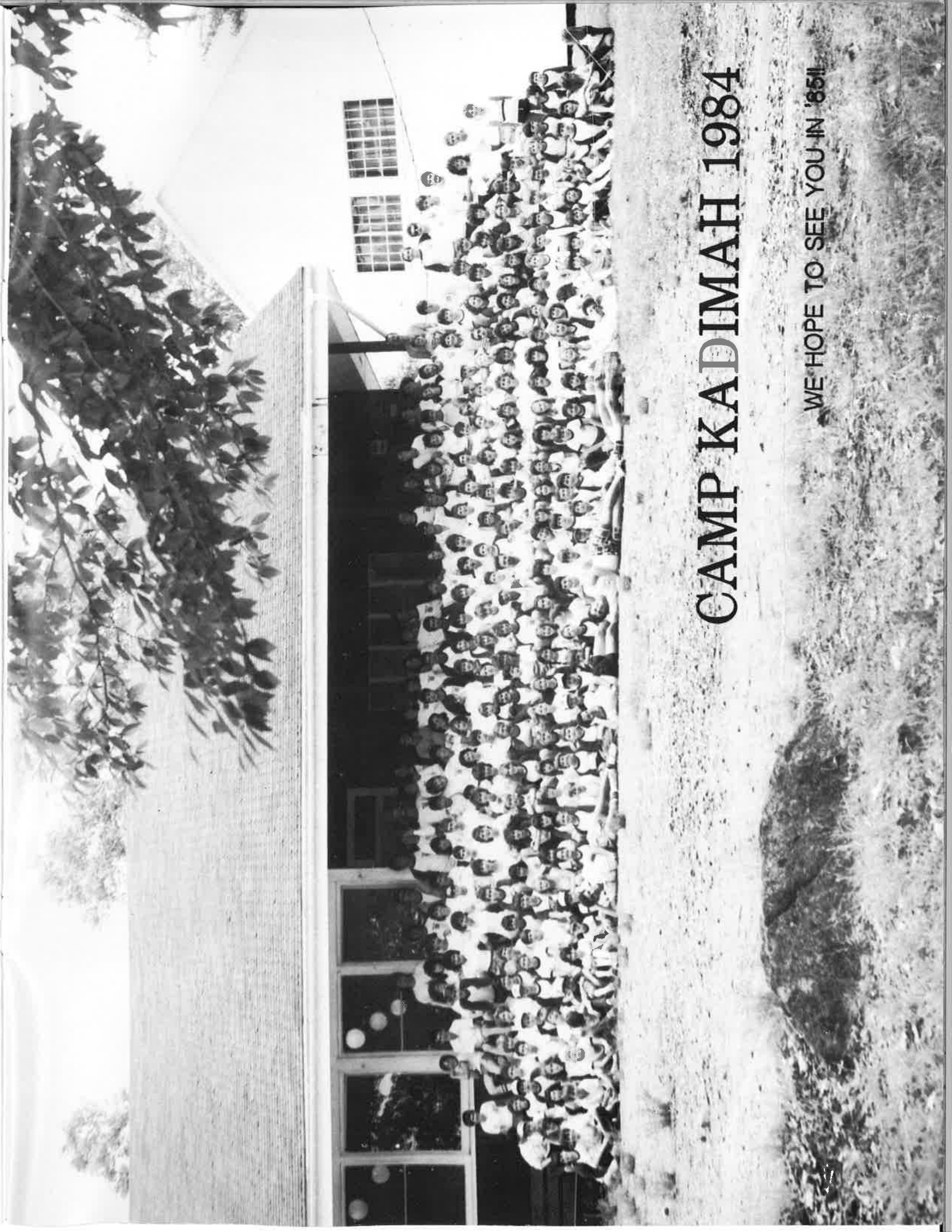
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