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*On November 30th, the Goldblooms were honoured at the JNF Negev Dinner. See page 23 for details and photos.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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This is my first opportunity to address the Atlantic Jewish Community formerly through **Shalom** magazine and I welcome the chance to share some thoughts with you on the various functionings of the Atlantic Jewish Council. There are two issues in particular that I would like to touch on this month, that of the Constitution and the concept of Voluntarism in the Jewish Community.

Immediately subsequent to the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council, a special committee was struck under the chairmanship of **Francklyn Medjuck** and was charged with responsibility to redraft the Constitution of our Organization. Their work is almost complete, and I would like to focus in on a particular theme that motivated the reexamination of our previous Constitution. Over the last eleven years, the Atlantic Jewish Council has grown into a viable and essential component of the Atlantic Jewish Community. As such, it was my feeling that through the evolution of the Council we had a responsibility to create a more broad-based representation on the decision-making bodies of the Atlantic Jewish Council. As with any democratic process, the decisions made must emanate from the constituencies which are represented in the total body. If the Atlantic Jewish Council is to remain relevant and effective on behalf of the Jewish Community in the Maritimes, then it is essential that we establish good

communication between the various communities and the Atlantic Jewish Council Executive. Thus, the new Constitution addresses this important concern and calls for representation from every synagogue, fraternal organization and representative organization that functions in Atlantic Canada.

However, the real test to the efficacy of this initiative rests with the community representatives. This brings me to the second concern that I wanted to discuss, that of voluntarism. No Jewish organization can function properly without a dedicated group of lay people making policy and implementing those decisions on behalf of the totality of the Jewish community. The question posed should never be what can the Atlantic Jewish Council do for me but, rather, how can I assist in my organization, namely the Atlantic Jewish Council, in order to provide me as well as my community with the maximum amount of programming and community development. I respectfully suggest, that without the input and participation of the community representatives on the leadership level and the communities in general on a programmatic level, the Atlantic Jewish Council can do little for you.

I assumed the Presidency of the Atlantic Jewish Council because I sincerely believe that it alone can provide the kind of cohesiveness and continuity that is so important for our communities. If truth be

told, it very much depends on the commitment demonstrated by all members of the Jewish communities in Atlantic Canada. Understand this article not as a doomsday claim, but rather as a plea to everyone in the Atlantic Jewish Community to participate and be active and to show in the most personal way your ongoing dedication and interest in maintaining a viable and productive Jewish Community.

**M. Lee Cohen**

**President, Atlantic Jewish Council**

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## ATLANTIC JEWISH COUNCIL AT WORK

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**By Shimon Fogel,  
Executive Director**

At the recent Executive Meeting of the Atlantic Jewish Council, much time was spent debating the issue of Antisemitism in Atlantic Canada and specifically the issue of **Malcolm Ross**, and the effect his writings have had in the context of the total Atlantic Community. Frankly, it was felt that requesting or endorsing prosecution of **Malcolm Ross** at this time would not necessarily be in the best interests of the Jewish Community. But the dilemma before us is that if we do not seek prosecution, what recourse does the Jewish Community have in countering the effects of the vicious anti-semitic vitriol that he espouses.

Therefore, it was determined that the Atlantic Jewish Council will spearhead a vigorous initiative in combatting the hate-propaganda that he is known for in a variety of ways. The Attorney General of

New Brunswick, **David Clarke**, in his decision not to prosecute **Malcolm Ross**, suggested that notwithstanding the absolute evil that **Malcolm Ross** represents, it is his feeling that the most effective way to respond is through a systematic educational initiative both to children as well as to the adult community.

Beginning in the New Year, the A.J.C. will embark upon a number of programmes to underscore to the community-at-large the negative repercussions of **Ross'** assertions and claims against the Jewish People. We will be calling upon Church leaders to take a stand. We will be addressing students at schools throughout Atlantic Canada. We will actively seek audiences at Service Organizations, churches and teacher associations. We will seek to speak to the Ministers responsible for Education in each Province in order to secure the incorporation of Holocaust studies in High School

curricula. We will be approaching individual newspapers as well as the Press Council in order to convey the concerns of the Jewish community and our recommendations on how their particular form of media can most sensitively treat the subject.

Indeed, we will attempt to do as much as possible to make the community-at-large aware of the dangers of Antisemitism. As Professor **Irwin Cotler** once charged: "A society not safe for Jews, is not safe for Democracy." Let us make no mistake about the fact that **Malcolm Ross** is a criminal as defined by Canadian Law and that he represents the most evil and base characteristics in our Society.

Our hope, however, is that we will be able to rely on the basic goodwill in all Canadians particularly those in Atlantic Canada, to help us in our fight for human dignity and fundamental rights; not just for the Jewish Community but for all who have



in the past or who might be the recipients of hate mongering or intolerance.

Your assistance in this fight is absolutely essential. This must be seen as an initiative by the totality of the Jewish Community in Atlantic Canada. Wherever possible your visible and audible support will go far in helping us to achieve a more secure and hospitable climate for all members of our multi-cultural society.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Mr. Editor:

Your "Nostalgia" column of the Sept./Oct. 1986 issue of **Shalom** did indeed bring back many nostalgic memories of the years I spent in the Atlantic Region, as executive director of the UJA, Congress and ZOC, and where, in addition to these responsibilities, I also served as director of Camp Kadimah for two years.

Unfortunately, a good number of people mentioned in this particular chunk of memorabilia are no longer with us, but I will always consider it a privilege and pleasure to have worked alongside such fine men and women who provided such outstanding leadership in their respective

communities, from St. John's, Newfoundland to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and all the places in between.

During those early '60s, I introduced a regional Newsletter called "Shalom." I'm pleased to see that not only has this meaningful name been maintained, but that it has been expanded into a fine publication which obviously serves a real need in the region.

While I have been thousands of miles away from the Atlantic Provinces for many years, I have always had an ongoing interest in developments in your neck of the woods, gleaned mainly from **Shalom** and chance meetings with various people at a number of conferences.

I vividly recall how during my tenure in Halifax the major concern at every regional gathering was the diminishing Jewish population and what the future had in store for organized Jewish life in the region. The plaintive cry then was that the Atlantic Jewish community was isolated from the mainstream of Jewish life and that national Jewish organizations were not paying much attention or spending enough money to meet the needs of Atlantic Jewry.

While this was true to some degree, I always believed, as I do today, that the organized Jewish community of the Atlantic region had the wisdom to establish the instrumentality of the Atlantic Jewish Council as the best means of meeting your own needs, and judging by the many

activities in the Region I paraphrase **Mark Twain** in observing that "News of the demise of Atlantic Jewish life was obviously premature."

I'm delighted to note as well how many of my former campers and staff at Camp Kadimah have taken on leadership roles within the Jewish community. The camp is one of the most important institutions in the region for preserving and enhancing Jewish life and I hope that it will continue to flourish for many years to come.

Sincerely yours,  
**Uri Rosenzweig**  
Redwater, Alberta

Ed. Note: The writer is currently a businessman in Redwater, Alberta, and is also Executive Director of the Jewish National Fund for the Province of Alberta.

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*"Shapiro, we know you have a brother abroad," said the KGB official.*

*"I do not."*

*"Don't lie to us, Shapiro. We even have these letters from him addressed to you and postmarked Jerusalem."*

*"Ah, but you see, it's not he who is abroad, it is I!"*

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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTERHOOD



*Head table for left to right: Barbara Yablon; Jack Yablon, President of Beth Israel Synagogue; Dr. Sheva Medjuck, Guest Speaker; Dr. Annalee Cohen, Chairperson; Shirley Wolman; Robert Wolman; Sharron Ross, President of Beth Israel Sisterhood; Dr. Allan Cohen; Rose Pritzker.*

**By Annalee Cohen**

## **Dinner Committee Chairperson**

The Sisterhood of the Baron de Hirsh Congregation and Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax, N.S. was proud to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on November 4th, 1986. This was a milestone attained by few such organizations in Canada. Members and guests were invited to a gala evening with many features. Upon arriving for cocktails people had the opportunity to browse through a display of fifty years of memorabilia collected and arranged by a group of Sisterhood ladies for easy viewing. The display jogged many memories and aroused warm feelings of nostalgia. On display also, in the Youth Lounge, was the new kitchen dedicated by **Shirley and Robert Wolman** in memory of **Sadie Goldfarb**. Not only was the kitchen deemed to be aesthetically lovely but also a practical and useful addition to the Youth Lounge.

Guests were then ushered into dinner ready to welcome the head table guests as they strode in to strains of "Hayyaynu Shalom Aleichem". The room was filled with an air of anticipation which was to be satisfied as the evening progressed. A delicious dinner, catered by the ladies of Sisterhood, was served and then the formalities of the evening began. Tributes were paid to the 38 charter members led fifty years ago, by an executive of **Mildred Glube, Sadie Fineberg, Sara Weiner and Ada Zive**, to the 21 presidents of Sisterhood and to many members who, without holding formal office, had worked tirelessly for Sisterhood for decades. The membership was very fortunate in having many of those people in attendance that evening. In addition many telegrams of congratulations were received from both local and international organizations.

The evening proceeded with the formal dedication of the **Sadie Goldfarb Kitchen**

donated by **Shirley and Robert Wolman** who were presented with a silver mazuzah by Sisterhood President **Sharron Ross**. Guests were then privileged to hear a keynote address by **Dr. Sheva Medjuck**, whose topic "From Self-Sacrificing Jewish Mother to Self-Centered Jewish Princess: Is This How Far We've Come?" was extremely thought provoking.

As though this was not enough the audience still had a treat awaiting them — a musical production written especially for Sisterhood by **Dr. Jayson Greenblatt**, produced and directed by **Shirley Burnstein**, accompanied by **Bunny Shore** and with a cast comprised entirely of Sisterhood members. What a delight it was! Everyone there will remember it for many years. And so the evening came to an end. For Sisterhood it was not merely the end of the first fifty years but the beginning of the next half century.



*Musical Presentation directed by **Shirley Burnstein**, from left to right: **Sharron Ross; Bette Ross; Barbara Yablon; Marsha Astroff; Karen Conter; Mimi Webber; Phyllis Blustein; Ella Zatzman.***

The 50th Anniversary celebration of Sisterhood was not merely an evening's entertainment. It marked a tremendous demonstration of support by the membership and entire community. A financial campaign directed by **Betty Roza** and **Beatrice Zemel** was successful in raising many thousands of dollars to be used for Sisterhood projects within the **Beth Israel Synagogue**.

The monetary rewards were complemented by the dedicated efforts of more than fifty Sisterhood and non-Sisterhood members who worked together to make this such a significant event. Special tribute should be said to the organizing committee who attended many meetings and assumed such major responsibilities: **Anita Dubinsky; Betty Fineberg; Myra Freeman; Carol Lee Loebenberg; Claire Long; Anna Newman; Barbara Rafuse; Bette Ross; Sharron Ross; Betty Rosa; Marlene Sable; and Beatrice Zemel**. No less important are the many people who helped make this event possible: **Lawrence Astroff; Marsha Astroff; Joyce Barak; Phyllis Blustein; Evette Bowman; Janice Cohen; Karen Conter; Elliot Fineberg; Sybil Fineberg; Barbara Gaum; Carol Ginsberg; Ray Ginsberg; Doreen Gorden; Anne Greenblatt; Cathy Jacobson; Muriel Jacobson; Shoshanna Katz; Ina Kohler; Etta Lipkus; Genevieve Lipkus; Jody Lipkus; Vicki Lipkus; Risa Loebenberg; Hedda Medjuck; Milli Meretsky; Charles Miller; Ella Morris; Rose Pritzker; Linda Raskin; Bessie Rinzler; David Ross; Riva Spatz; Bonnie Katz Webber; Mimi Webber; Louise Wolfson; Shirley Wolman; Barbara Yablon; Jack Yablon; Michael Yablon; Myrna Yazer; Cathy Zilbert; Jean Zlatin.**



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# THE LAST TORAH LEAVES NEW GLASGOW

By Franklyn Medjuck

Mr. Hy Goodman of New Glasgow treasured and cared for a Torah handed down through loving hands since the turn of the century. It was kept in his dry attic and only opened twice a year to be rolled from one end to the other by his sons, **Paul** and **Richard**, in order to insure that no dampness or mildew had set in.

His own late father, **Harry Goodman**, could read it perfectly, with a skill and literacy learned in Rumania. Throughout the '30s and '40s in New Glasgow the Torah was used on High Holy days and special occasions when guest Rabbis were brought in to lead the small congregation, Agidas Achim. They met in a renovated barn behind the Goodman house and tried to keep the Jewish flame flickering in an area of Nova Scotia.

One Sunday noon hour in April, Mr. Goodman saw on national television the children of the Halifax Beth Israel Synagogue conducting a Model Seder. He realized that the time had come to turn over the sacred Torah to those who would cherish it and would pass the Jewish flame on to the next generation. A letter was received by **Rabbi Pritzker** from Mr. Goodman congratulating him on the Model Seder TV presentation and announcing his intention to turn the Torah over to the Baron de Hirsch Congregation of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

By chance, **Harvey David**, Chairman of the Religious Practices Committee of the Synagogue, was born and raised in New Glasgow, lived down the street from the Goodmans as a child, and is a lifelong friend of the family. Both Harvey and his brother **Irving** attend the Minyon daily at the Beth Israel Synagogue. After all arrangements and discussions had been held, a mutually convenient date to visit New Glasgow was fixed. On June 10, 1986, Rabbi Pritzker, Irving David and **Franklyn Medjuck** drove to New Glasgow for a historic meeting with Mr. Hy Goodman and the last New Glasgow Torah. We got more than we expected.

Irving David, also a lifelong friend of the Goodman family, recalled with fond memories the childhood experiences of growing up in New Glasgow and the prominence of the Goodman family in Jewish community efforts and in the broad community at large. Irving recalled how, as a child, his late father had given him the task from time to time of carrying the Torah and that it was heavy, tall and well kept.

The Torah was covered in a burgundy velvet mantle with brocade and traditional Jewish symbols including the lions and the Ten Commandments. It was bound by the original ribbons and it was hand sewn onto long wooden handles. They were very

decorative, hand carved and engraved with Hebrew words from prayers and Psalms.

When Rabbi Pritzker rolled open the Torah for the first time, we were amazed by its fine condition. In the first 3 or 4 columns examined, no incorrect or damaged letters could be found and we noted how each Shin letter had the distinctive crowns. The parchment had not turned colour and there was no sign of water or mildew damage.

Hy Goodman and his brothers, **Waldo** and **Nordau**, are the unsung heroes deserving of the highest praise and admiration for having preserved a treasure of Judaism in such excellent condition under difficult circumstances and without the encouragement, instruction or watchful guidance of anyone.

We left Mr. Goodman at a sad moment because it marked a distinctive turning point for him, having given up his most valuable Trusteeship, and also for the community, as it marked, in a demonstrative way, the end of an era.

We then embarked upon an interesting visit to the New Glasgow cemetery. Located along Little Harbour Road, consisting of one and one-half acres of land, it rises upwards from the highway and is partially overgrown. Mr. Goodman informed me later that a special fund existed from his late mother's estate to provide for the upkeep of this cemetery and that it was now due for cutting and care.

Irving David found the cemetery for us. It was the only Jewish burial grounds in that entire area of Nova Scotia and contained 7 grave sites. The first and smallest one was that of **Samuel**, the son of **Max** and **Attie Freeman**, and being a very small stone without a date or any commentary, we assumed it to be a baby or infant. Next, was **Abraham Leib**, also the son of **Max** and **Attie Freeman**, who drowned in Pictou Harbour when only 15 years old on May 15, 1938. Irving informed us that he was the brother of the well known **Harry Freeman** of Halifax, and later we learned that his name has been carried on by **Larry Freeman**, a Halifax lawyer, prominent in charitable and political affairs.

The four other stones were all from the Pullman family. The largest one for **Max Pullman**, 1865-1918 but the print on sandstone was so worn after many years that it was too hard to read the inscription. The monument was very tall and ornate, indicating that he must have been a prominent, well known citizen of means in order to warrant such a monument in the year 1918. Next to him was **William Pullman**, 95 years of age as of June 23, 1960, and then presumably his wife, **Dora**, died December 1, 1957, 80 years old. Then **Elizabeth Pullman** whom we assume to be a daughter born in 1910 and died September 24, 1948

at 3:10 a.m.

One stone was overturned, face down, and we could not move it or turn it over to read the inscription. Apparently it is for **Sam Samuels** and his wife. We thought it had been for a fellow who once arrived in town with a traveling circus and died in New Glasgow without leaving any forwarding address. The Jewish community buried him with the highest respect in accordance with Jewish tradition but no stone was erected.

Located at the front entrance to the cemetery was a small house approximately 20' x 25': Red shingles, worn out roof, windows broken and doors hanging on broken hinges. It was obviously the Chevra Kadisha house. As I approached the front door, I could see that, like many small structures around rural Nova Scotia, this one had laid open to the elements and was subject to all uses and abuses of weather-beating for decades. As I peered through the front door, my eyes got used to the darkness, I was amazed to see standing in the centre of the room a Tahara Table. This is a specially built table to serve only one purpose, and since the last burial had been in 1960, it obviously had not been used for 26 years. Probably only twice before that in 1957 and 1948. Yet there it was, constructed by some local carpenter to fit specifications set by a rabbinic authority for a community who thought they would need it more often. At the top of the table there was a head rest, and all along the sides an edge had been built up so that water would not pour over the sides. The end of the table was tilted lower, was pointed and open like a funnel so that the water would pour into a bucket.

It was crude and weather-beaten but intact and undisturbed, as if patiently waiting for its future calling.

Irving closed a broken gate behind us and tied the wire to keep it intact. It was a day of mixed emotions — a joy in finding a Holy Torah safely kept in good condition, and a sadness for the end of a community and its cemetery.

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*Store director Rozenblit was arrested and charged with embezzlement of state funds. After being found guilty of the charge, he was permitted to send a telegram to his wife in the Crimea. Afraid to further incur the wrath of the authorities, he cautiously composed the following text: SOVIET JUSTICE HAS ONCE AGAIN TRIUMPHED. The next day, he received a reply from his wife: FILE AN APPEAL IMMEDIATELY.*



# STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS PRESENTATIONS



*Presentations of Lion of Judah Award to Neil Franklin, Chairman of Halifax/Dartmouth State of Israel Bonds Campaign for 1986, Men's Division, and Golda Meir Desk Set to Wendy Franklin, Chairperson of Women's Division, Halifax/Dartmouth State of Israel Bonds Campaign 1986, by Howard Karp, Atlantic Area State of Israel Bonds.*



*Presentation of Lion of Judah Award to Mr. Mendel Chernin, Chairman for Sydney, N.S., State of Israel Bond Campaign 1986, by Howard Karp, Director for Atlantic Provinces.*



*Presentation of Lion of Judah Award to Mark Chernin, Chairman for Glace Bay State of Israel Bond Campaign 1986, by Howard Karp, Director for Atlantic Provinces.*



*Presentation of Lion of Judah Award to Mr. Abe Davis, Chairman for Saint John, N.B. State of Israel Bond Campaign 1986, by Howard Karp, Director for Atlantic Provinces.*



*Presentations of Lion of Judah Awards to Rabbi David Spiro, Co-chairman for Fredericton State of Israel Bond Campaign 1986 and services rendered, and Mitchell Budovitch, Chairman for Fredericton State of Israel Bonds campaign 1986.*



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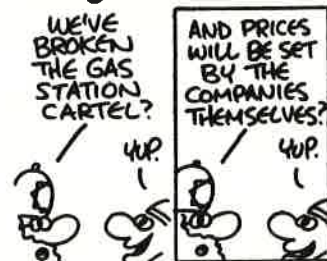
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*ART AUCTION of Canadian paintings raised funds in Montreal. Toronto and Maritimes chapters auction art too.*

**Editor's Note:** The following excerpts were extracted from an article that had appeared in the October, 1958, edition of *Liberty* magazine. Thank you to Mrs. Edith Schneiderman for bringing this to our attention.

**Welfare whirlwinds, 15,000 women in 300 Canadian chapters raise cash, win friends**

Right across Canada, scores of . . . bazaars are held by 15,000 tireless women who belong to Hadassah's 300 Canadian chapters . . . You might find a mink coat for \$8; buy a man's suit for \$5; pick up a neat little cocktail gown for \$3; or stock up with new nylons for 25¢ a pair . . . You might win a 1959 Edsel car as a free door prize; a five-day, all-expense paid trip to Bermuda as a prize in the photography contest; or anything from an umbrella to a new house in a dozen different raffles.

The idea of a Bazaar to raise money was thought up in 1925, by the late **Mrs. David Dunkelman**, one of the original founders of Canadian Hadassah . . . Canadian Hadassah got started in Toronto in 1916, six years after the idea first began in the U.S. While American Hadassah is an independent organization, however, Canadian Hadassah is the Canadian federation of the world-wide Women's International Zionist Organization, affectionately called WIZO by all its members.

Women pay \$3 a year, and attend two meetings a month in each other's homes, for the privilege of breaking their backs working at a half dozen fund-raising projects each year. In addition, they help out with local community projects such as

the Cancer Society, or Red Cross.

Last fall, for the sixth year in a row, the Aviva Chapter of Toronto Hadassah auctioned off 48 Canadian paintings in a single evening to raise \$5,100. At Kitchener, Ont., Sharon Chapter holds an annual Arbor Day dessert luncheon, each spring. Proceeds go to plant trees in Israel. The Halifax Senior Chapter has an annual Spring Bonnet Fashion Show.

Hadassah didn't get off to a promising start. Some 300 Toronto women were invited to the first meeting 40 years ago. Only six showed up. Their first project, a house-to-house canvass to aid World War I refugees in Palestine, raised only \$500.

The name Hadassah — the Hebrew version of Esther, the Biblical queen who saved her people — was adopted as the name of the national organization in 1919. Since then, Hadassah has been foster mother to 85,000 children in Israel. This year, 14,500 are wards of their Youth Aliyah (Youth Uplift) program — originally dedicated to bringing children from Europe during the Hitler terror . . .



*DOMINION VICE-PRES. Mrs. H. Cohen, Sydney, N.S.*

Besides the Agricultural school, Canadian Hadassah established a Children's Youth Village, in 1947, at Hadassim, where 400 children are cared for. It also underwrites a score of other programs.

One major Hadassah project is to promote interest in Israel by sponsoring tours to the Jewish homeland. **Mrs. Harry Cohen**, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Dominion vice-president of Hadassah, told me that more than 100 people have taken the two tours completed so far. A third tour leaves for Israel from Montreal this month.

The 750 Hadassah members in the Maritimes have four chapters in New Brunswick; and nine in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (headed by Regional Chairman **Mrs. Sam Sherman** of Sydney, N.S.). Chapters range in size from seven members, in the New Glasgow, N.S. chapter, to 167 in the Halifax Senior Chapter.

Hadassah started in Sydney in 1928, with 17 women. Today, the Queen Esther Chapter (President: **Mrs. Annie Leviten**) has 130 paid up members — every Jewish woman in the city belongs.

Oddly, the Sydney chapter has one honorary male member of Hadassah, Mrs. Cohen told me. His wife had been devoted to Hadassah work, and when she died **Joseph Mandelbaum** took her place, assisting as clothing and rummage sales, and in local work the chapter does for community charities.

First honorary male member of Hadassah is **Dr. Andre Aisenstadt**, of Montreal.

So popular has the chapter's twice-a-year "Good Used Clothing Sales" become, they recently got a letter from one rural woman, asking for a catalogue, so she could order by mail. They've auctioned off oil paintings by Nova Scotia artists, and run a "tombola" raffle — where you get chances in 51 raffles for one ticket.

The chapter has produced a cook book, an annual calendar, and one of the oldest active Hadassah members in Canada. Nearly 100 (she won't admit how close), **Mrs. Jennie Green** still attends with three generations of her family.

. . . Hadassah women just won't quit.

## HADASSAH WIZO MONTH

**By Celia Claener, Publicity Chairman  
Cape Breton Council of Hadassah Wizo**

With the opening of the "Fall Season",

Shalom, November/December, 1986



the Cape Breton Council of Hadassah celebrated Hadassah Wizo Month.

The event, in the form of a Luncheon, took place on September 9th, in the auditorium of Sons of Israel Synagogue, Sydney.

After the opening prayer and a toast to Israel and Canada given by **Mrs. Evelyn Davis**, the gathering and guest of honour, **Mrs. Ruth Tekoah** of Israel, were welcomed by Council President, **Mrs. Edith Lecker**. **Mrs. Sylvia Epstein** graciously introduced Mrs. Tekoah as Chairman of the Israel Wizo Federation, an Emissary from Israel and one who is informative on National and Social issues and well-known throughout Canada.

Mrs. Tekoah brought greetings from Israel and spoke on how to promote work towards greater achievements for the coming year. Her motto is "Care, Share and Belong". After a most inspiring talk which was well received, **Mrs. Edith Nathanson**, President of the Rebecca Chapter, New Waterford, in her capable manner, extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Tekoah, and presented her with a certificate for the support of a child at the Nina Cohen Atlantic Provinces Day Care Centre.

Mrs. Nathanson concluded her remarks by wishing a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Mrs. Lecker thanked the members for their support, wished everyone a Happy New Year, and the enjoyable programme closed with the singing of Hatikvah.

## VIGOD VICE-PRESIDENT

The concerns of the Jewish community in Maritime Canada will now be more effectively represented on a national level with the election of **Bernard Leon Vigod** as a national vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada. To further serve the community, a Director of Government Relations has been appointed and will be situated in Ottawa.

As B'nai Brith Canada intensifies its national grassroots network of lodges and members and community leaders for the purpose of representing the views of Canadian Jewry to the federal government, Dr. Vigod will be instrumental in ensuring that the perspective of Maritime communities is truly reflected. Dr. Vigod is a professor of history at the University of New Brunswick and has received his education at Queen's University. He is a graduate of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization program in Winnipeg and the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation program at the University of Manitoba.

A committed national Jewish leader, Dr. Vigod has held the position of president of Fredericton Lodge, member of the Board of Governors of B'nai Brith Canada, a vice-chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, a member of the

National Cabinet for the League of Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada, member of the Social Science Humanities Research

Council of Canada, and Co-ordinator of French Language Policy at the University of New Brunswick.

## HOLOCAUST DAY

. . . remembering the six million

By Joan Sichel

Rising from the evil ashes of the Holocaust, the international day of remembrance, Yom HaShoah, was conducted in May. For the first time in Moncton, 250 people participated in a multi-faith memorial service for the six million Jews who died in the systematic slaughter of the 1939-1945 war.

Every year on the 27th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, people around the world remember the victims of the Holocaust and honour the righteous few who risked and sacrificed their lives.

"We are here for understanding, so that it does not happen again," said **Francis Weil**, President of Tiferes Israel Synagogue and a member of the organizing committee. "Man's inhumanity to man must cease." People of goodwill of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Ba'hai and Muslim faiths attended, but what made the commemoration so moving was that the service was organized and endorsed by members of various religious groups plus the Moncton Council of Churches, Amnesty International, the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and MAGMA, the local multi-cultural association.

**Holocaust: A Community Remembrance** featured prayers, music, poetry, responsive readings and the sharing of personal memories long buried. The most moving part of the ceremony was the testimony of the three Maritimers, Jew and Christians, who were part of the horror.

**Paul McGee** of Moncton, former RCAF photographer, grieved privately for many years, reviewing the horrific images that seared his brain when he was present at the liberation of one of the concentration camps, felt compelled to testify.

**Tony Vandam** of Sackville, a member of the Dutch resistance, painted powerful images of his life before the war when anti-semitism did not exist, and later as a teenage resistance fighter in occupied Holland. He paid with three years in Buchenwald for executing raids to capture ration coupons to feed the partisans.

"He showed so much affection for the Jewish people . . . he was a model in terms of human brotherhood. He was very heroic, even godlike, in putting his life at stake for the battle against injustice," said **Souer Aurea Cormier**, who set the tone with her opening remarks.

**Herman Newman** of Halifax, Jewish survivor of Auschwitz, spoke for the dead, the survivors, and for the future. An optimist bereft of bitterness, he spreads his

powerful message to all who will listen. He talks to schoolchildren, and church and community groups. He appreciates children and his life in Canada. He cannot hate, even though his entire family perished in the conflagration.

The service was "an absolute example of community," said **Rev. Robert Hussey** of St. John's United Church as he wove the threads together. Community emerges only where basic similarities exist. It is up to us to emphasize our commonalities to prevent anything like the Holocaust ever poisoning our hearts with hatred again. We must continue to build community.

The consensus achieved through the service will serve as a jumping off point to concrete activities in inter-faith relations in Moncton.

The Kaddish, the Hebrew prayer for the dead, was recited by the Jewish members of the audience, led by the plaintive strains of local singer **Jack Brodie**, himself a survivor of the Russian prison camps.

The gathering responsively read in French and English the Pledge to the Victims, led by **Rabbi Michael Wolff** of Tiferes Israel Synagogue; **Rev. Ruth Stuart** of Mount Royal United Church; **Marielle Prefontaine**, vice-recteure adjointe, Universite de Moncton; and **Michael Bray**, of the Moncton Ba'hai Community.

**Reader:**

Victims of the Holocaust,  
Jews and Righteous Gentiles  
We have recalled the wrongs  
done to you by people blinded to  
—truth, constrained by fear,  
perverted in their moral sense.  
We have felt some small part  
of your anguish.  
Our determination to exemplify  
and uphold human dignity in our  
—private and public lives is renewed.  
Your suffering has not been in vain.

**Audience:**

I have seen the evil done:  
I have felt your dread and pain.  
I pledge to you my voice and strength,  
Lest the evil be done again.

With the six red Memorial candles  
brightly shining, love and hope were physical  
presences in the tightly packed hall.

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Author's note: Mr. Tony Vandam, the Maritime Gardener on CBC Radio for many years, died suddenly in Sackville, in October 1986. His bravery as a resistance fighter in Holland during the war made an incredible impact on those gathered for the Holocaust Memorial Service last May in Moncton. He will be sorely missed.

# OPINION

## DR. JULIUS ISRAELI DESERVES OUR UNDIVIDED ATTENTION AND ALL-OUT SUPPORT

By Norman Lipschutz

One recalls the early sixties when yours truly was left to battle the evil force of anti-semitic elements in our midst, single-handed — unaided by Jewish public opinion and official Jewish spokesmen. Jewish leaders remained silent and failed to extend a helping hand when I was subjected to a barrage of anti-semitic calumny, especially in our Maritime press — this following closely the publication of my book on the Holocaust.

Even in those early days, falsifiers were very much in evidence. They made common cause in denying the Holocaust ever took place. It then remained for decent members of the community-at-large to help me out in this uneven struggle. They came to my aid in warding off anti-semitic attacks.

The controversy had intensified when I chose to defend Israel, unjustly condemned in our regional press as elsewhere for daring to bring Arch-maniac **Eichmann** before the bar of justice in Jerusalem. This time I could count on the intervention and support of the then Consul-General of Israel in Montreal.

My experience in this particular field has caused me to fully appreciate the frustrations **Dr. Israeli** must be encountering when battling the antics of this latest purveyor of vicious anti-semitic propaganda in his home province of New Brunswick, especially in the absence of meaningful support on the part of the organized Jewish community. Single-handed he raised the flag of resistance and protest, and it is high time we closed ranks and extended this courageous gentleman our undivided attention in his relentless drive to legally deny racist **Ross** a forum for disseminating hatred against our people.

Remember, **Dr. Israeli** is fighting for you and me, and the future well-being of our children and grandchildren. There would have been no Auschwitz to haunt us day and night, were decent men and women to rise up in anger when the Nazis first began to spew their venom and spread their poison, first in Germany and then throughout Europe. It was silence — and all pervasive silence — that led directly to the gas chambers and crematoria.

One would have thought that our people had learned their lesson during the intervening years. Surely events that transpired in the recent past and right here at home, when **Keegstra** and **Zundel** were put on trial for their ignoble offences, should have strengthened our resolve. But for some strange reason, our leadership then too chose to remain silent, until the situation desperate, and Amcho began to cry out for

action. It's to **Sabina Citron** and two other noble ladies that we owe a debt of gratitude for their exemplary courage in taking the bull by the horn. It was through their initiative that two vicious racists were forced to answer for their crimes. A similar situation now exists in Atlantic Canada. **Dr. Israeli** has drawn our attention to the obvious danger. We the people must persuade our leaders to come to his support. We simply cannot afford to stand idly by when anti-semites, in our own backyard so to speak, and besmirching our people and our heritage.

**Dr. Israeli** for some time now has been in the forefront of the fighters for our people's dignity and survival. Can we remain aloof in a matter which should rightly concern us all, everyone of us, without exception? Especially concerned should be those who pretend to be our leaders and have no scruples in speaking in our name.

While vicious anti-semites are having a field day in propagating their venom, our Jewish leadership remains preoccupied with banquets and cocktail parties . . . Maybe the time has come to put the bottle aside and to sober sufficiently enough to know exactly what is happening in the world, and especially on the Jewish front?

A recent item in the **Canadian Jewish News** speaks of two Canadian women (in the west) being honoured by a prominent Jewish organization for their efforts in exposing **Keegstra**. This is as it should be! Why not continue this process by paying tribute to **Sabina Citron** and **Dr. Julius Israeli** as well — the one instrumental in bringing **Zundel** to trial in Toronto, the other fighting an equally heroic battle in Atlantic Canada?

**Irving Abella** writes in **Viewpoints** that "We now have the talent to confront the new anti-semites head on. We also have the tools, the political and economic power to take on our enemies." So why are we lax in our duty? Why do we shirk our responsibility when faced with the real thing? Why are we conspicuous by our silence when callers attack us on such prestigious programs as **Cross-Country Check-up**? Why do we fail to respond on an organized level when confronted with defamation of our people in the press? Frankly, when coming face to face with such ugly episodes, one is beginning to wonder if the anti-defamation league and other do-gooders, and all those who are entrusted with our protection, are not sound asleep. In the face of unrelenting attack, we must constantly be on guard and exercise supreme vigilance. To defend our people's honour, I would assume, is also of some significance . . .

**Dr. Julius Israeli** has assumed a difficult and thankless role. He has displayed great courage and even greater stamina. His efforts on our behalf must surely find recognition in official Jewish circles. What is of paramount importance is that our leaders make common cause and join with this stalwart fighter in achieving the necessary objective. The law is on the books! Why not make proper use of it?

All resources must be brought to bear to resolve this bedeviling issue. It's too heavy a burden for one single individual to be carrying alone, must as we must commend and applaud **Dr. Israeli's** efforts to date.

This writer all his life has been opposed to unwarranted censorship, but material advocating hatred must be banned! Racists in our society must be given to understand that at no time shall we tolerate hate-mongering, and that we stand ready to prosecute those choosing to contravene the code.

## HONoured



By Fanny Cohen

Honoured by the Glace Bay Hebrew Ladies Aid and Auxiliary at the home of **Mrs. Shirley Chernin**, was **Mrs. Edith Jacobson**, President, at their October Succot Meeting and Tea. A beautiful plaque, describing **Mrs. Jacobson's** commitment to her organization and community services, was presented by Past President, **Miss Fanny Cohen**.

Her terms as President covered the period 1942-1949, and from 1979 to the present. **Mrs. Jacobson** was gracious in her acceptance speech describing her commitment as one of love and devotion, and was profuse in her thanks to the members. Photo credit **Cyril McDonald MPA ARPS, Glace Bay, N.S.**



# FREDERICTON NEWS

By Jennie Brown

Anniversary greetings to the following: **Harry & Amelia Goldman**, 44 years; **Larry & Rose Eusler**, 36 years; **Bernard & Valerie Chippin**, 29 years; **George & Lucy Chippin**, 26 years.

Speedy recovery to **Mrs. Samuel Spiro**, **Meyer Berk** and **Rabbi David Spiro**.

Mazel Tov to **Sylvia & Jack Soicher**, Montreal, Quebec, and **Rita & Lucien Blanchard**, Tracadie, N.B., upon the birth of their grandson, **Daniel**, great grandson for **Minnie Budovitch**, Montreal, Quebec. Proud parents are **Dr. Mel Soicher** and **Dr. Marissa Blanchard**.

A successful gala and financial auction was held in the auditorium of the Synagogue, September 28th with **Harry Lang** as the auctioneer. Anything the customers desired was obtainable. Bids for the baking were high. There was a large attendance, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Delicious refreshments were served and the proceeds went to Hadassah and Sisterhood. **Judy Budovitch** and **Joan Levine** were in charge of all arrangements.

The Auction was successful for Hadassah and for Sisterhood. Tentative date for Youth Aliyah is May 2nd. All was in readiness for the Bazaar which was held November 2nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A joint meeting of the Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah Wizo and the

Sisterhood was held on October 21st, at the home of **Zena Vigod**, with the President, **Rhoda Fransblow**, presiding. Correspondence was read from **Gladys Swetsky**, **Bea Sherman** and **Oscar Jacobson**. **Marilyn Kaufman** gave an interesting report on highlights of the National Executive Meeting which was held in Edmonton, Alta. The report on Bazaar by **Marilyn Kaufman** and a speaker on Transition House with slides was given by **Linda Payne** at the November meeting. **Marilyn Kaufman** volunteered to be the convenor for the Chanukah party on December 14th, which will be sponsored by the Sisterhood. Dues were collected and the hostesses for the meeting were **Bella Rose**, **Sarah Lang** and **Bessie Begin**. Guests for the evening were **Shellie Ettinger** of the Jewish Congress and **Dina & Yisrael Baruch** of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

The duties of **Shellie Ettinger** include sending out newsletters and assisting small communities with their activities. **Dina** and **Yisrael Baruch** were introduced by **Shellie Ettinger**. **Dina** and **Yisrael** have been sponsored to work in Fredericton two Sundays every month creating activities for three groups: 8-12 year olds; high school students; and adults. Flyers were sent out for the commencement dates November 9th.

Sunday, November 9th, **Dina & Yisrael**

worked with the children of different age groups throughout the day, in the Synagogue and in the evening met with the adults in the auditorium of the Synagogue, regarding the Youth of the Community, Young Judaea and other activities in order that their heritage will not be forgotten. Movies were shown in the evening and refreshments were served.

The Fredericton Jewish Community had a successful U.I.A. Campaign, October 28, 1986. The chairman was **Ivan Levine** and co-chairman, **Arnold Chippin**.

Guest speaker was **Judy Hershberg**, co-chairman of the women's U.I.A. division for Ontario. Her heart-warming speech inspired increased pledges for Israel. A film was also shown on **Anotoly Scharanski**. **Barney Harris**, the National Field Director, lent his capable hand as always.

**Ivan Levine** was presented with the Hatikvah Award of Recognition for exemplary effort and leadership. **Arnold Chippin** was a great credit to the campaign, putting his heart and soul into it. His effort was a fine example for the upcoming generation. **Judy Budovitch** headed the ladies' division and again has done an outstanding job. Special mention must also go to the **Arnold Budovitch**, **Ben Medjuck** and **Martin Payne** for their extra effort.

Refreshments and decor were convened under the capable hands of **Lois Levine**. Special thanks for the fabulous desserts by **Edith Levine**, **Roz Brown**, **Joan Levine**, **Linda Payne**, **Cheryl Abrams** and **Jennie Chippin**.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS AT CENOTAPH IN HALIFAX



Laying the wreaths for the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Jewish War Veterans at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies are: back row, l-r: **Mike Merovitch**, **Leonard Fineberg**, **Howard Karp**; front row, l-r: **Harry Block**, **Lawrence Ferguson**.

## YOUTH PROGRAMMING

By Yossi Berman  
Youth Programmer

The decision to reactivate Young Judaea was received favourably by youth and parents alike. After a successful Opening Rally we commenced with our monthly programs. The programs schedule and content are decided by a group of dedicated senior Judaeans (Y. J. Leadership) during bi-weekly meetings. It was the Y. J. leaders' decision to match different programs to the various age groups. This framework was established in Camp Kadimah and proved to be successful.

In November, each age-group had a program and the turnout was quite encouraging. However, we aim at reaching out to those other kids who seem to be quite indifferent towards Y. J. programs. I take this opportunity to ask you both — parents and especially children and youth — to

become more involved.

Our plans for the near future are to continue with fun and educational programs throughout the winter and to hold a weekend get-together (Mifgash) for all Y. J. teenagers in our region.

In an effort to bring Young Judaea back to our smaller communities, I went to St. John's, Nfld. and conducted meetings with the kids, parents and young adults. Such a visit is planned for Sydney as well.

In addition, we have started our youth program in Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John and P.E.I. under the leadership of our "Arevim" from Israel, **Dina and Yisrael Baruch**. It is the first time that we have dedicated professionals to work full time with the youth and adults in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and we urge you to take advantage of Dina and Yisrael's wonderful programs.

Since the beginning of the academic year, an effort and resources were directed towards reactivating our student body (A.P.J.S.F.) So far, the response is very encouraging and we highly recommend this program for university students and young adults. If you are interested in knowing more about the A.P.J.S.F. and its activities, please refer to **Michael Gisser's** article in this issue.

Finally, I want to bring to your attention the opening of Israel Program Centre within the A.J.C. office. the I.P.C. is an effective means through which to expand awareness on Israel and Zionism. The I.P.C. in conjunction with the head office in Montreal, operates summer programs which offer touring and kibbutz or Moshav work opportunities for high school and college age youth. In addition, our Israel Program Centre offers extensive information resources on Israel and Zionism including printed (brochures, maps, newspaper, etc.) as well as audio-visual material. If you need any information about Israel, please drop by.

## Dry Bones



## HALIFAX—HADASSAH WIZO OPENING



L-R: **Bette Ross**, Co-convenor; **Ruth Tekoah**, Chairman of Israel Wizo; **Sheila Zive**, President-elect; **Marianne Ferguson**, President. Missing from picture is **Sandra Hoffman**, Co-convenor.

Halifax Hadassah-Wizo held its opening meeting on September 9, 1986, at the Prince George Hotel. Convenors **Sandra Hoffman** and **Bette Ross** were delighted to welcome the large attendance, which included 12 new

members. Guest speaker for the evening was **Mrs. Ruth Tekoah**, Chairman of Israel Wizo who was in Canada for Hadassah-Wizo Month.

## NEWS FROM MONCTON

By **Joan Sichel**

Rosh Hashana 1986/5747 was a time for special celebration in Moncton. Years of planning, fundraising and finally the actual construction and renovations are nearly complete. Plans for the consecration of the newly refurbished sanctuary and enlarged social hall, the mikvah, the cheder classrooms and the pre-school classroom and the affixing of the mezuzot are in the works. The city is waiting for an open house. However, no dates have been set as the final nails are being driven and the decorations and furnishings decided on. The building committee of **David Rinzler**, **David Attis**, **Betty Druckman** and **Sam Gordon** must be thanked for the thousands of volunteer hours they donated. Such a project involved literally every member of the community in some way or other, be it fundraising, construction, and other jobs, and thanks are in order to them all.

Dynamite, bubbly over with energy and enthusiasm are only some of the flattering comments about **Dina and Yisrael Baruch**, newly arrived from Israel for a year of work as Youth and Adult Education program-

mers for Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John and Charlottetown.

In the few weeks the Baruchs have been in Moncton, they have helped with Pre-school where Dina taught Hebrew songs and dances; taught cheder classes with **Rabbi Wolff**; started teen programs and get-togethers; started adult education Hebrew classes in Moncton, where they found very eager students. Plans are in the works to bring Atlantic teenagers together for a weekend before Chanukah.

The Lillian Freiman Chapter of Hadassah in Moncton has been re-activated thanks to the energies of **Tina Fraticelli** and **Sharon Rubin**, who will serve as co-presidents. Over the years, **Sarah Gorber** kept the Hadassah presence alive with the gift cards. Moncton has more than 20 life members. **Dorothy Mark** hosted the welcome back tea with speakers from National to encourage our renewed participation.

**Cecily Peters**, National President of Canadian Hadassah Wizo and **Lily Frank**, National Executive Vice-president, spoke from the heart. Other out-of-town guests



included **Lois Levine**, Co-regional for the Atlantic Provinces, and Youth Aliyah from Fredericton; **Leona Freeman**, Past-president of Halifax Council, and National Membership Chairman, Eastern Region, from Halifax; and **Shirlee Medjuck**, National Vice-president, and Liaison, Public Affairs and Education Department

from Halifax, were present.

**Irwin Lampert** is recovering well from his sudden illness.

Congratulations to **Goldie Johnston** on the birth of her third grandson, a son to daughter, **Linda Murray** and her husband **Scott**.

**Nicole Druckman**, daughter of **Betty &**

**Isaac Druckman**, celebrated her Bar Mitzvah on November 29th.

**Joel Etienne**, son of **Natanya & Gerard Etienne**, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on December 6th. Congratulations to the proud families.

## A.P.J.S.F. UPDATE



By **Michael Gisser, President**

I am very proud to have the opportunity to introduce our organization to the Jewish Community in Atlantic Canada through this magazine. Our organization is called the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student Federation or as we usually say, for short, A.P.J.S.F.

A.P.J.S.F. is made up of all Jewish university students (students from grade 12 are included) in the various Atlantic universities. We are centred in Halifax basically because the largest Jewish population is at Dalhousie University. Our organization is also open to any young Jewish adult in the Maritimes and we do invite those who aren't yet on our mailing list to contact us in care of the Atlantic Jewish Council office.

Our main goal is to create a social and political environment for young Jewish adults. To create this environment through various events, I was blessed with a great Executive. They are both creative and energetic. On it we have our Vice-president (External) — **Daniel Whiteman**, Vice-president (Internal) — **Jill Miller**, Secretary/Treasurer — **Tory Thorkelson**, and our grade twelve representative — **Cindy Pink**.

This year we've already had several successful events. We opened with a Breaking of the Fast followed by a Falafel/Movie Night where we ate and watched **The Little Drummer Girl** with **Diane Keaton**, as well as our annual broomball game with Pregame warmup.

We've also started our own newsletter again, which we call **Perspectives**. It had a 2-year non-existence period to which any relative information to the young adult Jewish population was lost.

We also have been politically active in voicing our dislike to **Terry Long**, National Aryan Leader, speaking on October 10 to the University of Calgary. We are still patiently waiting for a reply to our letter. We hold a "brainstorming" executive meeting approximately every two weeks, at which time we decide on our issues and our activities. The youth groups and our organization was blessed with **Yossi Berman**, and he deserves a lot of credit for the amount to which he's helped the A.P.J.S.F. get off the ground.

This year has been a great success and I'm sure the momentum won't cease. We have not begun, just yet, to move. We have many new ideas left. We have not had a speaker yet and there has been talk of us perhaps co-ordinating a cult awareness week with the three universities in Halifax (Dalhousie, St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent).

As for me, I'm a second-year Commerce student at Dal. I am a native of Montreal. I attended and subsequently graduated from Stanstead College with honour prior to coming here. There, I was recipient of the Rotary Award for Service beyond the call of duty as well as being a prefect for two



years and an active member on campus.

At Dalhousie, I am best known for being the school mascot, The Tiger, but I am also the Commerce Society Residence Representative. Honestly, my greatest thrill and pride lies in being President of the A.P.J.S.F., for I feel anybody who loses his/her Jewish identity is lost forever.

## Wordsworth



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# ADDRESS OF RABBI CHINITZ UPON THE VISIT OF LT. GOVERNOR ABRAHAM to Shaar Shalom Synagogue, December 7, 1986

It goes without saying that we are honoured to have with us His Honour Lt. Governor Alan Abraham, and it is a personal honour for me to preach in his presence. An old story has it that the sexton was cleaning up after church, and he came across the preacher's notes on the pulpit. In the margin there were directions as to voice, volume and gestures, such as raise arms, raise voice, and so on. In one place, the notation in the margin was: yell like hell, the logic is weak here.

In the presence of His Honour, it will not do to yell at all. It also will not do to have weak logic.

The situation in which Jews are congregated in worship, in the presence of the ruler, the symbol of the secular authority, has been played over and over again during the long centuries of Jewish history. Ever since the year 70, when the Temple was destroyed and Jerusalem laid waste, and Jews were exiled to the four corners of the earth, the question arose: what should be the attitude to the rulers of the countries in which the Jews lived?

The Jewish tradition, stretching from Bible times to the Talmudic elaborations, developed three famous, classic statements about the relation of Judaism to government:

The first statement came from the prophet Jeremiah, who prophesied during the first exile, to Babylonia, in the sixth century BCE. He proclaimed: "Seek the peace of the city, for in its peace, ye shall find peace." It would have been expected

that Jews should undermine the kingdom of Babylonia, who had destroyed their city, their land, their Temple. But the prophet says: obey the government, be good citizens, your time will come to return to the land. Meanwhile, pray for the peace of Babylon.

The second statement comes in the Pirke Aboth, the Ethics of the Fathers, that volume of the Talmud which teaches practical behaviour in the moral sphere. It reads: "Pray for peace and welfare of the kingdom, for were it not for its fear, one man would swallow his fellow up alive." How amazing! Here were the Jews, dispossessed, down trodden, persecuted. You would think that they of all people, would become revolutionaries, anarchists, undermining authority, pleading for chaos, overturning government, in resentment, hoping for some relief in the collapse of authority. But no, the Rabbis ordain peaceful citizenship, cooperation with the authorities, for evil government is better than mob rule, and good government is certainly better than chaos.

Finally, it is established as a major item in Jewish religious and civil law that the law of the local government must be obeyed, even when it differs from internal Jewish rulings. This principle is enshrined in the phrase: The law of the government is law.

If these rulings and principles prevailed at a time when Jews were second class citizens, when Jews were pariahs and outcasts from normal society, how much more so do these principles of respect for authority apply in North America, in Canada where democracy prevails, where all people, all

religions, are accepted as equals, and individuals are citizens by virtue of being people, rather than adherents of a particular faith or creed.

Never in history have Jews lived under such conditions. Other peoples may have forgotten. Others may take their democratic and human privileges for granted. Others may say: things are not perfect, and therefore we have to rebel, overthrow, hold government in contempt. Unfortunately, many Jews who forget their history, often join these rebellious movements and undermine the very foundations of those conditions that make Jewish life under freedom possible.

But those of us who remember Europe. Those of us who remember Jewish History. Those of us who remember Jeremiah, and the Rabbis, and the Ethics of the Fathers, pray for the peace of the government. Those of us who remember what the Russian Revolution did to our people, hold the blessings of democracy precious. Those of us who know Jewish law, and the history of the interaction between Bible and Western civilization, between the English Common Law and the development of human rights and religious tolerance, appreciate the heritage of democracy and decency as it descends from the British crown, the English parliament, the Canadian dominionship and the structure of the government of this country.

In particular we cherish the dignity and the friendliness of His Honour, Lt. Governor Alan Abraham and his gracious wife, Madame Abraham, towards the citizens of this province of Nova Scotia, and our Jewish Community. When word came to us that His Honour is invited by houses of worship to be present, and to participate in readings from the pulpit His Honour to honour us with his presence and participation. Such has been our privilege this morning, and we are indeed grateful.

We earnestly pray, in line with the traditions we have tried to outline earlier, that G-d will bless His Honour, and his family with health and wisdom, strength and long life, to administer the royal affairs of this province, to uphold the prestige of Her Majesty the Queen, and the dignity of this province of Nova Scotia, within the sovereign governing of this wonderful country of Canada, to the everlasting glory of G-d's Name, the freedom of our people, the welfare of humanity and the goal of universal peace.

G-d bless His Honour and Madame Abraham. G-d bless us all. Amen.

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# REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

## REPORT NOV. 8-11/86

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By Gar Meltzer

Commander, Jewish War Veterans  
Maritimes & Newfoundland

All Shuls in the Maritimes and Newfoundland held services November 8, 1986 for our Jewish Veterans. Those attending were given honours and remembered those who have passed on with a two minute silence and roll call. In most Shuls a Kiddish was held in the vestries where old friendships were renewed.

November 11, 1986. Canadian Jewish War Veterans laid wreaths superimposed with a Mogen David at the cenotaphs in New Brunswick — Edmunston, Woodstock, Fredericton, Saint John-Saint Martins and Moncton; in Nova Scotia — Yarmouth, Halifax, Glace Bay and Sydney.

In Saint John, N.B., November 8, a beautiful Service was held in our Shul. It was conducted by Lou Michelson and I. J. Davis. All Veterans were given honours. I. J. Davis read the roll call and asked for a two minute silence in honour of those who passed on. The Commander Gar Meltzer,

gave a short sermon. A lovely Kiddish was held in the vestry.

In Saint John, November 11, in the morning, four wreaths were laid at four different cenotaphs. At central, David Lubin chanted a memorial prayer, whilst Marc Reece laid a wreath. At the other cenotaphs, wreaths were laid by Mitch Franklin, Mickey Bassen and Gar Meltzer.

In the afternoon at the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish Cemeteries, where approximately 90 people were in attendance, wreaths were laid at the chapels. Last Post and Reveill were sounded and prayers offered, 12 wreaths were laid at each cemetery by various legions and organizations. The Jewish War Veterans were laid by Bertha Masters, escorted by flag bearers, Mickey Bassen and Nate Green.

Gar Meltzer, Jackie Meltzer and Bernie Bloom laid poppies on the Canadian Jewish War Veterans' graves.

Commander Gar Meltzer read the following prayer:  
Soon the day will arrive

When we will be together  
And no longer will man live in fear.  
And the children will smile  
Without wond'ring whether  
On that day dark new clouds will appear...  
Wait and see, what a world there can be  
If we share, if we care, you and me.  
Men have dreamed, men have died  
To make a bright tomorrow  
And their vision remains in their heart.  
Now the torch must be passed  
With hope and not in sorrow  
And a promise to make a new start.  
They shall not grow old as we, that are left  
grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We will remember them . . . We will  
remember them.

I want to thank all those officiating and participating throughout the Maritimes and Newfoundland in our Remembrance Day Services.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

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By Dr. Garson Lecker

The Cape Breton Branch of the Canadian Jewish War Veterans held their annual Memorial Services on Saturday, November 8th, in the Temple Sons of Israel Synagogue, Sydney.

Sabbath Services were conducted by Dr. Harry Dubinsky, the Torah portion was read by Mr. Max Lubetzki and Haftorah chanted by Dr. Garson Lecker. All participants in the services were ex-servicemen.

Dr. Daniel Nathanson of New Waterford delivered an emotional Remembrance Day message. Following services Dr. & Mrs. Lecker sponsored a Kiddush.

On November 11th a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Cape Breton Jewish War Veterans.

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*Question: What is the longest street in Odessa?*

*Answer: Bebelya.*

*Question: Why?*

*Answer: Because Abramovich went down it five years ago to KGB headquarters and still hasn't returned.*

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## SAINT JOHN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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By Marcia Koven, Curator

I thought I'd keep you up to date on the progress of our Museum. We opened on July 22nd (in keeping with Loyalist Days in the city) with little publicity and no fanfare.

We have been given the use of the basement of the 'centre', 29 Wellington Row, and the displays (rituals, ceremonies, and remembrances) were done by professional display people sent by the Provincial Government in Fredericton.

After ironing out the 'kinks' we had an official opening on August 27th, attended by the Mayor and various political and interested people. The group was addressed by the Mayor, a few politicians as well as the President of our Congregation, Norman Hamburg, and David Attis of Moncton, President of the Atlantic Jewish Council.

We have received grants from the Provincial and Federal Governments as well as the Atlantic Jewish Council. We have had a great deal of publicity in the paper as well as radio and T.V. coverage (both regionally and coast-to-coast).

We have at the present time about 200 paid-up members from as far away as Australia, most have written very nostalgic letters, all expressing the same feelings, that

even though they have been gone more years than they lived in Saint John, nevertheless, Saint John will always be home. It was with this in mind that we established the Museum, to preserve our history and heritage.

We originally were opened two afternoons a week but quickly realized that we could be opened more days. We now open every day from 9-4. To date we have had over 300 visitors, all with very positive comments. We will close on October 10th and reopen next spring.

It is anticipated that one of our displays next year will be "remembrance of businesses past". This letter will give you lots of time to scout around and try to find artifacts, photos and any remembrances of old Saint John Jewish businesses.

Thanks go out to Dr. Moe Polowin, President of Saint John Jewish Historical Museum; Ben Cohen, Secretary-Treasurer; Ella Grosweiner, Herzl Kashetsky, Artistic Advisors; Ancil Kashetsky, Chief Volunteer; Sara Lynn Levine, Eliezar Arditti, office volunteers; and Katherine Biggs, Mal Cohen and Kathleen Coughlan, office staff.

And to all those who volunteered their time to act as guides to our visitors.



## MEDICAL SERVICES PROJECT



Left to right: Mrs. Sylvia Chernin, Chairperson Medical Services; Dr. Elizabeth Holmes, Guest Speaker; and Mrs. Edith Lecker, Co-president Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo.

By Fannie Cohen

Mrs. Sylvia Chernin, Chairperson and Mrs. Ellie Friedman, hostess, welcomed members of Cape Breton Council of Hadassah-Wizo to their annual Medical Services

Tea held on Wednesday, November 12, 1986.

Guest speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Holmes,

was introduced by Shirley Chernin, with a brief background of her history before coming to Nova Scotia. Dr. Holmes, a native of England, is Physician in charge of student health at the University of Cape Breton. Her immediate undertaking is preparation as Senior Vice-President in the Medical Division for the Canada Winter Games to be held in Cape Breton in February, 1987, for the first time. As she explained, administering to nearly three thousand athletes will be one vast undertaking.

The Medical team and responsibilities for all impending services to the contestants was described in detail. Question period elicited further knowledge as how to circumvent and confront present day problems with drugs, etc., so prevalent in today's society. Dr. Holmes was capably thanked by Sylvia Chernin and was presented with a certificate honouring her with a contribution to Asaf Harofe.

Presiding over the tea services were Mrs. Edith Lecker, Co-president of Council and Mrs. Ruth Simon, Vice-regional. The beautiful tea table attested to the culinary artistry of the hostesses.

Proceeds from the annual event will be earmarked for the Diagnostic Imaging Centre at Asaf Harofe Hospital.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Arron, Halifax, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Arron is the former Betty Levy, who has been very active in Hadassah the Halifax Jewish Community. Mr. Arron, a well-known businessman, was for many years president of the Halifax firm, Arron Brothers. The couple has four daughters, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Arron celebrated their wedding anniversary with a special family party in their home in The Carlyle, and arranged by their daughters Shirlee (Mrs. Ralph Medjuck) and Marlene (Mrs. Hy Sable).

Their other daughters Dorothy, her husband Ab Sheffman, their daughter and son-in-law Tamra & Ron Mayer, and Gitta (Mrs. Max Kastner) and her daughter Sharyn (Mrs. Richard Zimmerman), all of Miami Beach, were among the relatives who came from out-of-province. Mr. & Mrs. Arron's granddaughter, Pamela Medjuck, who lives in Toronto, also attended the anniversary festivities.



## OPENING MEETING OF ORT (Ada Zebberman Chapter)

By Barb Alberstat

The opening meeting of the Ada Zebberman Chapter of Halifax Women's ORT was a huge success. A fashion show, featuring items for spring and winter, including outer clothing, was modeled by four lovely ladies. These fashions were from **Phyllis and Gerry Blustein's** store, Park Fashion Wear House. Two door prizes were awarded, and the lucky recipients were **Dorothy Riteman** and **Sandy Gordon**. The fashions were followed by wine and cheeses, and the evening ended on a good note with the serving of coffee and desserts. We all enjoyed the opening meeting at **Vicki Lipkus's** home.

The "Flowers for Yom Tov" was again an ever-increasing good fund-raiser, with thanks going to **Mindy Jacobson** and her many callers. Thanks to all who made the phone calls and especially to those who graciously bought the flowers.

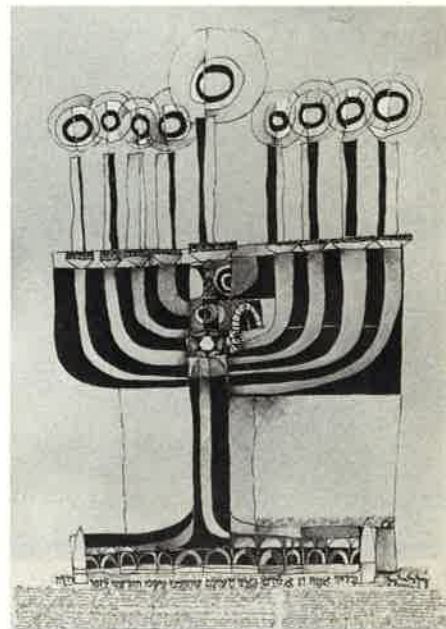
Plans were discussed for the Mother's Day Brunch Basket delivery. Our convenors for this coming fund-raiser are **Anna Fox**,

**Mindy Jacobson** and **Vicki Lipkus**, and a large group of willing hands to help pack the baskets, and many husbands and friends to deliver the baskets on Mother's Day.

The December meeting will be held at **Barbara Alberstat's** home, and will be in the form of a Hanukah gift exchange. This has always been a fun evening, and we look forward to it. Further plans were discussed for featured guest speakers.

Head Office has informed us that the Carmiel fund-raising letter was fairly successful, but we are yet to hear from many "friends of ORT." It is never too late to make a donation. Trees in Carmiel are also in place, with a donation of Chai — \$18.00; a large beautiful certificate is sent to the recipient.

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## CHANUKAH GREETINGS FROM P.M. MULRONEY

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**Mila** and the children join me in wishing the readers and staff of **Shalom Magazine**, a joyful holiday season.

The many festive celebrations and observances taking place across Canada mark a time of joy and peace.

In declaring 1986 the International Year of Peace, the United Nations challenged each of us to work for peace as both individuals and as citizens of the world community. This season offers Canadians an opportunity to pause and reflect upon our good fortune as a nation free of war and civil conflict.

We are a nation of immigrants. For

generations people from many lands have come to this country to find a new beginning — to seek the peace and freedom they were denied elsewhere. In Canada they established a society which honours its multicultural heritage, a fact that is apparent as a variety of celebrations take place throughout this festive season.

May each of you share in the special spirit of this holiday season. And it is my hope that peace, health and happiness will follow you, your families, your friends and your community in the coming year.

**Brian Mulroney**  
Ottawa 1986

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## NEWS FROM WOMEN'S CANADIAN ORT

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**Harriet Morton**, National President of Women's Canadian ORT recently returned from leading the Canadian delegation to the World ORT Congress in Jerusalem, Israel, from September 21st - 25th. Speaking from the National Office, Mrs. Morton described the Congress as "an exhilarating opportunity to interact with other ORTists from around the world, to witness firsthand the vital role which ORT schools play in training both the Israeli workforce and in providing technological education in such centres of Jewish populations as France, Argentina, Great Britain, South Africa, Italy and India."

The Congress, which included ORT leaders from 27 countries, attracted Israel's

most influential personages. The Opening Session featured Jerusalem's Mayor **Teddy Kalleck** and President **Chaim Herzog**, who in his address urged delegates of the World ORT Union to place technological aliyah high on the agenda. "That", he said, "meant not only encouraging people to come to Israel but helping to create the infrastructure for absorbing them." Herzog has a long relationship with ORT. He relinquished his presidency of the organization only when he became president of Israel.

Former president of Israel, Professor **Ephraim Katzir**, was elected president of the World ORT Union unanimously by the 450 delegates. Katzir stressed that education

in Jewish values must be increased to counteract possible misuse of technology. "I'm a biologist," he said, "and I can tell you that this discipline by its very nature teaches humanistic values and counteracts narrowness."

Some harrowing statistics regarding the demography of world Jewry and its trends toward assimilation were cited by Deputy Premier and Education Minister **Yitzhak Navon**. "Jewry is shrinking," Navon said, "and regarding intermarriage there is almost no difference between the U.S., Europe and Russia." Navon went on to state, "The phenomenon of assimilation is apparent everywhere. If it is the general fashion to marry late and to have only one child — Jews follow that fashion. The average Jewish couple produces only 1.5 children — less than is required to replace the parents."

Continuing in this somber mood — although with his customary grace and sense of humour — Navon said that most Jewish children in the Diaspora get no Jewish education. "We no longer deserve to be called 'the People of the Book'. Most Jews have never read the Bible in any language. The Bible is the portable homeland of the Jews. It is his identity card and his history," he said.

Navon praised ORT for its balanced curriculum which stresses both technological and Jewish education.

Prime Minister **Shimon Peres** gave an impressive overview of his recent travels to Morocco, the U.S., Canada, Egypt and West Africa in an effort to promote peace and a better understanding of Israel internationally. Mr. Peres spoke of the need for Israel to be in the leading edge of technological development and the role that "ORT has played in training and teaching is inestimable. Israel maintains its superiority in the Middle East in technological research and development and will continue to be THE leader with the help of ORT."

A highpoint of the congress for the Canadian delegation was the election of **Dorothy Shoichet**, who is the first Canadian woman to become a vice-president of World ORT Union. Ms. Shoichet is a past National President of Women's Canadian ORT.

In recognition of outstanding dedication to the ORT cause, **Ruth Druxerman** was unanimously elected an Honorary Vice-President of the World ORT Union. Mrs. Druxerman, a former National President, is currently National Chairperson of ORT's Karmiel School Building Campaign — a \$22 million project in which Canada is committed to raise \$2½ million.

Women's Canadian ORT's National President Harriet Morton led the Canadian delegation which included Ruth and **Alven Druxerman**, Dorothy Shoichet, **Joann Smith**, 1st Vice-President of Women's Canadian ORT and her husband, **Harry**, and **Diane Uslaner**, National Executive Director.

## EXECUTIVE VP BRINGS 30+ YEARS OF DEDICATION



**Julius Briskin, Q.C.**, the present Executive Vice-President and General Counsel of Canada Israel Securities Limited, State of Israel Bonds, began his involvement and support of Bonds over 30 years ago. He was one of the first men in Canada to sell an Israeli Bond. Mr. Briskin has also served Bonds in the capacity of Chairman and National Treasurer.

A lawyer by profession, Julius Briskin was a senior partner in a prominent law firm in Montreal. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1961.

A dedicated community worker, Mr. Briskin has been involved in a wide range of communal causes. He is Past-President of the Eastern Canada Region of B'nai Brith, Baron de Hirsh Institute, the Child Welfare Bureau and Jewish Vocational Guidance. Presently, he is President of the Inter Service Clubs Counsel, which holds a telethon in the province of Quebec to raise

millions of dollars for research into children's diseases.

For his outstanding contributions, this distinguished and dedicated gentleman has been the recipient of the Canadian Centennial medal for service to Canada; the Ben-Gurion Award for service to Israel, and the B'nai Brith A.Z.A. Award for his deep involvement in community activities.

In his capacity as Executive Vice-President, Mr. Briskin has brought his invaluable experience to the State of Israel Bonds Organization. In his three years in this position, he has built a solid base and revitalized the corporation. One of the ways he has done this is through the placement of new dynamic professionals across Canada.

The efforts of Mr. Briskin were instrumental in reaching the \$60 million mark in Bond sales in 1985. This figure surpasses that of 1973, which was the year of the Yom Kippur War. Presently, the organization is well ahead of its projected figures for 1986.

State of Israel Bonds is an international program. Through the efforts of Europeans, Latin Americans and North Americans, \$505 million worth of Israeli Bonds were sold in 1985.

The Bond Organization, since its inception in 1951, has sold close to \$8 billion worth of Bonds world wide, which has gone towards the strengthening of Israel's economic infrastructure.

## TORONTO DOCTORS TO PERFORM CRUCIAL HEART SURGERY ON ISRAELI TOT

Sixteen month old **Ofir Savir** will be arriving in Toronto from Jerusalem, Israel, on December 10th, for crucial heart surgery that will be performed at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children by a team led by **Dr. Robert Freedom**, a renowned cardiac surgeon.

Born at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center with a complete transposition of the great heart vessels, Ofir is a fragile-looking and subdued child. He underwent cardiac catheterization at the age of one day and numerous other procedures and tests in the succeeding months at Shaare Zedek and other Israeli institutions. But the prognosis remained the same — without surgery, he couldn't live. Unfortunately; no surgeon in Israel has the experience or the equipment for the specific procedure he requires.

The Toronto Hospital is one of the very few in the world where this operation has been performed and can be again for Ofir.

The child will come to Toronto with his father, **Amnon**, a captain in the Israeli Air Force, and his mother, **Orit**, a teacher. They will leave their two month child at home with a wetnurse.

The family expects to stay in Toronto for at least a month and the child will require follow-up care at Shaare Zedek when they return to Israel. While the costs for the surgery are being borne by the medical team and various funds, support is required for special care at the hospital, such as private nurses, for the parents' expenses and for his additional treatment at home.

Donations, for which tax receipts are being issued, are being accepted by the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, 3089 Bathurst Street, Suite 205, Toronto, Ont. M6A 2A4; 5180 Queen Mary Road, Suite 305, Montreal, Quebec, H3W 3E7 and 1560 Mathers Bay West, Winnipeg, Man. R3N 0T7.

## CJC OFFICERS AMONG RECIPIENTS OF ORDER OF CANADA



**Mr. Milton Harris, Q.C.** (left) immediate past-president of Canadian Jewish Congress, and **Mr. Alan Rose C.M.** (right) Executive Vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress received the nation's highest distinction on November 12, 1986, in Ottawa when they were received into the Order of Canada. To Mr. Harris' left is his wife, **Ethel**. To Mr. Rose's right is his wife, **Joyce**.

*Question: What's the definition of a Soviet string quartet?*

*Answer: A Soviet symphony orchestra just returned from a tour of the West.*



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# A GUIDE TO HEADWEAR IN ISRAEL

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By Leah Abramowitz

What you wear on your head and even when, is a better sociological gauge in Israel than your political inclination or philosophical viewpoint. For those who know, the size and colour of a skullcap (kipah) or the turn of a hat band can indicate which rabbi you follow or the degree of your observance.

In orthodox circles all males and married women cover their heads at all times. In some Oriental communities even unmarried girls over eight or nine cover their heads with kerchiefs. The exception in recent generations were the Jews of Germany and members of some North African communities who although strictly observant, were wont to walk about bareheaded, putting on a yarmulka or hat only to pray or say a blessing.

No stated reason for the necessity of men to cover their heads is given in the Torah, but the traditional explanation, gleaned from the Talmud (Tractate Shabbat), is that a headcovering perceptualizes for the individual a Godly presence overhead at all times. That is why B'nei Brak mothers will fasten a miniature kipah on a tot of eighteen months to instill in him 'Yirat Shamayim' (the awe of heaven) from his earliest days. Irregardless of the historic development, it is now accepted that a Jewish male does not walk four paces without something — a hat, a skullcap or even a knotted handkerchief, on his head.

For a woman, uncovered hair is considered 'ervah' (lack of modesty) and the requirement to shield any show of hair from male eyes, other than her husband's, stems from the laws of a Sotah, an unfaithful wife, in the book of Bamidbar (Numbers). One Beit Yaakov teacher explained the underlying principle to her high school class this way: "A girl's hair is her pride and crowning glory. Just look how much time we will spend primping and fixing our hair in front of a mirror every time we go out. By reserving our most cherished external feature for the man we marry, exclusively, we show our dedication and devotion to the only one we now have to please."

A Baedeker's guide to the major styles displayed by members of different communities, sects and schools of thought in Israel today, takes us through exotic and traditional origins, some stemming from the shtetls of 18th century Poland, some influenced by the Middle East or New World fads. The tour is both highly interesting and a faithful social indicator.

According to a Jerusalem journalist who had made a study of the subject, "A rule of thumb for the uninitiated may be that the less that is covered the more modern the

wearer's perspective and the less strict his observance . . . Black, in hat or scarf, is also a sign of strictness." And indeed the Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) population of Mea Shearim, B'nei Brak and elsewhere will favour black head coverings. On weekdays the men of most Ashkenazi congregations, whether Hassidim or Mitnagdim, wear black felt hats. Jews originating from Lithuania and the Lubavitcher Hassidim favour the usual sized fedora while other Hassidim will wear wide-brimmed hats, either with high, rounded crowns, as the European style, or low wide-brimmed velvet hats. Vishnitz Hassidim are the only Hassidim whose hatband ties on the right side. In their vicinity in Eastern Europe, I was informed, the priests used to sport hats with bands that tied on the left.

Of course at home or at work Hassidim will remove their black hats for more comfortable skullcaps of black or knitted white beanies. The latter are worn by the anti-State sect of Neturei Karta (also called Reb Arele's Hassidim at the Toldot Aaron congregation).

The women of Toldot Aaron wear black head coverings too, often over shaven heads. It is the custom at Neturei Karta weddings (where the segregation between men and women is so strict that they celebrate in different rooms), for the bride and her closest female relatives to weep profusely before the chuppa. One explanation is her sadness over the loss of her maidenly hair, now to be shaven off completely. The women of Toldot Aaron also wear black stockings and "reject modernity most stridently."

On Shabbat many Hassidim sport elaborate fur hats, in winter and summer alike. The wide streimel, favoured by Jews originating from Galicia or Rumania (e.g. the Satmar, Erloy, Sanz, Belz, Vishnitz, Klobenberg, etc. Hassidim), consists of 24 or more fur tails of sable, mink or fox which are still sometimes imported from Russia. Hassidim originating from Poland, such as Gur and Amshenov sects, wear the high fur spodik with a plush base which makes use of the whole animal, not just the tails. These fur hats cost between \$500 - \$1000 and are bought and carefully looked after by the bridegrooms. They are worn also on holidays and special occasions such as weddings or other family simchas. Some Hassidim also have beautiful white streimels for the High Holidays. Hassidic boys of the Gur denominations wear, usually until they reach Bar Mitzvah age, black velvet, round pill boxes.

Ultra-orthodox women are less eclectic and colourful in their headstyles. Most wear scarfs which completely cover their hair.

The Satmar women sometimes wear turbans, as did German immigrant women 20-30 years ago. The Vishnitz Hassidim often have half wigs under their kerchiefs and many of the younger, more elegantly clad Haredi women prefer full, stylish wigs.

The subject of wigs as suitable hair coverings has been hotly debated throughout the generations. The 'sheitels', which clearly make women more attractive, were thought to defeat the purpose of modesty, but the rabbis have in most cases ruled that a peiyah (wig) which adequately does the job, i.e. covers the women's natural hair, is permissible.

The Oriental communities had distinctive head coverings of their own. The Egyptian type fez was sported by the leaders of the Yishuv (even **Ben Gurion** had one) at the beginning of the century in imitation of the style favoured by young Arab nationalists of that period. The Bucharian and Persian men displayed beautifully embroidered cloth skullcaps and the Yemenite and North Africans wore tarbooshes or cloth turbans when they immigrated to Israel. Most have been abandoned, especially among the younger generations who, if traditional, prefer the hats and kipot of other Israeli groups. The older Sephardi women, on the other hand, still wear their scarves as in the old country, either tied around their heads in the Moroccan style, or in the back as worn in Syria, Lebanon and Yemen. Only those associated with Sephardi yeshivot favour hats and, lately, wigs in imitation of their Ashkenazi girlfriends.

The more modern, pro-Zionist elements, popularly called the 'knitted kipah society', demonstrate differences in outlook by the dimensions of their skullcap. Those who wear soup-plate sized kipot are usually associated with Mercaz HaRav, the late Rabbi Kook's yeshiva. Wearing slightly smaller kipot, which still cover most of the man's head, are the Hesder Yeshiva students or graduates, who combine secular and religious studies with army service. The coin-sized knitted kipot wearers consider themselves orthodox but do not associate themselves with a yeshiva. Their wives will often cover their heads only when entering a synagogue.

The wives of the aforementioned knitted skullcap society show more individuality in their style of headdress. Every few years some other fad captures the market: silk, one-colour scarves over foam strips for elevation; scarves that tie on the side of the head or are braided; two scarves worn together for contrasting colours and this year, kerchiefs with silver or gold stitching. Among these women wigs are also making

inroads.

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vast number of Baalei Teshuva (Repentants) for example, now returning to their roots, both from the Diaspora and within Israel, are good examples of how any head covering from ancient Bucharian skullcaps to Spanish-style mantillas are being

reinstated imaginatively. Still, for the student of head styles and orientation, the above description may serve as an introduction to another aspect of Jewish life in Israel.

## THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF ALIYA 'MAGSHIMIM'

By Simon Griver

The recent decrease in aliya has increased the determination of activists to turn the tide. This was the clear message which came out of the first conference of aliya 'magshimim' (those who realize the concept of aliya by emigrating to Israel).

Over 200 members of aliya oriented movements and organizations met at Kfar Hamaccabiah in Ramat Gan for four days at the beginning of April. The outcome of the conference was the establishment of a federation of 'magshimim' which will operate as an autonomous body within the WZO and be comprised of all the Zionist youth movements as well as the new aliya organizations such as Telem (The Movement for Zionist Fulfillment) and Tehila (The Voluntary Union for Religious Aliya). All the political youth movements will also be affiliated from Hashomer Hatzair on the left to Betar on the right. In fact aliya is about the only issue that all Zionist political parties agree on.

WZO Chairman **Arye Dulzin** initiated the conference and also proposed the founding of the new federation. "One of the tenets of this new organization," Dulzin asserted at the opening of the conference, "is that each member will personally make aliya. It is this accomplished, then it will begin a new page in the Zionist movement."

**Johnny Kastenbaum**, a recent immigrant from the United States currently serving in the Israel Defense Forces, typified the determined tone of conference delegates. "True aliya activity begins when you get off the plane in Israel," he said.

However, President **Chaim Herzog** was more cautious and stressed Israel's responsibility to adapt itself to the kind of society Diaspora Jews would want to emigrate to. "Israel will attract more aliya when it begins to change its image abroad," he said. As long as young Israelis are leaving the country in large numbers, it will be difficult to attract Jews from abroad."

Keynote speeches aside, most of the conference resolved around workshops and discussions in Hebrew, English, French, and Spanish. This enabled grass roots opinion to express itself on how the new 'magshimim' movement can best operate, as well as on more philosophical topics as the existential needs of the Jewish people.

One participant was **Dr. Binyamin Ze'ev Begin**, son of former Prime Minister **Menachem Begin**. He was critical of those

who want to strengthen Jewish Communities abroad. "The fact that there are still Jewish religious centres abroad," he observed, "stems from the spiritual energy that the Jews took with them when they went into exile 2,000 years ago. But there is no assurance that this energy will be sufficient for the future."

Some delegates were cynical about Diaspora life. "Jewish education abroad isn't oriented toward aliya," said **Sergio Elstein** from Uruguay. "Rather it prepares Jewish youth for a comfortable life abroad." One of the major themes which recurred was the importance of action and the destructive nature of inaction. "We must really believe in our own power," said former Knesset member **Hanan Porat**. "Otherwise we will fail because of our own inaction."

Nevertheless, conference delegates emanated an air of optimism. "I made aliya from France 12 years ago," says **Yochanan Simon**, Director of Tnuat Aliya, "and I have seen thousands of people make aliya from the west since I have been in Israel. That's thousands of reasons to be optimistic."

The conference was an important success for Tnuat Aliya, which had been pushing hard for the establishment of the 'magshimim' federation. Founded in 1968 Tnuat Aliya is itself part of the WZO's Department of Immigration and Absorption.

**Bobby Brown**, former director of Tnuat Aliya's English speaking desk explains why a new WZO movement is needed. "The 'magshimim' movement will be a movement of movements," he says. "There are some 30 groups, many with different outlooks, promoting aliya. If there is one group speaking for all of them then that organization will have to be listened to."

Tnuat Aliya, as well as sending 16 delegates to the Kfar Hamaccabiah conference also organized its own pre-'magshimim' meeting, bringing together some 50 people from around the world. Many are members of Tnuat Aliya's affiliated organization's like the North American Aliya Movement (NAAM) and the British Aliya Movement (BAM).

This meeting also threshed out the problems confronting the aliya movement. "I'm confident that when the economic situation in Israel improves," says **Eric Zimmerman**, Israel Program Director of

NAAM, "aliya will become bigger than ever before. Meanwhile it is our duty to promote aliya wherever we can and facilitate the absorption of those who emigrate to Israel."

**Joe Baladi** from Melbourne, Australia, expressed similar sentiments. "It is not a question of selling aliya," he explained, "but of letting people know the possibilities. This is why Tnuat Aliya's short term programs and seminars in Israel for those considering aliya are so important."

More than 25% of people making aliya from North America were previously involved with Tnuat Aliya. As with Tnuat Aliya, that draws most of its support from people about to make aliya and new immigrants in Israel, so the 'magshimim' movement will be open to people who undertake to live in Israel within a given time, while immigrants living in Israel during their first three years will also be eligible.

The new federation will be formally named this June at the next meeting of the Zionist General Council and there is no doubt that its present aim will be to improve last year's particularly low aliya figures.

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### IN HONOR OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

We greet you, Country small in size  
but big and brave in enterprise—  
where liberty and learning rule  
on farm, in factory and school;  
and labor, culture, art reside  
in field and office side by side.

You are so young and yet so old.  
of gentle kind and yet so bold.  
May peace and progress in your land  
go step by step and hand in hand:  
and happiness and friendship reign  
in every street and country lane.

Ernest Hopwood



# GOLDBLOOMS HONOURED AT JNF NEGEV DINNER

Children in Jerusalem will soon be playing on a little piece of Nova Scotia that will bear the name of a Halifax couple who have devoted their lives to improving the lives of others.

**Ruth M. Goldbloom**, D.H.L. (Hon.) and **Richard B. Goldbloom**, M.D., F.R.C.P. (C) were honoured recently at a Negev Dinner at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. The Goldblooms were selected for this tribute in recognition of their outstanding commitment and devotion to a number of causes both in Canada and Israel.

Ruth Goldbloom, a life member of Halifax Hadassah-Wizo, also served as General Chairman of the 1983-84 Halifax-Dartmouth United Israel Appeal. In 1985 she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount Saint Vincent University where she is presently a member of the Board. Her involvement with "The Mount", the Washington-based centre for the advancement and support of education, earned her the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1983.

Richard Goldbloom was Physician-in-Chief of the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children in Halifax (IWK) for nearly 20 years and at the same time he headed the Department of Pediatrics at Dalhousie University. When he isn't adding to the field of medical knowledge about pediatrics — he has published 68 articles and contributed chapters to 18 textbooks — Richard is, among other things, Vice-president of Symphony Nova Scotia and a member of the Executive of UNICEF Nova Scotia.

The Goldblooms visited Israel in 1974 when Richard Goldbloom was Visiting Professor of Pediatrics at Tel Aviv University.

"The area around Jerusalem is fairly barren," Richard Goldbloom noted. "Children who live there come from all over the world and for many this is the last stop. These youngsters need a break and need the opportunities that we take for granted for our children." Ruth Goldbloom agrees, "When you think that most of this area was desert and rock, if we can help turn it into trees and greenery, creating a better quality of life, then we would like to help."

Proceeds of the Negev Dinner will be used to establish a playground in honour of the Goldblooms, which will further the development of extensive recreational facilities within the greater Jerusalem Forest. The Goldbloom playground will serve children of all nationalities and, together with other similar projects, is part of the newest effort by Jewish National Fund to clothe the City of Jerusalem in a mantle of greenery. Dr. Goldbloom stated, "We felt that because of my involvement with children, it would be nice if the project had something to do with children."

Over 350 guests joined in the gala tribute

to this outstanding couple who enjoy the esteem and respect of the entire community, both locally and across the country.

The Honourable **Alan R. Abraham**, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, proposed the toast to Her Majesty the Queen and Premier **John M. Buchanan** brought greeting from the Government of Nova Scotia. In a spirited and warm-hearted address the Premier spoke of his long association with the Goldblooms', praising **Rose Schwartz**, mother of Ruth, who received a standing ovation. The Premier then delighted the audience with a brief greeting in Hebrew.

In a special address, **Rabbi Arthur Schneier**, a survivor of the Holocaust and honorary Vice-president of Jewish National Fund of America, congratulated the dedication of the Christian and Jewish communities in Halifax, and the Goldblooms, for their outstanding achievements in working with all denominations of the community.

"Blessed is a community where Gold Blooms," remarked **Maureen Forrester**, internationally-renowned opera star and close personal friend of the Goldblooms. In a candid, humorous and affectionate tribute to her friends, Ms. Forrester spoke of their consistent selflessness in support of a wide variety of causes which reflect the caring and concern that are the hallmark of the Goldblooms.

**Victor Goldbloom**, brother of the honouree, noted that long before he became C.E.O. of Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Ruth had received their Human Relations Award while Richard served as a committee member for many years.

**Alan**, eldest of the three Goldbloom children, described the closeness of the family and referred to the unique qualities he most admires about his parents.

Dinner Chairman, **Norman Newman**, spoke with pride and affection of his good friends, "Ruth and Dick have enhanced and strengthened the fabric of our Jewish community as well as the greater community . . . They have enriched our lives with their marvelous sense of style and grace."

Campaign Chairman, **Peter Herschorn**, presented the Goldblooms with a Negev Dinner Citation in honour of "A unique couple who have distinguished themselves in Halifax and several other countries around the world by their tireless contributions to the betterment of society. They have a profound sense of caring and commitment that has enhanced the lives of others far and wide."

In response, Ruth Goldbloom extended a personal thank you to all those who had contributed their time and effort to the success of the campaign and the dinner, amongst them: Norman Newman, Dinner

Chairman; **Paul Zive**, Foundation Chairman; **Peter Herschorn**, Campaign Chairman; **Lester Pink** and **Mengie Shulman**, Co-Chairmen of Ads and Subscriptions. She complimented the Dinner Arrangements Co-chairpersons, **Wendy Franklin**, **Iris Newman** and **Myrna Yazer** on their superb taste as reflected by the original decor. Ruth Goldbloom continued, "There is no limit to the sacrifices people make," referring both to the efforts of friends and family who attended the dinner in aid of the playground and to the work of many in the audience and around the world who support causes such as Jewish National Fund.

In a modest response to an evening of glowing tributes, Richard Goldbloom remarked that the sharing of their own good fortune was responsible for their accomplishments.



*L-r: Rabbi Arthur Schneier, Ruth Goldbloom, Maureen Forrester, Consul General Chalom Schirman, Richard Goldbloom, Iris Britan, Samuel Levy.*



*L-r: Ruth & Richard Goldbloom, Maureen Forrester, The Honourable John Buchanan, P.C., Q.C., Premier of Nova Scotia.*



*L-r: Maureen Forrester, Richard & Ruth Goldbloom, Their Honours Lieutenant Governor Alan R. Abraham & Mrs. Abraham.*

# BEN-GURION'S LEGACY



**David Ben-Gurion**  
1886-1973  
Centennial

By Simon Griver

Buried in a Negev basement, just several hundreds of yards from **David Ben-Gurion's** grave, are hundreds of diaries, letters, and documents which vividly bring Ben-Gurion to life. The systematic dedication with which he kept his diaries bears witness to the determined thoroughness of one of the twentieth century's greatest statesmen.

The extensive records bequeathed by Ben-Gurion to the nation are housed in the Ben-Gurion Research Institute and Archives at Kibbutz Sde Boker. Established by a special law of the Knesset in 1976, the Institute is charged with the task of gathering literature and documentary material connected with Ben-Gurion's personality, thinking, activities, and life.

At the heart of the collection that encompasses tens of thousands of documents from his arrival in Eretz Israel in 1906, Ben-Gurion kept hundreds of diaries which trace in careful detail his triumphs and tribulations right up to his death in 1973.

Ben-Gurion usually allotted a page to each day, but during more eventful times, such as the months leading up to independence in 1948, the entries are much lengthier. A thick exercise book covers the three months prior to independence. The diaries offer a chilling insight into the loneliness of BG's responsibilities. On the eve of independence, he wrote, "All of Israel is celebrating and dancing in the streets, but I am in mourning." BG could not celebrate, of course, knowing that five Arab armies would attack Israel the following day.

The diaries are all written in Hebrew, though if a conversation with a foreign politician was held in English, BG recorded

that entry verbatim. In addition to the rigorously detailed daily entries, Ben-Gurion also kept meticulous indices at the back of the diaries listing the various topics dealt with on any particular day. "The diaries had a practical purpose," explains **Yigal Donyets**, of the BG Research Institute and Archives. "BG would use them to refresh his memory before a meeting or before making a decision. Naturally, he was also conscious of their historical value."

Many of the diaries from the periods of the War of Independence and the Sinai campaign contain minute details of the IDF's strength and positions. Even today, some entries relating to the IDF, Ministry of Defense and relations with foreign powers are so sensitive that they would be subject to military censorship.

BG was just as prolific in his letter writing. He wrote in invoice books so that he could keep a copy of each letter he wrote. Before that he had asked his father to keep all his letters so that he could reread them and relive his excitement on reaching the land of Israel.

Ben-Gurion's letters, diaries, and speeches are being published by the Institute. BG published his own memoirs up until 1937, in four volumes. The Institute has already published two more volumes for 1938 and 1939 and will continue until 1948. Selections from his writings through 1948 will be produced in English.

"One can literally learn all there is to know about contemporary Zionist and Israeli history, says Donyets, just by studying Ben-Gurion's life. With this in mind, the Institute prepares educational material on Ben-Gurion. The demand for material, particularly now during BG's Centennial, is enormous." Books and films on Ben-Gurion's life and times have been prepared, both for Israeli children and for Jewish schools in the Diaspora, and instructors tour schools giving special lectures. The children, however, often over-romanticize and exaggerate Ben-Gurion's achievements, transforming him into an idealized, messianic-type figure.

The educational aids prepared by the Institute are made as apolitical as possible, stressing BG's belief in compromise, unity, the importance of Zionism, and the importance of Jewish heritage. Inevitably, though, children do ask politically loaded questions such as whether BG would favor retaining the West Bank and Gaza. However, in order to preserve as non-partisan a stance as possible, the actual material does not stress that BG was in favor of territorial compromise.

The Institute and Archives also house a library containing thousands of volumes relating to Zionist and Israeli matters. Israeli and foreign documents and clips of

film that relate to BG are also collected, helping to make the Institute one of the most comprehensive research libraries on Zionism, Israel, and the Jewish world in existence. Dozens of researchers and scholars visit Sde Boker each month to use its facilities and many more request material by telephone.

Sde Boker has also become a place of pilgrimage for hundreds of thousands of Israelis, as well as international politicians like two recent visitors, British Prime Minister, **Margaret Thatcher** and U.S. Vice-President, **George Bush**.

"I remember years ago when people came from all over the world to visit Ben-Gurion in his little shack at Sde Boker," recalls Donyets, who worked with BG as a research assistant for several years. "They came in and were uplifted and inspired by his very presence and charisma. They went away with a new understanding of the world. Even today, over a decade after his death, BG's presence lives on. People still come down here and leave inspired by his vision and achievements."

## TALES OUT OF SCHOOL

By Wendy Elliman

A North American yeshiva student was introduced to a young woman. He liked her, she liked him, and within weeks they began to talk of marriage. All went well, until the student met his future father-in-law. On hearing the young man's career plans, the girl's father decreed an abrupt end to the romance. "I won't have any daughter of mine live her life counting pennies," he stormed, "I won't have her scorned by the Jewish community!" The luckless yeshiva student had unwisely admitted he was planning a career in Jewish education.

This story was told with huge success at the four-day Jewish Educators' Consultation, which met in Jerusalem in July 1986. The 80 leading Jewish educators from Israel, North and South America, Europe, Australia, and South Africa who took part in the Consultation acknowledged the sad truth contained in the tale, even as they enjoyed its humour. If the Consultation and the ongoing process of which it was part succeed, however, a story like this will have little meaning for future generations of Jewish educators and laymen.

Jewish educators have come together before, but this Consultation broke new ground, according to **Chaim Zohar**, World Zionist Organization Secretary-General



and, as a consultant to the Jewish Agency's Jewish Education Committee, one of the organizers of the event.

"Academic conferences usually hear reports of work already done," he noted. "But this was a consultation: we were seeking the counsel of experts — in both formal and informal education — to guide the Jewish Education Committee's agenda. A second important difference is that many of the ideas raised will be implemented. And third, it was lay leaders who started this process to revitalize Jewish education."

The process began in June 1984 at the World Leadership Conference for Jewish Education, which brought 250 Jewish communal leaders and educators from 27 countries together in Jerusalem. There they agreed that in order to ensure the spiritual future of the Jewish people, Jewish education must become a first priority of Jewish life worldwide.

The Jewish Agency established its Jewish Education Committee shortly afterward, under the Chairmanship of **Morton L. Mandel** of Cleveland, Ohio. Its mandate: to help develop global solutions for Jewish education.

Professor **Seymour Fox**, Chairman of the Academic Board of the Hebrew University's Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, is senior consultant to the Jewish Education Committee. "From the first day, the Committee decided to work in areas where it's likely to be effective," he explains. "It resolved to undertake projects with a reasonable chance both of succeeding and of making a significant impact. More than that, it aimed to work in areas where it could generate hope — a feeling of a new beginning for Jewish education."

The first four projects undertaken by the Committee were brought to the Educators' Consultation for examination and for help in shaping their future direction.

One was the quality and impact of the "Israel Experience" — educational study tours to Israel. Extensive research has been commissioned by the Jewish Educational Committee, and the findings were presented to the Consultation. Among them: 41,500 Diaspora Jews come on "Israel Experience" programs each year — four times as many as previously thought. But even so, numbers of participants could be increased by hundreds of thousands, and the impact of many of the 400 different programs could be substantially improved.

The educators were invited to study research methods and findings, and to advise on future strategies. Among them was **Phillip Skelker**, principal of Carmel College, a residential school near Oxford in England. "We send about 30 eighth-graders on trips to Israel each year, and we want to develop the program thoughtfully. So as well as telling others what we've learned through this program, the Consultation has helped me focus on procedure and evaluation to improve what to do."

A second focus of both the Consultation

and the Jewish Education Committee is the recruitment, training and retaining of effective Jewish educators. This is a project still in its early stages, and the educators were invited not to study results, but to advise on how to proceed.

There was unanimous agreement that the lack of sufficient and qualified Jewish educators is the most important and worrying issue in Jewish education today. "We're now clarifying the nature of the shortage — quantitative and qualitative," consultant **Dr. Jacob Ukeles** of New York told the educators, "We're developing an inventory of training opportunities, and trying to gain a better understanding of the needs of different Jewish communities."

The educators had a lot to offer in this critical area. They advised that the Committee focus on training, and define criteria for measuring the success of educators and educational settings. Fundamental to attracting the best and the brightest into Jewish education is upgrading the status of the Jewish educator, in terms of both salary and professional dignity. Jewish education as a partnership — or shared trusteeship — between educators and lay leaders was a third vital focus.

The lack of success in teaching Hebrew in the Diaspora was the subject of searching

study during the Consultation. Professors **Dov Spolsky** of Bar Han University and **Raphael Nir** of the Hebrew University opened the discussion, which was continued in the workshops.

Hebrew combines moral, cultural and ethical — as well as linguistic — aspects, urged the educators. Despite this, the importance of its teaching has been declining over the years. The crucial question is motivation, and any teaching programs developed should be modular to cater to differing needs.

"The problems we discussed at the Consultation were couched in universal terms," says Philip Skelker of Carmel College, "but as educators in the field, we perceived them in concrete terms. So while huge issues were raised, discussions were relevant and helpful."

"Jewish education is too vital to be left to the educator alone," declared **Dr. Samuel Schafler**, who superintends Chicago's Board of Jewish Education. "The skills and sensitivities of Jewish community leaders must be harnessed too. There's no ownership in the Jewish educational enterprise — not by rabbis, educators, voluntary leaders, parents or students. We are all shareholders."

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## FROM ADDICTION TO CURE — DRUG PROBLEMS IN ISRAEL

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By **Rick Rael**

As many as 6,000 people in the Jerusalem area have various drug problems, and if estimates reported by the police are accurate, there may be as many as 30,000 drug abusers in Israel. Although statistics may vary, a drug problem in Israel undoubtedly exists and affects the lives of thousands within every strata of Israeli society.

Since the establishment by the Health Ministry of the first drug abuse clinic in Jaffa in 1973, various state, private and voluntary institutions have confronted the myriad number of problems associated with drug addiction. An increase in public awareness of the issues involved with drugs has begun in Israel over the last several years, though the degree of the problem remains well below that of the United States and other Western countries.

Some experts maintain that certain drugs — including hashish and opium — have existed in this part of the Middle East for many years and have not needed any introduction to people here. Hard drug use, however, came in the 1970's with the hallucinogenic LSD, soon followed by cocaine. This fell into disuse among Israeli drug users due to its high cost and the fact that for the drug addict, it failed to provide the much sought after sustaining 'high'. By the late 1970's, a

form of heroin called 'Parsi' (Persian) was introduced into the country. Brought into Israel from Turkey and grown largely in Afghanistan, 'Parsi' is an impure form of the more potent white heroin found elsewhere. Brown in colour, 'Parsi' is inhaled and the particles absorbed into the bloodstream. Statistics tend to establish an increase in the availability of such hard drugs among the frequent drug users in Israel, as police information shows heroin accounting for nearly 25% of the drugs seized in 1984. Though not considered a hard drug, hashish usage in Israel has elicited the concern of many, including former addicts who attest to the effects of hashish that invite the user to go on and experiment with other more potent drugs. Increased awareness on the part of the Israeli officials has also focused on the abuse of such 'legitimate' pharmaceutical drugs such as valium and codeine, making drug abuse an issue affecting all classes of Israeli society.

In a positive sense, experienced professional workers, familiar with drug abuse in Israel, maintain that the situation is different than in the U.S. or Europe: 'lighter' and less intensive both in the types of drugs and the way they are used. The drug abusers in Israel prefer to use more than one drug (called poly-abusers) and

though difficult to treat, it has less of the severely damaging psychological problems associated with the consistent use of one particular drug, such as heroin.

Since the Jaffa clinic was established, other drug centres in Haifa, Akko and Jerusalem have opened and treat thousands of people with drug problems.

Situated in one of the older and more attractive residential areas in the capital, the Jerusalem Institute for Drug Problems currently sees over 150 clients every month on an outpatient basis. A strongly committed staff of 12 psychologists and counselors is directed by **Dr. Jordan Scher**, a psychiatrist who came to the clinic in 1983 after operating several drug treatment centres in the United States. Unlike other clinics throughout Israel, the Jerusalem centre does not prescribe the substitute drug, adolan (methadone), for its patients. It is a policy based on Dr. Scher's belief that adolan or methadone, "though sometimes beneficial in treatment, is only a holding operation, replacing one addiction with another." Dr. Scher maintains that "if someone is really serious about breaking the habit, then with proper non-addictive dedication we can have them off the hard drugs in a short time."

Treatment at the Jerusalem clinic focuses on five fundamental goals that are uniform for each patient that enters the program. Rehabilitation of the drug abuser must include, according to Dr. Scher, "the immediate need to free them of their drug dependencies and the often criminal behaviour associated with maintaining their lifestyle." Once this can be established, the clinic workers concentrate on finding employment or job-skill training for their clients, who because of drug difficulties have failed to hold steady jobs, or, in many cases, have little or no vocational skills. Relationships with family members and spouses, seriously disrupted by addiction, are re-established by clinic workers. The participation and support of relatives by the rehabilitation of the drug abuser are viewed by counselors as an extremely significant step in helping the person turn away from addiction. "What follows," Dr. Scher indicates, "is an attempt to create a healthy emotional pattern in our patients that can overcome what we see as the despair of an 'I can't make it' attitude."

Though the problems in treating the drug abuser are varied and complex, individual success stories do occur and offer hope both to those working in the field of drug intervention and those hoping to break free of their addiction. A drug counselor at the Jerusalem Institute enthusiastically described the situation of a young 20 year old woman, **Cara** (not her real name), who came to the clinic with a history of drug addiction since age 15 and a family background that included several drug abusers. Her life was a familiar cycle of crime and addiction. The counselor related how even when Cara came to her for help she was told

only to return when she was not under heavy drug influence, thus giving a clear signal that she truly wanted to change her life.

Cara managed to return for another visit, feeling hopeless and depressed. Every possible resource was utilized in helping the young woman break her self-defeating lifestyle. Concerned family members were contacted to provide support, an additional city social worker became involved and eventually a private tutor was found to help Cara with basic skills, since she had completed only six years of school. The intense effort led to dramatic changes in Cara, remarked the counselor. She further noted, "Cara began to take an

interest in herself and believe for the first time that her life could actually be turned around."

Presently Cara is studying at a vocational school in the Jerusalem area and has maintained a drug free life for many months. She hopes to finish her schooling soon and find employment. When asked about her remarkable recovery in the last year, Cara reflected, "I began to get sick of myself every time I looked into the mirror. I felt I was getting worse by the day and I didn't know where it would end. I wanted help badly and fortunately for me, people were there to help." Cara smiled and added, "I think I came to the right place at the right time."

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## OLD TESTAMENT EXPERTS MEET IN JERUSALEM

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By Carl Schrag

"This is an historic moment," declared Professor **Benjamin Mazar**, former President and Rector of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and current President of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament (IOSOT), as he evaluated the success of IOSOT's Twelfth International Congress, held in Israel during the last week of August at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

"I was delighted to have the pleasure of convening the Congress in Jerusalem for the first time in the Organization's history," continued Professor Mazar. Despite early concerns that many east European scholars would be deterred from attending the Congress in Jerusalem, sixteen Bible scholars from eastern Europe attended, including a contingent of eight East Germans and representatives of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Romania, and Yugoslavia. In all, some 350 scholars from 30 countries attended, including the U.S., Canada, Nigeria, Tanzania, Korea, Japan, Israel, and many west European countries, apparently eager to take advantage of Israel's unique ability to present a close-up view of the places mentioned in the Bible.

Simply convening the Congress in Jerusalem represented a significant victory for Israel and Professor Mazar. In a field that is so central to Israel's existence — and so enriched by visits to historical sites throughout the country — holding the conference here seemed like a natural move, overcoming politically-inspired objections.

Professor Mazar emphasized the unity of purpose of Bible scholars around the world: "We are all dedicated to the study of the Bible, its text and the world of the Bible, and regardless of where we come from and in what field we specialize, archaeology, history, or ancient civilizations, we all have a vital interest in the same material."

The scholars had many opportunities to

compare and discuss the study of the Old Testament in their respective countries. For example, **Tomoo Ishida**, of the University of Tsukuba, Japan, shared his plans, currently being implemented, to establish an Institute for Old Testament study at his university. An expert on the Israeli monarchies, Professor Ishida, who studied under Professor Mazar, delivered a paper entitled **Royal Succession in the Kingdom of Israel and Judah**, in which he analyzed the Biblical narrative relating to the Jewish people's desire to have a king, like all other nations of the period.

Professor Mazar lectured on Jerusalem in the period from Isaiah to Jeremiah. He brought to life the biblical source by comparing it to the findings of recent archaeological excavations in Jerusalem.

Visits to archaeological excavations and Biblical sites of historical significance, enhanced the academic nature of the sessions. In addressing the delegates, Hebrew University President **Don Patinkin** stressed that the city's 450,000 residents live with the history and reality of the Bible on a daily basis, yet never cease to be impressed by the fact that they walk on the same ground as the Biblical personalities who lived thousands of years ago.

Congress participants also had the opportunity to view several exhibits of rare and valuable Biblical manuscripts, including the oldest known manuscript of masoretic text of the Bible and part of the Qumran scrolls, which are displayed at the Shrine of the Book at the Israel Museum.

The combination of broad-based international participation and the locale of Jerusalem were fundamental in making the IOSOT Congress a truly memorable event for scholars and lovers of the Old Testament alike. And the fact that so many delegates came from countries with which Israel hopes to renew diplomatic ties made it a great achievement.



# NATIONAL SERVICE — WHERE VOLUNTEERING COUNTS

By Betti Lipman

Many Israelis resent the exemption from military service offered to religiously observant girls. The general feeling is that they are exploiting the Halachic prohibition against women carrying weapons, wearing military uniform, being subject to orders from male commanders and living in close proximity to their male counterparts, using it as a pretext to shirk army service.

Many orthodox young women, however, unable to compromise their strict religious standards, have opted to volunteer for Sherut Leumi (National Service — not to be confused with compulsory military service), which offers them an alternative that is compatible with their religious scruples.

Shira, a sherut volunteer declares, "Just because we're exempt from military service on religious grounds, it's no excuse for not serving my country in some other parallel framework. I'd always been educated towards serving my country but I was afraid that as a soldier in the regular army, I might not be able to uphold my religious beliefs, so I chose Sherut Leumi. At present I am based in a development town, assisting educationally deprived children with their lessons, dealing with youth from broken homes and acting as a liaison with the parents. Discipline's very strict, but I feel I've learned a lot and I am grateful for the experience I've gained," Shira adds.

Serving for a minimum of one year, often two and sometimes even more, in a voluntary capacity and under the auspices of the apolitical association for Volunteers, these girls provide assistance and services that are sorely lacking, in areas that would be neglected for want of suitable manpower.

The options available to Sherut Leumi volunteers cover a most comprehensive range of projects that testify to their growing involvement in every essential area of Israel's activities. They include educational and medical institutions; agricultural and new settlements; social services to disadvantaged families; integration of new immigrants and, most recently, a new project whereby they are incorporated into the Police Force to detect fraud. They have also begun to give lessons, in a variety of topics, to prisoners and even wardens who wish to raise their educational standards, in specially established learning centres outside the prison walls.

The Association, which administers and supervises the volunteer projects and activities, allows the girls to select both their own sphere of operation and the locality. "Sometimes," Dov Froman, the Association's indefatigable director and founder, says with a twinkle, "the girls have romantic, preconceived notions of what

they'll be doing and where they'll be going. So we give them a preliminary trial run, with a chance to either relocate or to adapt themselves to the realities of the situation."

Just how true that assessment was, I realized when I talked to some of the girls themselves. Tammy is one of the 300 Sherut Leumi volunteers working in medical institutions around the country, where they have become indispensable to the staff. Currently winding up her first year of service, she readily admits: "I'll never get use to that look of hopelessness and helplessness in the eyes of some of the patients, but at least I can do something to ease their suffering. I really do believe that were it not for my religious upbringing and faith, I'd not have the strength to withstand this daily confrontation with horror and tragedy."

Naomi chose to work in the Magen David Ambulance Corps where, for two years she has been helping to treat victims of terrorist action or assisting doctors in the special cardiac-care ambulances. On leave after attending to a group of soldiers severely injured in a recent grenade attack, she told me: "I'd got to a point where I couldn't take it anymore. I just wanted to quit. Then, we were called to resuscitate a three year old child. Two weeks later I saw him tearing around the park with the other kids and it just made up for everything. I'm signing on for another year when I get back!"

Sonia's a Russian immigrant, doing her service in the Ministry of Absorption, where she advises 'olim' as to their rights, helps them find schools for their children and all in all assists in any way she can. "Sometimes it's difficult because, let's face it, my experience is limited, but I do occasionally have the feeling that I've converted some immigrants into fully fledged Israelis."

Inaugurated in 1971, and spanning only a few development towns, Sherut Leumi has greatly expanded with volunteers working in 120 regions throughout the country. Development towns are still the main focus for employment of Sherut Leumi girls, who are 'adopted' by local families, most of them immigrants from North African countries. Sharing their family life, with its beautiful, time-honoured Oriental traditions, given the young Sabra volunteers, especially those raised in a western European environment, a deep understanding and appreciation of their customs and lifestyle and acts as a significant factor towards bridging the ethnic gap that is still one of Israel's major problems.

Sherut Leumi girls, for their part, complete the 'cultural exchange' by providing assistance in households with large families and/or working as coordin-

ators in youth clubs and economy centres, while others teach in schools and Adult Education programs. There they help the older generation, many of whom received no education in their countries of origin, to acquire basic reading and writing skills.

"You can't imagine their joy and sense of achievement," says 19-year old Miri enthusiastically, "when, after only a few lessons, they begin to make progress."

It is clear from Miri's remark that the volunteers are gaining a great deal in return for their contribution, something, I'm sure that the Association for Volunteers will be delighted to hear.

## ISRAEL BROADCASTING AUTHORITY



In 1986 broadcasting in Israel celebrated its 50th anniversary.

On March 30, 1936, the "Palestine Broadcasting Service" was established under the British Mandate and began operations as the "Voice of Jerusalem" in English, Hebrew and Arabic. During and after World War II the Service gradually expanded, particularly its Hebrew broadcasting which had initially been only one hour a day.

In 1947 the clandestine Hebrew underground radio began broadcasting to the Jewish community of Palestine (in fact, the first clandestine radio in the world was begun by the Etzel underground in 1938), and in many cases the same people served both the PBS and the underground radio.

On May 14, 1948 the "Voice of Israel" (Kol Israel) was born and, as its first program it carried live the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel by **David Ben-Gurion** from the Tel Aviv Municipal Museum on that day.

During the siege of Jerusalem in the War of Independence, Kol Yisrael continued to operate in the city but the "Voice of Jerusalem" only managed to reach a few miles westward to Sha'ar Hagai.

Today, Israel broadcasting operates 24 hours a day on 6 networks, reaches far overseas, and includes a wide range of programs on AM and FM radio and television.

The Israel Broadcasting Service — Kol Israel remained a part of the Government, as a branch of the Prime Minister's Office, from 1948 until 1965 when the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) established the Israel Broadcasting Authority as an independent corporation responsible for all radio broadcasts. In May 1968 Israel Television was inaugurated. Following an initial period under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office, it too was incorporated as an integral part of the Authority and continues to operate today as a public service station.

The Broadcasting Law states that educational, entertainment and informational programs shall be broadcast as a national service in order to reflect the life of the State, of all sections of its people, and of Diaspora Jewry, to promote the Jewish heritage and Israeli creative endeavor, and to provide broadcasts to the Arabic speaking population, to Diaspora Jews and to foreign countries.

The Authority is enjoined by law to supply reliable information and to ensure an opportunity for the expression of different outlooks and opinions prevailing in the community.

The IBA is administered by a Plenum of 31 members appointed by the President of Israel (30 on the recommendation of the Government and one on the recommendation of the Jewish Agency) and by a 7-member Board of Governors appointed by the Government from among the Plenary's members — including the Chairman of the Authority and the Deputy Chairman. Members of the Plenum and the Board serve a term of three years and cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms.

The Plenary, which is required to convene at least six times annually, is responsible for shaping general policy and for confirming program schedules (with the assistance of advisory committees for the specific program branches). The Board of Governors oversees the day-to-day business of the Authority and is responsible for preparing the annual budget for submission

to the Government and the Knesset for approval, as well as the annual license fee.

The executive head of the IBA is the Director-General, who is appointed by the Government, in consultation with the Plenary, for a five-year term and who is responsible to the Board of Governors. He operates through the Directors of the Offices of Personnel and Finances and through the Managing Directors of the Hebrew and Arabic Departments of both radio and television.

A Cabinet Minister, currently the Minister of Education and Culture, is appointed by the Government to be responsible for implementing the Broadcasting Law. Although he is answerable to the Knesset on behalf of the Authority, the Minister has no part in the decision-making process concerning the form and content of broadcasts. His powers do, however, include policy regarding staff terms of employment.

Ever since the IBA was established there has been a wide political representation of the entire party spectrum in the Plenary and on the Board of Governors. While the Law does not require the Government to consult any specific groups before it submits its recommendations to the President, in fact it consults not only with all of Israel's political parties but also with such groups as the Association of Journalists, the Union of Writers, Primary and Secondary Teachers Associations, the Academy of Hebrew Letters, university professors and many others, thereby insuring a broad representation of political and other opinions in the decision-making bodies of the Authority.

Nevertheless, the Government has a majority on these bodies and as in every democratic society there is a normal political pressure to influence the media which the latter must withstand, just as the broadcasting monopoly must strive towards objectivity and the expression of all points of view, including that of minorities.

The annual budget of the IBA is approximately \$50 million. Of this sum, about 45% is expended for programming and other activities, some 42% on salaries, and 13% on development projects. The division of the budget by sector is 47% for TV, 44% for radio and 9% for administrative costs.

The IBA's income comes from the following sources: Annual license fee 70%; Radio commercials 12%; TV Public Service announcements and program sponsorship 10%; The Jewish Agency and Israel Foreign Ministry 7%; Miscellaneous 1%.

Five years ago, the Government covered some 40% of the IBA's budget. Today the Government's contribution to the budget is almost nil. The sponsorship of TV programs began in April 1984 and now equals the income brought in by public service announcements — some \$2.5 million a year. This income has greatly aided the production of local programs whose cost is approximately some ten times that of the purchase of foreign programs.

The IBA has some 1600 employees, although there are plans to reduce this number 1400 in the near future as part of the general economic cutback. By sector the employees are divided as follows: Hebrew Radio 760; Hebrew TV 520; Arabic Radio 140; Administration 120; Arabic TV 60.

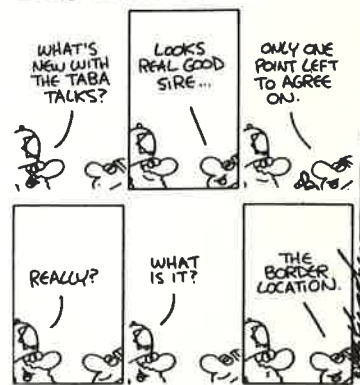
The IBA has just completed, or is in the process of completing, two large special projects. The first of these is the Henry Crown Symphony Hall, the new and permanent home of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra of the IBA.

Inaugurated in February 1986, the 750-seat Crown Hall contains complete radio and television broadcasting facilities, including 600 square meters of TV studio space. Donated by the Crown Family of Chicago, through the Jerusalem Foundation, the Crown Hall is part of a new complex attached to the Jerusalem Theatre, the building of which began in July 1983 to the sound of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — IBA playing **Paul Ben Haim's** "Fanfare to Israel". In addition to leasing the hall for the next 25 years, the IBA has financed the equipping of the radio and TV control room.

The second major project, to be completed in the Fall of 1986, is a new Radio News Center. Within an area of 1200 square meters, the new Centre will house six studios, production rooms, offices, a library, archives, central control and a Communications Center. It will provide modern facilities for some 150 people who are presently housed in antiquated buildings and will enable them to receive broadcasts from mobile units throughout the country and to establish wireless communication anyplace in Jerusalem (at a later stage this too will be extended throughout the country). From the Center will be broadcast the 19 daily news bulletins and four news magazines in Hebrew, as well as the daily English and French newscasts. The cost of the Radio News Center was some \$2 million.

Other projects of the IBA, most of which are long-term plans, include a TV "Location" in Jerusalem and a TV studio in Binyanei Ha'ooma.

## Dry Bones





# THE ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER HOUSING ENCOURAGES APARTMENT CULTURE

By Simon Griver

Though the romantic image of the Israeli is as an agricultural pioneer taming the desert, the majority of Israelis are urban dwellers. While most Israelis do dream of a large house and spacious garden, a lack of land (and funds in many cases) restricts such aspirations. Some 85% of the country's Jewish population (Arabs tend to live in houses in rural communities) live in apartment blocks.

These 90,000 apartment blocks around the nation are essentially condominiums. Consequently, the individual owners of each apartment are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of facilities shared by the entire block. Facilities such as entrance halls, staircases, roofs, air raid shelters and gardens.

In each block these tasks are administered by a 'va'ad bait' (house committee), which is democratically elected by the tenants of the particular block. But over 25% of the country's apartment blocks do not have such councils and shared facilities are frequently not adequately maintained, thus allowing conditions in and around the block to degenerate.

This is where the Association for Better Housing has a role to play. Founded in 1964 as part of the Ministry of Housing and Construction, the Association offers advice and loans to Israeli apartment dwellers as well as running educational and media campaigns to encourage home improvements.

**Israel Pelc**, who has served as Director General of the Association for Better Housing since 1978, sees his fundamental task as reaching those sectors of the population who emigrated to Israel from oriental countries and cultures where an apartment block lifestyle is new and alien to them. For this reason the Association for Better Housing is called in Hebrew "Agudah le Tarbut Hadiyur", which literally translated means the association for apartment culture.

Since 1978 the Association has dispensed grants covering 30% of the cost of decorating and renovating 7000 apartment blocks and 50,000 individual apartments. The average grant for a block is \$300.00 and for an apartment \$200.00. In the coming year it is hoped to refurbish 5000 more apartments and a further 1000 blocks. "We carefully scrutinize all applications for grants," says Pelc. "We first send our own engineer to see what needs to be done and to assess how much it should cost. We then insist that the tenants employ the services only of contractors that we approve of. We won't, for

example, finance the purchase of expensive imported installations."

The Association operates through its 78 branch offices around the country, from Kiryat Shmona in the north to Eilat in the south. These branches are organized in five regions: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, the North, the Centre, and the South.

The Association has recently started working in conjunction with Project Renewal, the social and physical renovation program that aims to alleviate poverty in Israel's distressed neighbourhoods. "One of the major aims of Project Renewal is to renovate dilapidated buildings," notes Pelc, "and that's our aim too. So it's only logical that we should cooperate. This cooperation is also important because through Project Renewal we are reaching the poorer sectors of the population who would not normally request our aid. Hopefully we can maintain contact with them in the future."

The Association is also currently conducting a special campaign to renovate buildings that are more than 70 years old. Above and beyond renovations and environmental improvement, the Association also offers legal advice. Such advice is offered to both apartment councils, who are confronted by defiant tenants who refuse to pay their dues, and individual apartment owners, who feel that their apartment councils are behaving unfairly or imposing excessive payments.

Of the 90,000 apartment blocks in Israel, more than 40,000 are members of the Association. The membership fee is \$2.25 a year per apartment. Pelc reckons that at various times some 75% of apartment blocks have been members of the Association but that fees are allowed to lapse when the services of the Association are not required.

The Association reaches the public through advertisements on the television. However, Pelc feels that a far greater budget needs to be allocated by the government to help the association educate and enlighten Israelis. "After all, the home and its surrounding environment," he says, "are the most important factors in determining the quality of life. The cleanliness or dirtiness of a block also decides the way in which its inhabitants are judged by visitors as well as by potential apartment buyers. Our work should be higher on the government's list of priorities. It's amazing how people who have previously lived in slum-like conditions assiduously maintain improvements when they see how their lifestyle has been improved."

## PROUD RECORD

It is now 68 years since World War I ended. The armistice which terminated that conflict occurred on November 11 and each year since then Canadians observe that date as a commemoration of the heroic Canadian fighting men who gave their lives not only in World War I but in World War II and all subsequent conflicts in which Canadians have participated.

It is significant to note that Canadian Jews have figured prominently in the war effort of this country. In the 1914-18 period, according to Canadian Jewish Congress statistics, almost 5,000 Jews joined up, a startling number given the minuscule Jewish population in Canada at that time. One hundred Canadian Jews gave their lives in combat during World War I and 84 received various decorations for valor.

In 1939, Canadian Jews rushed to join the three branches of the armed services in the war against Nazism. By the end of the fighting in 1945, almost 17,000 Canadian Jewish men and women had done their duty for King and country in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Once again the proportion of Canadian Jews serving in the armed forces was extraordinary — 10% of the total Jewish population of 170,000 had signed up to fight, probably the highest ratio of any Canadian group.

Almost 400 Canadian Jews made the supreme sacrifice and many more carried their wounds back with them. A tally of decorations and medals indicate that 196 Canadian Jews were recipients of the Distinguished Service Order, the Distinguished Flying Cross and other awards for acts of gallantry and courage.

On every Remembrance Day we salute those brave Jewish troops who along with so many other Canadians laid down their lives in the two great wars that have dominated this century.

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## Dry Bones



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## ISRAEL RADIO ENGLISH SERVICE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE (Subject to change):

All times listed below are Atlantic time.

### Sunday

CALLING ALL LISTENERS — Mailbox programme — 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

THIS LAND — Travel Magazine — 7 am.

DX CORNER — with Ben Dalfen — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW — Israel Press Survey — 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

### Monday:

MAINSTREAM — Consumer & Community affairs — 7 am

THIS LAND — Travel Magazine — 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

ISRAEL SOUND — latest Israeli songs — 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

GENERATION TO GENERATION — History series — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm.

### Tuesday:

ISRAEL MOSAIC — weekly magazine — 7 am, 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

LET MY PEOPLE GO — Soviet Jewry news — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm

WITH ME IN THE STUDIO — Guest of the Week — 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

FREQUENCY SCHEDULE - 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

### Wednesday:

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAGAZINE — 9 pm.

LIVING THERE — People who call Israel Home — 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

SPORTS ROUNDUP — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm.

THIS LAND — Travel Magazine — 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

### Thursday:

STUDIO THREE — the Arts in Israel — 7 am, 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAGAZINE — 6 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

FAITH TO FAITH — Religion and Community — 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

NEWS FROM THE JEWISH WORLD — weekly roundup — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm.

### Friday:

THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY —

Sabbath Eve Program — 7 am, 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm.

SHABBAT SHALOM — Greetings and Song Requests — 6:30 pm, 9 pm.

LETTER FROM JERUSALEM with Arie Haskel — 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm.

### Saturday:

SPOTLIGHT — People & Issues in the News — 7 am, 4 pm, 6:30 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm.

## MDA RESPONSE TO ATTACK IN JERUSALEM: FOUR MINUTES



### By Shirley Moscovitch

In a telephone conversation from Jerusalem, the regional manager for Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency first-aid service, has revealed that its fleet of ambulances was on the scene of the recent grenade attack at the Western Wall, within four minutes after receiving the first alert.

His voice coming through loud and clear from the Holy City, Chaim Vigolik revealed that, "Magen David Adom has received high praise from the Ministers of Health and Defense for our prompt response and efficient performance of our duties."

The alert was received at 8:33 in the evening and within four minutes, ten ambulances were at the scene of the grenade attack at the Western Wall where Israel Defense Forces personnel, accompanied by parents, relatives, and friends, had just been sworn in.

In addition, Vigolik said there were two Cardiac Mobile Units, all the MDA equipment operated by four doctors and 56 paramedic personnel.

One person was killed in the attack, and more than 70 required speedy transfer to a number of Jerusalem Hospitals, including

the Shaar Zedek, the Hadassah on Mount Scopus and the Hadassah in Ein Kerem.

Vigolik said in the overseas telephone conversation that "it is tragic that Magen David Adom is tested in this kind of terrorist incident, but we are proud of the way the system works, from the efficiency of the communications to the motivation of doctors, paramedics, and volunteers".

He added that "this incident also emphasizes the importance of MDA's national blood service; in an emergency such as this, we must be prepared to supply blood in large quantities and in variety".

Magen David Adom's new \$12,000,000 (U.S.) national blood services complex is nearing completion at Ramat Gan, just outside Tel Aviv.

MDA's Jerusalem Region, under Chaim Vigolik's direction, takes in the capital city and its environs; the Judaeen foothills and the Matte Binyamin region to the west, and the Etzion Bloc settlements and Kiryat Arba to the south.

More than 600,000 residents — Christians, Moslems, and Jews — are served by MDA's Jerusalem staff of close to 60 as well as some 500 volunteers.



## SYNTHETIC SKIN DEVELOPED IN ISRAEL FOR MINOR BURNS

By Sheila Dropkin

A synthetic temporary skin substitute, Omiderm, developed at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center, will soon be marketed in Israeli drugstores for home use in treating household burns, skin abrasions and other injuries to skin. It may eventually find its way to North America.

**Professor Menahem Ben-Hur**, Chief of Plastic Surgery at Shaar Zedek, invented Omiderm in cooperation with nuclear scientists at Nahal Sorek, a research institute. The product is a cellophane-like material which is placed over the cleaned wound and kept there until the wound heals. The compound is kept in place by the wound's natural moisture and peels off naturally and easily once the wound heals.

It has been tested for the past two years in Israeli hospitals and others outside the country, where it was used to treat both burns and other "donor sites" from which

patients' skin had been taken for grafting elsewhere on the body.

The doctor reported on a baby who was born recently with skin missing and was treated with Omiderm, sparing the child the necessity of surgery. Skinless areas of the infant's body were covered with Omiderm, as a temporary measure and, when the patient was considered fit for surgery, the doctors were agreeably surprised to find that skin was growing naturally.

Omikron Scientific, the firm which is manufacturing and marketing Omiderm, is currently trying to interest the Israel Defence Forces in purchasing the product. At present, it is already being sold in South America, Australia, Italy, and a number of other countries. Omiderm has also received approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale in the United States.

## THE PITCH BEHIND THE PITCH



The World Series' most elevated moment occurred before Game 2 when the winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize, Holocaust witness **Elie Wiesel**, threw out the first ball. He explains how this came to pass:

"I got a telephone call from the commissioner of baseball, and he said, 'You know, we have a great honour to bestow upon you.' And I was wondering what could be the honour, between baseball and I? The only possibility in my mind was my son, maybe they would invite him to some World Series, which apparently is an important event, I don't know.

"It wasn't that," he said, "We would like you to come and throw out the first ball."

"You must forgive me — I didn't even know what it meant. I had a feeling he was talking mysticism to me or something. But, you know, being a Jew who studies Talmud, I had an answer. I said I appreciate very much the honour but tomorrow was Shabbat and I cannot come Saturday and do that. So he was very sad. He called back. He said, 'How about Sunday?' Still being a good Talmudist, I said Sunday we celebrate the holiday of Sukkoth, which is also a holy day. And then he was very, very sad. But then he went — I must say this to his credit — he went and checked with rabbis and found that after sunset, after the sundown, it is permitted to throw a ball.

"So when he came back for the third time, I took counsel with my son. I have a 14-year-old son, and he is a very, very great fan of some . . . I don't know for whom, for baseball anyway. And when he heard that, he was more impressed of that than of my getting the Nobel Prize. So, of course, I accepted doing it. And I was trembling all the time because I wouldn't know what to do. I thought, not only will I embarrass my son, I may embarrass Boston University, where I teach. So I prayed and my prayers were heard and apparently I did the right thing."

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# CHANUKAH WORD SEARCH

By Christina Walker

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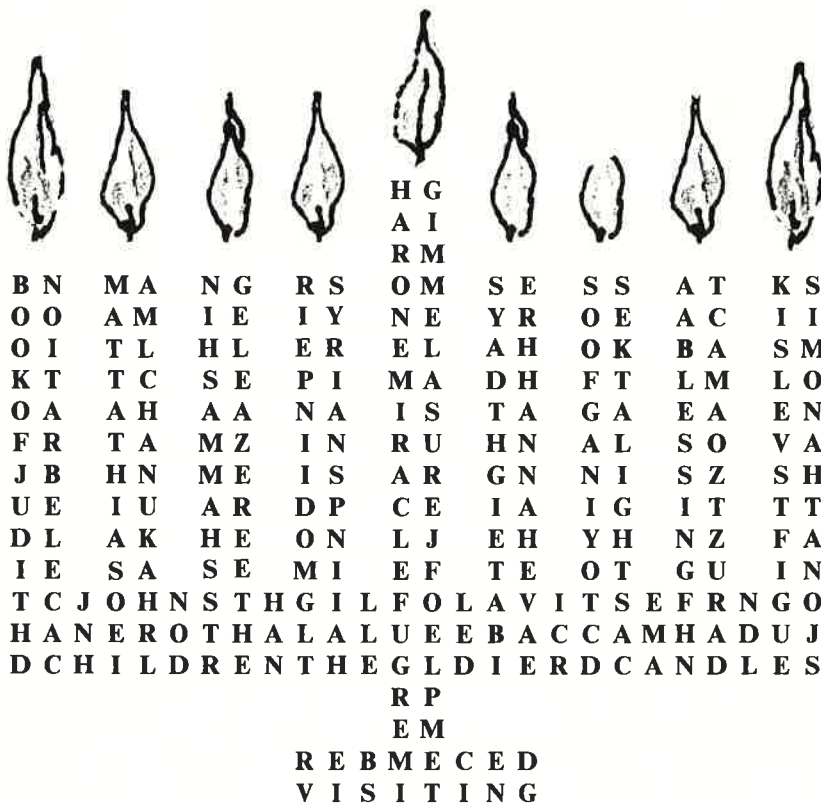
and cross it off the list. Words may be forward, backwards, up, down or diagonally and are in straight lines, never

skipping letters — but you'll use some letters more than once. The remaining letters will spell a Chanukah message.

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CANDLES  
CELEBRATION  
CHANUKAH  
CHILDREN  
DECEMBER  
DREIDL  
EIGHT DAYS  
ELEAZER  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS  
GELT  
GIFTS  
GIMMEL (WORD ON DREIDL)  
HANEROT HALALU (THESE CANDLES)  
HANNAH  
HEH (WORD ON DREIDL)  
JOHN

JONATHAN  
JUDAH MACCABEE  
KISLEV  
LATKES  
"LIGHTS" (A CHANUKAH STORY)  
MAOZ TZUR (ROCK OF AGES)  
MATTATHIAS  
MENORAH  
MIRACLE  
MOD'IN (HOME OF MACCABEES)  
NUN (WORD ON DREIDL)  
OIL  
SHAMMASH  
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Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of December 31, 1987 \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed as of June 30, 1987 \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Camp Kadimah Camper?                      yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

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